



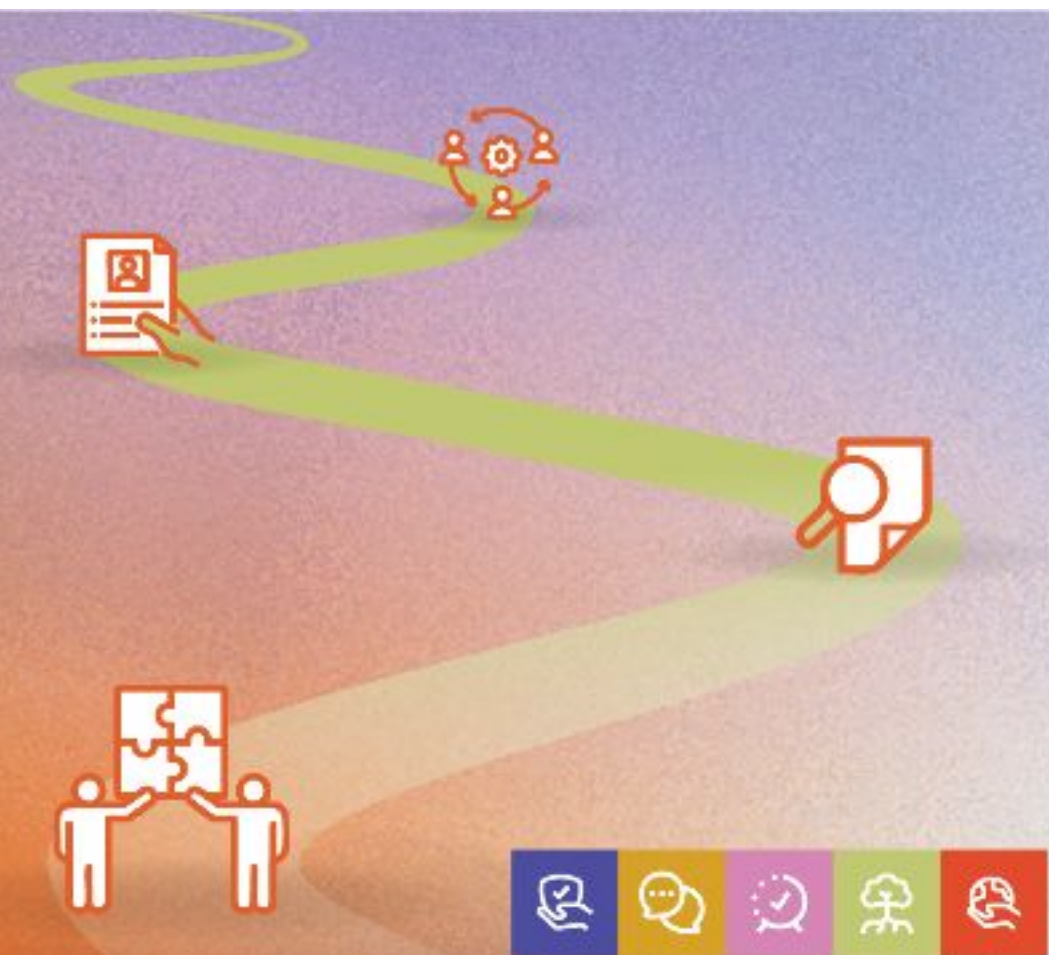
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RHPW24 SPARKING GLOBAL CHANGE through Local Solutions in Humanitarian Action

New Pathways Leading to Doable Actions that Work for Us

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Partnerships



What Do We Know About Partnerships?

- A lot
- Call them collaborators, networks, or partners, humanitarianism is not a solitary activity – it needs others
 - Interdependent. *NOT* independent
- Yet every study reports that local and national agencies are chronically disappointed with their partners – and especially *international* partners.
- And there is little locals can do because the internationals hold most of the power and resources.

Locals on Why They Seek International Partners

	Major	Minor
It improves access to populations in need	45%	33%
It provides access to additional funding sources	67%	28%
There are no alternative funding sources	44%	36%
It creates opportunities for learning	27%	54%
It improves the effectiveness of aid	27%	49%
It improves their reputation	46%	44%

Internationals on Obstacles to Partnerships

Cultural misunderstandings	43%
Different priorities	58%
Different understandings of humanitarian principles	34%
Too few opportunities for informal interaction	45%
Local agencies do not have the knowledge or capacity to make critical decisions	19%
Local agencies do not have the knowledge or capacity to implement complex tasks	14%
Racism of international agencies	62%

Locals on the Obstacles to International Partnerships

Cultural misunderstandings	44%
Different priorities	66%
Different understandings of humanitarian principles	32%
Too few opportunities for informal interaction	32%
International agencies treat local agencies as inferior	68%
International agencies do not have the knowledge to make critical decisions	38%
International agencies refuse to share decision making	72%
International agencies refuse to equitably share resources from contracts	63%
Racism of international agencies	39%

Is it Possible to Build More Equitable Partnerships?

- Sure -- But it mainly depends on decisions and actions by international agencies;
- These obstacles have been there ever since the first international-local partnership;
- More equitable partnerships depend on international agencies deciding they want a more equitable partnership.
 - In other words, they must give up power and authority
- So rather than having the same old tired conversation about local-international partnerships, lets talk about local partnerships.

Survey Questions

- You Say Partnership, I Say ???
- I Really Enjoyed my Partnership With ???
- I Seek Partnerships Because ???
- The Obstacles to Closer Partnerships are ???



Thank you



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