Update on Publish What You Fund’s humanitarian user needs project

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From the Ground Up: taking a needs based approach to humanitarian transparency
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The Global Campaign for aid and development transparency.

Aims to make Perceptions of affected people the driver of humanitarian effectiveness.
Project Overview

• Work-stream 1 of the Grand Bargain is for greater transparency

• Commitment 4 under this work-stream is to “support the capacity of all partners to access and publish data”

• This is a 12 month programme, with two country deep dives, aiming to inform the current Grand Bargain effort
Project Objectives

• To increase understanding of the information needs and challenges of humanitarian actors on-the-ground
• To identify existing open data standards, platforms and tools, and assess their accessibility
• To identify possible improvements to open data standards, platforms and tools to better provide the information needed and in a way that makes it accessible to these actors.
Project Stages

- Feb 2019  Project inception, methodology development, country selection
- April 2019  Desk analysis, literature review, preliminary phone calls
- June 2019  Online survey - 109 responses from Iraq, 78 from Bangladesh
- Aug 2019  Iraq Field Trip
- Sept 2019  Bangladesh Field Trip
- Nov 2019  Report Production
- Jan 2020  Dissemination of findings
Emerging Themes

• The main emerging themes are:

  ▪ Management information is key – where are beneficiaries, what services do they need, who is already helping them?
  ▪ Data access challenges for local NGOs
  ▪ Lack of trust in the data that is published
  ▪ Do No Harm principle and data sensitivity
  ▪ The humanitarian-development nexus
Questions?

More information can be found at www.publishwhatyoufund.org/

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