



LOCALIZATION IN PRACTICE

PEER MENTORING



About ToGETHER

Funded by the German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO), the ToGETHER Program (Towards Greater Effectiveness and Timeliness in Humanitarian Emergency Response) advances locally led humanitarian action across eight countries: Bangladesh, Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Myanmar, Pakistan, and Somalia.

Since 2020, the program supports 40 local humanitarian partners to take a leading role in effective, timely, accountable, and principled humanitarian action. In its second phase, ToGETHER expands localization gains through peer mentoring, flexible funding, risk sharing, and reinforced local leadership.

Peer Mentoring under ToGETHER

Peer mentoring is ToGETHER's approach to strengthening local humanitarian ecosystems (not only individual organizations) through trusted collaboration between local humanitarian actors.

ToGETHER's 40 local humanitarian partners mentor 130 local peer organizations through peer-to-peer, horizontal learning grounded in operational realities. Through self-assessments, co-designed capacity sharing plans, and mentoring exchanges, ToGETHER partners have strengthened organizational leadership and governance, financial and compliance management, safeguarding and accountability mechanisms, and emergency preparedness and response capacities of their peers. This is achieved through workshops, personal exchanges, as well as joint emergency interventions.



8 countries



**40 local
humanitarian
partners**



**130 peer
organizations
engaged**



**Co-designed
capacity sharing
plans**



**Embedded in real
emergency
contexts**

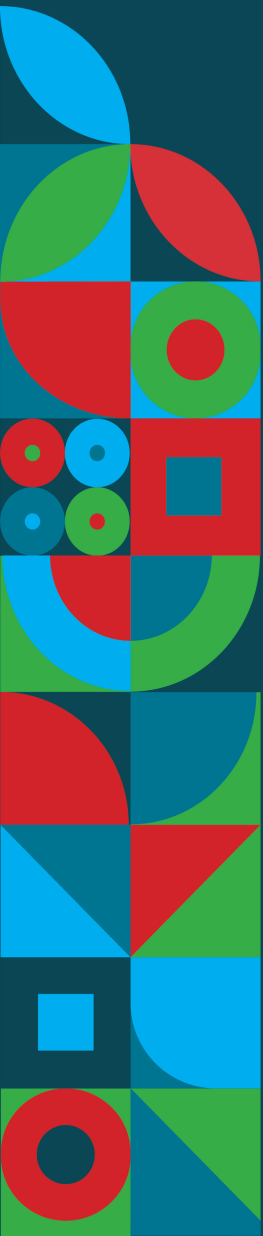
Why it matters

Localization requires more than funding – it requires structural strengthening of local leadership and systems. Peer mentoring shifts capacity development from externally, top-down driven training to relational, context-adaptive capacity sharing among peers.

It demonstrates that by prioritizing mutual learning and exchange, lived experience, and shared responsibility, peer mentoring is helping to build more confident, coordinated, and resilient local networks for leading humanitarian response.

Contributions to localization

- **Stronger collaboration** among local and national humanitarian organizations
- Supports **more resilient and better-connected** local networks
- Recognition and **sharing of local knowledge** and expertise
- Effective humanitarian responses through **complimentary partnerships**
- Increased **confidence in taking up leadership roles**
- **Reduced dependency** on external input and control



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