Local Leadership & Capacity in Humanitarian Response

Pilot survey key findings

An initiative undertaken by a team of interns of Shelter Centre, on behalf of InterAction
Introduction to the survey

- Pilot survey undertaken and designed by the Shelter Centre intern team on behalf of InterAction
- Part of the InterAction initiative on locally led humanitarian response
- Understand the involvement of national and local stakeholders in leadership and decision-making
Methodology

- An online questionnaire was shared via google forms
- Mix of both qualitative & quantitative questions
- Respondents sampling: purposive & snowball sampling
- The survey sent out to 3 countries: France, India & Kenya and then extended globally
- The questionnaire offered in four languages: English, French, Hindi & Swahili
- Data Analysis: Quantitative (google forms analytics) Qualitative (visual representation)
Quantitative survey results

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1. Where are you based? (Please specify your country if “other”)

- Tunisia: 2.7%
- Nigeria: 2.7%
- Spain/El Salvador: 2.7%
- Pakistan: 5.4%
- UK/Jordan: 5.4%
- Indonesia: 24.3%
- India: 5.4%
- Kenya: 16.2%
- Other: 18.9%
- Uganda: 8.1%
2. What type of organisation do you work for (if any)?

![Bar chart showing the distribution of organisation types among respondents. The categories include: International, United Nations, National non-profit, Local non-profit, Government, International non-profit, and Private (business). The highest bar represents the International non-profit category.]

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3. Have you ever been involved in humanitarian coordination in your country?

No: 16.2%
Yes: 83.8%
4a. Is your organisation involved in humanitarian response to disasters and conflicts in your country

- Yes, we are involved in: 81.1%
- No, we are not involved: 18.9%
5. Which of the following types of organisations are involved in humanitarian response and conflict in your country?
6. What operational role does your organisation take on during humanitarian response?

- A. Data providers: 33.30%
- B. Donors: 19.40%
- C. Inter-stakeholder: 30.60%
- D. Leadership role: 33.30%
- E. Logistics: 30.60%
- F. MEAL: 38.90%
- G. Programme management: 52.80%
- H. Providing relief to populations: 52.80%
- I. Other: 19.40%

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7. How would you rate the involvement of national and local humanitarian staff in the decision-making process of the development of a response strategy?
8. Do existing national/local organisations have the capacity to take on leadership roles during a humanitarian response?

- Yes: 75.7%
- No: 24.3%

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Qualitative survey results

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9a. What are the key challenges and obstacles that local organisations face in taking up leadership roles in humanitarian response?

The Shelter Centre intern team has visualised the responses to the question graphically:

- Lack of trust
- Excluded from decision-making
- Lack of leadership training & mentorship
- Lack of access
- Dependency on international donors
- Lack of Resources

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9b. How can these challenges be improved?

- Support from UN agencies
- Training and Education
- Proposed solutions by respondents
- Collaboration and cooperation
- Communication
- Resource provision

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10b. If yes, what training & career guidance should they receive to take on leadership roles?

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Conclusion to the survey

- Funding is central to/at the core of leadership
- Local organisations want INGOs to help them strengthen existing gaps but still be involved in decision making
- Training identified as a key resource for building capacity to take up leadership roles
Recommendations

- Time consideration for wider collection of responses
- Identification of key contacts working on ‘localisation’ to ease the survey outreach
- Look to tap into ongoing in-country conversations on ‘localisation’
- The lessons and experiences learnt from this pilot survey should be used by InterAction as next steps for their future survey
The Shelter Centre intern’s team

This is a pilot survey initiated by InterAction and undertaken with the help of Shelter Centre interns.

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Thank you for your time