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Key Recommendations stemming from the European Humanitarian Forum

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HOW TO OPERATIONALISE OUR COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT TOWARDS LOCALISATION?

5 key recommendations/messages:

1. Capacity development and partnership can accelerate localisation, in particular when sharing decision-making and ownership.
2. Communities, community-based organisations, and local government units should be and are at the forefront of localisation. Anticipatory action can be one of key enabling factors in localising humanitarian action. By enabling at-risk communities to decide their preparedness actions, mobilising local actors and empowering local governments, it requires social preparation facilitated by local partners and sustainable engagement of the local government. A fine balance between localisation and risk transfer.
3. With that, investing in local governance is essential. With limited resources, this has to be multiplied in order to maximise investment in capitalising partnership and harmonising capacity development for a local government.
4. Strengthened support for flexibility such as flexible funding and multi-year and direct funding to local CSOs.
5. Continued engagement of the EU in the process of institutionalising localisation is essential. The EU could play a vital role as an interface between international commitments and a community.