



NGO perspectives on the Grand Bargain

Good practices from EU Member States

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85 NGOs from 19 European Countries



# VOICE engagement with the Grand Bargain

- ✓ A dedicated project: *“Fostering NGOs and frontline responders’ engagement in the Grand Bargain”*
- provide space for NGO engagement at field level
- strengthen NGO advocacy and communication
- ✓ A committed Task Force: *18 members representing 47 NGOs*

Objective: Contribute to the implementation of the GB at EU level

Priority issues:

- Simplification via harmonized reporting
- Localisation
- Multi-year planning and funding



## Capturing Good Practices at EU level

-CARE presentation on behalf of the Dutch Relief Alliance

-NRC presentation: the SIDA approach

## Lessons learnt and recommendations:

-**Simplification through harmonization** to reduce the administrative burden for all human actors (incl. donors) and reduce management costs.

-**Funding quality**: multi-year funding and flexibility are essential elements to increase the quality of our programmes (thanks to longer term planning and increased agility)

- **Partnership and trust** between donors and NGOs: a basis for delivering on the GB and increasing efficiency and effectiveness of HA

# Dutch Relief Alliance (DRA)



The Dutch Relief Alliance is a coalition of 16 Dutch humanitarian NGOs funded by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The structure of the DRA allows for the rapid delivery of life-saving humanitarian assistance.



## Strategic priorities



- I. More accountable humanitarian action
- II. Innovation and learning
- III. Collaboration for increased effectiveness
- IV. More effective support for locally-led responses

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## Grand Bargain contributions:

1. Increased transparency
2. More support and funding tools for local and national responders
3. Increase in the use and coordination of cash-based programming
4. Reduce Duplication and Management Costs
5. Improve joint and impartial needs assessments
6. A participation revolution
7. Increase collaborative humanitarian multi –year planning & funding
8. Reduce the earmarking of donor contributions
9. Harmonize and simplify reporting requirements
10. Enhance engagement between humanitarian and development actors



Increase collaborative humanitarian multi –year  
planning & funding

- 4-year funding commitment by NL MoFA
- Multi-year planning has started (protracted crises)





## Reduce the earmarking of donor contributions

- Donor does not earmark for specific crises or sectors
- Internal needs-based DRA-mechanisms decide allocations





**DUTCH** RELIEF ALLIANCE

More support and funding tools for local and national responders

- 23% of funding to local organizations. Aim is 35% by 2020
- 3-5% of country budgets for capacity strengthening
- Now looking to go beyond these two elements...





## Increase in the use and coordination of cash-based programming

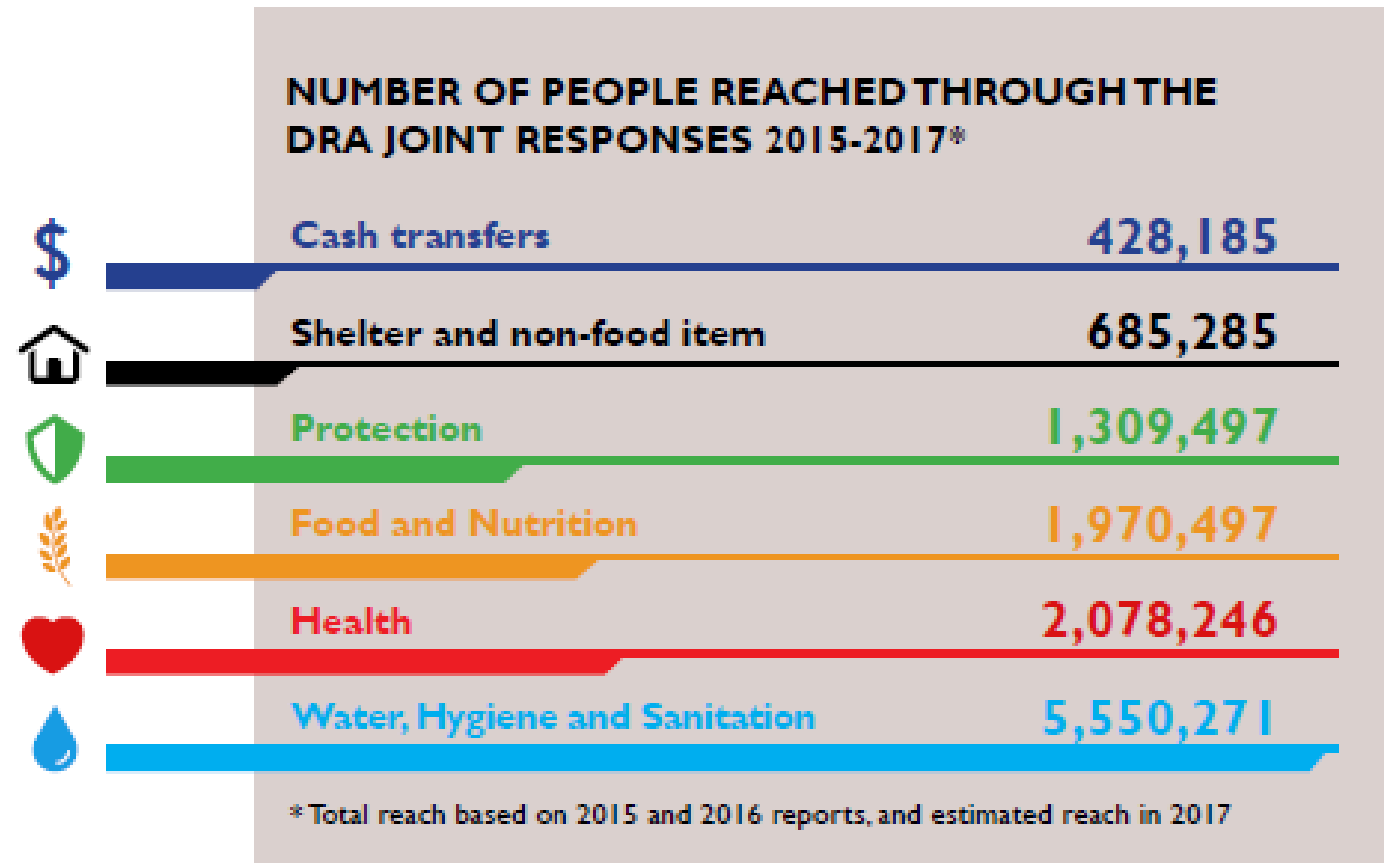
- Cash is on the rise and used when appropriate
- Two cash innovation projects about to be launched





## Results:

**€202 million:  
12 million people in 17 countries**



Thank you for your attention!



# NRC @ COHAFA 2018



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OSLO  
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GENEVA

31 programme countries  
9,000,000 beneficiaries  
14,000 staff members

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Costa Rica  
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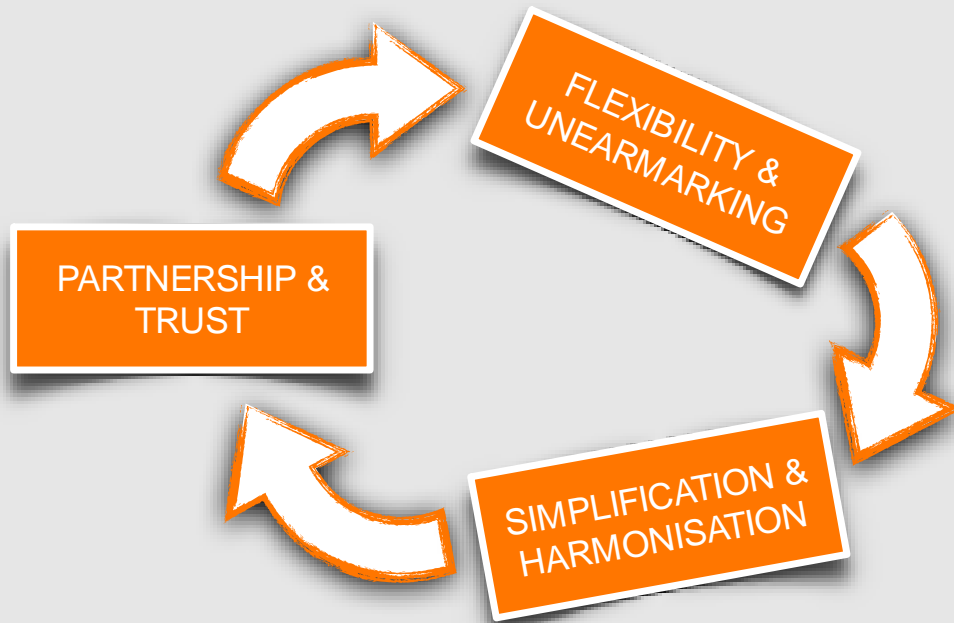
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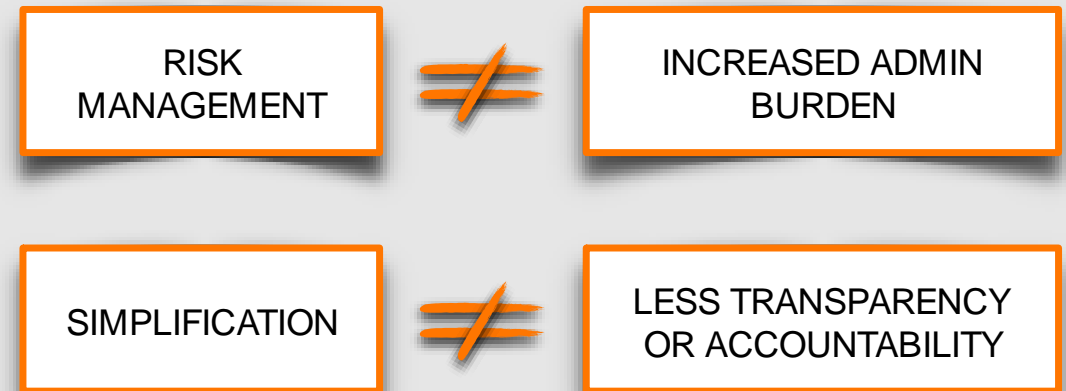
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- NORCAP DEPLOYMENTS 2016
- REPRESENTATION OFFICES



## JOINT PRIORITIES



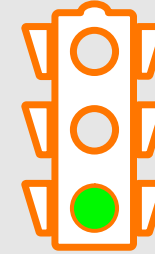
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**PARTNERSHIP & TRUST**

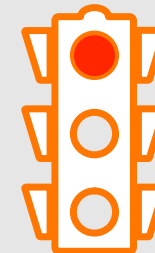
**HOW**

ALL PARTIES NEED TO EMBRACE RISKS TO  
IMPROVE EFFICIENCY OF DELIVERY AND  
UNLOCK THE GRAND BARGAIN POTENTIAL



**GOOD PRACTICE**

Donor builds strategic partnerships and reduces administrative burden



**BAD PRACTICE**

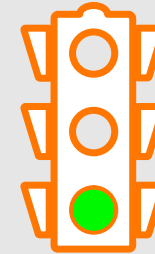
Donor increases due diligence and administrative burden to manage risks

## SIMPLIFICATION & HARMONISATION

HOW

HARMONISE PROJECT CYCLE  
MANAGEMENT TOOLS AND  
PROCESSES:

- Assessment
- Due diligence
- Proposal
- Budgeting and financial reporting
- Narrative reporting



## GOOD PRACTICE

Donor participating in the  
harmonised narrative  
reporting pilot

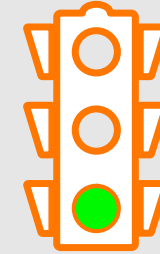
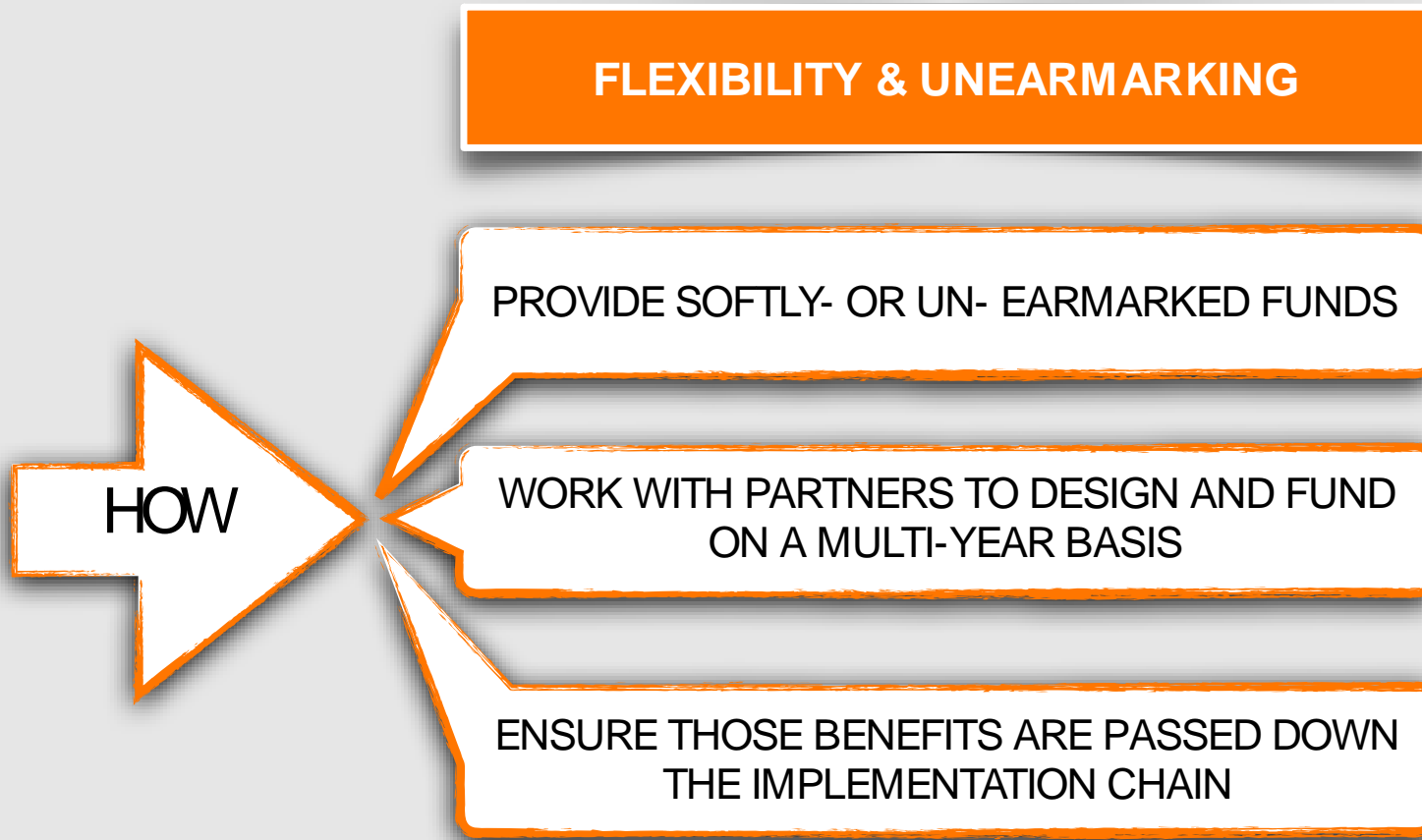
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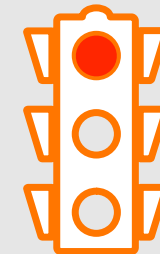
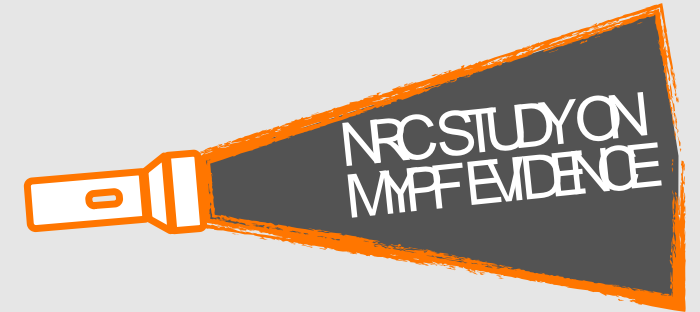
NRC-led initiative to  
harmonise cost  
classification and  
financial budgeting  
and reporting in line  
with GB WS 4 and 9





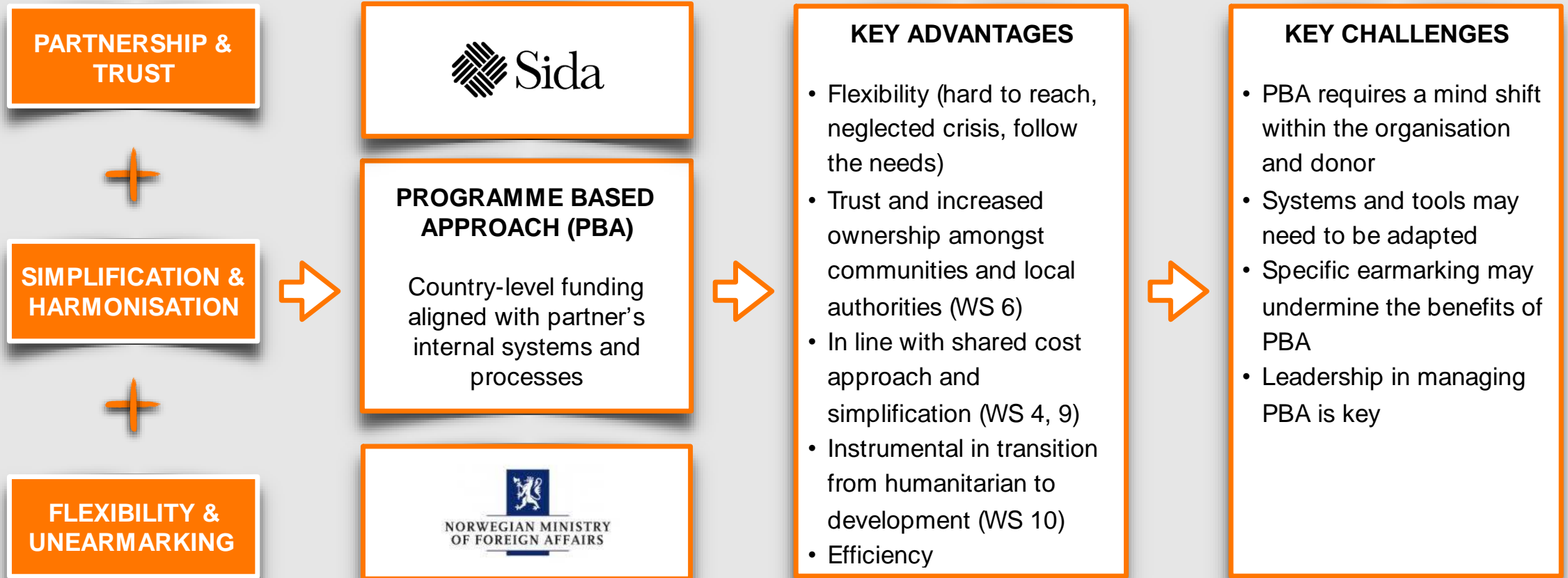
### GOOD PRACTICE

Funds at global, regional, country level allowing partner to intervene based on assessed needs (e.g. PBA)



### BAD PRACTICE

Tight activity/sector or geographical earmarking and short-term commitments.



# Some additional examples

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## ❖ **Simplification WS 9: Harmonized Reporting**

- Great leadership from **Germany** and ICVA
- France, Italy, Norway, Switzerland, Sweden, United Kingdom took part in the pilot phase – as well as UN agencies (OCHA, WFP, UNHCR, etc)

## ❖ **Funding Quality & Partnership**

- Positive feedback from NGOs in **Belgium**
- Regular exchanges with NGOs: discussing commitments like cash, transparency, localization.

Outcomes: Increase in multi-year funding

The Financing of NGO pooled funds

Alignment with definitions to monitor adequately the use of cash and localization

- Towards the next FPA: ongoing consultation with **DG ECHO**
- Open and in-depth consultation with the FPA Watch Group
- Exploring avenues for MYF, harmonized reporting, etc.



# NGO Perspectives and Recommendations

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