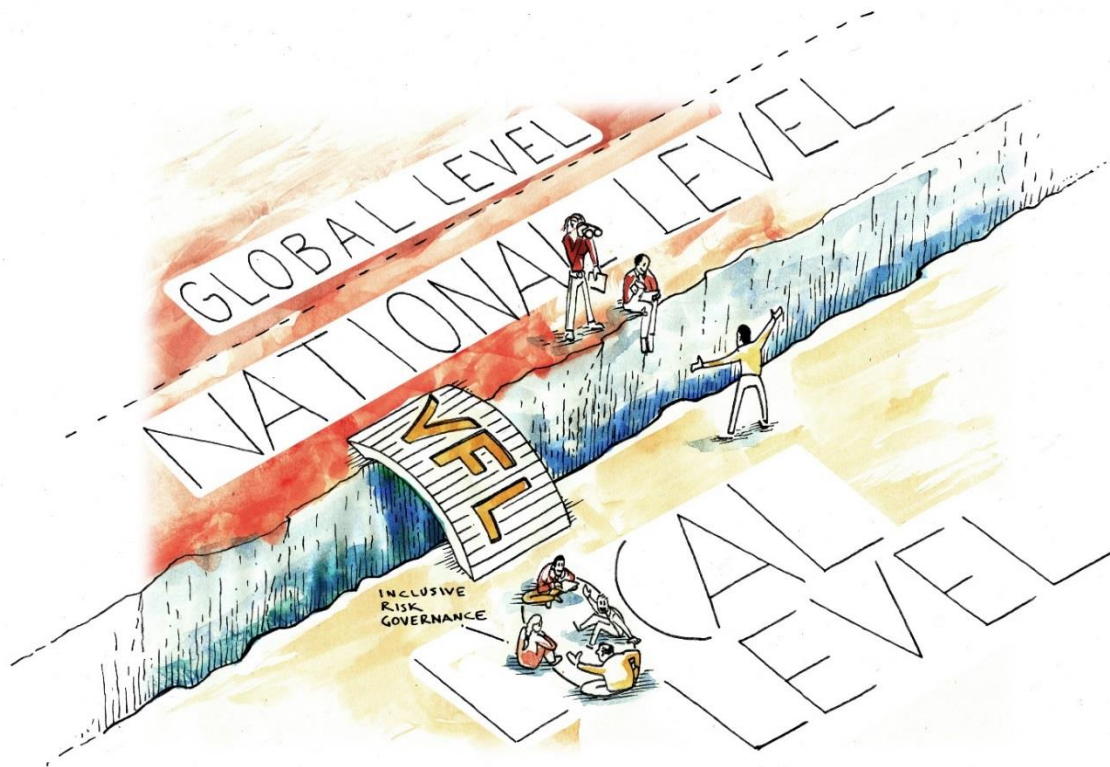

A Global Coalition for Local Monitoring

Views from the Frontline Workshop - Coalition statement to join hands

“Any effort to reduce vulnerability of people and strengthen their resilience must begin at the local level” Ban Ki Moon, UN Secretary General, World Humanitarian Summit 2016



WHY – Rational and background

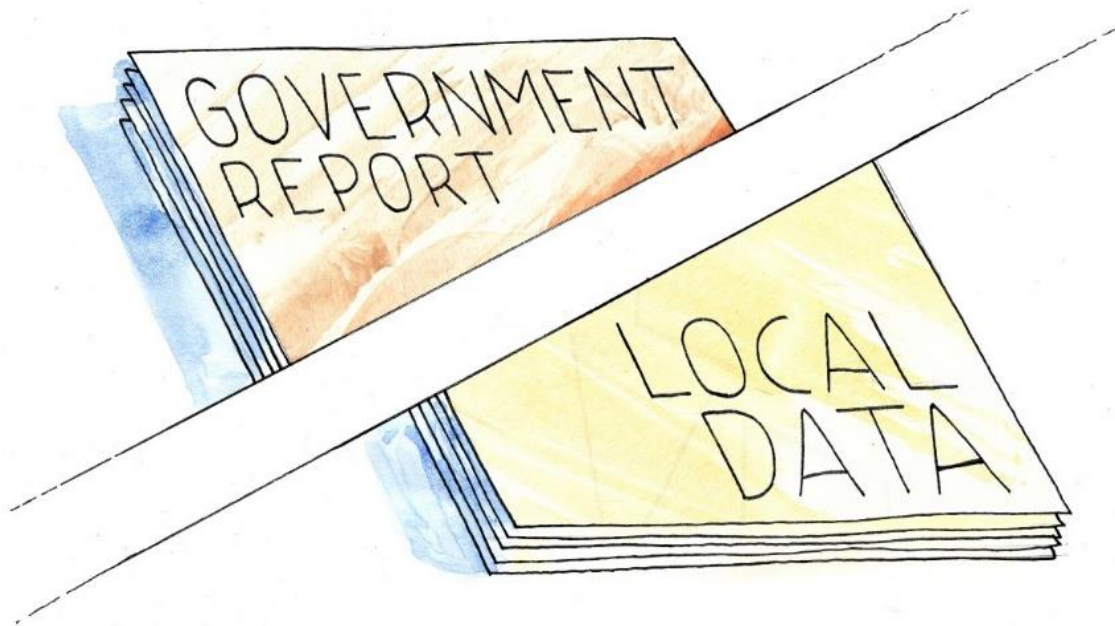
2015 was a historic year when the international community agreed on various promising frameworks: the [Sendai Framework for DRR](#) (SFDRR), the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs), the [Paris Agreement on Climate Change](#) and the [Finance for Development \(FFD\) agreement](#). Based on the experience of the pre 2015 frameworks like the Hyogo Framework for Action and MDG's civil society has emphasised that there is a need for more **people-centred and local action** in order that commitments on paper turn into improvements for all. Leaving no one behind is crucial for a sustainable, equitable and resilient development that reaches the goal to reverse the trend of ever increasing losses.

The Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR) is the largest international network of organisations committed to working together to improve the lives of people affected by disasters world-wide, to enable civil society to connect local to global and speak with a collective voice. During the past year GNDR together with its partners developed various initiatives (Views from the Frontline, Action at the Frontline and Frontline -supported by [UNISDR](#)) to collect local level community perceptions of disasters and risk, to measure threats, local capacities and underlying development factors, bringing local knowledge to national, regional and global actors together.

WHAT - Views from the Frontline Workshop

On 27th and 28th of July 2017, [GNDR](#) and the [Swiss NGO DRR Platform](#) convened for a workshop in Geneva on local level monitoring of these post-2015 frameworks. Representatives from over 30 organisations actively participated, aiming at

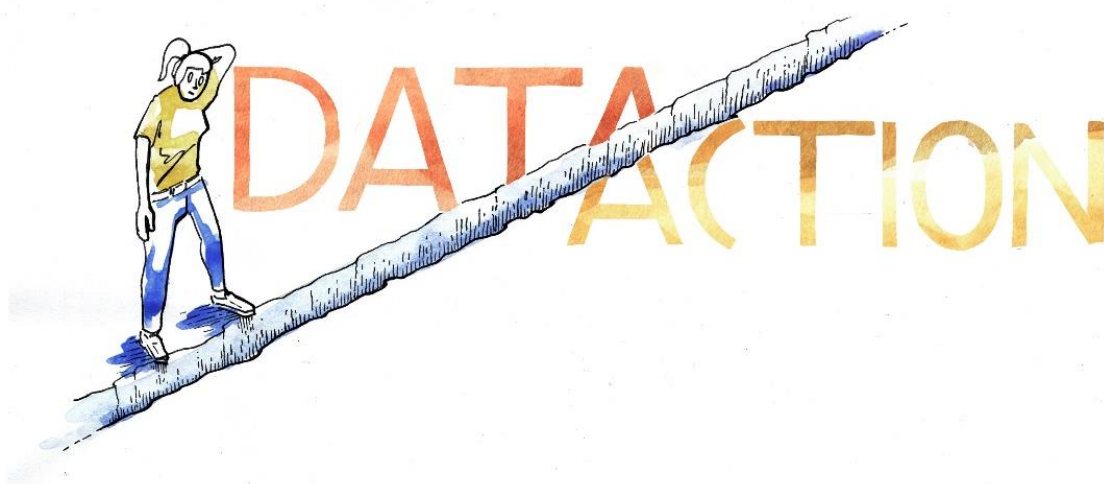
- ✓ understanding progress, synergies and gaps of existing similar monitoring tools and initiatives
- ✓ developing a common understanding and vision for a local monitoring by civil society organisations (CSO)
- ✓ joining efforts and resources through complementary capacities.



The participants agreed on the following aspects:

- For the people the impacts and solutions related to disasters, climate change, conflicts and development are **strongly interconnected** and have to be tackled and monitored jointly.
- **Risk governance** is at the core of the intersection of resilience to conflict, climate change and disasters.
- **Local actors, particularly civil society organisations**, play an important role in monitoring and advocating for local change.
- Ensuring the **inclusion and meaningful participation of particularly marginalized and at risk groups** is vital to leave no one behind.
- Sustainable change results **from strong partnerships** between government and civil society.
- Participatory monitoring from a local perspective is crucial to **complement official progress reporting** of frameworks and to advocate for change with other actors.
- **GNDR's Views from the Frontline** are a well-recognized initiative and institution and therefore perfectly placed to develop a method to monitor progress in the implementation of the Sendai and related post-2015 frameworks.
- **Coalitions and partnerships** are essential to reach the goal and coverage for a local level monitoring towards action.

RESOURCES – joint efforts towards a coalition for change



The participants agreed to join resources in their function as thematic advisor, connector, implementer, reviewer for the following activities:

- **Method design:** Contributions for the development of a participatory data collection / questionnaires for local risk profiling, inclusive governance and enabling environment. Ensuring synergies with other relevant initiatives and monitoring processes.
- **Pilots:** Implementation and feedback collection for two pilot countries (Philippines & Tonga).
- **Roll out:** Capacity building on the method, data collection in additional 48 countries in collaboration with local partners, linked to UNDPs 5-10-50 campaign.
- **Products and findings:** Review of data, elaboration of key message and products, dissemination of findings at local, relevant regional and global events for advocacy and promotion of best practices.



The contributing organisations will later form part of working groups and steering groups according to their possible level of engagement.

WHO – supporting organisations

Representatives from over 30 organisations from Europe, Latin America, Asia, Africa from civil society organizations, NGOs, community-based organizations, thematic networks, research, institutional donors, UN agencies, research and academic actors with expertise and engagement with SDGs, DRR, FFD and Climate Change.

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