Going Local

Achieving a more appropriate and fit-for-purpose humanitarian ecosystem in the Pacific
Key findings: What needs to change?

**Loc.is.a.tion (n.)**

“A process of recognising, respecting and strengthening the independence of leadership and decision-making by national actors in humanitarian action, in order to better address the needs of affected populations.”
Key findings: Pacific perspectives

**Capacity Development**
“In good times they train us to be managers & then when disaster happens they turn up & take over the show – when can we learn?”

**Human Resources**
“It makes such a huge difference when responders are from the region rather than outside the region... [Communities] were much more comfortable with other Pacific Islanders”

**Relationships**
“People can’t just fly in & make decisions, but if you have a relationship with a partner built on trust you can make decisions together, using that shared knowledge”

**Policies & Standards**
“You are bringing in a battleship when you need a canoe, it is just crazy”

**Finance**
“So many INGOs were getting the money that local actors felt should be coming to them”

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