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# **DFAT'S APPROACH TO LOCALISATION**

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# RATIONALE – ‘WHY IT MATTERS’

*Australia supports localisation because*

- We’ve committed to it.
  - e.g. Grand Bargain (2016); *Partnerships for Recovery*
- COVID-19 has demonstrated it can work.
- It is a pre-condition to achieving broader economic, security and development objectives.
  - Improves local delivery of essential services
  - Strengthens the social contract, helps address fragility
  - Contributes to demand side reform, accountability and transparency
  - Better stimulates local economies
- In other words ... it increases development effectiveness and sustainability.
  - What we all care about!
- Development stakeholders are increasingly telling us it’s important.
  - Consultations on new international development policy

# WORKING DEFINITION

No single definition

*A method to drive more effective development outcomes by improving the agency of affected people and local actors (including partner governments) so that development action is locally informed, locally led and meets the needs of local people.*

Importantly, effective localisation is driven by an **intention to localise.**

# DIFFERENTIATED APPROACHES

## Key factors to consider

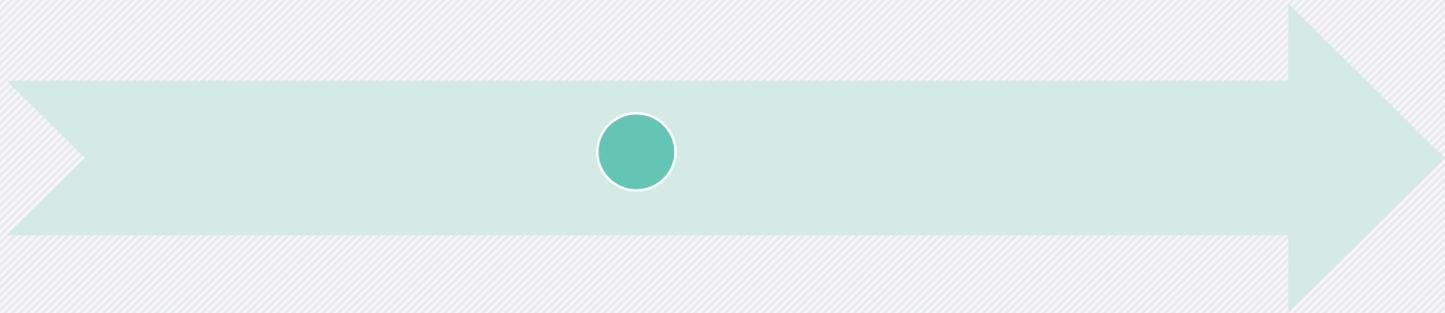
- *Not one size fits all – country and sectoral context*
- *Based on the nature of the development problem being tackled and development objectives, partner choices, modalities*
- *Capacity of local organisations, institutions*
- *Ability to manage legislative compliance and key risks and safeguards*
- *Role of intermediaries and intended scale of operations*

# ENTRY POINTS FOR LOCALISATION ACROSS THE PROJECT CYCLE



For new investments:

- Understand specific context, development objectives, partner capacity, scale, risk and safeguarding
- Build the intention to localise into design thinking, theories of change
- Build localisation criteria into tenders
- Localisation plan for lead partner in implementation
- Measure change (qualitative and quantitative)



# QUESTIONS?





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