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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

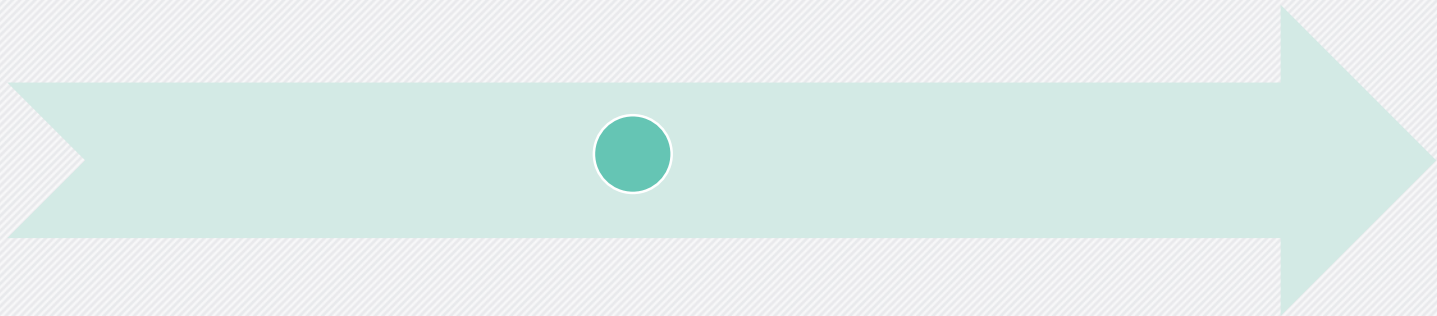
- *Not one size fits all – country and sectoral context*
- *Based on the nature of the development problem being tackled and development objectives, partner choices, modalities*
- *Capacity of local organisations, institutions*
- *Ability to manage legislative compliance and key risks and safeguards*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