

# Revisiting localization: Reflection, conversation and exchange



**By:** Fred Bully

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022

# Background

- Founded by British and Irish churches to help refugees following the Second World War. For more than 70 years, CA's philosophy is to provide practical, long-term support to achieve sustainable development and help affected communities to be free from want and fear
- With our Faith Identity – We are marked by being there before, during and after emergencies to save lives. CA is committed to locally led response since its formation



# Background

- Our focus is on people living in extreme poverty. Our analytical framework is that which aims to deliver on three main pillars (3Ps);
  - **Poverty** – Beyond Economics. Poorest people and those hard to reach are not there by accident
  - **Power** – Inability to meet material needs can not be addressed alone, but rather it structural causes too
  - **Prophetic voice** – Speaking true to power. (Advocacy)
- To date, CA deliver development and humanitarian programmes **in over 37 countries, alongside more than 450 local, national and international partners**

# CA in South Sudan

➤ CA work in the Sudan is dating back to the 1970s. A full presence in SSD from 2008

➤ Our local partners comprise both **the church & Faith based** as well as **secular local NGOs**.

- An ACT Alliance member. Other members include; NCA, DCA, LWF, FCA, DKH, SSSC, PRDA, Mission 21.

➤ Currently working with 12 local partners in South Sudan including the Church

➤ Context characterised by Conflict, flooding, disease outbreaks and lack of rain threaten the food security of most people in the country - 8.9M people are in need of Humanitarian assistance.

# Our Partnership in Advancing Localisation

➤ Partnership model is Accompaniment

➤ Local Partners Support entitles

- Project funds/ Grants
- Capacity strengthening
  - **Physical** – Vehicle, Computers, Bikes, Boats
  - **Soft ware** – Financial packages,
  - **Technical** – M&E, Financial, Programme development, Procurement, Human Resource, Organograms, Re-structuring
  - **Resource Mobilisation:** Joint initiatives - Donor meetings, Join assessments, Building Local Consortia, Providing match funding,
  - **Supporting with Emerging Issues:** PSEA, CHS, Safety & Security, Complaints and Feedback, Digitisation

■ **NON-FIANACIAL support:** Mentorship and Coaching

# Understanding Capacity in Localisation

- Local/ National Partners concerns include
  - Organisational governance
  - Organisational management
  - Financial management and internal controls
  - Human Resource and Administration Management
  - Logistics, Procurement and fleet management
  - Programme quality and delivery
  - Programme development, Innovation and Funding
  - Performance management
  - Organisational Sustainability

# Risk Perceptions

- Local actors are less principled in their response
- Local actors have less operational and organizational capacity
- Local actors provide a lower-quality response
- Local actors have a lower cost than responses implemented by international organizations.

Slogan - *“as local as possible, as international as necessary”*

# Thanks

