



Localisation at NRC

Enabling locally led responses for greater impact for displaced people

Our belief

At NRC, we believe that the **communities and organisations closest to a crisis** are also the ones who understand it best. Local actors are often the first to respond and have **deep knowledge** of their communities, needs, and solutions.

That is why we want to support ways of working where local actors are not only implementing projects but also take a **leading role** in shaping and delivering the response.

We aim to work in ways that strengthen **local leadership** and ensure that displaced communities and local organisations have a **real voice** in the decisions that affect them.

Our goal

Our goal is to work in **stronger partnerships** with local actors. This means moving beyond short-term, contract-based relationships towards longer-term collaboration based on **trust, shared responsibility, and mutual learning**.

We combine our resources, experience, and networks with those of local partners to strengthen the protection of and uphold the rights of people affected by displacement, while achieving **greater and more sustainable impact together**.

NRC partners to



Complement and strengthen **local efforts and systems**



Build **trust, acceptance, and accountability** to affected populations



Enable **equitable partnerships** through mutual learning and collaboration



Support locally led **collective action** and maximised **impact**



Contribute to **sustainability and durable solutions**



To operationalise this, NRC focuses on 5 enabling dimensions:



Funding & resources

- Enabling access to flexible and quality funding
- Supporting partner-led funding approaches



Capacity exchange

- Facilitating partner-led development through peer and mutual learning.
- Fostering complementarity across actors and sectors



Network & collaboration

- Supporting systems, networks and consortia
- Connecting civil society, authorities, and other stakeholders



Leadership support

- Facilitating access to decision-making processes and coordination
- Advancing local leadership opportunities



Advocacy & influence

- Shaping policy and amplifying partner voices
- Engaging donors and peers on equitable practices

THE LOCAL ECOSYSTEM: OUR COLLABORATIVE LANDSCAPE

Local and national authorities

Local private Sector

Local and national NGOs

Civil society and community-based organisations

Academia and research institutes

Our commitments and way forward

NRC will continue to enable locally led action by:

- Increasing direct quality funding to partners
- Embedding equitable partnership approaches across programmes
- Strengthening internal systems to better support partnerships
- Supporting local ecosystems, collective action and coordination
- Advocating for more flexible donor requirements for local actors

By actively collaborating with local actors, NRC acts as an **enabler** to drive greater collective impact, recognising localisation not as an end in itself but as a means to complement local capacities for more sustainable and effective responses that better protect and support displaced people in their journey towards self-reliance and durable solutions.

