



Localisation Re-imagined

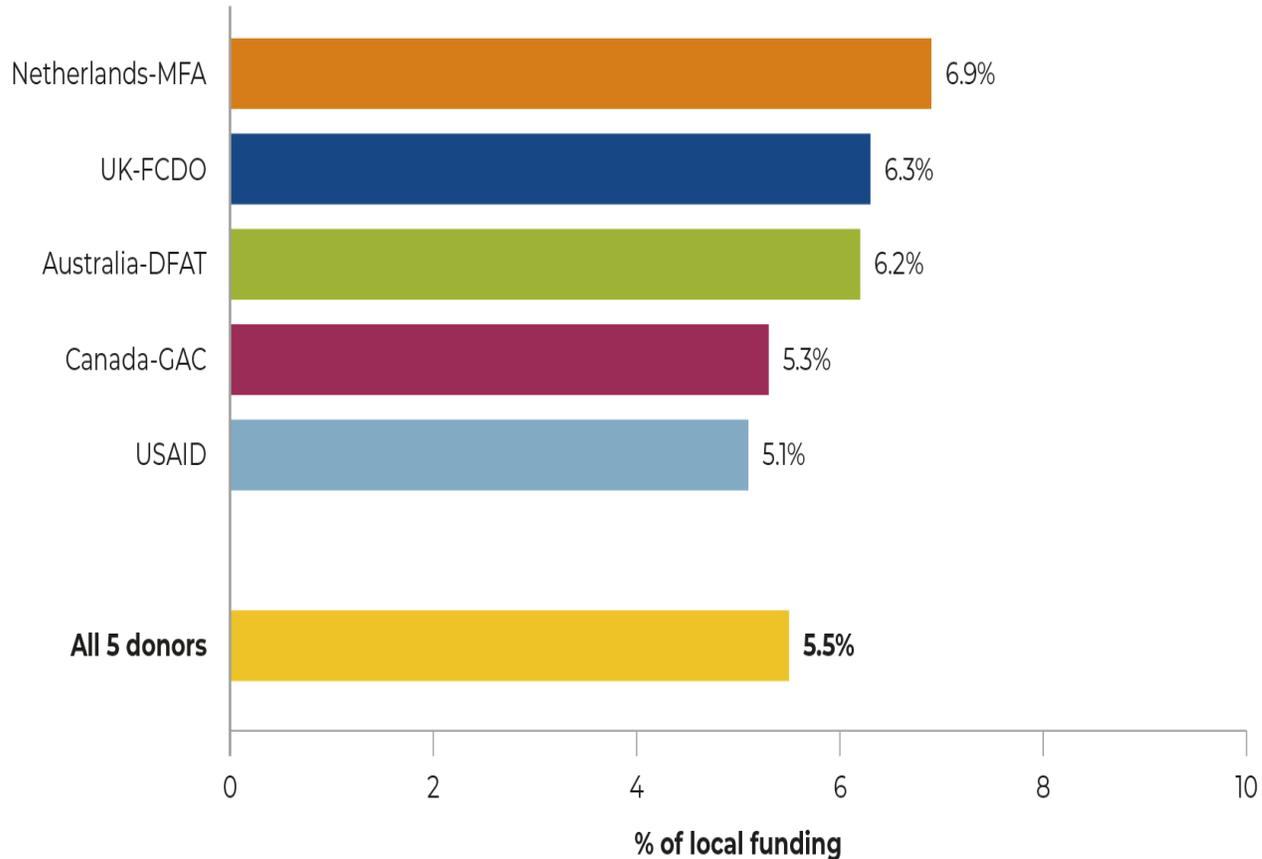
Funding for local actors in a changing aid landscape

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1. Metrics Matter III: Counting Local

Comparison of local funding proportions across the sampled countries using Publish What You Fund's measurement approach for five OECD DAC donors



- ▶ **Low proportion of direct funding channelled to local organisations – only 5.5%.**
- ▶ **Inconsistent measurement approaches in tracking local funding.**



2. Commitments Without Accountability



Table 1. Publish What You Fund's high-level Local Funding Matrix comparing five OECD DAC donors

Local Funding Matrix Criteria	Bilateral Donors				
Definition of localisation or locally led development					
Definition of local and national organisations					
Target or indicator on quantity of local funding					
Methodology to track local funding					
Clarity on denominator					
Publishes data on local funding flows					
Strategy on approach to localisation or locally led development					
Has funding initiatives that prioritise/require local partners					

- ▶ Donor commitments vs practice
- ▶ Lack of tracking and transparency
- ▶ Opportunities for improvement

3. Promises Versus Progress

Table 1. Comparison of local funding transparency of 26 foundations

Foundation	Open Data Standards		Self reporting		
	Reports to the OECD	Reports to IATI	Has a live database of current grants	Has a target for quantity of local funding	Has an indicator to report progress on local funding
Africa-Europe Foundation	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Anglo American Foundation	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
Fundación Avina	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
AVSI Foundation	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
"la Caixa" Foundation	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Fondazione Cariplo	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Charles Stewart Mott Foundation	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗





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