

Cultivating Spaces for Discourse: Anti-racism & Localisation Working Group

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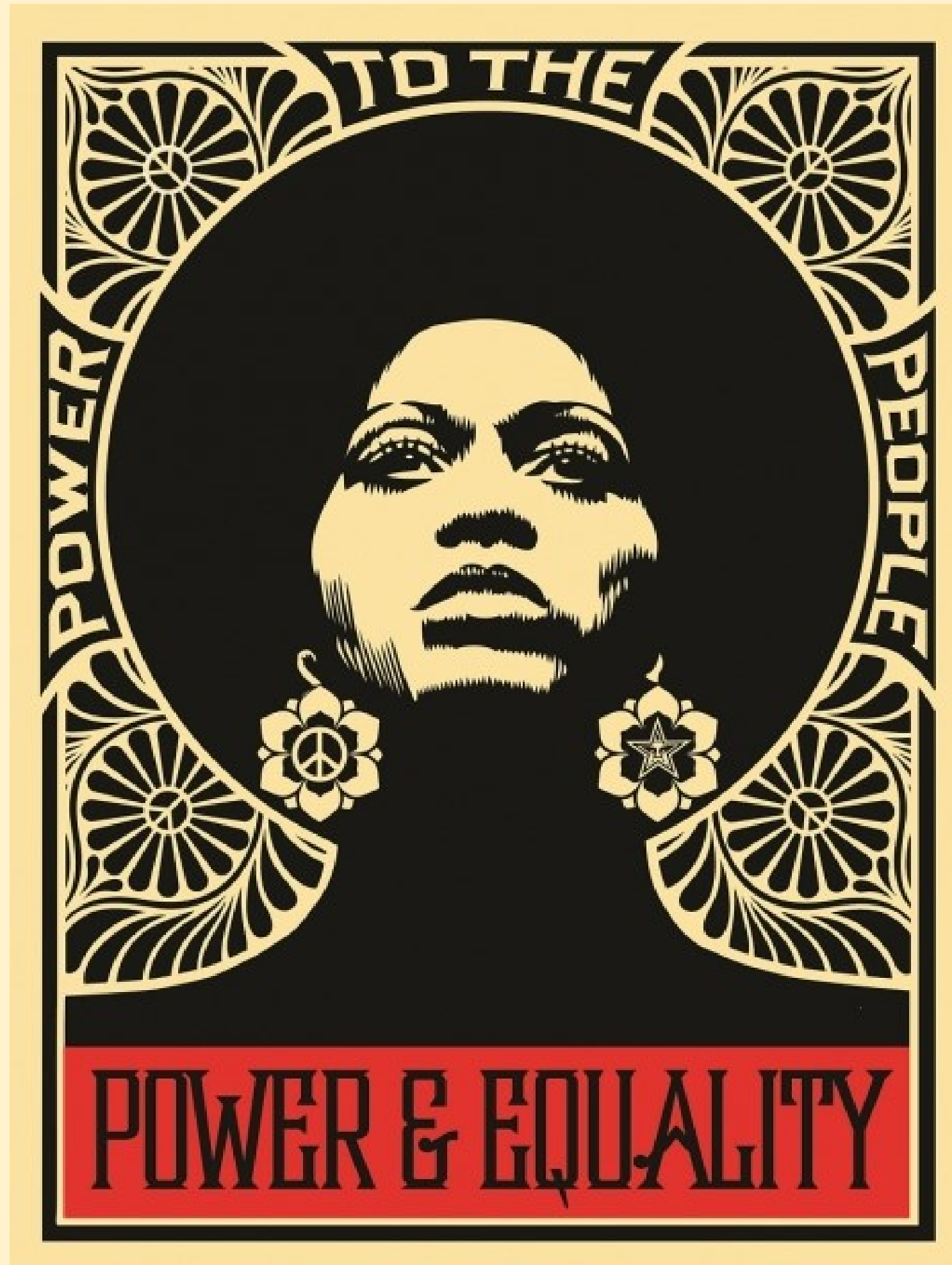
Objective and Vision

Objective: to champion and support mainstreaming efforts for anti-racism and localisation* principles in the GNC and nutrition sector

Vision: a nutrition sector that ensures racial equity, local leadership, and space for local actors in humanitarian preparedness, response, and recovery

Localisation is **an important focus** for the GNC and will inform the **next GNC Strategy**.

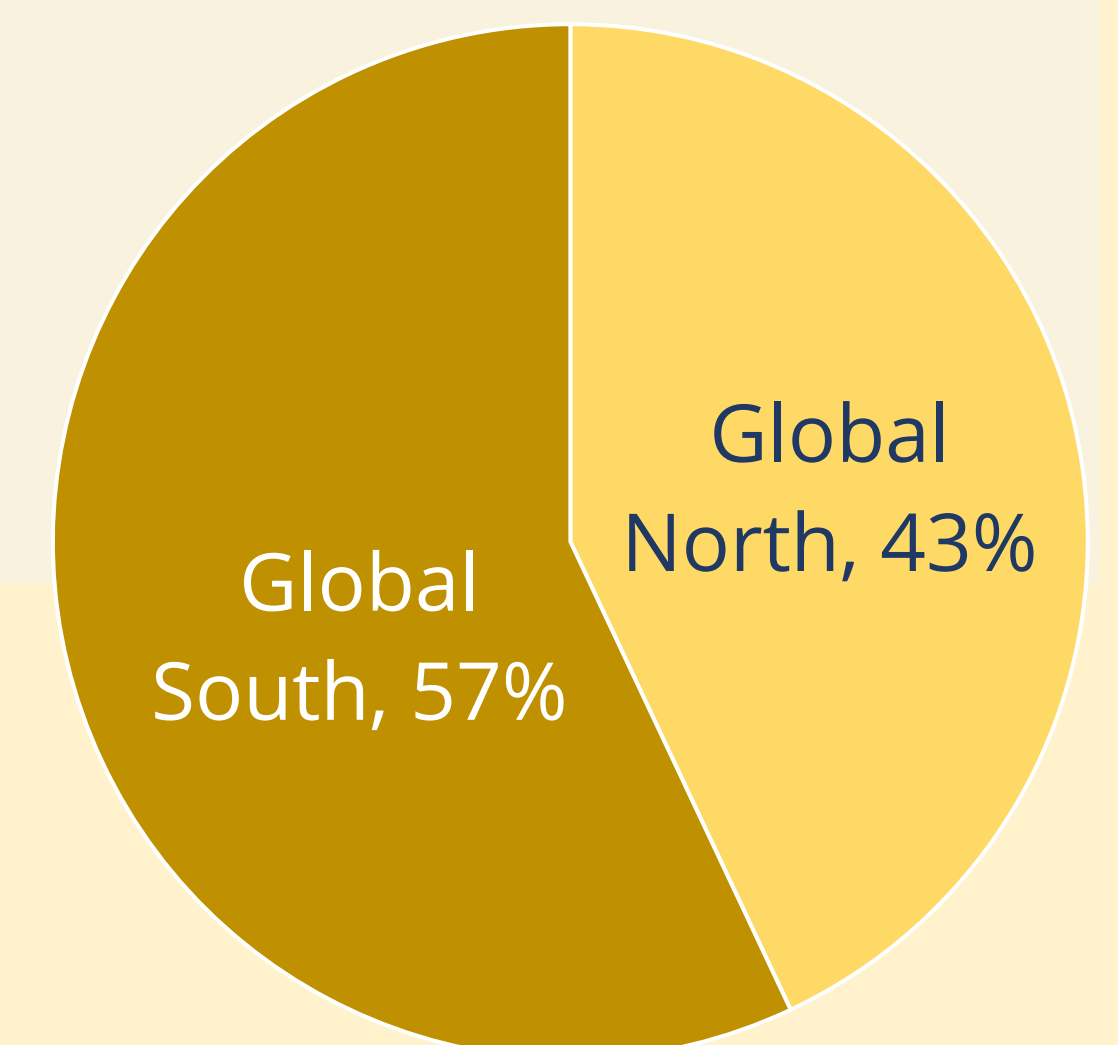
There is a **GNC Localisation Helpdesk** available to support you!



Membership

There are currently **14 members** representing one National NGO, three International NGOs, and one UN Agency. Prioritizing the lived experience of its members, the working group aims to maintain a majority Global South** representation among its members.

Current membership composition:



Initiatives by the A&L Working Group

A&L Community of Practice (CoP)

Background: In an effort to create broader opportunities for unlearning and learning on topics pertinent to Nutrition in Emergencies (NiE) practitioners, the CoP, hosted by the A&L Working Group was established in October 2024.

Membership: The CoP is composed of **79 members** with representation from LNAs, INGOs and UN agencies.

Objective: The GNC Anti-racism & Localisation CoP was established to explore anti-racism and localisation related topics and be a space to discuss and share how related challenges can be addressed in the NiE sector and our work.

Themes so far discussed:

- Linguistic Inequality: November 2024
- Passport Privilege: December 2024
- Whose Expertise is Valued? February 2025
- LNA Visibility: April 2025

Upcoming theme:
The Humanitarian Wage gap

Voices from the CoP on Visibility of LNAs:

Coordination mechanisms should ask themselves:

- "Do our local and national partners have strong voices during cluster/sector meetings?"
- "Do our local and national partners have equal visibility to our international partners?"
- "When our international partners present their work, do they credit their local and national partners?"

To learn more/get involved, visit the [CoP webpage](#).

To learn more/get involved contact the working group co-chairs: Martha mnakakande@internationalmedicalcorps.org and/or Alexa ahumphreys@actionagainsthunger.ca or visit the [GNC website](#)

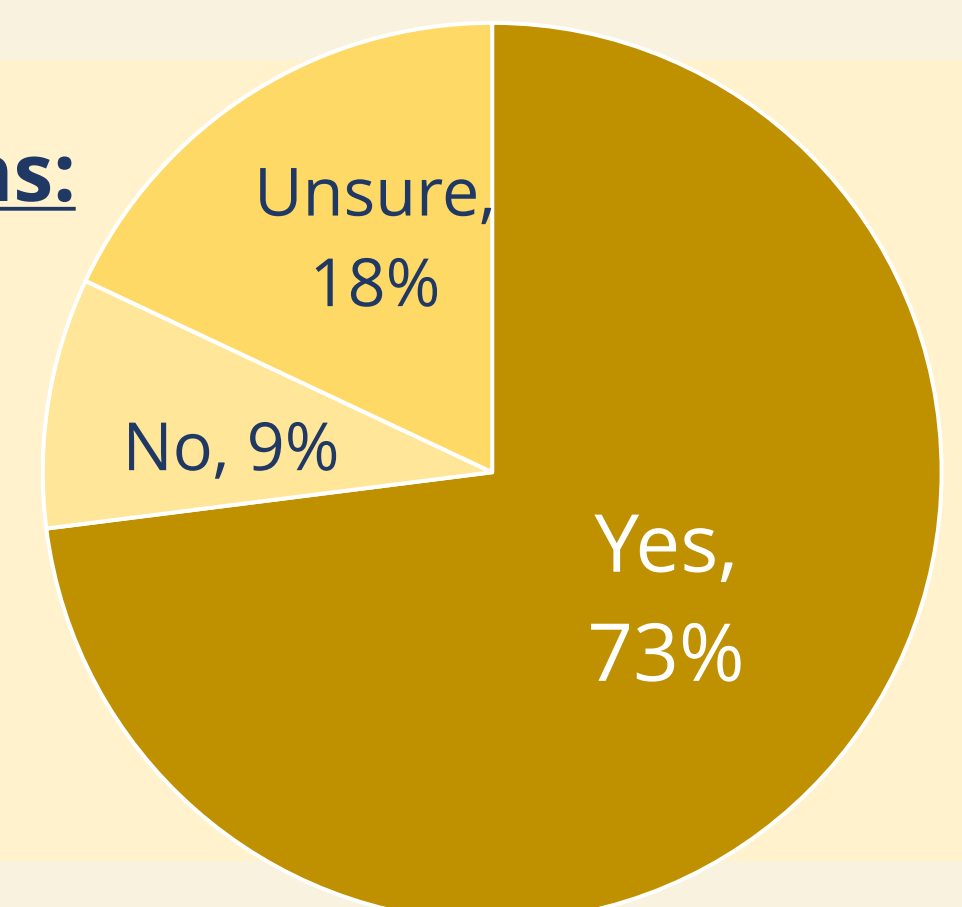
Localisation Conversations

Background: Owing to the need for more dialogue among the LNAs, in April the A&L Working Group hosted a three-day series of "Localisation Conversations"

Objective: to explore the challenges faced by local and national actors, how the GNC collective can support them, and hear their vision for the future of locally-led action

LNA Voices from the Conversations:

Session 1: In recent months, has your organization or agency been affected by the changing Nutrition in Emergencies landscape?



If your organisation has been affected, how?

"350k of our target beneficiaries have been affected by discontinuity of activities and over 70 staff laid off" - *Ahmed Abdi, Program Associate and Abdullahi Abdi Khalief, Meal Manager, Juba Foundation (JF), Somalia*

Session 2: What kind of support or collaboration would most strengthen your ability to deliver NiE services?

"Flexible, multi-donor funding mechanisms that protect programs from sudden suspension due to political considerations; humanitarian aid must remain neutral and principled"- *Dr. Hiba Aldubaai, Nutrition Program Manager Building Foundation for Development (BFD), Yemen*



To learn more from the Localisation Conversations [visit](#).



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**The GNC acknowledges that the term 'Global South' is an imperfect term that is top-down in nature and will likely be replaced in the future. Currently assessed as an individual who has nationality from an ODA-recipient country and who does not self-identify as white