

Module 8. Meaningful Participation

Tools to identify barriers, and foster meaningful participation

A Checklist of Local Politics

Key things addressed when developing participatory approaches with refugee communities:

Questions to be addressed	Answers	What if anything can be done to address this
<p>Is the host politics – is the</p>		
<p>powerful stakeholders?</p>		
<p>and service providers play in particular in sensitive issues such as human rights, including gender equality, and SGBV.</p>		
<p>Are international agencies willing to co-operate together and work with local NGOs and refugee led groups as equal partners or does funding competition get in the way?</p>		
<p>What is the level of trust between refugee communities, UN agencies and other service providers.</p>		
<p>Is there fear that refugee-led groups are ‘too political’ and/or failure to accept that they can be both political advocates and rights-based service providers?</p>		
<p>What political constraints are faced by local academic partners?</p>		
<p>Are Donors willing to provide flexible funding?</p>		
<p>Others?</p>		