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**Who takes the glory in the humanitarian research process?**

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**Objectives/aims**

To understand the value of localising the process of humanitarian research

**Methods**

HAG has consistently worked alongside national researchers for the undertaking evaluations, studies and reviews. We have synthesised findings on the process of this approach over a number of years. This ignite presentation is intended to present reflections on the approach and stimulate participants to reflect on who takes the glory in the research process – who plans it, owns it, analyses it and applies it – and ultimately how does this impact on its utilisation.

**Main findings**

1. Engaging national and local researchers and evaluators adds a depth and nuance that is currently being overlooked
2. Engagement needs to take place from the initiation of the research process to be productive
3. True localisation of the research process requires a re-think to the way we contract, undertake, resource and utilise research outcomes