LHAF

LOCAL HUMANITARIAN ACTORS FORUM

A collaborative platform for local NGOs in Zimbabwe

LHAF OVERVIEW

2024 - 2026 Roadmap

STRENGTHENING LOCAL HUMANITARIAN ACTION



A Collaborative Platform

Goal: Empower local actors as frontline leaders in response and resilience.

Strategic Focus:

Capacity Building: Project management & Adaptive programming.

Innovation: Knowledge hub, Anticipatory action & Resource mobilisation.

Support: Technical assistance & Collaborative leadership.

Founded (2024): MeDRA with support from Christian Aid Zimbabwe.

Phase 1: Inception & Mobilisation



Establishment

August

2024

Local Humanitarian Strengthening Initiative (LHSI) established with funding and technical support from Christian Aid.



Mobilisation

Sept - Nov

2024

Sensitisation and mobilisation of organisations to build a strong foundational network of local actors.



Foundation

Jan-Feb

2025

Laying the groundwork for first 22 local NGOs to join the initiative, fostering a spirit of collaboration.

Phase 2: Capacity Building

Assessment & Core Standards

- **Jan 2025:** Profiling and Joining of 22 local NGOs.
- **Jan 2025:** CHS Self-Assessment Checklist to identify gaps.
- **Feb 2025:** Inaugural LHSI members meeting.
- **Feb 2025:** Knowledge Hub Establishment
- **Feb 2025:** Core Humanitarian Standards (CHS) Training.

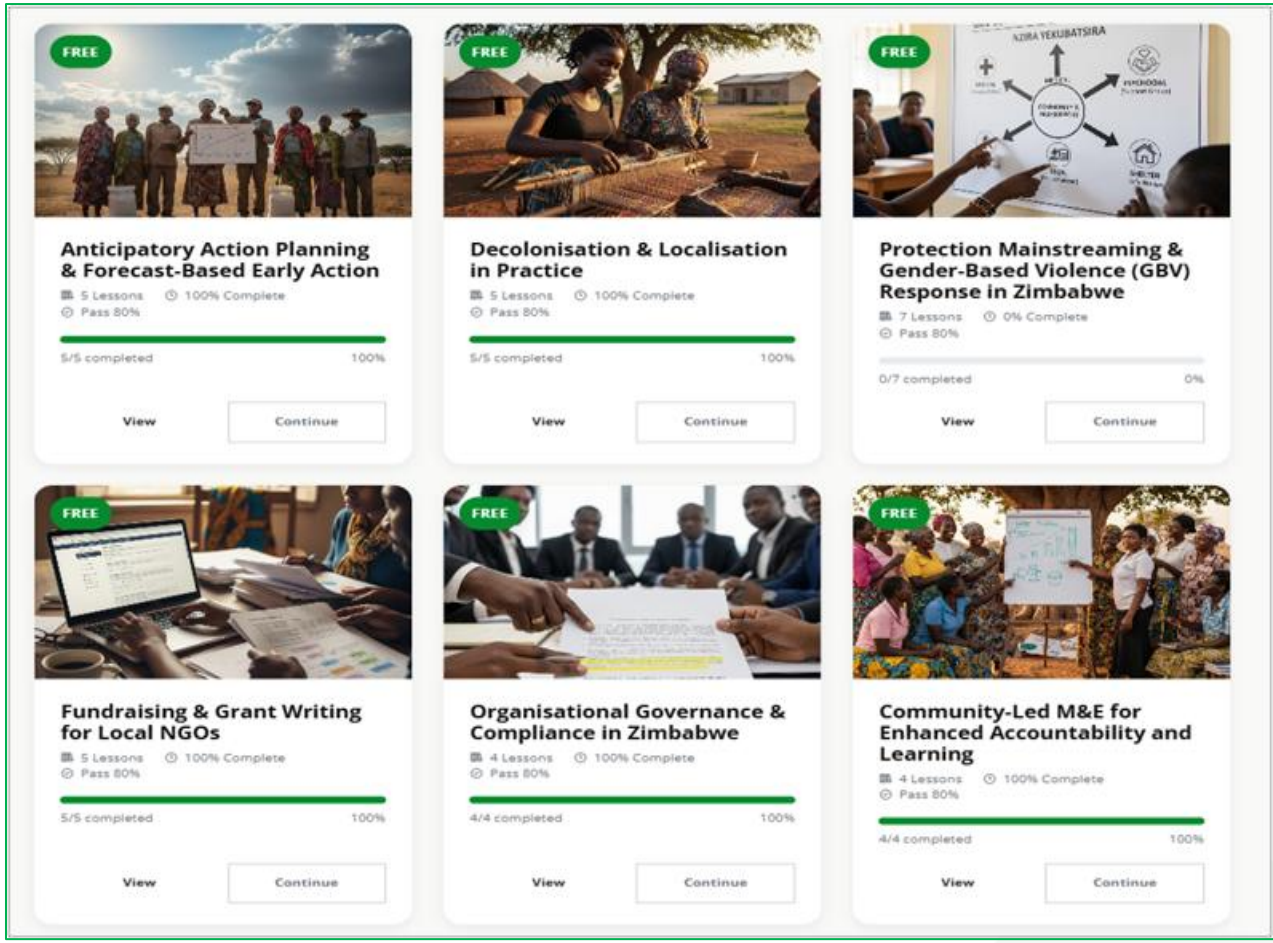
Specialized Training

- **Apr 2025:** Decolonisation and Localisation Training.
- **Apr 2025:** Protection in Emergencies Training.
- **May 2025:** Community-Based Psychosocial Support (CBPSS) & Staff Care.
- **May 2025:** Anticipatory Action Planning Training.

Phase 3: Scale Up & Transformation

Aug - Sept 2025

- **Strategic Repositioning:** Transitioning from LHSI to the Local Humanitarian Actors Forum (LHAF).
- **Leadership:** Prioritisation of Heads/Directors for ownership and sustainability.
- **Knowledge Hub:** Upgrade with Learning Management System (LMS) and Admin Dashboard.
- **Digital Presence:** Launching Social Media Platforms (Facebook, LinkedIn, X, YouTube).
- **Growth:** Membership expanding to 30 local NGOs.



Official Launch

October 2, 2025

A historic milestone for local humanitarian action in Zimbabwe.

- **Keynote:** Department of Civil Protection Unit.
- **Attendees:** Local NGO Directors, Key Line Ministries, Private Sector Leaders.
- **Partners:** INGOs, UN Agencies, and Donors.



Phase 4: Governance & Sustainability (2025-2026)

Oct 2025

Charter Review

Joint development of Localisation Charter & Agreement.

Nov 2025

Adoption

Finalisation of Charter. Steering Committee Poll.

Dec 2025

Selection

Steering Committee formally selected.

Feb 2026

First Meeting

Steering Committee meets. Anticipatory Action Planning 2. Admins Meeting

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Thank You

Questions & Discussion

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