Workshop Title: What do real participation approaches mean in humanitarian contexts (and more generally)

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Main issues, questions discussed:

- Starting discussion on the definition of participation
- What are baby steps to include more participation in programming and projects
- What are some of the challenges?
- Some examples of participatory project s were shared and helped identify steps to promote more participation

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Conclusions:

Participatory research is well defined and mainstream, but not necessarily participatory programming.

Challenges:

- Dedicated resources, including funding,
- Difference in perspectives and values

Some first steps to promote participation:

- Include beneficiary groups (people with disabilities, teachers, girls, etc.) from the beginning in project design. Requirement: avail funding for pre-proposal.
- Give time to participants to reflect on their roles and then to further participate
- Raise donors awareness – Question of identifying evidence about relevant participators approaches
- Allow for adapting proposals over time