

Collective Key Terms to Assess Early Donor Involvement for Regenerative Solutions in Refugee Camps

1. Strategic Alignment

- **What to Look For:** Donor values aligned with regenerative, community-led, and long-term approaches.
 - **How to Assess:**
 - Review donor mission statements and past projects.
 - Analyze alignment with your theory of change.
 - Invite donors to co-visioning sessions early on.
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2. Early Communication & Co-Creation

- **What to Look For:** Donors are involved in ideation, not just funding decisions, and accept local knowledge throughout.
 - **How to Assess:**
 - Track early engagement touchpoints (emails, calls, workshops, social media, events).
 - Note whether donor feedback is integrated into program design.
 - Invite donors to join learning and discovery phases.
 - Assess their reaction towards local ideas.
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3. Flexibility of Funding

- **What to Look For:** Adaptive, trust-based funding models that support iteration and learning.
 - **How to Assess:**
 - Charting the theory of change and impact of the project (e.g. with IOOI).
 - Check grant conditions: Are they outcome-focused or rigid?
 - Look for language like “pilot funding,” “flexible budgets,” or “adaptive cycles.”
 - Ask how changes or pivots are handled mid-grant.
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4. Support for Long-Term Outcomes

- **What to Look For:** Willingness to fund beyond short-term KPIs and support systems change.
 - **How to Assess:**
 - Review grant length (multi-year vs. short-term).
 - Discuss expectations around impact timelines.
 - Explore phase-based commitments (e.g. pilot → scale).
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5. Investment in Local Capacity

- **What to Look For:** Support for refugee-led initiatives and host community capacity building.
 - **How to Assess:**
 - Budget allocations to grassroots, refugee-led organizations and their host communities.
 - Funding for leadership development and training.
 - Donor willingness to engage with local voices directly.
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6. Monitoring & Learning Support

- **What to Look For:** Donors who support participatory M&E and shared learning.
- **How to Assess:**
 - Inclusion of community-led indicators in M&E plans.
 - Openness to learning reviews and adaptation.
 - Budget for feedback loops, reflection, and iteration.