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SOCIAL JUSTICE

to End Poverty

2018 - 2023



Social Justice to End Poverty 2018 – 2023 (SJEP)

is a response to the deepening inequality of power and wealth, injustice and poverty in Nigeria. It is aimed at social justice for all, gender equality and poverty eradication in Nigeria.

SJEP targets the dynamics of poverty and injustice in tandem with AAN's vision, mission and values.



VISION - A just, equitable and sustainable world in which every person enjoys the right to a life of dignity, freedom from poverty and all forms of oppression; **MISSION** -To work in solidarity with people living in poverty and exclusion to achieve social justice, gender equality and poverty eradication; **VALUES** - Driven by a passionate commitment to organisational values - mutual respect, equity and justice, integrity, solidarity with people living in poverty and exclusion being the only bias in our commitment to the fight against poverty, injustice, and gender inequality, courage of conviction, independence from any religious or political party affiliation and humility.

The Current Situation



Photo credit: ActionAid
Amina and her set of twin live in an IDP camp in Borno State. Like many others, her children have only been immunized once and currently have eye defects due to lack of vital nutrients

The economic and political systems in Nigeria foster capture of power and resources by the elite; a non-inclusive growth that promotes social inequality and poverty triggering situations that thrive with poverty as evident in:

- The alarming number of Nigerians who live in poverty (69%);
- Insecurity especially of vulnerable people resulting from conflicts in different parts of the country;
- The number of primary school age children that are out of school (60% girls);
- Limited participation of women in politics in spite of the 35% affirmative action;
- The risk of multiple violations of child rights despite the adoption of Child Rights Act 2003 in most states;
- Continuous exclusion of young persons in development and youth unemployment (24% unemployed youths);
- Environmental degradation from oil exploration and climate change.

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The Strategy

SJEP recognises that Nigeria is a resource rich country and if its governance deficits are tackled, change that is for the public good could be achieved
The SJEP strategy focuses on:.



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The Social Justice to End Poverty 2018-2023 seeks to address these challenges through activities that strengthen the Nigerian economy and encourage:

01

Enhancement of the capacity for reforms using participatory approaches at all levels.

02

Building human resource (youths) capacity and creating linkages for economic autonomy and growth

03

Empowerment of women and young people to demand for open and fair electoral processes/enhance power to democratic choices.

04

Promotion of the sexual and reproductive health of women

05

Improvement of public service for a transformative gender responsive delivery for the poor

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RESOLVE

What will be done?

During this strategy period (2018-2023), AAN will implement a theory of change which is premised on empowering citizens especially youth, women and girls, and building accountability mechanisms such as:

01

Develop alternative knowledge and models

02

Mobilise peoples' movements and groups towards actualising local government autonomy

03

Aim to balance civic participation in all electoral processes

04

Invest in government and provide technical support in establishing a focused network system that can prevent and respond to all child protection concerns.

05

Develop women's leadership in emergency response

06

Engage government and support strengthening of existing institutions systems within communities aimed at facilitating access to services including reproductive health.

07

Facilitate dialogues between government institutions, political leaders, international organisations, civil society and communities on needs, sustainability, financing transition between short- and long-term interventions and social mobilization

08

Focus on prevention and response to abuse, neglect, exploitation and violence against children in times of emergency caused by natural or man-made disasters, conflicts, or other crises

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MECHANISM



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Peer education training for
community facilitators in Kwara State.

AAN has learnt through its approaches that partnership still remains an effective and efficient way of working to achieve gender equality, eradicate poverty and attain social justice. Her model of partnership assessment and capacity building has proven to be a successful way of building, advancing and sustaining organisational capabilities. Within its organisation, AAN will recruit and retain a diverse work force, facilitate the use of ICT and MIS, secure increased funding and have an efficient financial management system, promote effective governance and leadership, provide incentives to workers and facilitate MERL implementation. This will maximize human resource to enable AAN achieve the objectives SJEP.

AAN will work with:



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Advocacy visit to a host
community in Benisherik, Maiduguri

- Local Rights Programme communities
- Women and young girls (including the indigent, the disabled and survivors of violence) in communities and organised groups
- Traditional and religious institutions, community structures and traditional birth attendants
- Young people in political parties, young professionals, young persons' spaces and through organised platforms such as our Activistas and campaign platforms
- Government agencies, departments and structures
- The legislature at all levels
- Structures of elections and its managers as well as political parties
- Local Government Authorities
- The Academia and research institutes
- Organised citizens and professional groups, Issue- based platforms, unions, and coalitions and movements
- Urban poor in slums, squatters and dwellings
- Men and boys
- Development partners

The expected outcomes of SJEP are:

- Enhanced peoples' power in democratic and inclusive governance
- Improved quality of life for girls and women
- Improved participation of women in accountable humanitarian and resilience systems
- And ultimately, social justice shall be enthroned, gender equality enhanced and poverty eradication promoted in Nigeria

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