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From the Board Chair

2018 was tensed with rhetoric exchanges among political parties, which heightened as the 2019 general election drew closer. While Nigeria made some progress in socio-economic terms, its human capital development remained weak due to underinvestment and the country ranked 152 of 157 countries in the World Bank's 2018 Human Capital Index report.

Similarly, safety and security remained a major challenge with violent conflicts between nomadic herders from Northern Nigeria and sedentary agrarian communities in the Central and Southern zones escalating in mid-2018. Inequality in terms of income and opportunities grew rapidly and adversely affected poverty reduction. The North-South divide widened in recent years due to the Boko Haram insurgency and a lack of economic development in the northern part of the country, leaving large pockets of Nigerians living below the poverty line.

Although agriculture slowed down significantly due to conflict and weather events, non-oil, non-agricultural growth, which remained negative up to the third quarter of 2017 strengthened through 2018, to these effect smallholder farmers had their gains soiled. The torrential rainfall between August and September 2018 triggered displacement of persons, loss of lives and properties, destruction and disruption of livelihoods, particularly in Niger, Jigawa, Kogi, Adamawa, Bayelsa, Anambra, Delta, Benue, Kebbi among other States. The floods killed over 150 persons and affected about three million persons across 12 States.

In view of the safety and security issues around the country, ActionAid Nigeria responded and provided relief materials to a total of 4,417 persons in Kogi, Delta, Kebbi, Niger and Benue States. While the overall performance of the present government in dealing with poverty and corruption is unsatisfactory, some strands of achievement were recorded with the National Social Investments Programmes (NSIP) - the Home-Grown School Feeding Programme, the Government Enterprise and Empowerment Programme (GEEP) and the Job Creation Programme (otherwise referred to as N-POWER). ActionAid Nigeria monitored the programme across the 35 states (Excluding Ekiit, where their was delay in disbursement of funds), and the FCT, and found that the programme positively impacted the lives of the beneficiaries.

In addition, 2018 ushered in good tidings in terms of youth and women participation in politics when the 'NotTooYoungToRun' (NTYTR) bill became law on May 31st, 2018. ActionAid Nigeria provided technical and financial support towards the realisation of the bill. This feat has expanded the civic space for participating in the governance and democratic process for women and youths.

Despite all odds, ActionAid Nigeria remains committed to contributing its quota towards ensuring social justice for all.

Dr. Jummai Umar-Ajijola



From the Country Director

On January 18, 2018, ActionAid Nigeria (AAN) launched its Country Strategy Paper (CSP) Social Justice to End Poverty 2018 – 2023. The CSP is AAN's response to the deepening inequality of power and wealth, injustice and poverty in Nigeria and it guided AAN's work in addressing injustice, inequality and their effects on Nigerians – poverty and exclusion.

Throughout 2018, AAN stood with communities across the country at their various point of need as we exposed the scandal of poverty, challenged systems and structures that perpetuate injustice and confronted any attempt to erode the humanness of excluded Nigerian. This we have done for the last 19 years successfully in Nigeria, regardless of the difficult operating environment and challenging times, our commitments, have remained unfettered.

Not discarding the efforts of the government in the areas of improving the economy, ActionAid believes that much more can be done to make Nigeria better and safer for the citizens. Although the anti-corruption crusade produced some financial recoveries, the menace of corruption is yet to decline in Nigeria as reported by Transparency

International (TI) Corruption Perception Index. In response to this, ActionAid Nigeria launched the #Upright4Nigeria campaign not to only change the perception of citizens, but to also emphasise the need to strengthen systems and sanctions to reduce opportunities for corruption in public office spaces across Nigeria.

ActionAid Nigeria remains firm in it believe that a mix of investment in human and social development at all levels; creation of accountability mechanisms with increased citizens' participation in democratic processes and governance as well as redistribution of resources, will result in social justice and gender equality and this will be the fulcrum for our work in 2019.

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Who We Are

ActionAid Nigeria is a social justice organisation working to eradicate poverty through gender equality and the redistribution of wealth and power. We apply a human rights-based approach to development. We mobilise the active agency of people to confront unequal power relations that exclude them or others from participating in decision-making and limits their access to and control of resources and opportunities. We also challenge the norms and practices that undermine women's rights and promote patriarchy in formal and informal spheres. These we believe will contribute to the realisation of social justice for all.

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.



To work in solidarity with people living in poverty and exclusion to achieve social justice, gender equality and poverty eradication.

ActionAid Nigeria is driven by a passionate commitment to organisational values. These values defines her work and relationship with communities, partners, supporters and other stakeholders:

SOLIDARITY WITH MUTUAL RESPECT **EQUITY AND JUSTICE** INTEGRITY PEOPLE LIVING IN **POVERTY AND** requiring us to recognise requiring us to ensure the realisation of our Integrity, requiring us to be honest, **EXCLUSION** the innate worth of all vision for everyone, irrespective of but not transparent and accountable at all people and the value of being the only bias in our limited to gender, sexual orientation and levels for the effectiveness of our diversity commitment to the fight gender identity, race, ethnicity, caste. actions and our use of resources: and against poverty, injustice, class, age, HIV status, disability, location open in our judgements and and gender inequality. and religion. communications with others. COURAGE OF CONVICTION INDEPENDENCE **HUMILITY** recognising that we are requiring us to be creative and radical, from any religious or political party affiliation. bold and innovative - without fear of part of a wider alliance failure - in pursuit of making the against poverty and greatest possible impact on the injustice causes of poverty, injustice, and gender inequality.

ActionAid Nigeria was established in 1999 and registered with Corporate Affairs Commission. AAN is a national non-governmental, not for profit, non-partisan organisation and an affiliate member of the ActionAid International Federation which is registered as a non-profit in The Netherlands. Federation members maintain strong relationships of interdependence and mutual accountability, ensuring a strong balance between self-rule and shared-rule.

Donors

























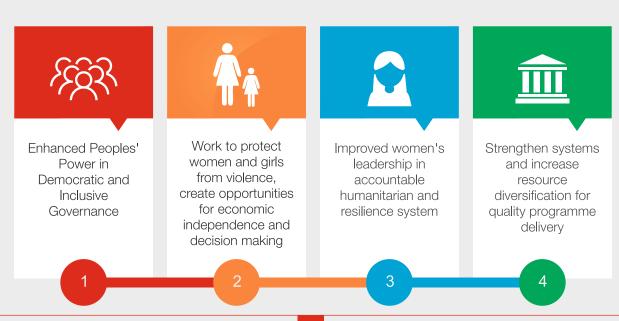
Funding Affiliates

United Kingdom | Italy | Sweden.

Our Country Strategy Paper at a Glance

2018 marked the beginning of the implementation of AAN Country Strategy Paper (CSP) 2018 -2023, Social Justice to End Poverty which is a response to the deepening inequality of power and wealth, injustice and poverty in Nigeria. Our CSP is aimed at social justice for all, gender equality and poverty eradication in Nigeria. It is a guide for how we work, who we work with, and our commitment to our theory of change.

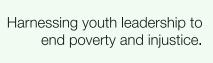
The CSP has four strategic objectives as follows:



10 key promises:



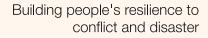
Securing women lands rights







Promoting sustainable agriculture







Holding government to account on public services

Responding to disasters through rights





Achieving redistributive resourcing for development

Increasing women and girl's control over their bodies





Transforming education for boys and girls

Generating women-centred economic alternatives



Our Theory Of Change

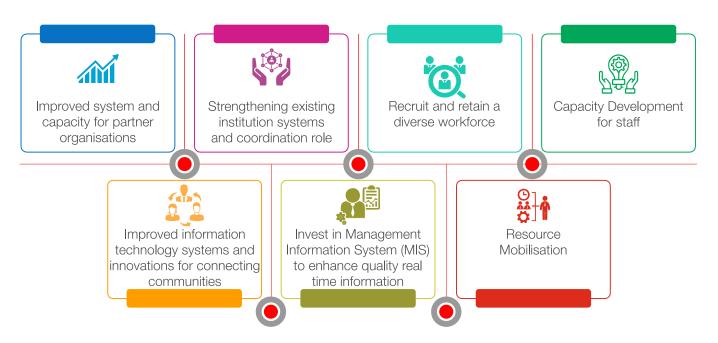
Our theory of change is premised on empowering citizens especially youth, women and girls, and building accountability mechanisms. This will lead to enhanced peoples' power in inclusive governance, improved quality of life for girls and women; while achieving social justice, gender equality and poverty eradication.



We believe that investment in human and social development at all levels; creation of accountability mechanisms with increased citizens' participation in democratic processes and governance; redistribution of resources results in social justice and gender equality. We will thus work to empower citizens' especially young people, women and girls and their movements; support the building of accountability mechanisms that will lead to enhanced peoples' power in inclusive governance, improved quality of life for women and girls; while improving social justice, gender equality and poverty eradication in Nigeria.

Organisational Priorities

To ensure effective implementation and delivery of AAN strategy, the following priorities were identified:



AAN Programmes



Linking all these is AAN Local Rights Programme being implemented in 11 states and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). Currently AAN projects are spread across the 36 States in Nigeria and in over 250 communities and are benefiting millions of people. From reflections and lessons of our programmes in Nigeria, we achieved good governance and accountable policies centred on the improvement of gender sensitive public services in Nigeria.

The People We Work With

We work with poor and excluded people in communities, to promote their rights and advocate positive actions from duty bearers to end poverty and injustice.

To ensure that these actions and services have impact in the rural communities, engaging multiple stakeholders at different levels; and in different situations, we thereby, act as enablers, advocates, facilitators, and catalysts. By so doing, we create space and interest for the voices of people living in poverty and their respective agencies to be embedded in government policies and actions.

In addition, ActionAid Nigeria takes sides with people living in poverty, exclusion and disadvantage situations.



Poverty and Inequality in Nigeria

Nigeria is a resource rich country with strong growth potential. It is a leading economy in Africa in terms of economic growth. According to the World Bank (2018), Nigeria has a population of about 201 million people, half of whom are women and more than two thirds are young persons. Nigeria accounts for 47% of West Africa's population, and has one of the largest populations of young persons in the world.

Conflict and Poverty



In recent years, growing discontentment and violent agitations that have roots in deprivation and poverty has led to increased violent extremism in the Northeast, a restive insurgency in the Niger-Delta region, self-determination struggles in the Southeast and a perennial inter-communal violence across the middle belt as demonstrated by the intractable herdsmen and farmers crises. There is a growing insecurity challenge with increased kidnapping and violent crimes exacerbated by unemployment, growing numbers of frustrated young persons, and the degradation of natural resources and climate change stressors. These underlying factors are reinforced by deliberate manipulation of differences by the political elites.



Women's Rights

Women in Nigeria continuously grapple with difficulties foisted upon them by cultural norms and practices that hold them back from achieving their full potential. In Nigeria, women rank lower than men in almost all indices of development. Women still have a higher unemployment rate than men; the employed few are concentrated in the informal sectors like agriculture, petty trading and services. Homemaking, childcare and other unpaid care work remains unrecognised and uncompensated. In the public sphere, the fortunes of women have remained abysmally poor despite official adoption of 35% affirmative action.

Child's Rights



As at 2017, 21 out of 36 States had adopted the Child Rights Act 2003 enacted by the Federal Government following the signing and ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. In spite of this, children are at risk of multiple violations of their rights such as violence, trafficking, exploitative labour, abuse, child marriage and female genital mutilation. Sixty percent of children often experience one or more types of violence before attaining adulthood. Over 17.5million children can be categorised as orphans and vulnerable children while a quarter of Nigerian children age 5-14 are involved in child labour (UNICEF).

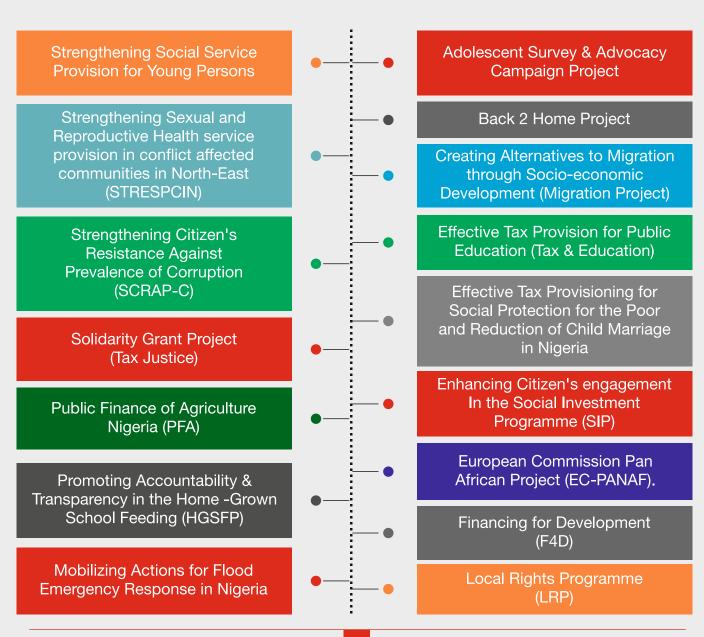
Continuous Exclusion of Young Persons in Development

Young people constitute 42% (NBS, 2017) of the country's population and yet this group remains underrepresented in governance and its processes. Encumbered by laws and practises in accessing public office, their creativity and voice is missing in policy making processes. Unemployment stands at 24% for this group, meaning they remain economically disadvantaged, making them vulnerable to power mongers, economic exploitation through casualisation and poor working conditions, foot soldiers for violent agitations and prone to trafficking and desperate search for better opportunities outside the shores of Nigeria. The condition of the young woman is that of double jeopardy with far reaching consequences of these conditions exacerbated by lesser economic opportunities, rape and other forms of violence, early marriages, health care that do not respond to the unique challenges of this group, male preference in education, human trafficking for sexual and economic exploitation, the burden of unpaid care work and unsafe spaces limiting the potentials for full economic competition.

The Environment and Sustainable Development

In Nigeria environmental degradation has continued to impact on the health and socio-economic wellbeing of the people especially communities whose livelihood largely depends on it. The connection to climate change is real. As a result of the ecological and environmental hazards from climate change, indiscriminate oil exploration and desertification, 35,000 hectares of arable land is lost annually to desert encroachment and drought in northern Nigeria and floods occurring elsewhere, with far reaching implications for women's rights, child and adult nutrition, livelihoods, resource competition and conflicts between communities and between farmers and herders. The various forms of ecological challenges constitute a threat on the community and the survival of people. Women are most affected because of their culturally and socially defined roles and responsibilities, because their adaptive capacity is low due to poverty and because their livelihoods are tied to the environment.

Projects in 2018



Strategic Objective Focus 1 – GOVERNANCE



FOCUS

Build people's power by promoting inclusiveness & a c c o untable decision by government and corporate bodies Reach:

Reach:



schools were reached with various intervention



136

Civil Society Organisations and 8 Constituency Groups trained and engaged on governance and democratic processes



Journalist trained on investigative reporting on different thematic areas of AAN **⊕©** 50.000

Online Engagements (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram)



20

published work on Corporate Social Responsibilities



local and community actions taken



key actors and influencers engaged across thematic areas

Total number of beneficiaries engaged and monitored through the SIP programmes

N-Power 114,316

Government
Enterprise
and Empowerment
Programme (GEEP)

73,630

Home-Grown School Feeding Programme (HGSFP)

1,982,220

Number of cooks identified

Numbers of farmers identified **87**

5, 755,252listenership through 6 live

Radio Programmes Over 10,000 reactions on Social

reactions on Social Media and 48,000 likes (Twitter/Facebook)

Target:





















Youth

Women Corporate Bodies Pupils

Schools

Relevant MDAs Farmers Journalists

Policy Makers Federal and State Government

Platform:





















Townhall Participatory
Meetings Workshop



Progressive Forum and Focal Meetings



Media Advocacy Workshops and Feedback Meetings

Actions:

We ensured that public education systems are more responsive to children, especially on the needs of girls as well as vulnerable and marginalized children in public schools.

We widened our social protection campaign by creating a people driven accountability and transparency system to support monitoring and cross learning on the implementation of the Social Investment Programmes.

Across the six geo-political zones, we promoted youth led discourse on revenue mobilisation and distribution and also built capacity of young persons to hold government accountable towards enhancing public service delivery in terms of budgetary process and use of tax

We extended our work with both private and public sectors by organising public enlightenment outreach on the importance of tax payment and utilization of revenue accrued from tax for the provision of infrastructure as well as social service

In the North Central, we improved the wellbeing and means of livelihood of Vulnerable Children (VC) and caregivers.

We supported improvements in the delivery of services to poor Nigerians under the Federal Government of Nigeria Social Investment Programme (SIP) by coordinating civil society organisations to effectively monitor, evaluate, and provide feedback on the implementation of these programmes

ActionAid Nigeria widened its social protection campaign by facilitating partnerships between professional Civil Society Organisations, constituency groups & the media on tracking of the delivery & impact of services provided in the Social Investment Programmes

ActionAid Nigeria extended its work with CSOs by building their capacity to establish a Technical and Advocacy working group that promotes and engages with the Enugu state House of Assembly and State Parliamentary wing on the Implementation of good governance and democracy

We promoted youth engagement by training and coordinating activities for youth to actively engage government on good governance and democracy

We formed a youth platform (Youth Peace Platform Against Corruption) and the group was trained on the Freedom of Information Act to demand accountability on budgetary process

As part of its inclusiveness in governance process, we trained People with Disabilities (PWD), media partners and other partners on strengthening their resistance against the prevalence of corruption.

ActionAid Nigeria increased awareness and knowledge on Tax Issues, Customer Social Responsibilities and Wages estimated 5, 755,252 persons through live radio programmes and over 10,000 engagements on social media

Through community engagements, ActionAid Nigeria was able to build systems and structures to encourage grassroots participation in the monitoring of the implementation of Home-Grown School Feeding Programme in Kaduna State.

On the Breaking Barrier Project, we have established 15 girls' space in 15 schools in Sokoto State and have trained 15 female facilitators on management of the facilities. We also engaged 67 persons (F= 29 M= 38) on fair taxation for financing quality education

ActionAid Nigeria constructively engaged the Federal Government on the implementation of N-SIP across the 35 States and FCT and provided feedback for actions to be taken on effectively implementing the Social Investment Programme

As part of support to build capacity of CSOs, AAN trained CSOs to monitor and evaluate programmes, track service delivery and subgrant to Community Based Organisations

As part of ActionAid Nigeria continued advocacy with the government, EC-PANAF with trained CSOs used the platform to establish a technical and advocacy working group to promote and engage with the Enugu state House of Assembly-State Parliamentary wing on the Implementation of ACDEG

Following the study report commissioned and submitted to anti-graft agencies in Nigeria by SCRAP-C and its partner. The anti-graft agencies took actions on the Oil Prospecting License (OPL 245) Malabu case.





Strategic Objective 2 - WOMEN AND GIRLS ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE



FOCUS

Work to protect women and girls from violence, create opportunities for economic independence and decision making

Reach:



women were reached through the Women in Politics Forum under SCEEP project



students and lecturers were reached on women's right and feminism



Radio programme reached an estimate

4,000,000

listenership in Akwa-Ibom and Abuja on violence against women in work places and gender base violence

Action:



Worked with community women and men in Kogi State and built their capacity on addressing violence and harmful traditional practices as it affects them.



Connected 10 Nigerian Local Women Rights Organisations (LWROs), including LRP partners to Urgent Action Fund; 3 LRWOs submitted proposal.



Strengthened Local Women's
Rights Organisations' capacity to
advance gender equality in Nigeria
through creating linkages and
alliances with feminist movement in
Nigeria



Mobilisation/knowledge building on feminist leadership and women's rights through capacity building.



Creating connections from local to national and international spaces.



Increased the resilience of women and young people in Kogi State through the establishment of 9 modular agroindustries in Kogi State that has improved the income generating status of over 9,000 women and youth of Kogi State

Result:

Reduction in widows mourning period from 5 to 3 months and associated harmful practices eliminated in Etutu-Ofuloko community.

1 LRWO received positive feedback from the Urgent Action Fund.

Increase in number of women participating in politics/vying for appointive position in Kaduna State with a total of 41 female aspirants and 1 candidate.











Over 500 students and lecturers in NSUK gained knowledge on women's rights and feminism.

AAN appointment as representative for the CSO on Federal Government of Nigeria and African Development Bank 50 Million Women Speak project- implemented within the ECOWAS sub region.

Strategic Objective 3 – HUMANITARIAN AND RESILIENCE



FOCUS

Improve women's leadership in accountable humanitarian and resilience system

Reach:

A total of 55,450 persons were reached under various intervention programmes and actions.











Target:









Platform:

group.

Youth for peace and development













Humanitarian managers working

Security and conflict working groups.

Actions:

we expanded our reach through humanitarian intervention in the North East by working and deepening our community rootedness with women and girls affected by the conflicts. In the North Central, we worked with women and youths in addressing issues of violence extremism, providing alternative livelihoods and building leadership capacities among youths especially young women.

Across our humanitarian interventions, we engaged with government and worked to strengthen existing government institutions and community structures to build resilience of people against natural disaster such as flooding.

We also worked with and built capacity of relevant securities agencies in understanding the concept of violence extremism, radicalisation and social cohesion.

In response to the humanitarian challenges and sufferings posed by flood disaster in 2018 in some of the LRP States (Delta, Kebbi and Kogi), which led to massive dislocations and displacements of people particularly women and girls, AAN provided relief materials to 3,042 households across the three LRP States; to cushion the adverse effect of the flooding.

Through the

implementation of the SARVE project, AAN was able to support the development and publishing of Kogi State Action Plan on the peace and security of women and children.

ActionAid Nigeria has significantly contributed in the reduction of violence extremism and criminalities in Kogi State. Example: The reduction of farmers/herders clashes in Kogi State from 31 reported clashes in 2017 to less than 5 in 2018.

From our work on PFA, there was increase in the budget allocation from 1.7% in 2017 to 2.00% in 2018. The capital expenditure allocation was also higher than the recurrent expenditure (31.14 for Recurrent and 68.86 for Capital). There has also been a N15 billion approved by the Federal Government of Nigeria in the 2018 agriculture budget for the recapitalization of the Bank of Agriculture (BOA) and the Bank of Industry (BOI).

Through strategic advocacy engagement actions, we have secured Commitment to Institutionalize the ECOWAS Agriculture Budget Summit by the ECOWAS Parliament.

Results:

Our engagements with smallholder women farmers have further resulted into SWOFON now having better and a more strategic relationship with the government at various levels as they are now being involved in relevant decision—making process and benefiting from government programmes

PARTNERSHIP & LOCAL RIGHTS PROGRAMMES

FOCUS:

Improve the socio-economic status of poor women, men and children in LRP States by mobilising communities and building their capacities to implement people-centered development programmes using the Human Right's Based Approach (HRBA)

REACH:

A total of 7,841 persons were reached under various intervention programmes and actions across the LRP States.



Men= 3,137

CBOs= 32

TARGET:



Relevant government agencies

ACTION:

- Launch of ERCCAP-N (Child Rights) in Bauchi and Kebbi States.
- Reviewed partnership agreement of 11 LRP Partners
- Improved constructive engagement among key stakeholders (MDAs, Civil Societies and Communities) as a result of IFAS forum
- Built strategic partnership with SMEDAN, Bank of Agriculture and Bank of industry
- NDE and SMEDAN trained over 300 women in Kwara, Kebbi, Ebonyi and Gombe State, SMEDAN also supported the trained women with 8 rice threshers in Kebbi and 4 maize processing machines in Ebonvi.
- Humanitarian support to communities affected by flood in Delta, Kebbi, Kogi.

RESULT:

- Strengthen quality programme implementation in 11 LRP
- Increased support and linkages with LRP communities
- More children involved in community activities and decision
- NDE supported 10 women groups with N100,000 each in Gombe state
- Plight of Womanhood intervention has been launched in Gombe State. The project is a policy campaign against harmful traditional practices

Strategic Objective 4

STRENGTHEN SYSTEMS AND INCREASE RESOURCE DIVERSIFICATION FOR OUALITY PROGRAMME DELIVERY



Resourcing our work. AAN continues to maximize its human resource by improving the capacity of its staff to deliver on its project and interventions.

EFFECTIVENESS:

directorate partnered with team media engagement

THE HUMAN RESOURCE UNIT

12

Staff Interns Volunteers Consultants

2018 staff strength = 79



Male: 39



ADMIN & LOGISTICS

Initiated and concluded office setup in Maiduguri Borno State to strengthen AAN humanitarian interventions in the Northeast.



Migrated all staff to a cloud based Office365 platform for a better collaborative workspace in AAN



COMMUNICATION

Revived Journalist Against Poverty (JAP) network and trained 405 journalists on different thematic areas of ActionAid Nigeria's work.



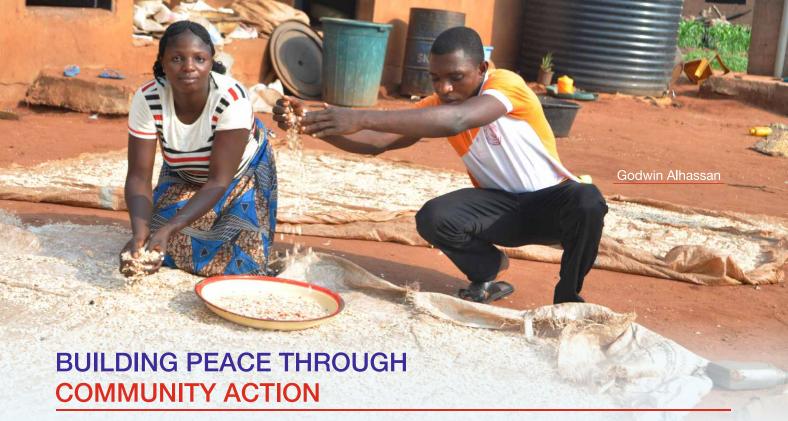
improve oversight and accountability



Initiated, designed and deployed AAN Management Information System (AMIS). Trained 62 Actionaid staff and staff of LRP partner organisations.



Stories by STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES



his year ActionAid Nigeria worked to address poverty and illiteracy - known drivers of violent extremism in communities in Nigeria, particularly in Kogi State - and contributed to improving the economic and social situation of women (especially children and young people). This was done partly by working with men to secure their support as community advocates for the protection of women's rights to economic empowerment and improved livelihoods. The objective of the programme was the protection of youth and women, particularly the women and girls. However, you might not succeed if you don't get the buy-in of the men, given the nature of the communities, it might be difficult to make a headway.

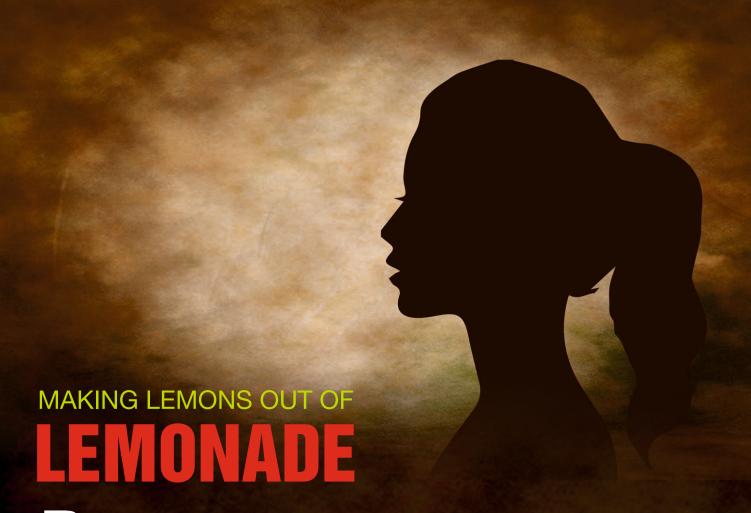
"Before, women held no leadership positions here and didn't contribute to discussions on community development, but that has changed," says Rebecca Samuel, 67, chairperson of the Okpapata Women Maize Milling Multipurpose Cooperative. "We [used to] travel nine miles on motorbike to the nearest mill processing machine, on a [rough] road and this exposed us to all sorts of ills, including rape and robbery, but that is a thing of the past since ActionAid built a cassava milling factory for us in our community."

The main target group for the intervention was 18 years to 35-year-olds, and influential women in communities that had the potential to mobilise other women and youths for peace building. The intervention prioritised women and girls because they were identified as the most vulnerable people during violent conflicts. Once identified,

these influencers were encouraged to form cooperative groups, and were supported with livelihood equipment; cassava processing plants for processing of their raw farm produce. It was provided for the women groups as a form of income generating opportunity for them, while serving as a means of processing finished products from their farm produce and grants. Project participants were trained, educated and empowered to engage with political leaders about community needs, and this resulted in improved livelihoods as most of the women now live above a dollar a day. reduced threats to security; such as theft, kidnapping and rape, and reductions in the costs of processing food crops, etc.

In addition to this work to strengthen women's mobilization, youth fiesta programmes were run, alongside conferences and research initiatives. As a result of these interventions the project reached almost 13,000 youths (4,230 women and 8,705 men) and nearly 9,000 women, imparting the skills necessary to build nine mini cottage industries; these includes rice, maize, cassava milling, block molding factories, and bakery that have lifted over 5,000 youths and women out of poverty.

"The training by ActionAid had the most impact on youths in my community," says Godwin Alhassan, 35, father of 2 from Ofuloko community. "It helped us identify behaviour in the community that can trigger violence and educated us on how to nip violence in the bud before it escalates."



lessing Ode (Not real name) refuses to let the odds of life limit her aspirations even though she was denied access to education due to limited resources and suffered many mishaps along her life journey.

Blessing is 30 years old, a Native of Delta and a member of the cosmetology cluster.

After escaping death from a gang rape by five men at an early age, Blessing needed to opt out of school when she completed her SSCE in order to ensure that her parent's resources are enough to cater for her younger siblings' education.

Being subjected to no tertiary education, Blessing had to source for a living through hair dressing. However, due to lack of funds, she was not able to rent a space for her business. In 2011, she was introduced to prostitution in Russia in order to make a living for herself and family.

'I started learning hair dressing and after graduation I couldn't get funds to open my own shop. It was during this time that a friend of mine introduced me to a woman who could help me go to Russia to make hair.

My instinct told me it was not "hair dressing" but I was determined to go because I needed the money to make a life for my family and myself'

Blessing suffered many near-death experiences due to gang rape as well domestic violence from supposed 'clients' during her time in Russia. After spending 4 years and 8 months, she was deported to Nigeria.

As a result of ActionAid Nigeria's intervention, Blessing now sees no need to leave the country in search for greener pastures.

'Now with what I have learned, I don't plan to go anywhere for now. I have started producing insecticides on my own and I am hoping to make something out of life'.



ariam goes to the governments' girl's secondary school, Gidan Madi. The school sign aged and dusty still stands atop the sand as Mariam and her friends walk into the premises. The school, where she is head-girl has an interesting history, one that evolved with some crucial help from ActionAid Nigeria. Mariam Ibrahim is eighteen, and a widower's daughter, who plays the role of mother to her siblings. Her mannerisms when coordinating the other girls shows a clear sense of motherliness, one undoubtedly gotten from experience. She smiles but not fully, and she makes direct eye contact when speaking to people. She also is one of the most fluent speakers of the English Language in her class.

The school was once a mixed gender establishment. Now due to a wall erected with the support of ActionAid Nigeria, through the School Based Management Committee (SBMC), the school now houses the boys and the girls, separated by a fence which ActionAid Nigeria helped construct. Before the fence came up, there was some chaos and hesitation on the part of parents to send their child to school, especially the female children.

According to Mariam, many of the girls sought out alternatives like hawking goods and helping their parents at home to run the house. Mariam's edge over many of her peers is however her ability to merge both worlds successfully, having attended school from JSS 1. She also intends to go the university to further her studies.

She plans to be a dentist. All of this could have easily been averted, had the wall not come up. The construction made out like a net fence hovers about eight feet and separates the classes. The boys are on one side, and the girls on the other. Nobody crosses the fence unless they are going on break or leaving school. According to Mariam, the girls are happy that the fence was erected. It champions the school's motto which is "Gender Sensitive." According to her, the boys often intimidated the girls among other things, many of which did not provide the full focus needed for school. After the local leaders and the SBMC members of Gidan Madi met, in response to the number

After the fence was erected, the enrolment rates for girl went up fast. The principal confirmed this with pride. Girls education is an important issue for many of the residents of Gidan Madi and those who can, and cannot afford it, are now willing to consider the option and take the risk. The legal presence of the SBMC also validates the decision to be long term, regardless of who is in power.

of girls being pulled out of school, the fence was finally erected as a unanimous agreement.

As for Mariam, she plans on becoming a Dentist in Sokoto State and care for people because she believes in the saying that cleanliness is next to Godliness.

FUNDRAISING



ActionAid Nigeria had four active streams of fundraising in 2018. These includes:



Institutional Fund-Raising Efforts

Total proposals signed in 2018 = £4,468,346.67

Total new projects won in 2018 = £ 2,989, 718.97

Total proposals submitted in 2018 with award certainty up to 50%-90% = £6, 487,574.41



Child Sponsorship

Attained top 8th position on Nkosokoso dashboard (AA child sponsorship database platform), among 45 AAI Countries, for management and reporting of child sponsorship profiles and performance for Period 1 and 2 of 2018.

Phased out of Brazil LRPs

Total Income for Child Sponsorship in 2018 = £1,138,000



Community Sponsorship

Signed on 682 new supporters, reactivated 38 dormant supporters and retained 665 active supports as at the end 2018

Raised N11,255,500 (£ 23, 210.79)



The Institutional Partnership & Development (IPD)

Increased partnership funding base by signing 10 million pounds from new & existing donor partnership funds through cross-country funding supports, consortia approaches, donor relationship strengthening, Community Sponsorship, Child Sponsorship, High value, and identification of windows of opportunities from ongoing program implementation.

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		Restricted			_	Unrestricted			To	Total	DEC '17 YTD
Income Type	2018	18			20	2018			20	2018	
	Actual YTD	Plan YTD	Actual 2017		Actual YTD	Plan YTD	Actual 2017		Actual YTD	Plan YTD	Plan YTD Actual £'000
Individual Giving - Regular	1,167	1,127	1,245		7	12	9		1,174	1,139	1,251
Individual Giving - Other	•	•			1	•	•				
Philanthropy and Partnerships	318	251	799				•		318	251	799
Institutional	4,286	3,024	2,615		•		•		4,286	3,024	2,615
Other Income (Including Trading)	(20)	-	(51)		•	-	1		(20)	-	(51)
Total External Income (Confirmed Income)	5,751	4,402	4,608	-	7	12	9	•	852'5	4,414	4,614

		Restricted			_	Unrestricted	_		2	Total	DEC '17 YTD	
% of Total Income	2018	8			20	2018			20	2018		
	Actual YTD Plan YTD	Plan YTD	Actual 2017		Actual YTD	Plan YTD	Actual 2017		Actual YTD	Plan YTD	Actual £'000	
Individual Giving - Regular	20%	26%	27%		100%	100%	100%		20%	26%	27%	0.011068
Individual Giving - Other	%0	%0	%0		%0	%0	%0		%0	%0	%0	
Philanthropy and Partnerships	2%	9%9	17%		%0	%0	%0		969	9%9	17%	
Institutional	75%	68%	92.4		%0	%0	%0		74%	%89	924	
Other Income (Including Trading)	%0	0%	-1%		0%	0%	0%		0%	%0	-1%	
Total External Income (Confirmed Income)	100%	100%	100%	-	100%	100%	100%	•	100%	4001	400%	

	-	Restricted			n	Unrestricted	P
Statutory Expenditure	2018	18			20	2018	
	Actual YTD Plan YTD	Plan YTD	Actual 2017		Actual YTD	Plan YTD	Actua 2017
Programme	4,383	3,768	3,357		-	-	-
Fundraising	165	120	187		ì	ı	1
Governance	47	54	8		1	ı	1
Support	574	661	465		-	1	1
Total Statutory Expenditure	5,769	4,603	4,048	-	_	-	-

39 465 **4,048**

5,769 4,603

3,768 120 54 661

Actual YTD 4,383 165 47 574

Actual £'000

Plan YTD

Total 2018

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	-	Restricted				Unrestricted	P		P.	Total	DEC '17 YTD
% Total Statutory Expenditure	2018	8			20	2018			50	2018	
	Actual YTD	Plan YTD	Actual 2017		Actual YTD	Plan YTD	Actual 2017		Actual YTD	Plan YTD	Actual £'000
Programme	86%	82%	83%		1	1	1		798	82%	83%
Fundraising	4%	%	22.		1	ı	1		3%	%	5%
Governance	9	7.	7.		1	•	1		7.	7.	17.
Support	10%	14%	11%		-	1	1		10%	14%	117.
Total Statutory Expenditure	100%	100%	7001	-	-	-	-	-	7001	100%	100%
	_	Restricted			n	Unrestricted	P		To	Total	DEC '17 YTD
Expenditure by Mature	2018				20	2018			20	2018	
	Actual YTD	Plan YTD	Actual 2017		Actual YTD	F T	Actual 2017		Actual YTD	Plan YTD	Actual £'000
NC - Grants and inputs	4,379	2,933	2,834		•	ı	1		4,379	2,933	2,834
NC - Staff Expenditure, All	1,049	1,122	940	ı	1	ı	ı		1,049	1,122	340
NC-Staff Expenditure-Redundancy	'	1			'	1	1		1	•	1
NC - Consultancy	64	23	\$		1	1	1		92	23	40
NC - Travel Expenditure	8	4	92		'	1	1		20	후	92
NC - Property Expenditure	164	326	117		,	1	٠		164	326	417
NC - Other Expenditure	32	185	41		-	1	-		32	185	41
Total Expenditure by Nature	5,769	4,603	4,048	-	-	1	-	1	5,769	4,603	4,048
		Restricted			ō	Unrestricted	Ģ		ů	Total	DEC '17 YTD
% Expenditure by Nature	2018	8			2018	18			2018	18	
	Actual YTD	Plan YTD	Actual 2017		Actual YTD	Plan YTD	Actual 2017		Actual YTD	Plan YTD	Actual £'000
NC - Grants and inputs	78%	64%	70%		1	٠	1		76%	64%	70%
NC - Staff Expenditure. All	18%	24%	23%	1	1	1	1		₩.	24%	23%
NC-Staff Expenditure-Redundancy	8	8			1	1	1		9	%	%
NC - Consultancy	7.	-2-	4		1	1	ı		7.	7.	7.
NC - Travel Expenditure	7.	8	%		1	'	•		7.	8	%
NC - Property Expenditure	%	7,2	3%		1	1	1		%	77	3%
NC - Other Expenditure	7.	4%	1,		1	-	1		7.	4%	7.
Total Expenditure by Nature	100%	100%	100%	-	1	1	1	_	100%	100%	7001

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RESERVES ANALYSIS	2(2018	2017
	Actual YTD	Plan YTD	Actual
Reserves restricted at LRP level	530	354	852
Reserves restricted at National level	514	151	328
Unrestricted Reserves			
Total Country Reserves	1,044	202	980
Unspent donor project Balances (Restricted For A&D)	513	88	099
Total Fund Balances	1,557	230	1,630

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

	NOTES	2018 ₩	2017 ₩
Grants	5	2,768,357,572	1,985,145,989
Other Income	6	14,276,328	387,255,555
Total income		2,782,633,900	2,372,401,544
Direct charitable expenditure	7.	2,094,609,511	1,272,997,419
Management and administrative costs	8	804,849,323	551,890,000
Total expenses		2,899,458,834	1,824,887,419
(Deficit)/ Surplus after tax before tax		(116,824,934)	547,514,125
Income tax expense	9	-	-
(Deficit)/ Surplus after tax after tax		(116,824,934)	547,514,125
Other comprehensive income			
Re-measurement gain/ (loss) on defined benefit plan	14.2	28,280,660	(2,048,467)
Reclassification adjustments for gain included in the income statement			-
Other comprehensive income for the year		28,280,660	(2,048,467)
Total Comprehensive (deficit)/surplus for the year		(88,544,274)	545,465,658 ======

See notes to the financial statements

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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

ASSETS		2018 N	2017 N
Non-current assets Property, plant and equipment	10	2	
Current assets Receivables Prepayments Cash and cash equivalent	11 12	914,382,071 26,938,457 538,040,790	833,810,504 22,405,057 697,680,875
		1,479,361,318	1,553,896,436
TOTAL ASSETS		1,479,361,318	1,553,896,436
Reserves			
Accumulated fund	13	874,486,430	963,030,704
Non- current liabilities Employee defined liabilities	14.3	144,650,000	170,240,143
Current liabilities Payables Other liabilities	15 16	319,014,170 141,210,718	325,266,878 95,358,711
		460,224,888	420,625,589
TOTAL LIABILITIES		604,874,888	590,865,732 ======
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES		1,479,361,318	1,553,896,436

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on .1.5.... June 2019 and signed on its behalf by:

Ene Obi

Country Director

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Director of Finance & Operations FRC/ 2014/ICAN/0000009875

Acronyms/abbreviations

AAI ActionAid International
AAN ActionAid Nigeria

ACDEG African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance

BOA Bank of Agriculture
BOI Bank of Industry

CSO Civil Society Organisation
CSP Country Strategy Paper

DANIDA Danish International Development Agency
DFID Department for International Development
ECOWAS Economic Community of West African States

ERCCAP-N Enhancing Rights of Children to Care and Accountable Parenting in Nigeria

EC-PANAF European Commission Pan African Project

FCT Federal Capital Territory
F4D Financing for Development

GCERF Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund GEEP Government Enterprise and Empowerment Programme

HGSFP Home-Grown School Feeding Programme

HIV Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HRBA Human Right Based Approach

IASL Impact Assessment and Shared Learning

IT Information Technology

IFAS Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences
IPD Institutional Partnership & Development

JAP Journalist Against Poverty
LRP Local Rights Programme

LWROs Local Women Rights Organisations

AMIS ActionAid Management Information System

MIS Management Information System
MDA Ministries Departments and Agencies
NSUK Nassarawa State University Keffi
NBS National Burgay of Statistic

NBS National Bureau of Statistic
NDE National Directorate of Employment

N-SIP National Social Investments Programmes

NORAD Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation

NTYTR NotTooYoungToRun
OPL Oil Prospecting License
PWD People with Disabilities

PFA Public Finance of Agriculture Nigeria
SBMC School Based Management Committee

SSCE Senior Secondary School Certificate Examination
SMEDAN Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency
SWOFON Small-scale Women Farmers Organisation in Nigeria

SIP Social Investments Programmes

SCRAP-C Strengthening Citizen's Resistance Against Prevalence of Corruption

SCEEP Strengthening Citizens Engagement in Electoral Processes

STRESPCIN Strengthening Sexual and Reproductive Health Service Provision in Conflict Affected

Communities in North-East

SARVE System and Structure Strengthening Approach against Radicalisation to Violent Extremism

UN United Nations

UNICEF United Nations Children Education Fund

UNFPA United Nations For Population Development Fund

VC Vulnerable Children



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