

A young girl with dark skin is the central focus, wearing a white headscarf and a red face mask. The mask has a white rectangular patch on the right side with the 'act:onaïd' logo, the text 'with Aesky, Aesky', and the 'GCERF' logo. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with a building and trees.

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Community Volunteers in Tudun Adabu community, Nasarawa State embarked on door-to-door sensitisation campaign.



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BOARD CHAIRPERSON



Looking into its next decade, Actionaid Nigeria (AAN) is reinvigorated in its commitment to end poverty, by challenging systemic factors that underpin power imbalances against vulnerable groups. 2020 as a pandemic year was particularly tough for marginalized groups, because of the structural effects of Covid-19. The pandemic is a reminder that when structural imbalances exist, society at large is worse off.

Through our four strategic pillars, feminist leadership principles and four programmatic areas, AAN lived up to its promise, by standing with marginalized groups throughout the pandemic lockdown, which imposed unimaginable economic and social costs on women, children and People Living with Disabilities. The pandemic has pushed to the fore, the underlying structural stresses, that feed undesirable perspectives on religious, ethnic and cultural discourse, fed by fears and concerns for safety of lives and property.

Our strategic response to this multi-sectoral manifestation, was instrumental in supporting social, economic and political ideas, towards strengthening our unity as a nation. That 2020 was a tough year, is an understatement for the civil society sector, but by activating its resilience mechanisms, AAN increased its most critical engagements with vulnerable communities.

While economic recovery has begun in earnest, the pandemic is not over and its shadows continue to loom over every facet of life. For the first time in modern history, humanity witnessed the double edged sword of globalization, as it aided the spread of the virus, while at the same time, remaining the backbone of global delivery of vaccines. As we look forward to a world without poverty, AAN will continue to fight for the right systems, policies and actions, that work for everyone and not just a few.

Our inspiration to carry on this fight, stems from the believe in our values and the conviction that while we will only play a part, we will do so passionately with honour and integrity. The next decade will be challenging, but we are accustomed to challenges. Our resilience in the past year has renewed our faith in our capacity, not just to bring about change, but to lead it in the right direction. Indeed our resolve in the power of partnerships, opportunities in learning and readiness to summon the required courage, for a world devoid of inequalities, one that guarantees social justice and eliminates poverty, has never been stronger.



COUNTRY DIRECTOR



Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, ActionAid Nigeria (AAN) made giant strides in its mission objective of social justice, gender equality and poverty eradication by working with women and girls, vulnerable communities living in poverty and exclusion, people's organisations, activists, social movements, and supporters in 24 states and Nigeria's Federal Capital Territory. 2020 was a significant year; it marked the 3th year of implementing the current Country Strategy Paper: social justice to end poverty, 2018 to 2023.

The COVID-19 pandemic exposed first-hand how deeply rooted Gender Based Violence (GBV) is and how much it has been entrenched in our society. The alarming rate of incidences of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) during the lockdown revealed the urgency of the need for passage and implementation of laws to protect women and girls.

To end violence against women and girls in Nigeria, ActionAid is shifting power to local women's rights organisations through capacity building, institutional strengthening and granting women's Rights Organisations so that they are poised to lead policy influencing at different levels while also providing necessary services to victims and survivors. Through this approach, ActionAid has been able to build a formidable force of women's rights organisations in Nigeria who are adequately equipped to combat GBV. In 2020, AAN provided emergency funds to 100 women's rights organizations to swiftly respond to emerging issues of women's rights violation and it is rewarding to see the country make considerable progress in ending Sexual Gender Based Violence, following the unrelenting effort of civil society and local women's rights organisations who have penetrated the nooks and crannies of the country with advocacies and sensitization on SGBV prevention and protection of women's rights.

The efforts for the government in taking the country forward, particularly at the time when the world is battling a pandemic is acknowledged, however unemployment, poverty, corruption, and insecurity remain major concerns in our country. There is an urgent need for governments at all levels to partner closely with citizens and citizens groups to address and tackle the issues of poverty, hunger, quality education, population growth, crime, under development, and corruption in the private and public institutions.

2021 looks promising as we continue to work towards the achievement of our vision of a just, equitable and sustainable Nigeria where every citizen enjoys the right to a life of dignity, freedom from poverty and all forms of oppression.

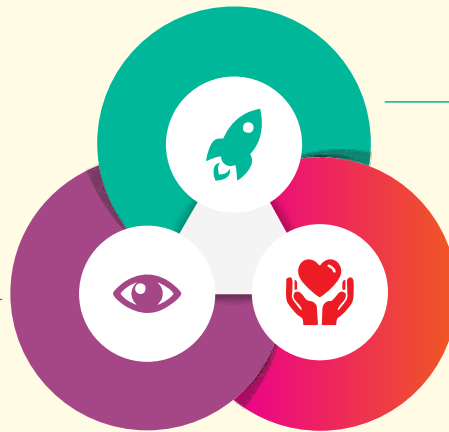
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WHO WE ARE

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.

MISSION

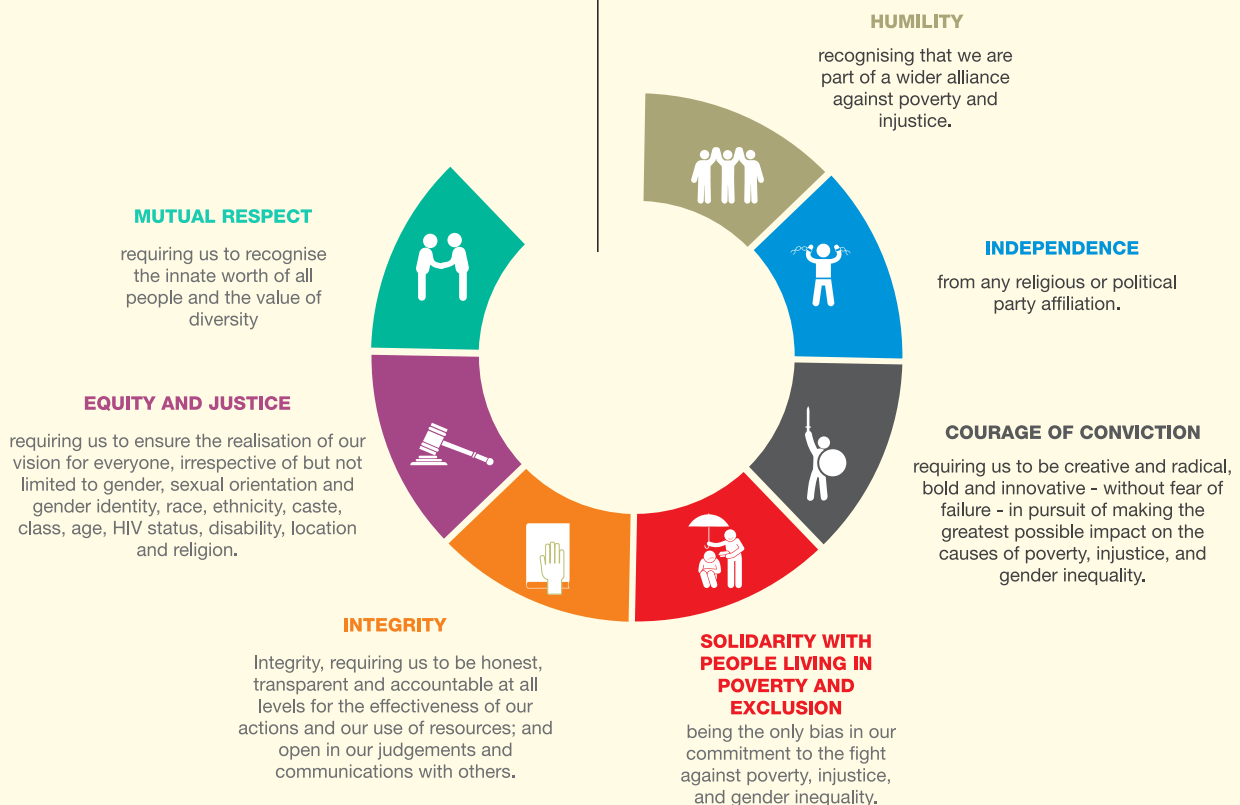
To achieve social justice, gender equality and poverty eradication by working with people living in poverty and exclusion, their communities, people's organisations, activists, social movements and supporters.



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.

VALUES



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.

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.

Strengthen systems and increase resource diversification for quality programme delivery.

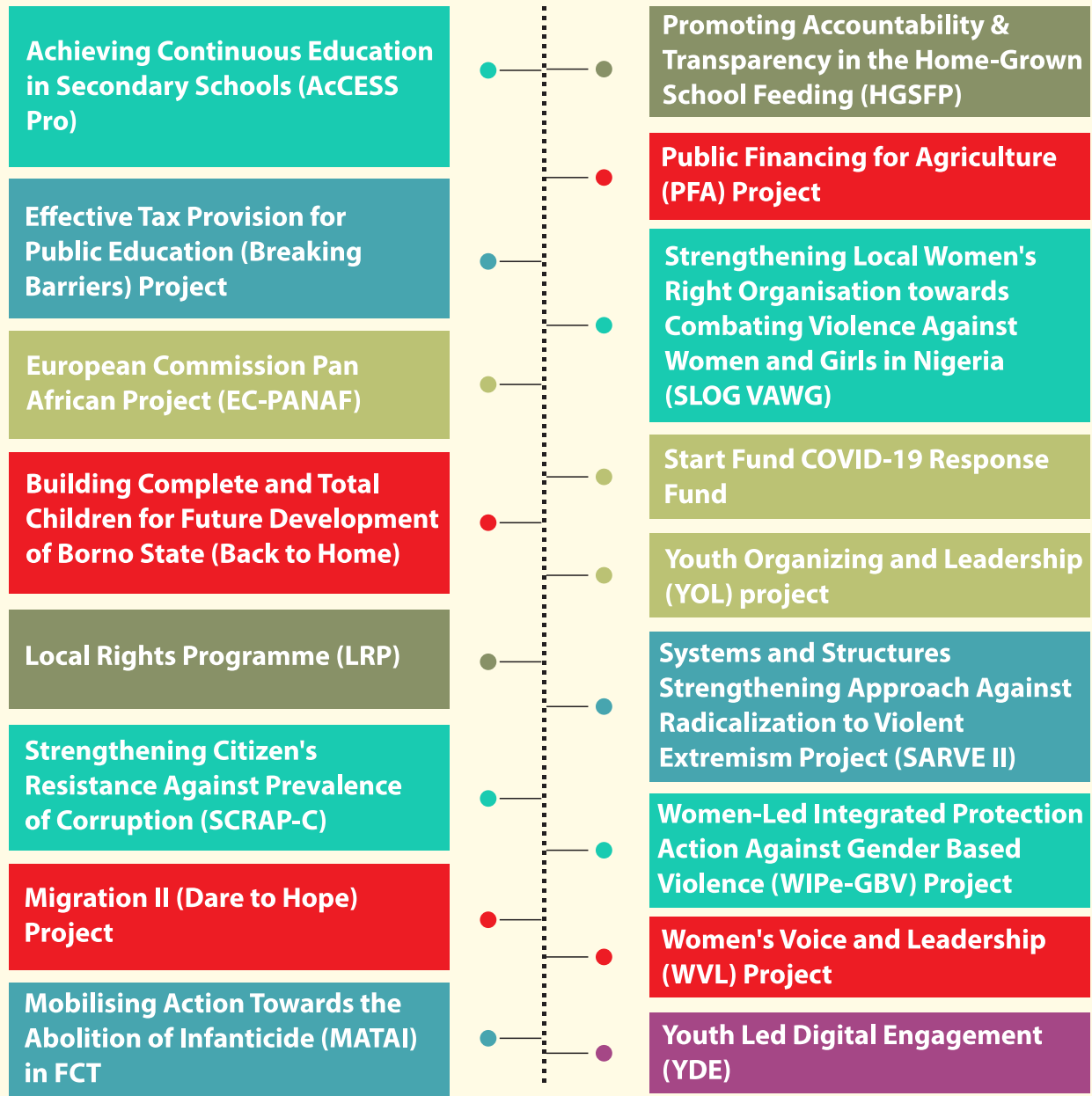
Improved women's leadership in accountable humanitarian and resilience system.



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

Enhanced Peoples' Power in Democratic and Inclusive Governance.

PROJECTS IN 2020



10 KEY PROMISES

Securing women lands rights



Promoting sustainable agriculture



Holding government to account on public services



Achieving redistributive resourcing for development



Transforming education for boys and girls



Responding to disasters through rights



Building people's resilience to conflict and disaster



Harnessing youth leadership to end poverty and injustice.



Increasing women and girl's control over their bodies



Generating women-centred economic alternatives



OUR THEORY OF CHANGE

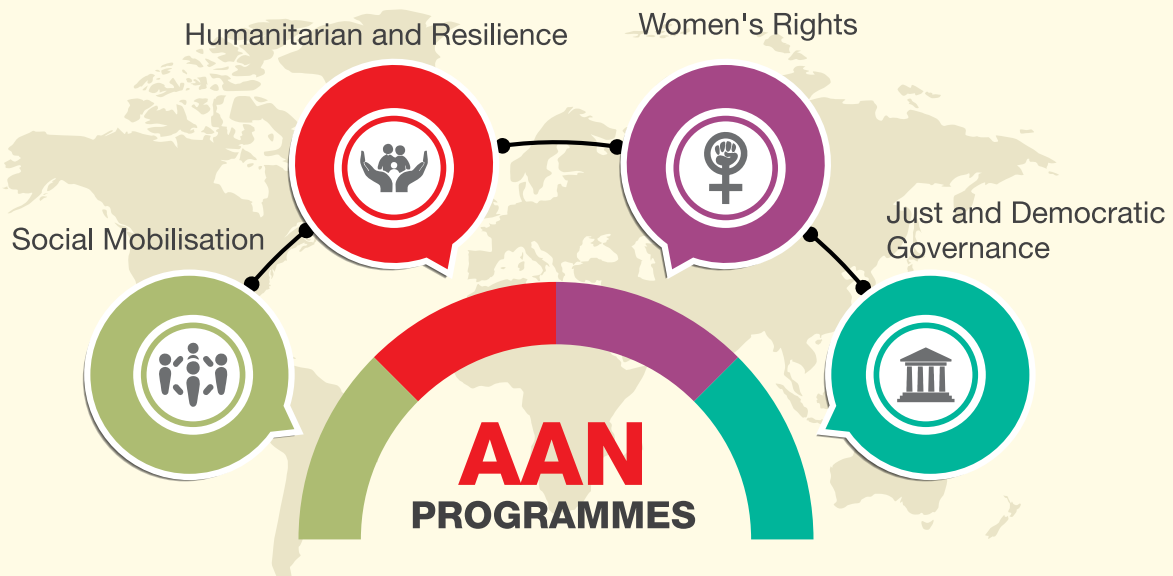
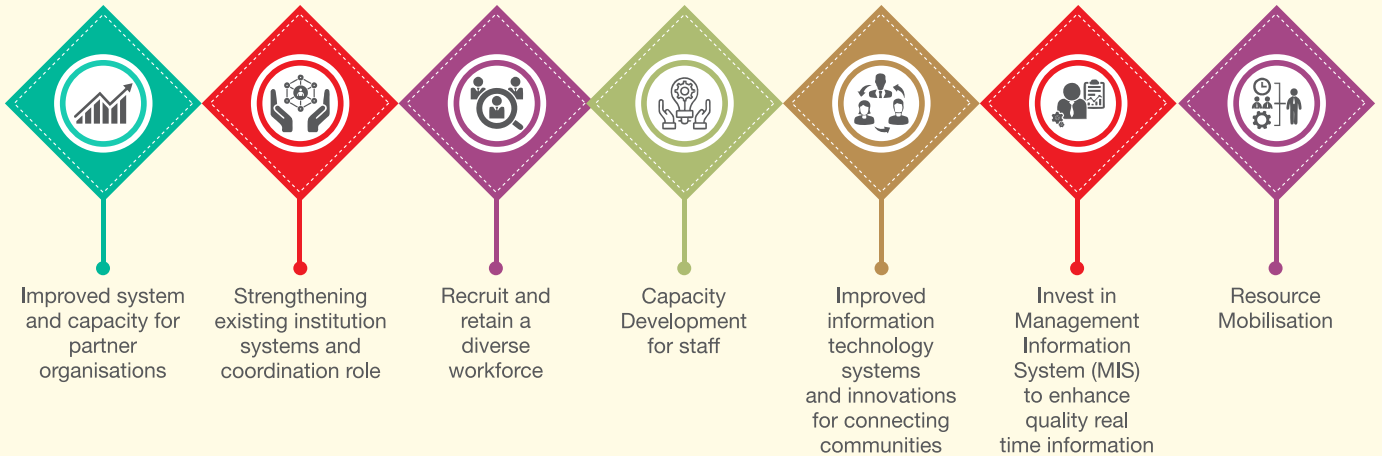
Our theory of change is premised on empowering citizens especially young people, women and girls, and building accountability mechanisms. This will lead to enhanced peoples' power in inclusive governance, improved quality of life for girls and women; while achieving social justice, gender equality and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



Linking all these is AAN Local Rights Programme being implemented in 17 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.

OUR CONTEXT



COVID-19 AND POVERTY

According to the World Data Lab, a non-governmental data analysis organisation, nearly 102 million Nigerians live in extreme poverty—the largest extremely poor population in the world. The World Bank estimated in early 2020 that roughly half of Nigerians were living on less than \$1.90 per day. This has been worsened by the unprecedented outbreak of COVID-19 in 2020, where lockdown and control measures led to a slowdown in economic activity and in near total shutdown in social interactions due to social distancing and COVID-19 control measures.



INSECURITY AND SHRINKING CIVIC SPACES

The rise of insecurity across the country is concerning. There has been widespread kidnapping, banditry and recurring cycles of deadly violence and communal clashes. In recent times, the clampdown on peaceful protests, arrest and detention of activists, protesters and media repression signifies a renewed intolerance of free speech and dissent by Nigerian authorities indicating the shrinking of political and civic spaces. The recent “End SARS” and “End Police Brutality” protests, broadly coordinated across the country by young Nigerians indicated a level of dissatisfaction with the current Nigeria Police Force (NPF) formation, especially with the activities of the Special Anti-robbery Response Squad (SARS).



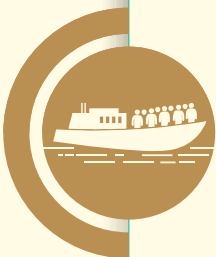
GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)

GBV has continued to increase and is exacerbated by COVID-19 lockdown. By mid year 2020, AAN witnessed 149% increase in 23 out of the 36 states in Nigeria where data could be obtained on GBV and with specific reference to sexual violence. This is validated by the report of the Nigerian Police which recorded 717 cases of rape between January to June 2020. This is almost a 200% increase from the previous reporting period. The Inspector General of Police had affirmed that the restrictions in movement occasioned by COVID-19 restrictions may have contributed to the sharp increase (ActionAid Nigeria, 2020). High profile killings like that of Tina Ezekwe (#Justice4Tina) and Uwavera Omozuwa (#Justice4Uwa); to mention a few, traumatised the nation and led to country-wide protests and demonstrations.



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).



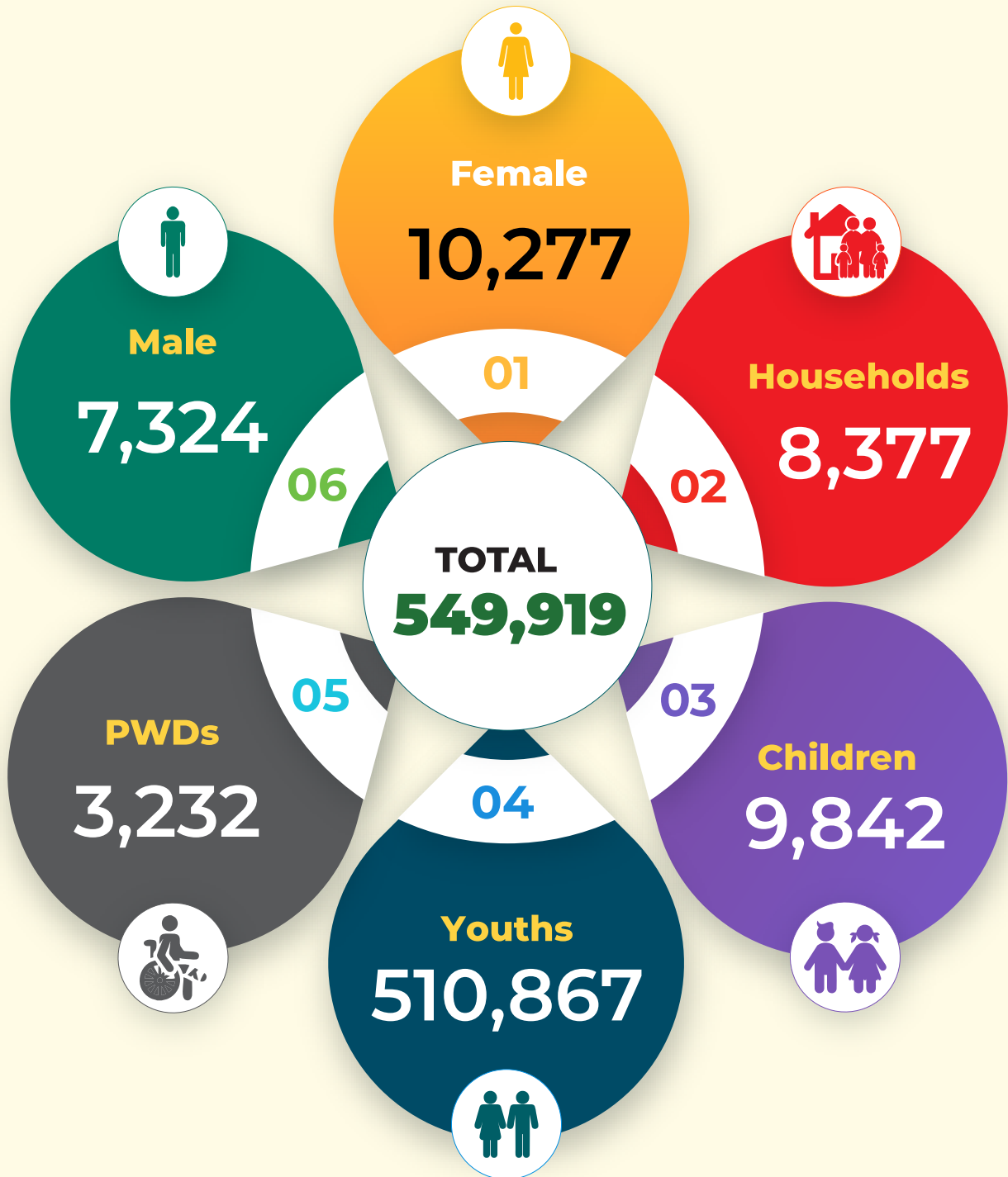
FORCED MIGRATION

Irregular migration and trafficking in persons remains a concern in Nigeria. In the period under review, the long-standing exploitative transportation of Nigerian girls to Europe to work in the sex industry, or the self-initiated migration in search of economic opportunities still persist. In 2020, ActionAid Nigeria provided mental and psychosocial support to 130 female returnees on its migration project in Edo State, an indication that this issue is still with us.

In recent years, Nigeria has been faced with a series of migratory crises such as insurgency and conflict, forcing large numbers of people to flee from their various residential origins to neighboring countries as refugees and asylum seekers or within their country as Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). The unrelenting violence in north-east Nigeria has prompted new waves of displacement to congested camps in 2020. The number of IDPs in Nigeria's worst-affected states of Borno, Adamawa and Yobe rose from 1.8 to 1.9 million in 2020, according to IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix. The majority live in precarious, makeshift shelters which expose inhabitants to harsh weather conditions as well as gender-based violence and other security threats. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of people in need of humanitarian assistance has grown by 3.5 million – from 7.1 to 10.6 million – the largest number since the joint humanitarian response began five years ago.

ACTIONAID NIGERIA TOTAL REACH

In summary, ActionAid Nigeria reached a total of **549,919** persons through its strategic objectives:





STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1

ENHANCED PEOPLES' POWER IN DEMOCRATIC
AND INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE.

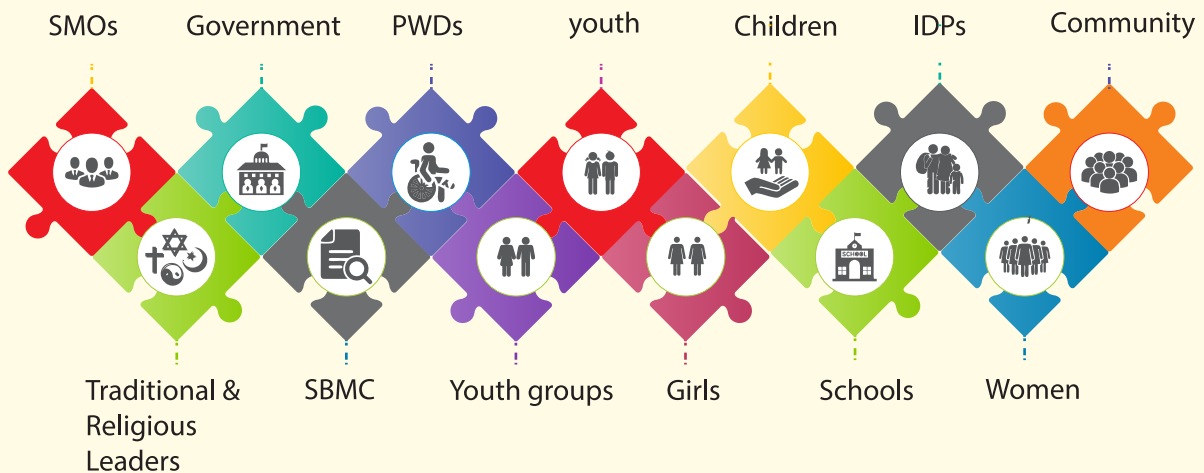
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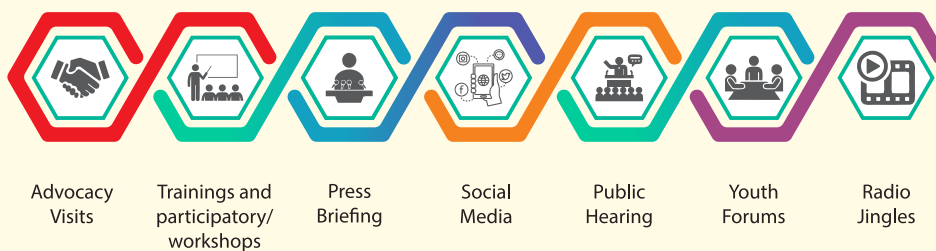
FOCUS

Making local governance work for people by promoting transparency and accountability through engaging institutions to promote inclusive, accountable and redistributive public finance, ensuring effective gender responsive public service delivery, promoting equality and expand the shrinking political and economic spaces.

TARGETS



PLATFORMS



KEY ACTIONS & RESULTS



500,000 Youths reached on positive civic engagement demanded for necessary amenities which lead to the construction of 6 new room theatre wards & allocation of N70 million for the construction of solar-powered borehole, additional wards, and renovation of doctors' quarters in Kaduna state.



13,121 youth-focused groups trained on social norms and anti-corruption. As a result, the deduction of salaries to fight COVID-19 in Kaduna was halted and this also led to the publicizing of COVID-19 funds and donations from private individuals in Akwa Ibom.



575 persons trained on social audit, gender responsive public service, budget analysis and monitoring led to the postponement of state budget public hearing in Kaduna state and inclusion of 30% youth at the next meeting.



160 vulnerable children receiving support from the Vine Heritage Home (VHH).



5 youth groups engaging constituencies on anti-corruption practices, through the ICPC constituency project, 2 billion was recovered in diverted funds. Over 200 contractors returned to the sites to complete projects & over 740 projects have mapped area across 16 states

In addition, the Youth Commission Bill was passed into Law in Nasarawa State after a series of engagements by youths, ActionAid and CSO partners in the state.



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2

WORK TO PROTECT WOMEN AND GIRLS FROM VIOLENCE, CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE AND DECISION MAKING.

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FOCUS

to support activities empowering women & girls, protect their rights and increase funding to achieve gender equality.

TARGET



Women's Rights Organisations - NGOs and CBOs - reached with special funds - multi-year grant, strategic opportunity fund, strategic innovation fund and COVID-19 grant



Women and girls at community, state and national level - reached with capacity building, communication messages, and services.



Government and its institutions - reached with advocacy, and advocacy messages, trainings and dialogues



Traditional and religious leaders - reached through awareness creation, advocacies and trainings



Men and boys - reached through awareness creation, advocacies and trainings

PLATFORMS



Sub-granting

Trainings

Advocacy

Meetings/
dialogues

Safe
spaces

KEY ACTIONS & RESULTS



100 women's rights organisations received a total of NGN357,900,935.46 through regular multi-year grant to implement strategic feminist interventions across 6 project states and the FCT. This has resulted in the passage of VAPP law in Nasarawa, Bauchi and Kwara states; provision of protection services for GBV survivors in all project states; 1950 women economically empowered and having control over their resources; and creating access to gender responsive services.



Additional 20 women's rights organisations received NGN30,776,300. (103,552.36CAD) as part of AAN's COVID-19 response. With this grant, 3320 SGBV survivors and their families were provided with critical protection services – medicals, short-term shelters, psycho-social support services and legal aid across 17 states in Nigeria; and 4 short-term shelters established and/or made more functional in Lagos, Kwara and FCT.



ActionAid Nigeria elected as the Co-Chair of the Development Partners of Gender (DPGG) with 49% of votes against other agencies. This role has increased AAN's visibility and contribution to driving the gender equality and women empowerment agenda in Nigeria.



Creation of a Feminist Hub www.feministhub.org, a one stop online resource centre to assist Women's Rights Organisations, activists, academia and women, girls seeking grants, mentorship and reference materials on advancement of women and girls rights.



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3

IMPROVED WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN ACCOUNTABLE HUMANITARIAN AND RESILIENCE SYSTEM

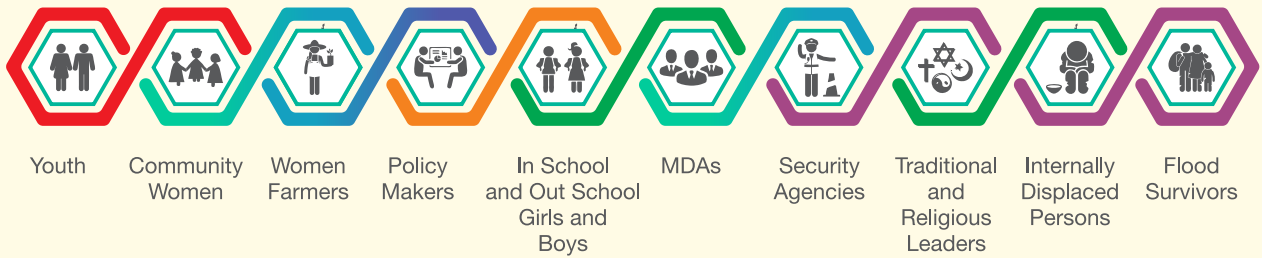
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FOCUS

Enhancing women's leadership by strengthening existing systems and structures, and providing social and economic support to increase their resilience to violence and disaster while improving their access to lands, funds and agricultural inputs.

TARGETS



PLATFORMS



KEY ACTIONS & RESULTS



ActionAid Nigeria continues to strengthen structures and systems at community, sub-national and national levels that support the Prevention of Violent Extremism (PVE). Through our SARVE II Project, we set up and operationalized 86 functional social safety structures established in communities that include Women & Girls' Safe spaces, Peace clubs and the Community Action Response Teams (CARTs).



Through Our Education in Emergency interventions in the North East of Nigeria, 244 children displaced from Magumeri and Gubio, Borno state equipped and admitted into 4 non-formal learning centres, Capacity building support for 8 School Based Management Committees in Borno State, Community Sensitization for enrolment and retention drive in communities.



30 commitments secured at sub-national and national levels on increased public funding and investment in smallholder women farmers through advocacy and campaigns. ActionAid is currently following up on these commitments with a view to seeing them actualized.



1000 returnees and potential migrants in Edo States received economic support as part of ActionAid alternatives to migration intervention. Our sensitisation intervention reached xxx number of persons across 12 communities in 3 Local Governments Area. of Uromi, Estako West and Benin City. ActionAid Nigeria also conducted capacity strengthening interventions targeting 7 Ministries, Departments and Agencies of the Edo State Government to improve their oversight and management of migration related actions of the Edo State Government.



ActionAid Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) responded to 2 humanitarian emergencies to support communities in Kebbi and Borno. 350 women led households and flood survivors in KENDE and NAMA Goma community of Kebbi receive food and non-food support while in Borno State, 1600 Displaced women headed households received hygiene/dignity kits to reduce the impact of COVID-19 on communities affected by humanitarian disasters.



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 4

STRENGTHEN SYSTEMS AND INCREASE RESOURCE
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FOCUS

building and improving capacity of its staff to deliver on it's project and interventions through continuous maximizing of its human resource.

A) RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

In resourcing our work, a total of **£ 6,077,088.57 (N3,139,294,945)** was raised through **3** funding streams.

 FUNDING STREAMS	 £ (Pounds)	 N (Naira)
Institutional Partnership & Development	£4, 233, 077.80	N2,186,800,923.80
Community Sponsorship	£ 26,182.33	N13,524,781.60
Child Sponsorship	£ 1,817,828.44	N938,969,241.02
Total	£ 6,077,088.57	N3,139,294,945

B) PARTNERSHIP & LOCAL RIGHT PROGRAMME (LRP)

KEY ACTIONS & RESULTS



Cross River, Ekiti and Yobe states were brought on board the AAN LRPs states. With signing of partnership agreements and inception of programmatic work, these states complete AAN LRP states to 18 states.



Through sustained engagements 7 mobilized LRP communities were able to engage duty bearers for the provision of social services in their communities; 4 boreholes installed through the support from World Bank Grant in Gungun Tawagye, 2 Boreholes in Pasepa, FCT by UBEC and Turkish Government, renovation of primary schools in Mba Bauchi, Eseba Delta, Gungun Tagway and Gidan Agoda in Kebbi and Pasepa in FCT



Through community actions, Kupto in Gombe state, Gungun Tagway and Tiggi communities in Kebbi received a cumulative of N13,724,619 through the World Bank Assisted Community Social Development Project and Nigeria State Health Investment Project (NSHIP) for upgrade of a maternity hospital (Gombe), construction of culvert and Biology and Physics laboratory (Kebbi) respectively.



With improved capacity for engagement, LRP Partners in Bauchi worked with other stakeholders, including Activista to advocate for the conduct of LGA Election in the state. This resulted in the conduct of the first Local Government election in Bauchi since the advent of the fourth republic.

C) ORGANISATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

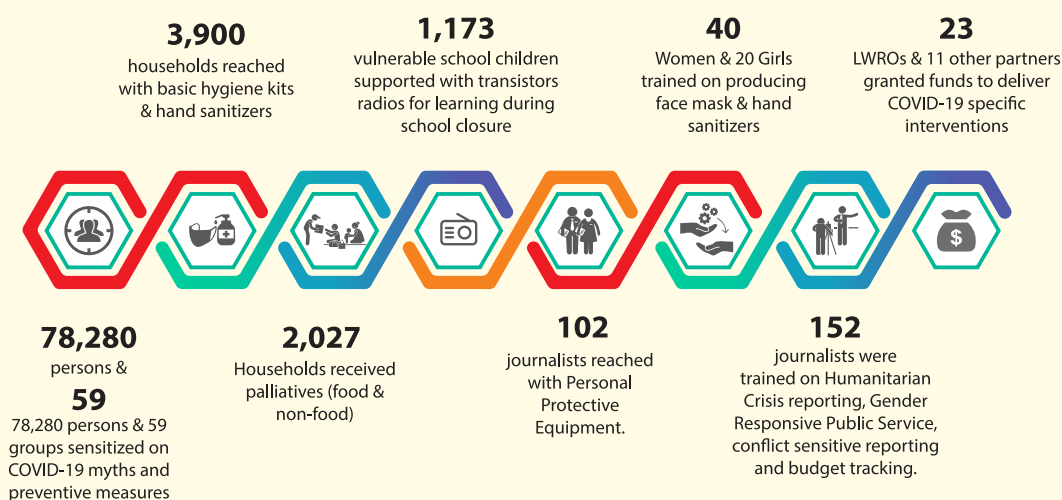
With the disruption caused by COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the Organisational Effectiveness directorate developed a Business Continuity plan for ActionAid Nigeria to support its work and programme delivery during the lockdown and guidelines for office re-opening amidst necessary safety protocols.

The staff strength for ActionAid Nigeria for the year including Volunteers, Interns and Consultants who supported in achieving the organization's objectives was 110.

The directorate ensured systems strengthening for partner organizations through trainings on ActionAid SHEA and Safeguarding policies, and Gombe Local Rights Programme (LRP) review, supported change management and recruitment of CEOs for Kogi, Ebonyi and Kwara LRPs. Also worked with Partnership unit to facilitate Partnership and Appraisal monitoring processes as well as community appraisals in Niger, Enugu and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

COVID-19 REACH

Asides these gains, when the COVID-19 pandemic hit Nigeria in March 2020, ActionAid Nigeria adapted its programme to provide lifesaving support to communities and beneficiaries. Some of its services include:





STORIES BY STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE



COURAGE FOR CHANGE

Rashidat Dauda is energetic. She applies that energy not just in her 10hectares farmland but in government offices and media organisations where she takes her daring advocacy.

Ipetu community has no government presence with regards to basic infrastructure.

The community tucked in Asa Local Government Area in Kwara State, is in want of every basic essentials of livelihood. There is lack of water, no healthcare facility and the only school in the community has only 5 teaching staff for the entire secondary school. At Ipetu, the people live in a world of their own.

ActionAid Nigeria Public Financing for Agriculture (PFA) project seems to be timely. It was a wake-up call to new sets of community activists who never exercised their freedom to make demand on the government. Rashida took on the role to engage the local government officials after attending seminars facilitated by PFA. For the first time, she was informed of her inalienable right to make demands on the government.

“In this community, we didn't have water, we have to travel to the stream to fetch water, the stream is so far away, we suffered a lot, but after the PFA training on advocacy, we decided to go to the local government to make request for water. We wrote them, they

didn't respond, we visited them, they promised to do something about it but we didn't see anything done, so we decided to go to the radio station” Rashida admits that the strategy to channel their advocacy through the media was the game-changer.

After appearing on a radio programme to discuss the community's lack of water; the government got in touch with them and moved into action. They also got response from other citizens and private organisations interested in providing water for the community. Now, the community has 2 boreholes, 2 water tanks and a generating set. Thanks to the advocacy.

Soon a neighbouring community approached to ask what strategy got government to promptly respond to the request: “We didn't just get water for our community, our neighbouring community where I held step down training on advocacy also made their case through the radio station and were also quickly attended to. We are so close to the government now; I have contacts of staff of the local government and we will not stop until the people of Ipetu receive all the basic amenities required to lead a life of dignity” she said in her local dialect with a pinch of smile.



A PLACE WE CALL HOME

Sited gracefully and safely in the serene town of Amoyo is the dream and desire of every first responder for Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV); a fully renovated, adequately furnished and staffed emergency shelter for survivors of violence. The once dilapidated and abandoned government-owned rehabilitation block has been transformed to become the first and only emergency shelter in Kwara state.

Renovated within 2 weeks of allocation, the building contains three (3) dormitories (1 for minors, 1 for adults, and 1 for caregivers); twenty five (25) beds, mattresses, and bedding materials; three (3) toilets with sanitary pads and toiletries; three (3) bathrooms; a big kitchen doubling as a catering center with one (1) refrigerator, one (1) freezer, and kitchen gadgets; a dining room with television; Office furniture; a counselling and medical services center; and a general staff office. The building was subsequently connected to the national grid with a brand-new generator for electricity support. Potable water was also directed into the main building to ensure adequate supply of water to the shelter home from the borehole.

“Shelter is the major challenge of the Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, but with the intervention of Global Affairs Canada and ActionAid Nigeria through GLOHWOC, the survivors of SGBV now have a place, we are eternally grateful to GLOHWOC for facilitating this support for Kwara State, we seek the kind support of GLOHWOC for inputs during our budget planning to ensure sustainability of the shelter home and Sexual Assault Referral Center.” V.O Abioye, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Women Affairs & Social Development, Kwara state.

In August 2020, Christiana Abayomi, Executive Director, Global Hope for Women and Children (GLOWHOC), met with the Kwara state Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development to request for a structure that could be converted to a temporary shelter for survivors of violence given the recent surge in cases of violence within the state. One block out of the state's 3-block rehabilitation outfit was handed over to GLOWHOC by the Commissioner for Women Affairs and Social Development, with the understanding that the centre will be managed by GLOHWOC in collaboration with the Ministry for the first 6 months, after which the Ministry will take over fully.

Since September 2020, the centre has housed fifteen (15) survivors who were provided food, nutritional, medical, and psychosocial support. Seven (7) of these were trained on basic cookery to equip them with income generating skills as they leave the shelter. GLOWHOC is a partner of ActionAid Nigeria on the WVL Nigeria project. The renovation of the shelter home was made possible through the Women's Voice and Leadership-Nigeria (WVL-N) COVID-19 SGBV top-up fund fully supported by Global Affairs Canada.

“Through the GAC COVID-19 Top up grants, SGBV Survivors in Kwara State now access itch-free medical, legal, vocational and psychosocial supports. We owe our success to GAC/AAN for creating the great opportunity for GLOHWOC to make a difference in Kwara State.” Christiana Abayomi, Executive Director, GLOWHOC.



Destiny

REFUGE ON THE ROOF; A Story of Survival

The flood was at my chest level and the wave almost took my baby away. We woke up to our home submerged and we barely made it out alive with a few wet clothes and no food. My aunt had to stay on the roof for days to guard what was left of our belongings when the flood ravaged our home” Destiny, 21, single mother of 2 narrates the devastation of the 2019 flood in Abuator, community, Delta state. Like previous years, flood ravaged communities in Delta, Kebbi and Borno States which led to the destruction of farms, houses, livestock, community transport network, and in some cases, loss of lives.

Although, communities across all States are aware of the periods they experience flood annually, relocation or migration is not an option because of the high soil fertility of their lands for farming which is also their means of livelihood, hence they continue to live there regardless of the recurring flood experience. A preliminary visit by ActionAid Nigeria to the state to assess the flood situation revealed that while some residents remained in their communities, others relocated temporarily to the internally displaced persons camps where the State Emergency Management Agency accommodates and feeds them twice daily.

In response to the gaps evidenced during the assessment, ActionAid Nigeria (AAN), with funds from START FUND and FLEX FUND provided relief materials to 4124 women headed households across Delta, Kebbi and Borno states. In Borno, 2724 households were supported with the construction of latrines, bath and hygiene kits and cash for food. In Delta and Kebbi, 1 100 and 300 households received food and non-food items, albeit, food items were monetised to N23,000 (\$65) per households to enable vulnerable families address their immediate varied needs. The cash transfer was facilitated by Airtel telecommunications and the distribution process had AAN using digital registration and capturing for emergency response for the first time. This was a very effective method for monitoring and evaluation.

With the support of the community women ad-hoc committees who led the response, AAN identified the most vulnerable women and households “When ActionAid was informed that some women were still in the flooded community sleeping on the roof, they went by boat to provide them succour with the support of the ad-hoc committee. I facilitated ActionAid's entry into the community and it was good that the women led the distribution because they knew families who were most affected” Boniface Adibeli, Community Leader, Abuator.

To mitigate the effect of the recurring floods on households, ActionAid Nigeria is working with her local partners to minimise losses during natural disasters by promoting adaptive measures to climate change and ensuring the State Governments seek sustainable ways to reduce the effect of natural disasters by funding agroecology, developing early warning systems, working with communities to establish proper water channels and ultimately encourage river dredging in communities prone to flood. “Now, with the capacity building received from ActionAid, I know how some of our actions in the community such as bush burning contributes to climate change and what to plant during the raining season “Destiny said.

FINANCIAL REPORT

ACTIONAID NIGERIA

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

		2020 ₦	2019 ₦
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	10	25,208,333	-
Current assets			
Receivables	11	995,757,173	765,106,292
Prepayments	12	15,191,881	21,725,919
Cash and cash equivalent	13	936,390,728	708,207,480
		<u>1,947,339,782</u>	<u>1,495,039,691</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>1,972,548,115</u>	<u>1,495,039,691</u>
Reserves			
Accumulated fund	14	784,501,225	543,685,951
Non-current liabilities			
Employee defined liabilities	15.3	283,206,000	192,942,000
Current liabilities			
Payables	16	61,611,765	12,826,614
Deferred income	17	515,512,135	655,382,358
Other liabilities	18	327,716,990	90,202,768
		<u>904,840,890</u>	<u>758,411,740</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>1,188,046,890</u>	<u>951,353,740</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES		<u>1,972,548,115</u>	<u>1,495,039,691</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 25th Sept 2021 and signed on its behalf by:


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See notes to the financial statements.

ACRONYMS/ABBREVIATIONS

AAI –	ActionAid International
AAN –	ActionAid Nigeria
ACCESS –	
AIT –	African Independent Television
ASRH –	Adolescent Sexuality & Reproductive Health
BB –	Breaking Barriers
CSOs –	Civil Society Organisations
DPGG –	Development Partners of Gender
FAWOYDI –	
FCT –	Federal Capital Territory
GBV –	Gender-based Violence
GRPS	
HGSFP -	Home-Grown School Feeding Programme
IDPs –	Internally Displaced Persons
IFAs –	
ICT –	Information Communication & Technology
LASODA –	Lagos State Office of Disability Affairs
LGA –	Local Government Area
LRP –	Local Rights Programme
LWROs –	Local Women Rights Organisation
M&E –	Monitoring & Evaluation
MHPSS -	Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Services
NAWOJ -	Nigeria Association of Women Journalists
PATS-F –	Promoting Accountability & Transparency in the Home Grown School Feeding
PRRPs –	Participatory Review and Reflection Process
RUWASSA –	
SMOs -	Social Mobilisation Officers
SBMC -	School-based Management Committee
SBMC -	Sexual Gender Based Violence
SGBV –	Strengthening Local Women's Right Organisation towards Combating Violence Against
SLOC VAWG –	Women and Girls
SOIRS –	
SWOFON –	Universal Basic Education Curriculum
UBEC –	United Nations Child Fund
UNICEF –	
UNSCR –	
VAPP -	Vine Heritage Home
VHH -	Water, Sanitation & Hygiene
WASH –	Women-Led Integrated Protection Action Against Gender Based Violence
WIPe-GBV –	Women Rights & Health Project
WRAHP –	Womens Right Organisations
WROs –	Womens Right Organisations
WROs –	Women's Voice and Leadership
WVL –	Youth Organizing and Leadership
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