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Pass out parade during ActionAid Nigeria 2019 Youth Peace Camp in Nasarawa State.

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BOARD CHAIRPERSON

ActionAid Nigeria (AAN) set out on its journey two decades ago, with a determination to fight poverty and eliminate all forms of inequalities. Along the way, we have built coalitions, resilience and championed movements towards a more sustainable world. Our journey is characterized with lessons of what is possible and the limitless capacity of partnerships. We have shaped our work by learning to adapt and recognize moments of change.

In this time, I am proud that AAN has grown into a leading non-profit, non-partisan and non-government national organization that permeates all the 36 States and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). We are currently working across more than 250 communities to deliver on our commitments.

Our programmes are benefiting millions of Nigerians in rural and urban centers alike. This is a testimony to our resilience in eradicating poverty. Our success stories have impacted realities and discourses on sustainable development strategies and approaches, to accelerate the eradication of poverty. AAN has given voice to marginalized groups and empowered communities to advocate, secure and protect their rights.

As we move into a new decade of action, AAN has continued to deepen its conversations on her readiness to take on new dimensions of poverty and inequality in the age of technological advancement. As technology becomes an integral part of human life, it is creating new poverty complexities and new layers of inequality that we must put in perspective and build into our work.

AAN Strategy 2023 addresses some key aspects of the fallouts of these crises. However, we are committed to fashion out ways to deepen capacity and reorient perspectives that consolidate on our strategy of mobilizing the required resources.

We enter a new decade, facing a challenge that we had never encountered. Notwithstanding, I am confident that with the cooperation AAN has across the Federation and its partners, there is renewed optimism in sight for 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.

Dr. Jummai Umar-Ajjola

COUNTRY DIRECTOR

In its mission to eradicate poverty by working and engaging with the most vulnerable in the society, who are the most receiving end of inequality and injustice, ActionAid Nigeria is in its third year of implementing its current Country Strategy Paper (CSP) Social Justice to End Poverty (2018–2023).

2019 saw AAN in its continuous quest to stand with over 250 communities in Nigeria, taking front line positions in confronting poverty and inequality, promoting creative innovations in tackling communal conflicts and violent extremism, upholding Women's Rights and fostering the rights of children and youth development.

AAN acknowledges the government in its efforts to provide better infrastructure, reduce unemployment and provide more opportunities for youth and women development. However, this has not yielded much as Nigeria continues to remain a focal reference for poverty, injustice and insecurity in the world today. These are immediate consequences of corruption, which is yet to be largely curbed despite various interventions by the government and Civil Society Organisations.

As AAN celebrates 20 years of sustainable impact which is very visible in the communities and people we work with, we remain unflinching in our resolve to eradicate poverty; this we believe is possible when there is a healthy mix of investment in human and social development. AAN will continue to strengthen citizens' participation at various levels of governance, especially in demanding accountability from power holders to attain the desired social justice and gender equality we seek in Nigeria.

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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.



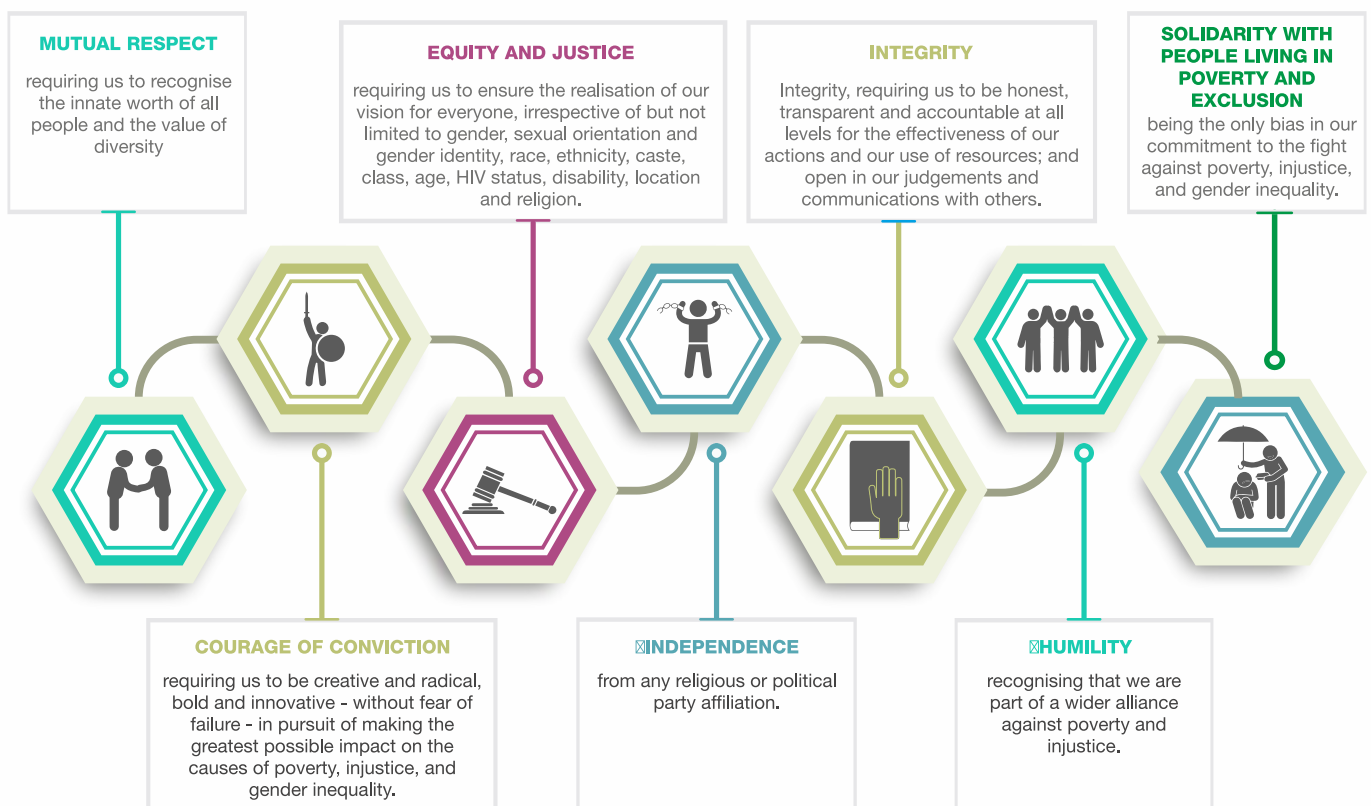
VISION

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 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.

VALUES



ActionAid Nigeria was established in 1999 and registered with the 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

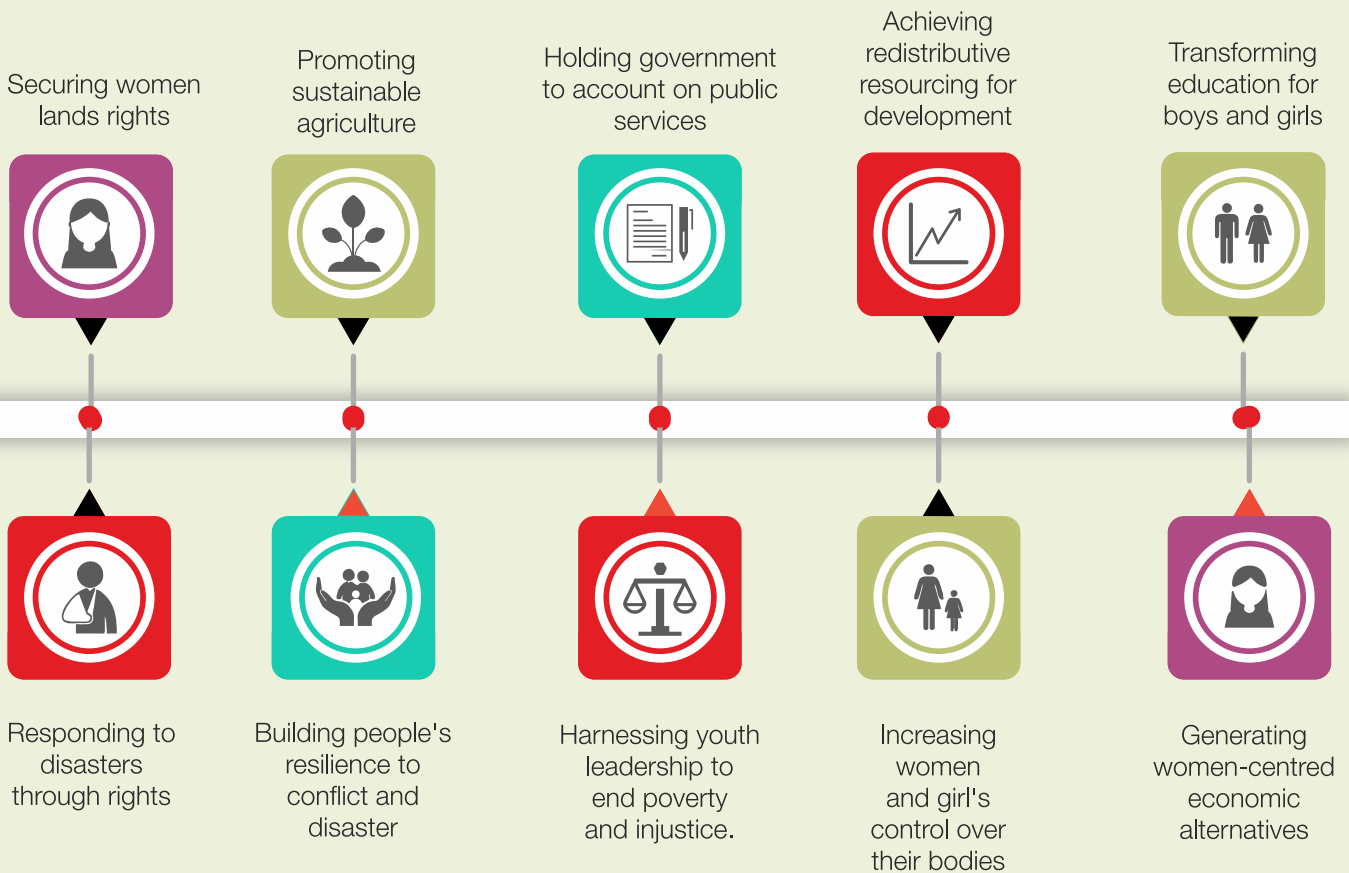
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2018 marked the beginning of the implementation of AAN Country Strategy Paper (CSP) 2018 -2023, Social Justice to End Poverty which is a response to the deepening inequality of power and wealth, injustice and poverty in Nigeria. Our CSP is aimed at 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



OUR THEORY OF CHANGE

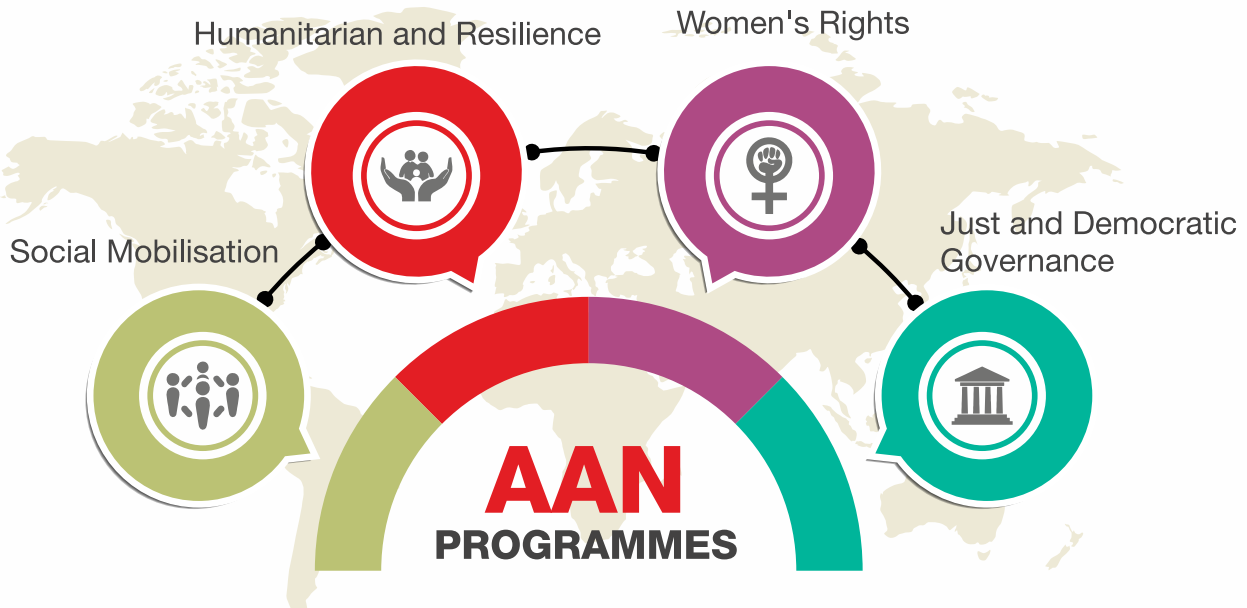
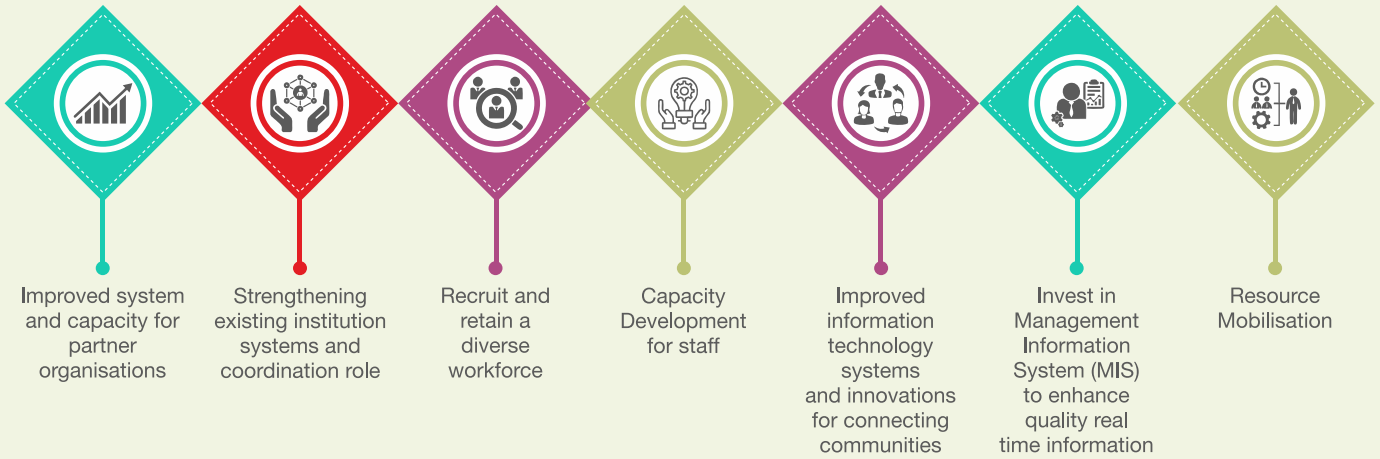
Our theory of change is premised on empowering citizens especially youth, women and girls, and building accountability mechanisms. This will lead to enhanced peoples' power in inclusive governance, improved quality of life for girls and women; while achieving social justice, gender equality and poverty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



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 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.

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 herdsman 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.

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.



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).

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 addition, the prevalence of violence against women and girls continues to be central to issues affecting women among many others. 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.

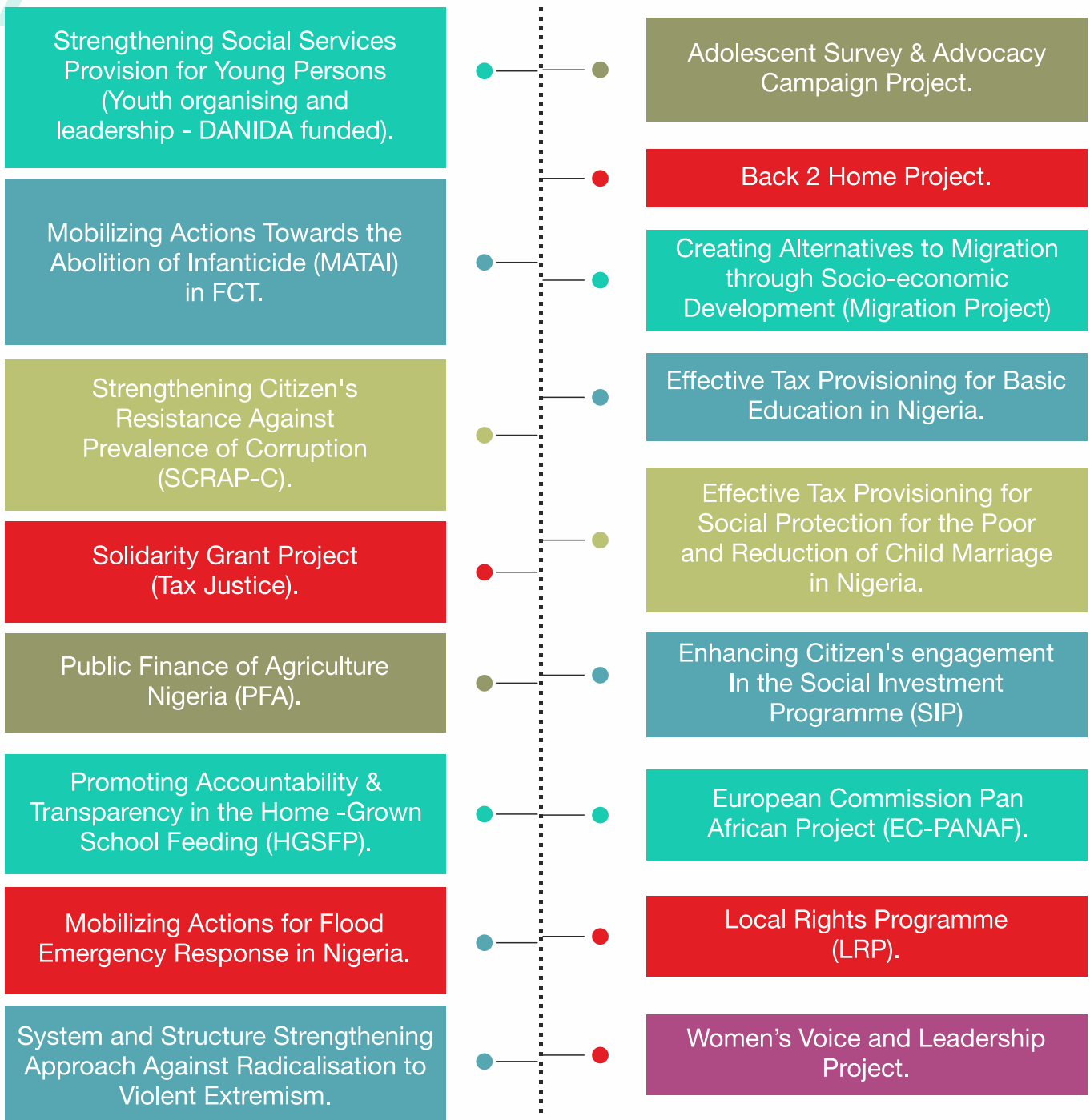
CONTINUOUS EXCLUSION OF YOUNG PERSONS IN DEVELOPMENT

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 2019





GOVERNANCE

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1

ENHANCE PEOPLE'S POWER IN DEMOCRATIC AND INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE

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.

REACH

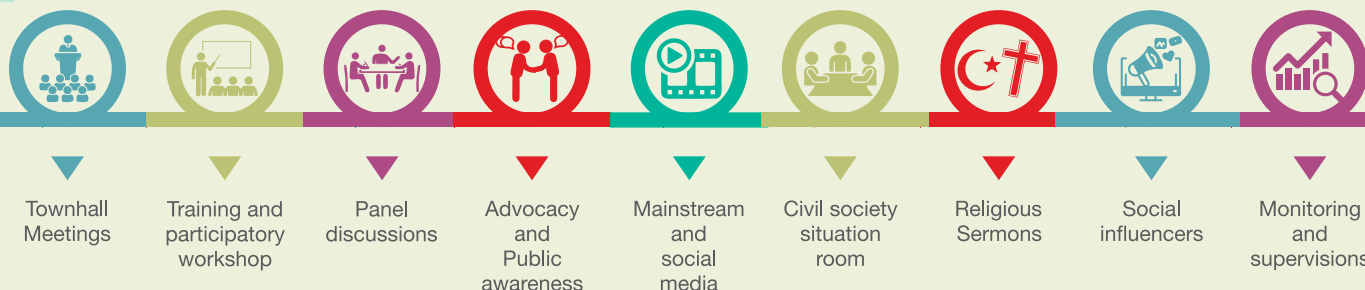


217 Civil Society Organisations capacity built on budget tracking, Illicit Financial Flow, GRPS and Public Finance.	1016 young people trained in leadership, governance and democratic processes.	12,332,092 engagements across various social media platforms, mobilising citizens to take actions against corruption through #upright4Nigeria campaign.	717 inclusive governance actions taken at community & state level through various accountability platforms.	412 cooks trained to improve service delivery to pupils in public schools in Kaduna State.	203 schools monitored on HGSFP in Kaduna State.
360 girls reached with life-building skills through safe space initiative.	335 community observers trained on election processes and deployed to 272 polling units in 12 LRP states for the 2019 general election.	15 youths trained on the use of social audit as a tool for ensuring accountability.	312 PwD mobilised to resist corruption practices that can impede effective participation of PwD in governance.	200 School children with disabilities participated in integrity clubs aimed at resisting corrupt practices.	

TARGET



PLATFORMS



ACTIONS	RESULT
Held a National Tax Summit to deepen discourse on progressive taxation as a sustainable means for funding gender responsive public service.	Stakeholders agreed that policy review on extant tax laws to capture digitalisation of the economy was eminent. Children should be exempted from the tax identification number policy.
Capacity building of Civil Society Organisations on budget tracking, Illicit Financial Flow, GRPS and Public Finance.	The Federal ministry of education in various states, Lagos, Akwa Ibom constructed 8200 hostels equipped with WASH facilities, renewal of bursary and scholarships for young people during the budget townhall meetings. There has been a significant 60% increase in Lagos state education budget in 2019. In Sokoto state, there was an 46% increase in internal generated revenue from 2018 to 2019.
Trained youths groups to actively engage government on good governance and democracy.	The CSO platform in Enugu State established a technical and advocacy working group and ACDEG partnership forum to promote and engage with the ESHA-State Parliamentary wing on the implantation of ACDEG.
Set up a comprehensive and participatory monitoring and accountability mechanism in Kaduna state to monitor the HGSFP.	The PATS-F project monitoring report informed the Kaduna state Technical Committee and Office of the Governor in the realignment and implementation of the HGSF programme in the state in line with the National Standard.
Trained Sokoto state government officials and project partners on new tax laws and public finance .	The tax laws in Sokoto state has been reviewed and the Governor of Sokoto state has signed a New Law for the establishment of Sokoto state internal revenue service to replace Sokoto State board of internal revenue.
Mobilised and built capacity of citizens, CSOs, Media Practitioners to take actions against the prevalence of corruption.	Through SCRAP-C intervention, a journalist exposed 255 PHC in Kaduna in bad condition & diversion of funds in PHCs in Kano. 34 contractors revived abandoned projects in 12 pilot states and 200 contractors returned to sites across the country. 60 constituency projects were tracked in 3 senatorial districts of Enugu state. 3.9 billion uncovered through the constituency projects in 2019 budget for constituency project by ICPC. 3 youth SCRAP-C support groups established in Enugu state. Increased knowledge among 250 persons from KANETWORK & JIGNETWORK on tracking and reporting corrupt practices at LGA levels. 10 political leaders pledged and commitment protocol in Abuja to zero tolerance for vote buying.
Established religious and traditional leaders Anti-corruption networks in Kano, Akwa Ibom, Enugu and Lagos.	40 chief Imams and 10 pastors in Kano & jigawa delivered sermons on corruption and its effect on the society and role of the society in reducing corruption level in the society.
In collaboration with INVOLVE AFRICA on the Anti-corruption Campaign, the LG chairman was engaged on the completion of 10 abandoned classroom project in Alimisho LGA.	As a result of Involve Africa engagement, the contractor returned to the site and commitments were made to complete the abandoned projects.



WOMEN'S RIGHT

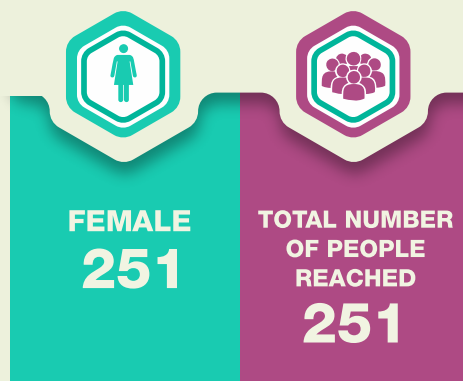
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2

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

FOCUS

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

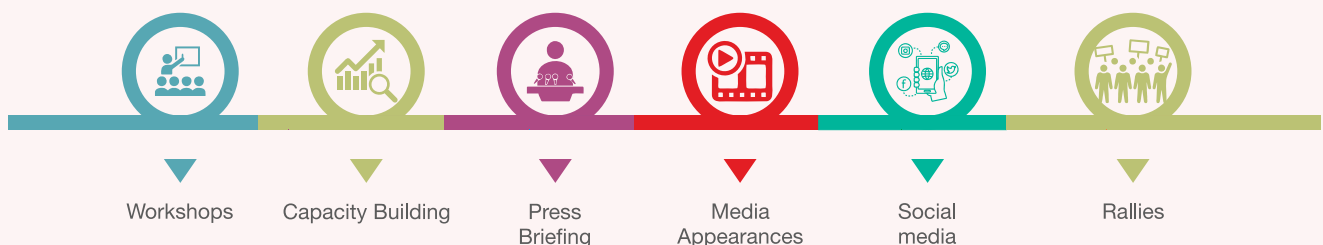
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TARGET



PLATFORMS



ACTIONS	RESULT
<p>Conducted Participatory Assessment and Monitoring on identified LWROs to identify capacity gaps to guide the design of appropriate capacity strengthening interventions,</p>	<p>The PAM led to the selection of 28 LWROs operating within the 6 project states for subgrants to advance gender equality in Nigeria.</p>
<p>Provided financial support for the women's call for justice rally on the killing of citizen Salome Abu, a grassroots woman leader during the 2019 elections.</p>	<p>The women call for justice rally was one of the coordinated actions that led to the Nigerian Police taking prompt action to arrest and prosecute identified suspects.</p>
<p>Inception phase activities implementation for WVL project.</p>	<p>Mapping of Local Women's Rights organizations in Nigeria conducted.</p> <p>Research conducted on Political Economic Analysis of Women's Rights Programming in Nigeria.</p> <p>Project Steering Committee set up.</p> <p>Partnership Assessment and Monitoring conducted in 6 states and FCT.</p> <p>Annual Planning Meeting organised.</p> <p>Eighteen (18) state partners (local women's rights organizations) and ten (10) national partners (local women's rights networks) selected for the project.</p> <p>Two tranches of project's Strategic Opportunity Fund awarded to support 2 project partners and 1 non-project partner to rapidly respond to issues of women's rights violation.</p>



HUMANITARIAN AND RESILIENCE

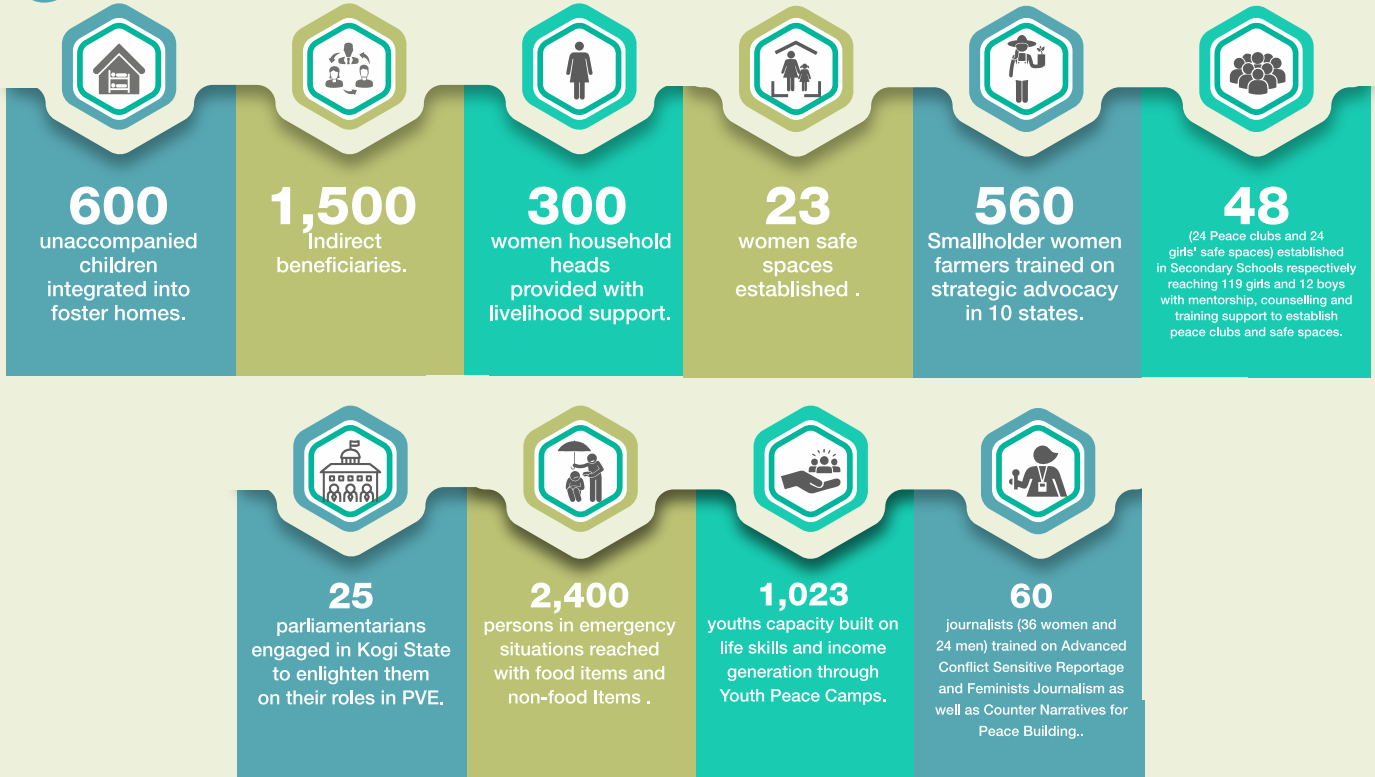
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3

IMPROVED WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN ACCOUNTABLE HUMANITARIAN AND RESILIENCE SYSTEM

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.

REACH



PLATFORMS



TARGET



ACTIONS	RESULT
Established community agencies comprising community leaders and youths in Kogi and Nasarawa states as a strategy to mitigate conflict and violence in focal communities where violent extremism thrive.	24 Community Action and Response Team (CART) established in Kogi and Nasarawa states.
Continued advocacies to with policy makers and relevant MDAs at state and national level, for strengthened support for smallholder women farmers access to finance, agricultural inputs and continuous capacity building to help them adapt to climate change.	560 Smallholder women farmers in 10 states benefited from increased fund and input; 17 smallholder women farmer cooperative groups in Ebonyi benefitted from grant of N3.57 Million. This has helped the beneficiaries to establish agro-businesses, invest more into farming and getting improved yields, thus improving their standards of living. Also, 215 smallholder women farmers from Afikpo South and Onicha LGAs in Ebonyi State had access to government (State and Local) credit facilities to the tune of N5,250,000 Million.
Organised dialogues, consultative meetings with States House Assembly Committees on Agriculture and other relevant state MDAs.	Kogi State Agriculture Budget was increased from N20 Million in 2018 to N100 Million in 2019, Gombe State government allocated N30 Million to Smallholder Women Farmers budget line, Ebonyi state increase funding for credit facility for farmers upto the tune of N2bn in the 2019 agriculture budget.
Organised dialogues, consultative meetings, parliamentary and press briefings with National Assembly and House of Assembly Committees on Agriculture and the Executive, using the outcomes of the 2019 and 2020 agriculture budget analysis to advocate for increased public financing of agriculture in favour of smallholder women farmers.	Developed and launched a National Gender Policy on Agriculture which provided additional framework and opportunity to continue to strengthen smallholder women farmers participation in agriculture policy and budget making processes.
Engaged 25 parliamentarians in Kogi state to deepen conversation on their role in preventing violent extremism and creation of sustainable youth empowerment schemes.	The Kogi Youth Development Commission Bill was signed into Law by the Executive Governor of Kogi State.
Mobilised and built capacity of citizens, CSOs, Media Practitioners to take actions against the prevalence of corruption.	The tax laws in Sokoto state has been reviewed and the Governor of Sokoto state has signed a New Law for the establishment of Sokoto state internal revenue service to replace Sokoto State board of internal revenue.
Widened social protection reach to flood survivors and internally displaced persons.	Provided Non-Food Items (NFI) and food items to 300 women led households in Delta, Borno and Kebbi states.
Engaged with local level administrators to discuss their roles as security stakeholders in preventing conflict and violent extremism.	Establishment and inauguration of Local Government Conflict Management Alliance (LOCMA) to foster the collection and administering of security information at the local Government level in Nasarawa state.
Worked with Ministry of Education, SUBEB, school administrators and teachers to promote peace initiatives in schools to protect girls and boys from radicalization to VE.	Established 24 Peace clubs and 24 girls' safe spaces in secondary schools to mentor boys and girls (ages 9-16 years) on diversity and social inclusion in resolving conflicts in and out of school.

Total Number of People Reached

S/No	Project	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Youths	Total
1	PFA	N/A	500,236	N/A	N/A	N/A	500,236
2	SARVE II	5128	18880	N/A	119	11906	36,033
3	Back to Home	250	300	55 0	80 0	500	2,400
4	AcCeSSPro	N/A	N/A	110	110	N/A	220
5	StartFund	7602	21,602	N/A	N/A	N/A	29,204
6	FlexFund	776	1024	N/A	N/A	N/A	1800
Total		13 756	542 042	660	102 9	12,4 06	569,893



ORGANISATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 4

STRENGTHEN SYSTEMS AND INCREASE RESOURCE DIVERSIFICATION FOR QUALITY PROGRAMME DELIVERY

FOCUS

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

Communication Hub	Produced a live TV programme series on anticorruption, issued 54 press releases and briefs, had 86 electronic media appearance, 313 mentions in online mentions and produced 471 IEC materials. Increased followership from 20,846 to 39,010 across social media (LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube & Instagram), trained 46 staff on multimedia production, media appearances and speech presentation and facilitated 13 community visits facilitated for journalists.
IASL	Developed and disseminated a number of reports, Supported the various projects and programs under ActionAid to develop frameworks, proposals, targets, review their project strategy and indicators, to conduct appraisal and develop report processes, plans and sessions. Initiated a WhatsApp platform for the IASL/KM working group to strengthen communication among M&E staff and used the project steering committee meeting as a channel to provide accountability and learning feedback to colleagues and introduced initiatives to better the engagements at MMM, trained interns & consultants on M&E processes and reviewed AAN tools and templates.
Logistics	set up a new office in Borno state and renewed the ActionAid Nigeria's country agreement with the ministry of finance, budget and national planning.
IT	Green IT Awareness, implemented and ensured effectiveness of shared area and one drive.
Administration	Ensured effective running of AAN offices, expansion of the AAN office in FCT & provision of required support by programs.
HR	20 new staffs recruited including 5 interns and 11 volunteers. Strengthen the capacity of staffs and partners through trainings on PMD Pro level 1 and organised security and health awareness training for staff.
Board	Organised 2 board meetings and 1 annual general meeting. Facilitated Board visit to Gofidna and Kuje communities in the FCT and migrated to paperless meetings to promote the Go Green initiative.



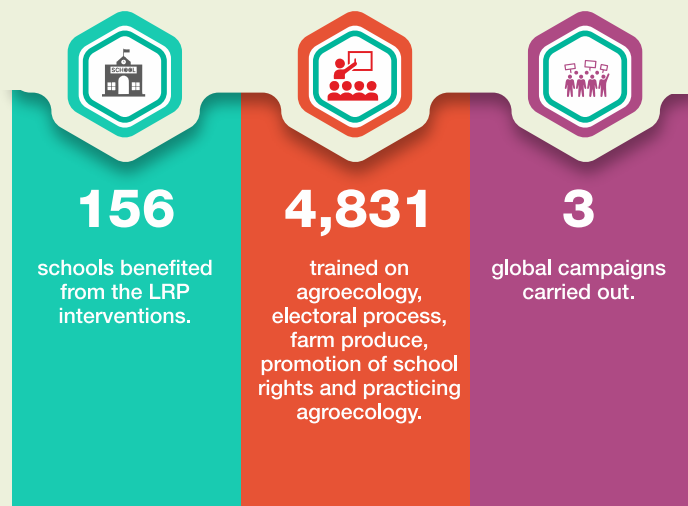
PARTNERSHIP/ LOCAL RIGHT PROGRAMMES

PARTNERSHIP & LOCAL RIGHTS PROGRAMMES

FOCUS

Improve the socioeconomic status of people in Local Rights Programmes (LRP) states by building their capacity and nurturing members from the communities to national levels to enhance power in democratic governance, women leadership and create opportunities for economic independence and decision making.

REACH



TARGET



ACTIONS

- Built the capacity of community stakeholders on strategic advocacies.
- Provided relief for persons affected by insurgency in Bauchi and fire disaster in Kebbi.
- Revamped the IFA's, PRRP and other advocacy platforms.
- Provided livelihood support to women cooperative in Agoda Community, Kebbi State.
- Led advocacy to State Ministries and relevant MDAs on GRPS and Child Care Development.

RESULT

- Electricity was provided for the first time in Ranshe Community, 147 desk and chairs, 2 toilets, classrooms in 2 communities and hand washing tools were constructed.
- 140 households received food & non-food items.
- 52 government responses to issues raised through IFA's, PRRP and other advocacy platforms/dialog forms.
- Increased income generation for women in Agoda Community.
- Advocacy led to Establishment of Early Child Care (ECC) Center at Rindiben Settlement Camp for Children in Bauchi, provision of drugs, beddings and 1 ambulance to Kupto PHC in Gombe, renovation of community primary school and receipt 9 million naira grant from Community social project in Pasepa, FCT, provision of portable water in Osi Community in Kogi state.

FUNDRAISING



The total income raised is **£14,771,435** through the four sub-terms



Corporate CSR partnerships:-	Institutional Partnership Fund	Child Sponsorship	Community Sponsorship
<p>Kingfisher School (N200,000)</p> <p>Adhubbing (N100,000)</p> <p>Impact Brokers (N50,000)</p>	<p>MATAI - €500,000</p> <p>WVL project - £5.7m</p> <p>SARVE (GCERF) - \$2.5M</p> <p>Migration II - €2M</p> <p>Access Pro - £80,448</p> <p>AAUK GRPS research - £4000</p> <p>Start fund response to flood in Kebbi, Borno and Delta state - £180,000 for three months</p> <p>SCRAP-C DFID £1m to support the ICPC and £250,000 to expand on the current anti-corruption work</p>	<p>GBP 1,000,000</p> <p>7,893 supporters as at December 2019.</p> <p>Increased allocation for child sponsorship 430 links</p> <p>730 successfully dispatched new profiles.</p> <p>N500,000 raised from digital campaigns</p>	<p>GBP 13, 435</p> <p>raised 327 new Supporters recruited</p> <p>62 dormant Supporters reactivated</p> <p>6 social media Influencers (actors & actresses) engaged to promote the infanticide campaign, Kehinde Bankole and Bukola Awoyemi, Anita Okoye, Damola Olatunjii, Elijah Junior Obas. Half a million raised via digital campaigns</p>



STORIES BY STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE



TURNING SETBACKS TO TRIUMPHS – Ochu's Story.

My perspective on sexual harassment changed a few years ago when I met a friend who was a member of Activista Nigeria, an ActionAid-supported group of young people who work to end violence and all forms of injustice.

I became interested in joining the Activista group because of its offline and online campaigns on sexual harassment on university campuses – something I had experienced as a girl and several times when I was walking home from classes at night. The first campaign I took part in was the Safe Cities for Women campaign, prior to which we were trained on the concept of campaigning and advocacy as well as gender-based violence. As a cohort, we went to the school management and security units and demanded streetlights in the school, especially on the paths that led to the girls' hostels.

Our streetlight campaign was successful – the school created streetlights on the path and mounted a security post near the girls' hostels. Security would also go around school for two to three hours in the evenings, to ensure women's safety. More so, the number of incidents of sexual harassment went down drastically and I felt so fulfilled that I made great impact and saved a lot of women from going through what I went through. I have since continued to actively advocate for safe cities for women and girls.

My first experience to gender based violence was as a girl at age 13. Then, I helped at my mum's shop after school, which meant that I met lots of different people every day. One day, a guy came to buy things from the shop and since he couldn't carry it all home, he asked for my help. My mum wasn't there, but I agreed to give him a hand as he was a regular customer. However, when I got to his house, he didn't let me leave. He started pulling me close and trying to raise my skirt. I wasn't sure what was about to happen, but I got really scared. I did not know where the strength came from, but I pushed him away and ran home as fast as I could, shaking. I was traumatised from the experience and I carried that burden for years and had more similar experiences I couldn't share with anyone until the Activista platform gave me the opportunity to do something about it by preventing as many girls and young females as possible from experiencing same. Indeed “our lives begin to end, the day we keep silent about the things that matter” – Martin Luther King Jr.

Christie Ochu is one of the four women featured in ActionAid's #MyBodyIsMine global campaign. The campaign helps women and girls reclaim their bodies, speak out against any form of violence and proudly say My Body Is Mine without fear of retribution. Read more at ActionAid International website www.bit.ly/mybody_1



SUCCESS WITH NO BOUNDARIES

Eshor Benedicta is taking the world by storm with her shoe making business, MBM Feetz. The twenty-nine-year-old mother of three is a member of the 'Stand Out Fabulous Shoes Cooperative Benin

Upon the demise of her father, she was not able to further her education beyond Senior School Certificate Examination (SSCE). Not taking this as an impediment, she strived to secure a better life, taking after her friend's fathers advise, she took the option of leaving for Spain through Ghana. This turned out unsuccessful after several attempts.

Not throwing in the towel, Eshor took the job of being a fuel attendant after which she got married and had children. With her husband objecting to allowing her work and fend for the home, her family lacked basic needs as they had to rely on the stipends given to them based of goodwill from family and friends.

At the nick of time, she was introduced to ActionAid project where she learnt to make shoes. She has been able sell these shoes to customers in Russia and France.

'So far, I have made up to 50pairs. I display them on Facebook and Instagram and a friend in Russia ordered for about 20pairs. Another friend of mine based in France said she needs about 15pairs when she comes home. I have been selling locally and through my business I was able to support my family'

Eshor is now able to provide for her family and continue pulling efforts towards growing her local shoe making business to global heights.



A TALE OF YOUNG PEOPLE ORGANISING AROUND POWER

Law making and policy influencing under the Federal Republic of Nigeria's constitutional system is rigorous. The amendment process as prescribed in the constitution is cumbersome. It requires substantial efforts, time and resources to delete a word or insert a clause in the constitution. The constitution or laws of Nigeria are regarded as official documents with legal force and therefore the inability to meet the conditions of constitutional amendment or law making may imply a waste of resources, time and effort. It was under this amendment process that the Kogi State Youth Development Commission bill was passed and assented into law.

The Kogi State Youth Development Commission Bill, as supported by ActionAid Nigeria is the first privately sponsored bill ever assented to by an Executive Governor in Kogi State. The advocacy for the establishment of a youth development commission became necessary after a baseline assessment conducted by ActionAid Nigeria's System and Structure Strengthening Approach Against Radicalisation to Violent Extremism (SARVE) project indicated that high youth unemployment, illiteracy, extreme poverty, lack of social cohesion and sense of purpose are drivers of violent extremism in the state. Out of the estimated 1.8 million youth population in Kogi State, only negligible proportion are meaningfully engaged through sports under the Kogi Ministry of Youths and Sport.

The road map to the successful passage of the bill into law was hinged on two major strands; formation of the Youth Advocacy Clusters (youth organising), where youth focused organisation came together to develop a movement and campaign to push for the bill. Secondly was the capacity building for these youth organisations to actualise their purpose through effective advocacies. Key stakeholders, power holders and gatekeepers who may have influence over the passage of the bill were identified; profiled and engaged all from the conception of the bill, until it was assented to.

The Youth Advocacy Cluster approached power as a relationship rather than a right and organised around two forms of power: 'power with' and 'power over'. While 'power with' was to identify other communities of interest whose support were required to push this bill, the media, assembly members and community leaders were considered to possess 'power with'. Through collaborations, the movement worked with and built strategic partnership with other faith based and community organisations.

However, the bill met some oppositions from some stakeholders who were concerned about the funding possibility of the proposed commission and possibility of political hijack of the process; especially as this was being promoted by the young people. Furthermore, the Advocacy Cluster organised to challenge 'power over' held by decision makers responsible for law making.

With the passage of the bill, it is expected that there will be a creation of a youth development commission in Kogi State. The provision of a legal framework is a condition for effective implementation of progressive youth empowerment, therefore mechanisms for monitoring and tracking implementation will be the next task before the Youth Advocacy Cluster. This bill, if implemented as provided would create job employment for youths, reduce poverty and prevent violent extremism by promoting youth inclusion and sense of purpose.

FINANCIAL REPORT

ACTIONAID NIGERIA

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	NOTES	2019 ₦	2018 ₦
Grants	5	2,669,540,740	2,768,357,572
Other Income	6	38,211,020	14,276,328
Total income		2,707,751,760	2,782,633,900
Direct charitable expenditure	7	(2,196,533,738)	2,094,609,511
Management and administrative costs	8	(863,842,909)	804,849,323
Total expenses		(3,060,376,647)	2,899,458,834
Deficit after tax before tax		(352,624,887)	(116,824,934)
Deficit after tax after tax		(352,624,887)	(116,824,934)
Other comprehensive income			
Re-measurement gain/ on defined benefit plan	15.2	21,824,408	28,280,660
Reclassification adjustments for gain included in the income statement		-	-
Other comprehensive income for the year		21,824,408	28,280,660
Total Comprehensive deficit for the year		(330,800,479)	(88,544,274)

ACTIONAID NIGERIA

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

		2019	2018
		₦	₦
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	10	-	-
Current assets			
Receivables	11	765,106,292	914,382,071
Prepayments	12	21,725,919	26,938,457
Cash and cash equivalent	13	708,207,480	538,040,790
		<u>1,495,039,691</u>	<u>1,479,361,318</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>1,495,039,691</u>	<u>1,479,361,318</u>
Reserves			
Accumulated fund	14	<u>543,685,951</u>	<u>874,486,430</u>
Non-current liabilities			
Employee defined liabilities	15.3	<u>192,942,000</u>	<u>144,650,000</u>
Current liabilities			
Payables	16	12,826,614	25,459,790
Deferred income	17	655,382,358	293,554,380
Other liabilities	18	90,202,768	141,210,718
		<u>758,411,740</u>	<u>460,224,888</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>951,353,740</u>	<u>604,874,888</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES		<u>1,495,039,691</u>	<u>1,479,361,318</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 17 August 2020 and signed on its behalf by:



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ACRONYMS/ABBREVIATIONS


AAN	ActionAid Nigeria
ACDEG	African Charter on Democracy, elections and Governance
ACORN	Anti-Corruption in Nigeria
ACSR	Anti-Corruption Situation Room
CART	Community Action and Response Team
CS	Community Sponsorship
CSO	Civil Society Organisation
CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility
EnCE-SIP	Enhancing Citizens Participation in the Social Investment Programmes
FMoWSAD	Federal Ministry of Women Affairs & Social Development
FRCN	Federal Radio Cooperation of Nigeria
GAC	Global Affairs Canada
GRPS	Gender Responsive Public Service
HGSFP	Home Grown School Feeding Programme
IASL	Impact Assessment and Shared Learning
ICPC	Independent Corrupt Practices Commission
IEC	Information Education Communication
IFAS	Inclusive Forum for Accountable Society
INEC	Independent National Electoral Commission
IT	Information Technology
JIGNETWORK	Jigawa State Anti-Corruption Network
KANETWORK	Kano state anti-Corruption Network
KM	Knowledge Management
LG	Local Government
LGA	Local Government Area
LOCMA	Local Government Conflict Management Alliance
LRP	Local Rights Programme
LWRO	Local Women's Right Organisation
MATAI	Mobilising Action Towards Abolition of Infanticide
MDAs	Ministries Departments and Agencies
MMM	Monday Monthly Meeting
NFI	Non-Food Items
PAM	Participatory Assessment & Monitoring
PATS-F	Promoting Accountability & Transparency in the Home-Grown School Feeding
PHC	Primary Healthcare Center
PRRP	Participatory Review and Reflection Process
PSC	Project Steering Committee
PWD	People with Disabilities
SARVE	System and Structure Strengthening Approach against Radicalisation to Violent Extremism
SBMCs	School-Based Management Committee
SCRAP-C	Strengthening Citizens Resistance Against Prevalence of Corruption
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SUBEB	State Universal Basic Education Board
WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
WVL	Women Voices & Leadership





Kudiratu Oyebi, smallholder farmer benefiting from ActionAid Nigeria Public Financing for Agriculture project in Ondo state, show off yields from her orange farm.





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