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# MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

**Dr. Jummai Umar-Ajijola**



ActionAid Nigeria had a remarkable year as we persistently pursued our goal of a just and equitable society for all. Actionaid has demonstrated throughout the year that we remain committed and enthusiastic about the progress we have achieved working with our partners at the international, national and local levels. Our conviction is stronger than ever, that the pathway to equitable and sustainable development is social justice.

Through our four strategic pillars, implemented through a Human Rights Based Approach and grounded in feminist principles, we have demonstrated the role of inclusive programme implementation, as well as grassroots participation and self-sufficiency.

This report shows our work with communities to tackle harmful socio-cultural norms and gender-based violence; respond to disasters; improve education; create better access to healthcare; improve livelihoods and; enhance women empowerment and participation in decision making processes.

These achievements amidst down economic growth, inflation, increasing insecurity, fuel scarcity and rising unemployment, changed the lives of marginalised populations. ActionAid increased its advocacy reach and through this, achieved higher levels of government support and other institutional funding.

ActionAid Nigeria remains at the forefront of advocating for marginalised populations. We expanded our partnership network and strengthened institutional governance, so we can better serve our partners.

We are ActionAid. Partner with us to build resilient societies primed by the principles of social justice!



# MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR

**Ene Obi**

ActionAid has continued to support social justice, poverty eradication, and gender equality in various communities in Nigeria. Promoting human rights, sustainable development, and empowerment of marginalised groups, with an emphasis on women, girls, children and persons with disabilities has been our core mandate and we remain committed.

This year Nigerians experienced the worst floods with a significant percentage of loss in human lives and livelihoods, significant increase in sexual and gender-based violence that affected women and girls, rubbing them off their dignity and social support. Our ability to respond efficiently and accountably and seeing the smiles on the faces of survivors, remains a critical achievement and we continue to build on our experience and learning.

2022 provided an opportunity to consolidate on our strategic objective of enhancing people's power in democratic and inclusive governance. We continued to mobilise citizens for participation in democratic processes and spaces; building citizens consciousness in demanding accountability and transparency on governance from local to national levels

Sadly, Inequality, in terms of income and opportunities, still remains high and has negatively affected poverty reduction. The lack of job opportunities is at the core of the high poverty levels, regional inequality, social and political unrest. High inflation has also taken a toll on household's welfare and high prices in 2023 are likely to have pushed more Nigerians into poverty.

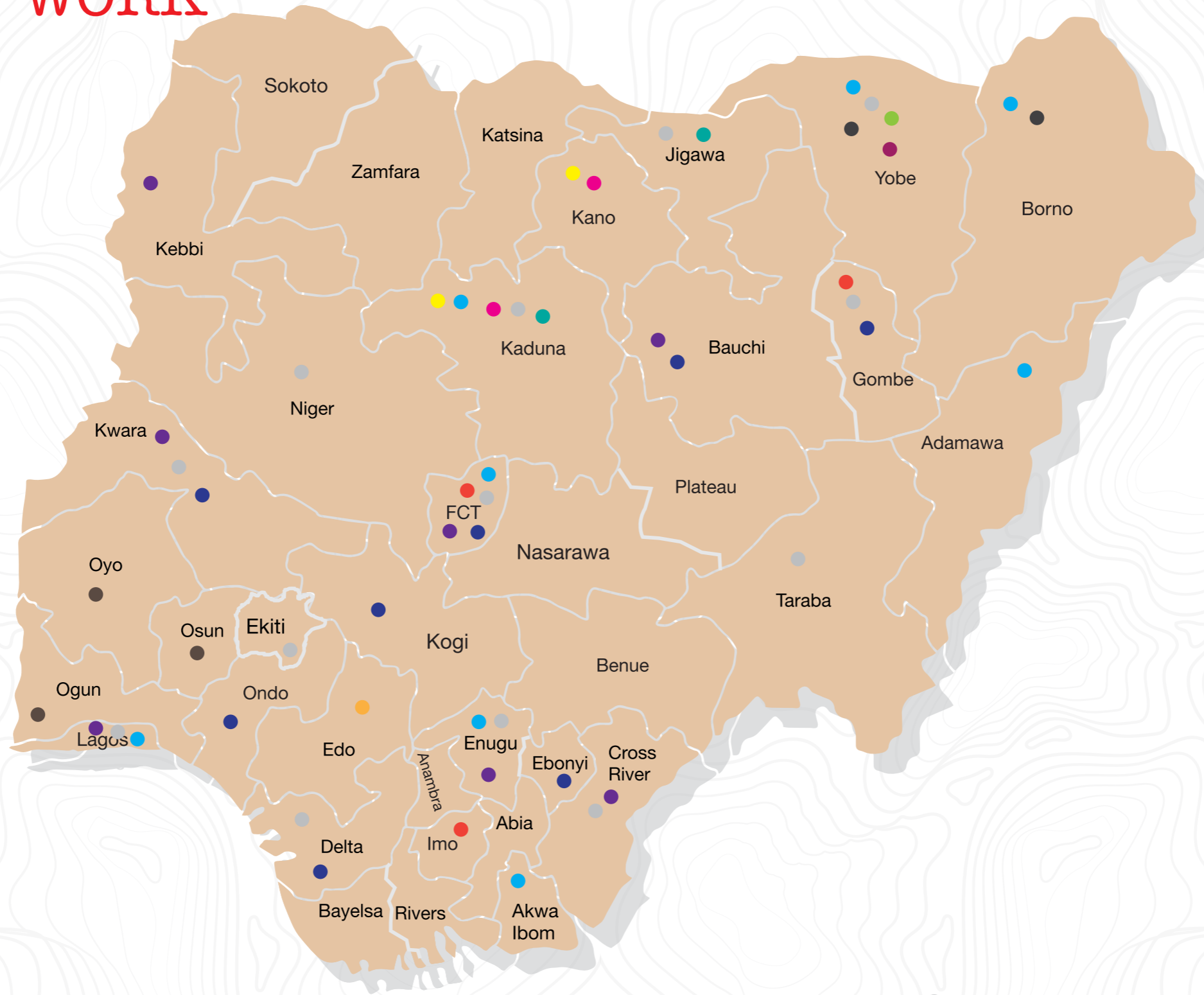
It has become more critical to generate policy recommendations for ensuring better living standards for the average Nigerian.

Through the support of our donors at national and international levels. we are breaking new grounds. supporting life changing initiatives and creativity of women. young people and persons living with disabilities.

Although the country continues to face huge developmental challenges, we still see a window of opportunity for solution, in view of the diverse natural and human resource endowment, the need to reduce dependency on crude oil and diversify the economy, address insufficient infrastructure, build strong and effective institutions, as well as address governance issues and public financial management system.

ActionAid believes poverty eradication is an act of solidarity.

# WHERE WE WORK



- WEYOU Project
- SPA 2
- ENLOGIC
- WVL Project

- Metaketa Project
- Migration II Dare to Hope Project
- Scaling Up Access to Critical Nutrition Services ( NHF I) (extension, NHF II secured)
- WFP Protection and Social Cohesion Project

- MOVE Project
- SLOC Project
- SARVE 3
- SUPIA
- LRP
- START Fund Emergency Interventions
- UNOCHA

# 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 limit 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



## MUTUAL RESPECT

requiring us to recognize the innate worth of all people and the value of diversity.

## EQUITY AND JUSTICE

requiring us to ensure realisation of our vision for everyone, irrespective of but not limited to gender, sexual orientation, and gender identity, race, ethnicity, caste, class, age, HIV status, disability, location and religion.

## INTEGRITY

requiring us to be honest, transparent and accountable at all levels for the effectiveness of our actions and our use of resources and open in our judgement and communications with others.



## HUMILITY

recognising that we are part of a wider alliance against poverty and injustice.

## INDEPENDENCE

from any religious and political affiliation.

## COURAGE OF CONVICTION

requiring us to be creative and radical bold and innovative – without fear of failure -in pursuit of making the greatest possible impact on the causes of poverty, injustice and gender inequality.

## SOLIDARITY WITH PEOPLE LIVING IN POVERTY AND EXCLUSION

being the only bias in our commitment to the fight against poverty injustice and gender inequality.

# OUR THEORY OF CHANGE

The implementation of the AAN country strategy paper 2018-2023 justice to end poverty is a response to the deepening inequality of power and wealth, injustice and poverty across Nigeria. Our Theory of change is premised on empowering citizens especially youth women and girls and building accountability mechanisms. This will lead to enhanced people's power in democratic governances improved quality of life for girls and women while achieving social justice, gender equality and poverty eradication.

Enhanced people's power in democratic and inclusive governance

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Increased women's leadership in an accountable humanitarian and resilient system

## ACTIONAID NIGERIA'S STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

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

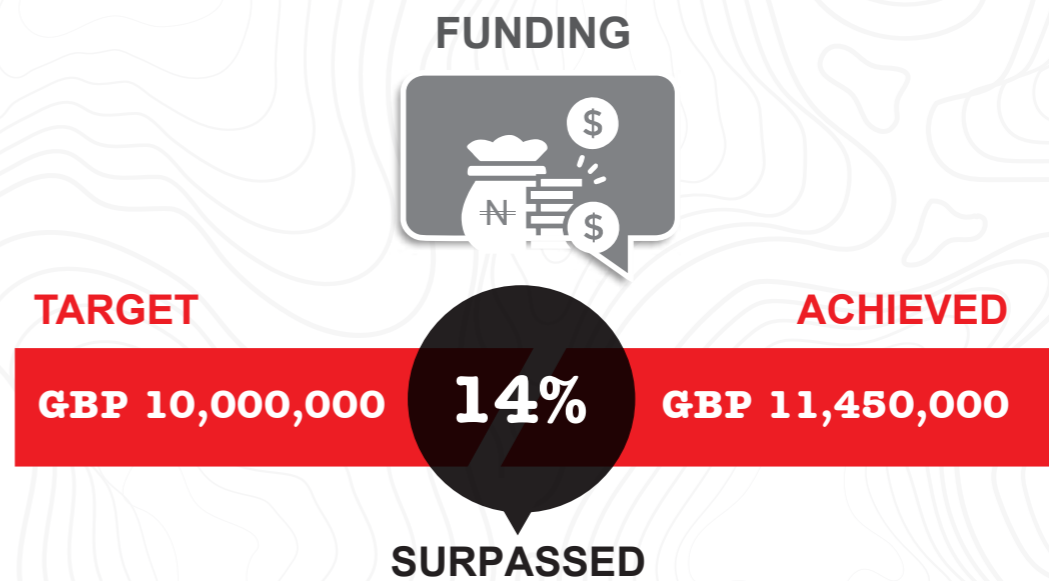
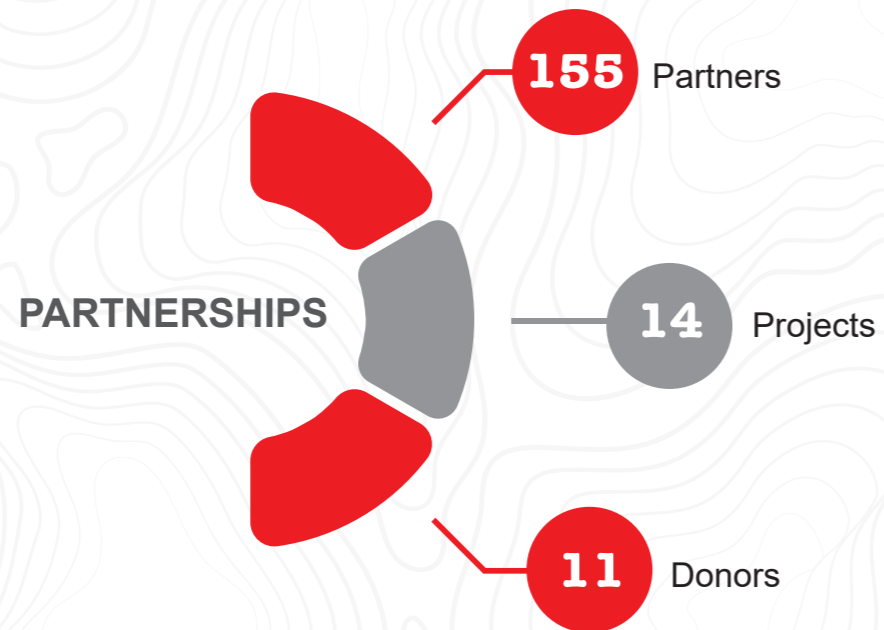
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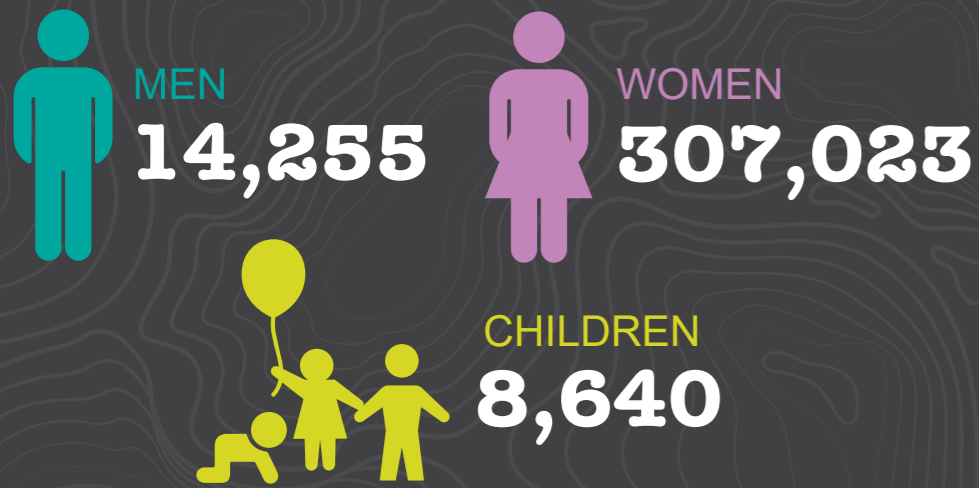
Strengthen systems and increase resource diversification for quality programming



# 2022 IN NUMBERS



## CAMPAIGN REACH



## HUMANITARIAN REACH



## CHILDREN IMPACTED THROUGH SPONSORSHIP



## DIRECT REACH

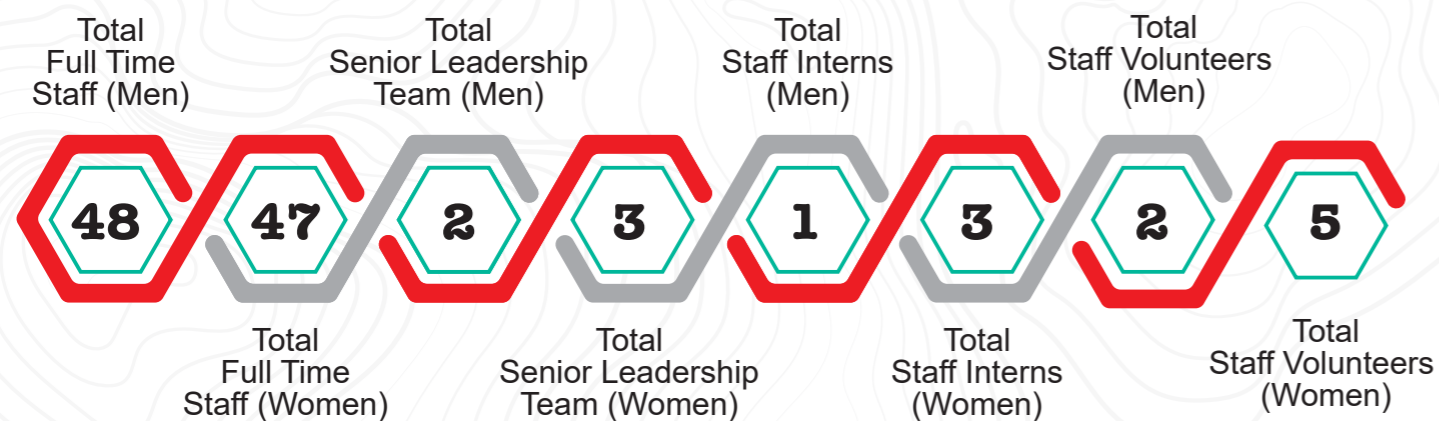
**585,542**



# THE AAN TEAM



# STAFF



Total staff turnover **20%**

# OUR CONTEXT

## 1 INSECURITIES

Nigeria has continued to experience insecurity with attendant negative effects on lives and livelihood of Nigerians as well as its impact on national development. In 2022, activities of insurgents, bandits and kidnappers resulted in restrictions of movements, maiming, loss of lives, extortions and exploitations. On the other hand, the farmer-herder crisis continues to spread across the country, inadvertently exacerbating Nigerian's food insecurity. Evidence shows that the number of people killed in violence and displaced in Nigeria has increased by 50% in 2022 compared to 2021 which was at 30%. These layers of violence created a negative environment for programme implementation and generally led to a decline in investment thus, leading to decreased funds for provision of basic services to people living in poverty.

## 2 NIGERIA'S POLITICAL LANDSCAPE

Year 2022 is the preceding year for Nigeria's general elections. In view of this, political actors and groups intensified actions towards winning the 2023 elections. As we witnessed increased actions – agenda setting, alignments and negotiations by political actors as well as the conduct of party primary elections for emergence of party candidates, the Nigeria's political space continues to be male dominated. Fewer women and young people emerged as political party candidates despite Nigeria's commitment to 35% affirmative action as stipulated by the National Gender Policy and the 'Not too Young to Run' law. For instance, only 8.9% of the candidates contesting for elected seats for the 2023 elections were women.

For AAN, the year provided it opportunity to consolidate on its strategic objective 1 on enhancing people's power in democratic and inclusive governance. AAN continued to mobilise citizens for participation in democratic processes and spaces; building citizens consciousness in demanding accountability and transparency on governance and electoral process as well as engaging the Nigerian Election Management bodies for a peaceful 2023 elections.

## 3 NIGERIA'S ECONOMY

Despite the economic growth by 3.4% witnessed in 2022, which was higher than the 2.6% growth rate in 2021, Inflation continues to pose significant challenge in Nigeria. According to the Nigerian Bureau of Statistics, the inflation rate in Nigeria surged to 20.52% in August 2022 which is believed to be the highest since September 2005, leading to increase in price of commodities.

Additionally, the forex crisis and the plan for currency change by the government resulted in an additional crisis and burden on Nigerians and affected the ease and cost of doing business in the country.

## 4 DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES

Nigeria continued to witness disasters leading to emergencies across the geo-political zones with varied manifestation and impacts. Climate change exacerbated the situation and caused disruptions. In 2022, Nigeria witnessed the worst flood disaster in 35 years which resulted in disease outbreaks, restrictions in movements, food shortages, destructions of lives and properties, and displacement of people in the affected areas. States like Bayelsa, Anambra, Delta, Jigawa and Kogi amongst other states were mostly affected, and AAN works in these states.

# CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR 10 KEY PROMISES

Despite the looming challenges, ActionAid Nigeria was able to contribute results in the 10 key promises.

## 1 Securing Women Lands Rights

- Through advocacies **330** women secured over 15 hectares of land in FCT and Kwara state.
- Women and young people in FCT, Delta and Kaduna have reported improved yield using Agricultural best practices and increased income by **50%**.

## 2 Promoting Sustainable Agriculture

**1180** smallholders' farmers benefitted from government organic input distribution in seven state and the FCT.

## 3 Holding Government to Account on Public Services

- Secured accreditation for AAN to observe the 2023 General Elections, AAN established a technical room to collate, analyse and share real time electoral information from the field for the off-cycle elections in Osun.
- **600** Elections observers trained towards 2023 elections observation.
- Co-developed and facilitated approval of the Election Logistics Framework delivery. The Election Logistics Framework for 2023 General Elections to improve election logistics management by INEC.
- Abandoned health facility in Badagry West renovated and equipped (ambulance, health personnel and medical supplies) following the advocacy embarked upon by Inclusive Forum for Accountable Society (IFAS); and drug supplies in the Sakpo Primary Health Center and Gberefu PHC in Lagos State Local Rights Programme.
- An ambulance stationed at the Igbogbele health center in Wesere LRP community, Lagos.
- Increased access to drugs in the Sakpo Primary Health Center and Gberefu PHC through work with the Local Rights Programme in Lagos.
- SBMC advocacy led to posting of 3 teachers to Sholu and Gatte community in Kwara state LRP.

## 4 Achieving Redistributive Resourcing for Development

- Produced and distributed reports and Factsheets on the analysis of the FGN 2022 and 2023 FGN Appropriation Acts for influencing government.
- **5** New linkages created as AAN collaborated with the Center for Social Justice (CENSOJ), BudgIT, NLC (Nigeria Labour Congress), ECOWAS PATF, IBP and the ChristianAid Nigeria on issues of public finance accountability and redistribution.
- New template on tax expenditure for the West Africa Regions on issue of VAT and custom duties now exist with support of AAN, Tax Justice.
- A new programme on Tax Expenditure framework developed, A position paper developed, which was used to influence the 2022 Finance Act.
- The President signed the Act establishing National Agricultural Development Fund facilitated by AAN.
- Communiqués on the MTEF 2023 to 2025 and the 2023 Proposed Appropriation Bill are in the public domain and sent to the NASS (Appropriation, Public Accounts and Finance Committees) for action.

## 5 Transforming Education for Boys and Girls

- Over 440 in-school children from ActionAid communities in across Taraba, Yobe, Kaduna, Enugu, Kano, Ekiti, Jigawa states and FCT benefited from educational support in form of school renovation, construction of learning spaces and provision of scholastic materials such as exercise books, school bags, textbooks, pencils and sharpener. This helped by raising the enrolment of pupils by about 30% cumulatively across the nine (9) states.
- Advocacy was made to the local councils and FCDAs, and this led to the approval and 2 new secondary and 1 primary schools in Kebbi, Kwara and FCT respectively.
- Through Advocacy, the Jioba Primary School in Ekiti state that was shut down two and half years ago was reopened, and consequently, over 80 children of the community no longer trek far distance to access education. In addition, those children who were deprived of education because their parents could not afford them trek far distance to other communities have been re-enrolled in the school.
- 16 young girls in Jigawa state who hitherto dropped out of school due to lack of secondary schools in their community secured scholarship into boarding school.



**2,416** (98%) Children between 6-59months and 502(96%) Pregnant and lactating women admitted for targeted supplementary feeding program. They were discharged as cured from the UNOCHA program.

Received and Promptly Closed Complaints and Feedback Received from 2,373 beneficiaries through Accountability to Affected Population ensuring Beneficiaries receive their entitlement in Dignity.

Flood Relief in Jigawa, Bayelsa Anambra and Kogi States

**70** Households (645 beneficiaries in total) supported with food items in Sabara LRP community, Jigawa State.

**7** LRP communities received thirty-four (34) bags of rice, eighteen bags (18) of beans, twenty-four (24) sacks of garri and fifty-five (55) cartons of noodles.

**1200** Households and 500 pregnant and lactating women received Non-food items and dignity kits in Anambra, Bayelsa, Kogi and Jigawa.

**21** Young persons' capacity built on evidence-based advocacy for effective engagement with leaders in three LRP communities affected by the 2022 flood.

Repairs of damaged borehole in Duwigi LRP community, Jigawa state.

ActionAid Nigeria's nutrition in emergency programme which focuses on strengthening and building the capacity, resilience of communities as well improving access to critical and quality lifesaving nutrition services to improve on their nutrition using locally available and formulated resources reached 30071 individuals in Yobe State.

ActionAid Nigeria third party protection, beneficiary accountability and beneficiary feedback system implemented across 10 communities in the North-East humanitarian response serviced 2154 beneficiaries helping to resolve their complaints. Through the implementation of an area based and centralised community feedback mechanisms, AAN is increasing the dignity of project beneficiaries, participation and overall accountability of projects and partners to the people we serve.

Through AA Nigeria rapid response mechanism, 4000+ Households in humanitarian emergency reached with live saving assistance to reduce their suffering and protection for women and girls. USD600,000 expended in Unconditional Cash Disbursement, distribution of dignity kits, nonfood items, and disaster risk reduction activities.



Strengthened community sewer system through the CART Initiative, established in 24 communities.

State Action Plan on Women's Peace & Security in Kwara State implemented.

Formation of Women Peace & Security groups by women peer educators in Enugu State.

**35**

Community Action and Response Team (CART) and 10 Community Youth Advocacy and Action Platforms (YAAP) established in Kaduna, Kano, Borno and Yobe State. These platforms continue to lead community early warning and response initiative with AAN active support. In 2022, CART and CYAAP platforms received trainings, funding, and logistic support to facilitate their operations. These initiatives have now been replicated in all the wards by the Bichi LGA in in Kano state following the effectiveness of the CART in responding and resolving local tensions.



**187** Voluntary Savings and Loan Association (cooperative) youth executives were trained on Leadership and Management capacity for increased impact. 120(64%) of these cooperatives were led by young women.

Coordinating with the Ministry of Youth and Sports development in the dissemination and implementation of UNSCR 2250.

ActionAid Nigeria's youth in crisis programme facilitated advocacy for the active inclusion and participation of young people in the humanitarian architecture. Selected 12 Youth led, and 5 young women led organisations received training on evidence-based advocacy as well as partnership building.



2,992

SGBV survivors accessed psychosocial support trauma management ongoing counselling, medical and legal aid. Survivors experienced healing and improved self-esteem and are now more assertive and adjusting to a better life.

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Shelters and 1 SGBV resource Centers established in Kwara, FCT, Enugu, Cross River and Lagos supported by ActionAid to provide temporary accommodation and rehabilitation services to 98 survivors. These survivors have been reintegrated back to their families and communities.

ActionAid supported the establishment and running of 3 multisectoral Sexual and gender-based violence case management committees in Bauchi, Kwara and FCT. This committees have continued to facilitate quick access to justice, resulting to 12 court judgements in favor of the survivors in the year 2022.



Women empowered to advocate for multiple tax reduction and registration of Tax Identification Number. As a result, 11 women operating small scale businesses secured TIN as tax paying businesses which curbed multiple tax exploitation by unscrupulous tax officers in Obudu, Yakurr and Bakasi LGAs.

Establishment of 266 Women peer education groups with 6345 members across Gombe, Bauchi, Kebbi and Kwara established 266 Village Savings and loans schemes, which has enabled women to save N62,737,890 as funds for women to establish and expand businesses, thereby increasing their access and control over economic resources and livelihood for them and their families.

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businesses in Cross River secured brand names and trademark because of empowerment programmes supported by ActionAid. Consequently, women's businesses are becoming more credible and attractive to partnerships and investment by public and private sector.





# HIGHLIGHTS OF RESULTS OF STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Under each strategic objectives on the CSP 2018-2023, activities were conducted as highlighted below:

## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

# 1

### ENHANCED PEOPLES POWER IN DEMOCRATIC AND INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE

#### Emergence of Accountable Local Democratic Leadership and Structures.

The establishment of 24 peace clubs in Kaduna and Kano in collaboration with the Ministries of Education to counter violent extremism has prompted the state government to expand these spaces to more senior secondary schools. Consequently, more young people are engaging in conflict prevention and resolution in secondary schools.

400 key actors and stakeholders across all levels of governance were engaged (Government and development actors) in Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe states to integrate the Humanitarian Development and Peace processes in implementation of activities. Yobe state is now looking inward into the development of 5 year HDP plan. This plan was drafted with the collaboration of government, Civil Societies and other partners and facilitated by AAN. There has also been an Increase in collaboration by Humanitarian Development Peace partners.

A

#### Communities and Citizens Groups Influencing the Outcome of Governance Reforms And Processes.

As part of our commitment to ensure reforms in our electoral processes, we created and launched a live election tracker app, in partnership with Ford Foundation to monitor the upcoming 2023 election. The app will be used by all election observers across the project locations.

642 young WE-YOU PRO mentees (392 Males and 250 Females) identified and trained in Kano and Kaduna states have so far adopted political ideas and changed their attitude from passive political

To improve elections logistics delivery, ActionAid Nigeria worked in collaboration with CSOs to develop the Election Logistics Framework for 2023 General Elections. Consequently, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) adopted the framework and is rolled out to be used in the 2023 general elections.

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#### Young Men and Women Demanding for Accountability and Transformative Development.

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150 Young people were equipped with enhanced skills on data driven advocacy and developed a digital platform strategy for advocacy.

Built capacity of over 200 youths on holding Government accountable.



# Youth and Women Inclusion in Politics



Increasing the participation of women and youth in politics and decision making is critical for the development of more inclusive and democratic societies. Women and young people bring different views and ideas to the table, and their participation may help governments become more sensitive to the interests of all citizens.

Samantha, a WE YOU Pro ambassador, a project that aimed to build the capacity of youth and women to participate in politics, had already been participating in politics before joining the project. However, her exposure to the political campaigns only shaped her into becoming a mentor to community members especially women and youth.

One day, she got an invitation through social media to join the We-You Pro Campaign. After series of engagement with the WEYOU staff and some capacity building sessions, she got stronger in on how to contest herself, demand for accountability, engage party stakeholders canvass and protect her votes.

She started by sensitising women in her local government area (LGA), to go for voter's registration and to collect their permanent voter's card (PVC). Using mass media and social media campaigns to reach women and youth she encouraged them to participate in politics and to contest for political positions.

She is currently involved in grassroots mobilisation, using both mass media and social media spaces to reach out to the youth. We-You Pro has made her to know how to negotiate for the rights

of both the youth and women of her community.

One of her most significant moments occurred when she gained recognition due to the programme she was implementing in her local community. This caught the attention of the state government, leading them to approach her. Subsequently, she was entrusted with the responsibility of educating women in two additional LGAs about voting and political participation.

Samantha is now a voice that people listen to; she now sits with decision makers in her community to decide on the rights of youths and women and whatever I decide stands. This is she considers a great honour to her.

“One of the impacts of the We-You Pro was that I was registered as one of the stakeholders in my LGA and my opinion counts on the table. Before now, I did not have the privilege of sitting with them to make decisions. I now make decisions that benefits both the youth and women in the community. I also have the privilege to be part of the team of LegACEs Orderpaper where we go to assess what the parliament is doing. This is to groom those of us who are interested in holding political offices in 2027's election. Through the We-You Pro, I learnt how to develop a citizens' charter of demand which contains the needs of the community.”

Like every enlightened young person on the project, Samantha believes the project is a good initiative and suggested an early start in preparation for the 2027 general election. She also recommended that the project should advocate to big parties to consider youth and women as regarding the high cost of nomination forms.

# STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

## 2

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



#### Women's Access and Control Over Economic Resources.

Community women on WVL project, made unprecedented mark by saving N62,737,890 through the Women Village Savings and Loans Scheme. This pool of funds will allow them to gain access and control to money through loans and profits made from the savings. These funds are being used by community women to establish and expand their businesses for improved lives and livelihood.

In Cross River State, women empowered by ActionAid Nigeria to operate small scale businesses, acquired Tax Identification Numbers (TIN) by registering with the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) as taxpaying businesses. This action led to the curbing of exploitation by unscrupulous tax officials that impose illegal multiple taxations. Women are now in control of their tax remittance without third party interference.

As part of AAN's principle of inclusivity women with special needs were empowered to start small businesses like catering, petty trading, poultry. The women are now financially buoyant and are able to use profits from their businesses to meet their household needs.

Community by-laws	Community bye laws developed and in used to eradicate GBV in Imo and Gombe
Institutional Level Policies	Gender strategies/policies developed for 5 Universities by 100 WLG. Gender strategy developed for 5 schools in Kebbi
Gender Policy for Political Parties	WIPF, an AAN partner supported ADC and APC political parties to draft their gender policies.

Also, AAN partners through the SLOC project are reducing and eliminating harmful practices against women and girls in Imo, FCT and Gombe. These practices include: FGM, breast ironing, forced marriage, rape, widowhood rites, women's inheritance of land and property, girl's street hawking, amongst others. Through the advocacies by the women, some community leaders have established byelaws against these practices.

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#### Women's Participation in Decision Making in Private and Public Spaces

Through the women's peer education programme, ActionAid established 24 Women and Girls Safe Spaces to push for women's right issues within project communities. So far 3,380 women and 833 girls who belong to these safe spaces are building capacities, identifying, and challenging social norms that violate women's rights and are working with their communities for change. These spaces empowered women to know their rights and demand for inclusion in decision making spaces at all levels.

C

As part of inclusion at the community level, 67 Women were inaugurated as full members of traditional councils in communities within Enugu, Cross River, Imo and Bauchi State.

This year, some of our beneficiaries participated in National and state elections. Across the country total of 206 Women contested election (Deputy Governor, Senate, House of Reps, House of Assembly, LGA Chairpersons, Councilors) and 63 of won primaries in project locations and 22 female candidates who are beneficiaries of AAN's project interventions on political participation of women, won elections across different levels.

#### Mechanisms for Institutional and Societal Response on VAWG; Policies and Frameworks Influenced to Address GBV

AAN and partners influenced 42 laws, policies and frameworks around issues of women and girls rights at the national, state, institutional and community levels. Some of which include:

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TYPE OF POLICY	STATUS
VAPP ACT	Passed and Accented in Kebbi, Bauchi, Kwara, Imo Gombe, and Kogi States
CRA LAW	Passed and Accented in Kebbi, Kwara, Gombe and Imo States
NAP AND SAP 1325	AAN was made a part of the National Committee for developing the 3rd National Action plan of UNSCR 1325 Kwara Developed the 1st State Action Plan on Women Peace and Security ( led by OCDI, AAN's partner in Kwara State)
ILO C190	AAN worked with solidarity center to draft and campaign for the ratification of ILO C190 on women's rights in the workplace. This policy was ratified November last year

#### Institutional Capacity of Local Women's Right Organisation

Using the feminist leadership principles ActionAid in partnership with the Global Affairs Canada continue to strengthen the institutional capacity of Local Women Rights Organisation across the country. This year, 112 Local Women Rights Organisation capacities have been built. These include support to set up organisational policies and frameworks such as resource mobilisation frameworks, Finance and HR policies, Strategic plans and other key organisational policies that increased their credibility, and eligibility for funding from other donors.

D

Consequently, 19 LWROs diversified their resources and secured grants from other donors raising N866,223,544. 7 of the LWROs had never secured a donor grant before their engagement with AAN. ASHH Foundations received funding to develop new office buildings and land for shelter.



# SUCCESS STORY 2

## Empowering Community Women in the Export Sector through Collaboration



Creating avenues for women-owned enterprises to export their products and services within and outside the country is a way to promote economic development, empower women as well as advance gender equality. Although women participation in trade is growing worldwide, there still lies an exceptionally low level of competitiveness. We know that women constitute 41% of micro-business owners as against 59% of men in Nigeria. But how can we bridge this gap?

With the export business in Nigeria solely dominated by men, women who have interest in export are constrained by lack of capital and technical knowledge to produce, brand, package, and export goods.

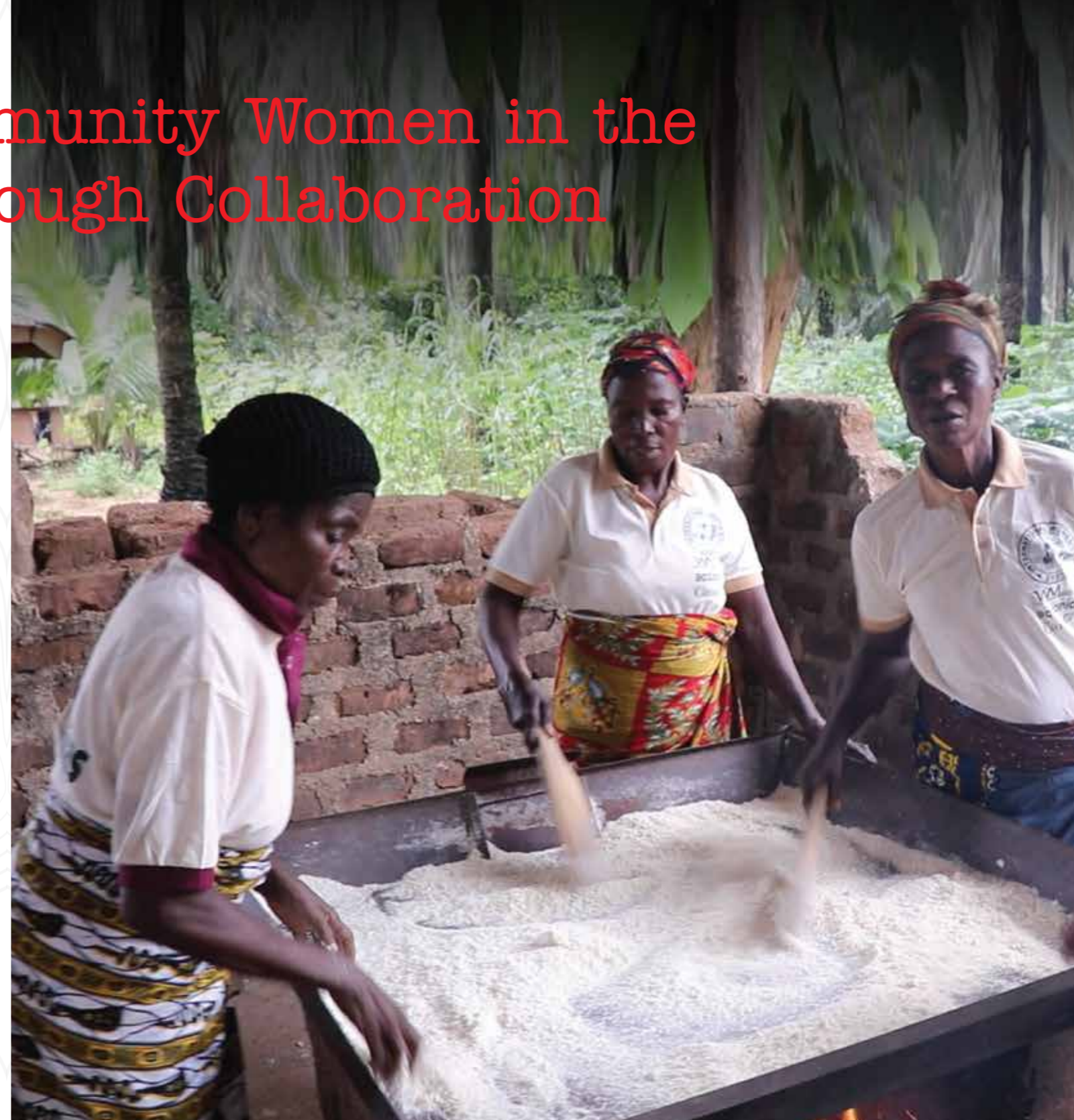
As part of the Women's Voice and Leadership Nigeria (WVL-N) project's goal to eliminate any form of discrimination and violation of rights against women, Child Care and Adult Protection Initiative (CCAPI) commenced training, capacity building as well as registration of small businesses for beneficiaries at communities in Cross River state, organizing them in groups to form cooperatives. Support provided for beneficiaries of the project ranges from; NAFDAC registration, trademarks acquisition, nurturing collaborations with the Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC), facilitation trainings on Branding and Packaging suitable for export, linkage to loan facilities, among others.

"This change is the first of its kind in our community, before we had no idea of packaging and branding and we didn't know the right source to go through, but since this project came to our community and trained us on how to package our product for export, we have been able to make a lot of sales as people now come from neighboring villages to buy our packaged custard" Mrs. Georgian Nkom, Executive Director, Voice of Ejagham Women Association (VEWA)

"We have always yearned for a level playing field for everyone irrespective of gender. This is what CCAPI, and ActionAid Nigeria are giving us through the WVL-N Project" Ms. Grace Eze Obi, ED, Women Assist Foundation (WAF)

The change was significant as women were provided a platform in Cross River state to participate in the export trade, through technical knowledge acquired from the various trainings; now businesses of women at community level are expanding rapidly with increased production and sales, increased income as well as sustained support for family members.

In her words, the Chief Trade Promotion Officer, Nigerian export Promotion Council, Mrs. Sylvia Adeneija said that over 20 women have been registered as exporters and products collected for



future export. "Most of these women trained were mostly widows, and survivors of Gender Based Violence, but after this training on export and branding, they can now fend for themselves and their family, though more needs to be done as these women need facilities to be able to export internationally"

With Cross River state on the right path towards inclusion and active participation of women in export business, an enterprise that was hitherto a male-dominated venture, more women are now trained, and more cooperatives formed and registered through the WVL-N project, Funded by Global Affairs Canada

# STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

## 3

### INCREASED WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN AN ACCOUNTABLE HUMANITARIAN AND RESILIENT SYSTEM

#### Women-led Community-based Protection Platforms Addressing GBV Prevention and Response.

**A** Localising women led responses to Gender Based Violence requires multisectoral approaches. This is why ActionAid partnered with Hallmark Leadership Initiative (HALI) to amplify messages for GBV protection, while establishing women and girl's safe space for case management and psychosocial support to Survivors of GBV in n Borno, Adamawa and Yobe.

#### Increased Resilience of Individuals, Citizens, and Communities.

Through the Migration II project, one thousand (1000) young people in Edo state are actively engaged in economic activities as an alternative means to illegal migration. Additionally, we have achieved a major feat of reaching 11,330 adults and 2,103 children with messages on safe migration to change the negative behaviour around illegal migration.

We worked with the Office of the National Security Advisor (ONSA) to develop the Nigeria's M&E strategy for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Implementation in Nigeria.

**B**

#### Children and Young People Adequately Protected Before, During and After Emergencies.

**C** A total of one thousand, one hundred and eighty (1,180) Smallholder Women Farmers across the 7 project states and the FCT were able to access different government services such as inputs and trainings.

Set up and operationalisation 60 MTM/FTF support group reached.



# SUCCESS STORY 3

## What is the Role of AAN Community Action and Response Team (CART) with Communities?

The chairman of one of the CART groups in Bade LGA witnessed a group of youths arrested by NDLEA for illicit drugs use in the community. The CART chair approached the NDLEA operatives and identified himself as a CART member and the role of AAN CART Team with the community, and its mitigation role in early warning and mitigation of conflict and tension within the community. He was given an opportunity to speak with the youths on the dangers of substance abuse and its effect on their lives and the community at large. Impressed by one of the youths who felt sober from the CART member enlightenment said, “no one has ever talked to me the way you did (addressing it to the CART member) if I am a true son of my mother from today, I will not indulge this act again.” He handed over illicit drugs and cigarette in his pocket to the NDLEA operatives.

The repentant drug user requested the CART member could conduct regular follow up visit assuring him of his change in behavior henceforth.

Also, the CART Team discovered the stealing of phones in community was consistently reported during meetings. As part of the CART roles and responsibility within the community, they reached out to community members for detailed information to address it and reduce tension already generated in the community. They visited the community leader to discuss strategies they would adopt which included sending representatives to community group meetings and Maigari within the community. The continuous theft was linked to two boys from the community, a 16years old and



9-year-old. CART members with the boys' parents were taken to Community leader who sort to know why the boys were involved with such vice. The younger child revealed he had no family around Bade and so engages in burglary as a way of securing daily meals. The boys reported that they worked with a group of used phones sellers who paid them the sum of 200 naira for each stolen phone and sometimes Fura and Nunu.

The community leader promised to act in ensuring the phone sellers were brought to face the law. They usually went as far as breaking into phone shops that are locked to steal phones. On engaging with them. The younger boy promised that if he was enrolled in a school, he would stay away from the crime. The CART chairman took him in and enrolled him in a nearby Islamiya while the teenager made a promise to be of best behavior.

The Father of the teenager reported to the CART Team recently that the teenager supports him in farming activities often after the encounter with the CART Team. Prior to Haruna's membership as a CART member, he was part of a group called Banga Siyasa a notorious sect known for disrupting especially elections. They work alongside politicians who sponsor their activities during elections. Banga siyasa at Dan-falku zango ward. His membership as CART and trainings conducted by AAN, enabled him to rethink his membership as one of the terror group, he renounced his membership from the terror group while convincing other members to quit the group which some did. Elections were hitch free in the location as compared to what it was prior the presence of CART Team in the location. Also, Herdsmen evaded a community member's farm, which resulted in conflict between the two parties with the farmer sustaining non-life threatening injuries.

The CART chairman and some members (Fulani Herdman and a Pastor) attention was called to intervene. They reached out to the police who swiftly responded to them resulting from support of law enforcement agency and CART Team. They both addressed the worrying parties on the need to resolve the conflict non-violently using negotiation skills a fall out from the training conducted by AAN for CART members for peacebuilding and social cohesion which reduced tension in the community and prevented further breakdown of law and order by sympathisers of both parties.



## SBMCs Advocate for Basic Amenities in the Community Schools

It was observed by the SBMC that the number of female students attending classes dropped out school despite been admitted in the only secondary school in Dagona. This was a concern for school head and teachers who deliberated on the decline during SBMC meeting. The SBMC members revealed that some of the female students reported that they were uncomfortable sharing the only restroom in the school with the boys because it impaired their privacy.

The training conducted by AAN for SBMCs included topics on accountability and empowerment especially as it relates to amenities for schools. This assisted the SBMC members who paid advocacy visit to UNICEF and CCDRN to solicit their support to construct female toilet, borehole for the school, repair of broken doors and windows and employing school security to improve school attendance and retain female students. Borehole was constructed for the school by CCDRN while construction of gender segregated latrines and repairs of broken doors and windows request was granted by UNICEF which is ongoing.

# STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

## 4

### STRENGTHEN SYSTEMS AND INCREASE RESOURCE DIVERSIFICATION FOR QUALITY PROGRAMMING

#### ORGANISATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS:

##### Digitizing our Work for Efficiency and Impact; How Technology is Changing the Way We Work

**A** Our improved use of technology is leading to a digital transformation that is changing the way we work and increasing impact. This year, technology played a central role in Action Aid systems and programmes, and this led to better outcomes for recording and measuring change.

##### We Launched the Digital Youth Hub

**B** ActionAid Nigeria under the Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA II) with ActionAid Denmark has launched a Youth Digital Centre within the premises of AAN office in Abuja. The Youth Digital centre which is also supported by McArthur Foundation and sustained by the Global Platform fund will contribute to the realization of SDG 9 - industry, innovation and infrastructure which seeks to facilitate sustainable and resilient infrastructure development in developing countries through enhanced financial, technological, and technical. The launch of the centre is part of series of activities ActionAid is deploying towards building sustainable and scalable solutions to youth unemployment in Nigeria.

##### Strengthening our Management Information Systems

**C** To make our information management more efficient and effective for the organization, we invested in an updated AMIS (Action Aid Management Information System) using the latest technology to strengthen reporting and improve management of organizational data. ActionAid Nigeria is committed to using the most up-to-date technology to improve its work, and we are confident that this will allow us to continue to be effective in the future.

##### Empowering Systems to Adapt to Climate Change; Going Greener in ActionAid

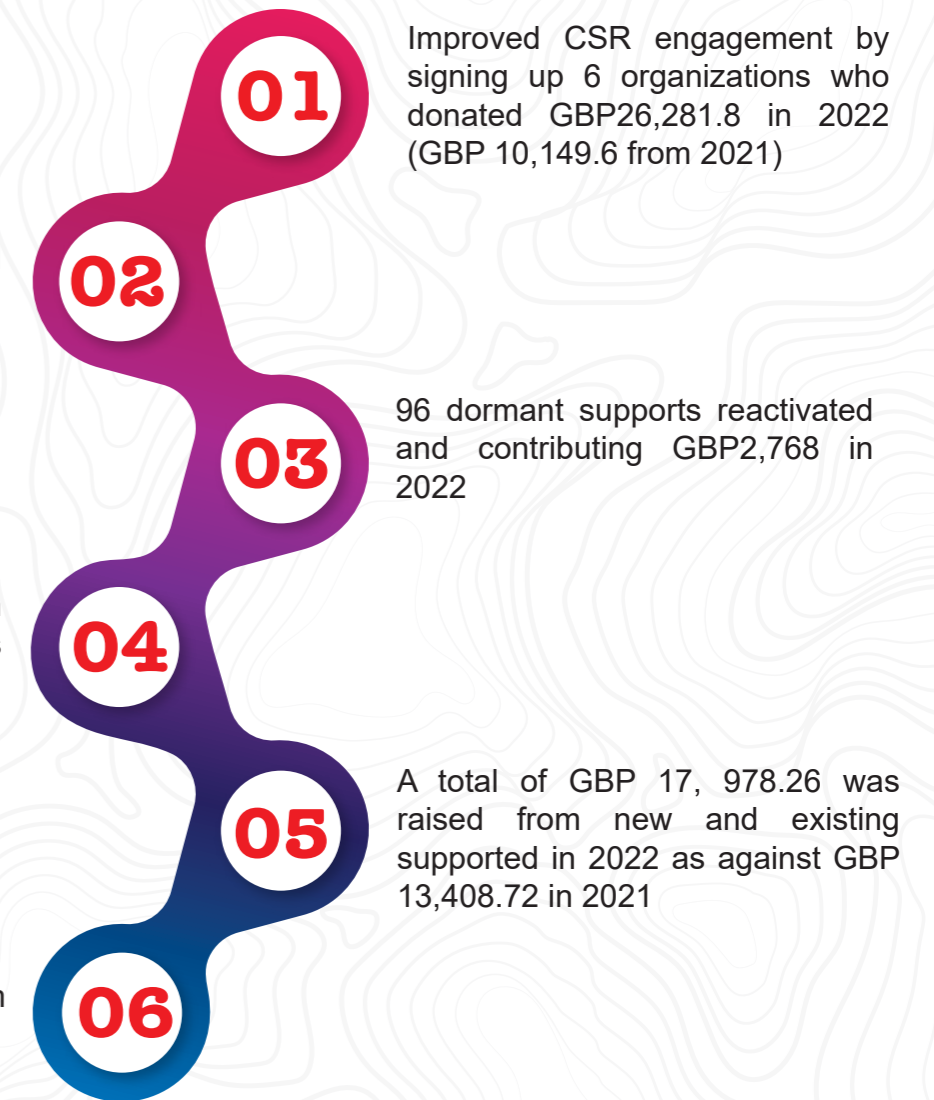
**D** AAN launched various platforms that will promote the curtailment of paper usage as a way to contribute to climate change actions. The organisation has launched digital platforms like the Human manager, AMIS, and Enterprise Resource Planning Application (ERP) to improve people management.

#### E Community and Child Sponsorship

124 new supporters signed and paying GBP2,2250 in 2022

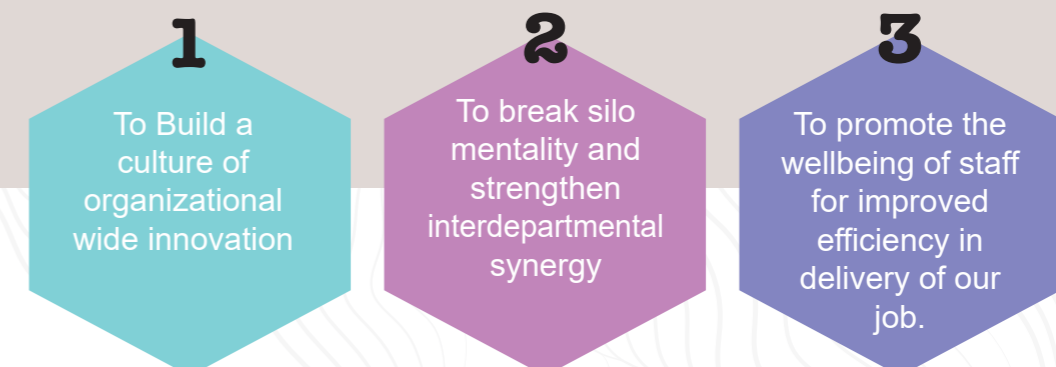
Realized GBP 12,788.46 from continued supporters in 2022, as against GBP 11, 487.58 in 2021

Child sponsorship increased from 7898 to 8209



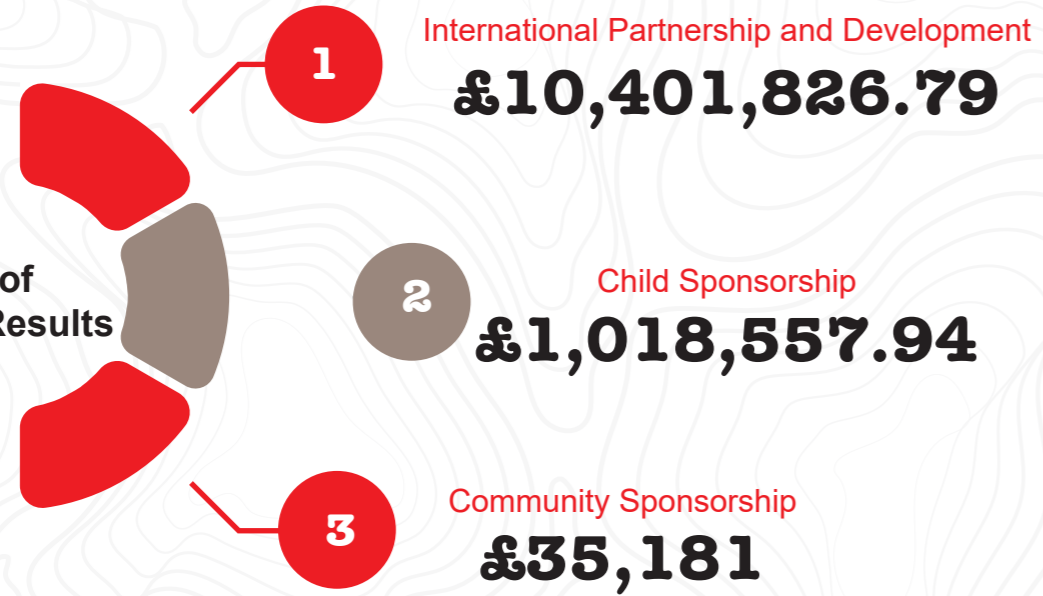
#### F Successful Implementation of AAN Innovation Week 2.0

AAN annual Innovation Week, aimed at increasing efficiency and effectiveness in the utilisation and management of resources, was successfully held. This year Innovation week 2022, centered around the following;

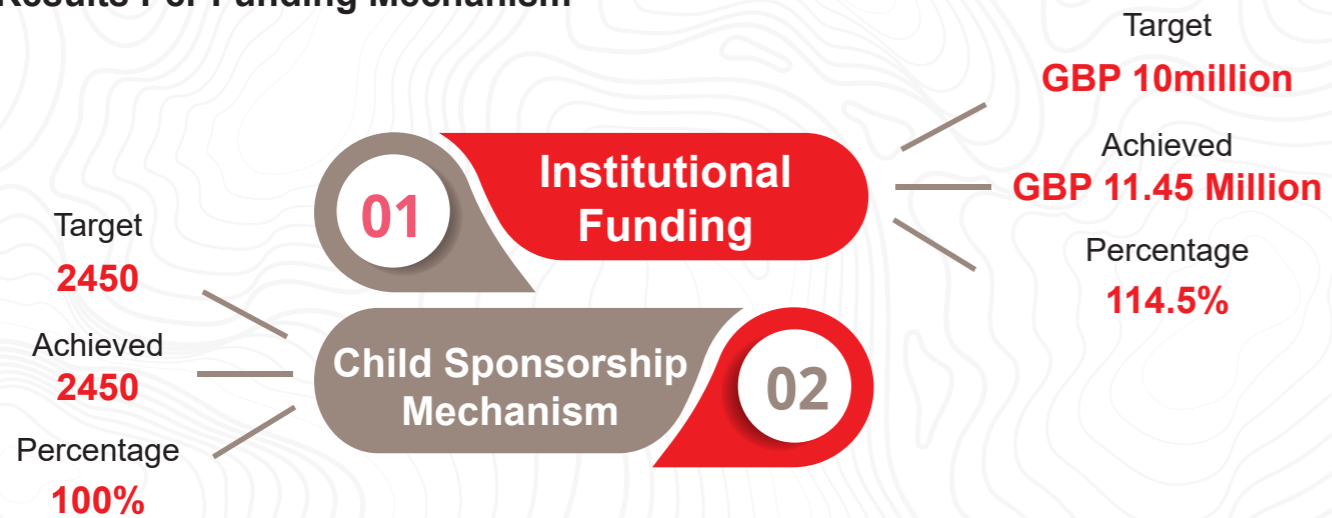


It was a week-long event which included activities such as Directorate Challenge, Townhall meeting, Team Bonding, Mental Health Day, Fundraising and a Walkathon for all staff. It culminated in an old school party to wrap up all the activities of the week and saw all staff actively participating.

Overview of Funding Results



Results Per Funding Mechanism



SUCCESS STORY 4

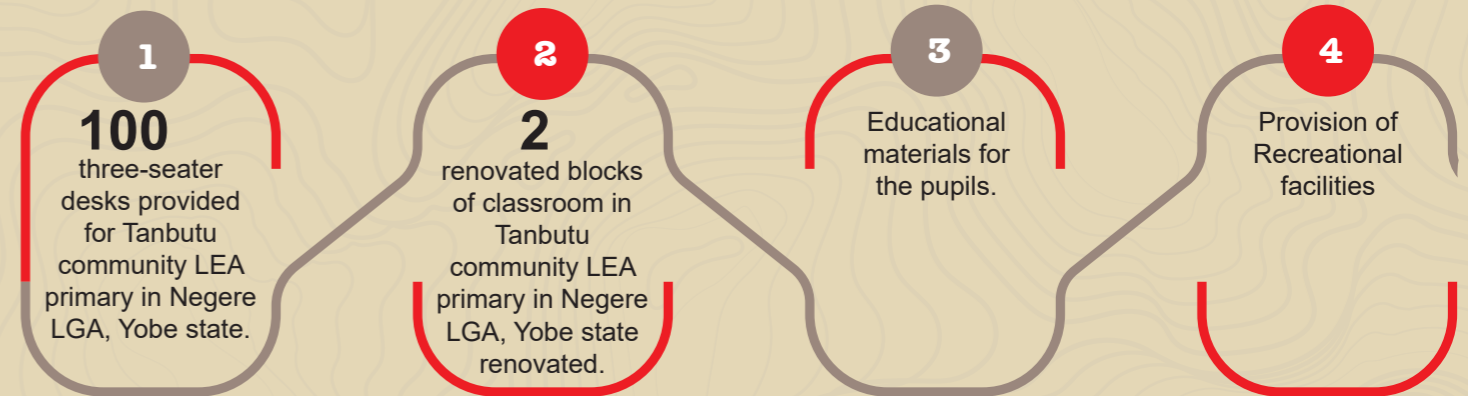
Community Sponsorship



ActionAid Nigeria, through her Community Sponsorship Initiative, partnered with LEADWAY Assurance Company to address education in emergency and promote rights in Tarbutu Primary school, Bursari Local Government Area of Yobe State.

With funding support from LEADWAY Assurance, ActionAid Nigeria identified the need to bring hope to the children in Tarbutu community through the provision of education facilities to aid community development in the long term. A dilapidated block of two classrooms, an office and a store were awarded for complete renovation in Tarbutu Community. The renovation is aimed at promoting access to and continuity of quality and inclusive public education, for all children by providing safe and conducive atmosphere for effective teaching and learning.

To date, the following has been completed and ready for presentation to the community:



# KEY MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

AAN IN THE NEWS 2022



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# LIST OF CSR PARTNERS



# DONORS AND PARTNERS

DONOR	PROJECT	UNIT
FCDO	WEYOU PROJECT	GOVERNANCE
DANIDA	SPA II POPULARISING AND PROMOTING THE OPERATIONALISATION OF THE HUMANITARIAN DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE NEXUS IN NORTH-EAST NIGERIA- COMPONENT OF THE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN AANIGERIA WITH AADENMARK.	GOVERNANCE
DANIDA	SPA II HDP PROMOTIONAL ACTIONS IN NIGERIA	HUMANITARIAN
DANIDA	MOVE PROJECT	SOCIAL MOBILISATION
FORD FOUNDATION	SLOC PROJECT	WOMEN'S RIGHT
FORD FOUNDATION	ENLOGIC	GOVERNANCE
GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA	WVL PROJECT	WOMEN'S RIGHT
IFPR	METAKETA PROJECT	WOMEN'S RIGHT
GLOBAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND RESILIENCE FUND	SYSTEM AND STRUCTURE STRENGTHENING APPROAC AGAINST RADICALIZATION TO VIOLENT EXTREMISM (SARVE III)	HUMANITARIAN
ITALIAN AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (AICS)	CREATING ECONOMIC ALTERNATIVE TO IRREGULAR MIGRATION FOR RETURNEES AND POTENTIAL MIGRANTS IN EDO STATE. "DARE TO HOPE MIGRATION PROJECT" MIGRATION II DARE TO HOPE PROJECT	HUMANITARIAN
LEADWAY ASSURANCE		LRP

DONOR	PROJECT	UNIT
STARTFUND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE FUND (DPRF) MANAGED BY ACTIONAID INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN AND RESILIENCE TEAM (IHART) CHIPPER CASH	RAPID RESPONSE TO VARIOUS HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCIES IN 2022 •CONFLICT IN KADUNA •CONFLICT IN KADUNA •FLOOD IN JIGAWA •FLOOD RESPONSE IN BAYELSA	HUMANITARIAN
START FUND EMERGENCY INTERVENTIONS		
UNOCHA- NHF	SCALING UP ACCESS TO CRITICAL NUTRITION SERVICES (NHF I) (EXTENSION, NHF II SECURED) INCREASING ACCESS TO CRITICAL LIFESAVING NUTRITION ASSISTANCE TO CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS, PREGNANT AND LACTATING WOMEN IN BURSARI LGA OF YOBE STATE	HUMANITARIAN
WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME	WFP DIGITAL FINANCE AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROJECT	HUMANITARIAN
WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME	PROTECTION, ACCOUNTABILITY TO POPULATION AND SOCIA COHESION IN COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY CONFLICTS IN BORNO AND YOBE STATES WFP PROTECTION AND SOCIAL COHESION PROJECT	HUMANITARIAN



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# FINANCIAL REPORT

## ACTIONAID NIGERIA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	NOTES	2022 N	2021 N
Grants	5	3,939,326,098	3,944,135,218
Other Income	6	284,764,520	40,536,283
<b>Total income</b>		<b>4,224,090,618</b>	<b>3,984,671,501</b>
Direct charitable expenditure	7	(2,770,092,347)	(2,244,687,194)
Management and administrative costs	8	(1,918,472,336)	(1,515,445,434)
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>(4,688,564,683)</b>	<b>(3,760,132,628)</b>
(Deficit)/surplus before taxation		(464,474,065)	224,538,873
(Deficit)/surplus after taxation		(464,474,065)	224,538,873
Other comprehensive income			
Re-measurement (loss)/gain on defined benefit plan	15.2	(16,119,000)	43,865,000
<b>Other comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>(16,119,000)</b>	<b>43,865,000</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive (loss)/income for the year</b>		<b>(480,593,065)</b>	<b>268,403,873</b>

The accompanying notes and accounting policies form an integral part of these financial statements.

## ACTIONAID NIGERIA STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	NOTES	2022 N	2021 N
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	10	11,458,333	18,333,333
Current assets			
Receivables	11	814,985,937	1,402,977,618
Prepayments	12	71,046,392	43,227,130
Cash and cash equivalent	13	1,089,944,074	1,139,402,378
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>1,987,434,736</b>	<b>2,603,940,459</b>
Reserves			
Accumulated fund	14	572,312,033	1,052,905,098
Non-current liabilities			
Employee defined liabilities	15.3	289,439,493	270,927,493
Current liabilities			
Payables	16	72,898,534	30,828,189
Employee defined liabilities	15.3	-	2,133,254
Deferred income	17	959,469,859	935,539,276
Other liabilities	18	93,314,817	311,607,149
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>1,415,122,703</b>	<b>1,551,035,361</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES</b>		<b>1,987,434,736</b>	<b>2,603,940,459</b>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

  
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