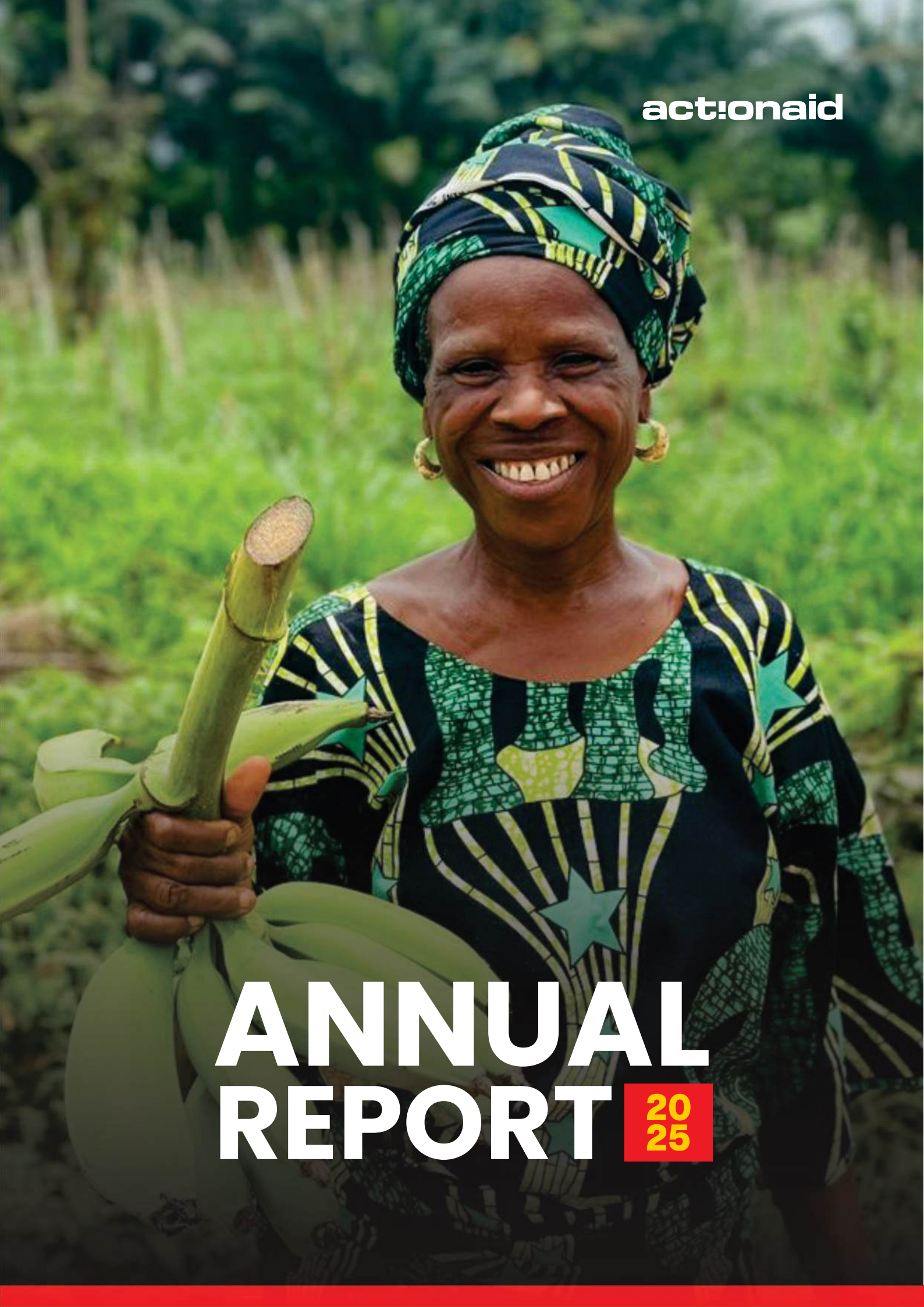


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List Of Acronyms

AAN	–	ActionAid Nigeria
CAD	–	Community Action for Development
CATAI	-	Center for Advocacy,Transparency & Accountability Initiative
CIF	-	Clement Isong Foundation
COE	-	Center of Excellence
CRATs	–	Community Response Action Teams
CSO	–	Civil Society Organization
CSP	–	Country Strategy Paper
DAF	-	Direct Action Fund
DSS	-	Department of State Security
ECOWAS-		Economic Community of West African States
EVOLVE	-	Empowering Vibrant Organizational Leaders for Value- Diven Engagement
FES	-	Friedrich Ebert Stiftung
FLOURISH-		Fostering Leadership and Opportunities for Underrepresented Women in Humanitarian Action
GBV	–	Gender Based Violence
GOLD	-	Global Organising and Leadership Development
GGE	-	Girls Get Equal
HCT	–	Humanitarian Country Team
IJAP	-	Accountability Panel
LCOY	-	Local Conference of Youth
MAM	-	Moderate Acute Malnutrition
MDAs	–	Ministry Departments and Agencies
MMC	-	Maiduguri Metropolitan Council
NCFRMI	–	National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and IDPs
NEW	-	Nigerian Earth Warriors
NFDP	-	New Foundation for Displaced Persons
NYCNN	-	Nigerian Youth Climate Negotiators Network
NILDS	-	National Institute for Legislative Studies
NYC	–	Nigerian Youth Council
OMPV	-	Open Minds Young Voices
SAM	-	Severe Acute Malnutrition
SPA	-	Strategic Partnerships Agreement
SGBV	-	Sexual Gender Based Violence
TOT	–	Training of Trainers
VSLA	-	Village Savings and Loans Association
YEDC	-	Yola Electricity Distribution Company
YCCN	-	Youth Climate Council of Nigeria
YPC	–	Youth Peace and Security

Board Chair's Statement

Rabi Isma | Chair, Board of Directors, ActionAid Nigeria

Twenty-five years ago, ActionAid Nigeria took root in this country with a conviction that poverty is not inevitable and that every person, regardless of gender, geography, or circumstance, deserves to live a life of dignity. In 2025, we marked that founding conviction with a celebration. But AAN@25 was more than an anniversary. It was an honest, proud, and forward-looking account of what it means to remain steadfast in mission across a quarter of a century.

2025 was also the first full year of the current board leadership, and what a year it was to assume that responsibility. Stepping into the role, I was conscious of the weight of the baton. One year on, I am more conscious of its meaning, seeing where we began twenty-five years ago and how far we have come.

That journey was on full display at our anniversary celebrations. The Gallery Walk, the premiere of our legacy documentary, the launch of Footprints, our legacy book, and the unveiling

of the new AAN building prototype all told one story: through partnerships, accountability, and solidarity, ActionAid Nigeria has built a reputation for principled advocacy, people-centred development, and feminist leadership. Twenty-five years is not the destination. It is the foundation.

And yet, even as we celebrated, 2025 demanded that this board remain vigilant and vocal. Nigeria faced deepening inequality, a cost-of-living crisis falling hardest on women and the most vulnerable, and serious questions around democratic governance and national security. This board did not look away. Governance is not passive stewardship. It demands engagement, and this board remains firmly committed to that engagement.

To every partner, donor, community member, staff, and ally who has walked any part of this journey with us, thank you. The footprints have been laid. We walk forward.





Country Director Message

Andrew Mamedu | Country Director, ActionAid Nigeria

2025 was the first full year of our 10-year Country Strategy Paper, Citizens Action to End Poverty and Injustice (CAEPI 2024-2034), and Nigeria's socio-economic situation did not make it easy. The environment in which we worked was shaped by deepening hardship. The World Bank's April 2025 Africa's Pulse report forecast a 3.6 percentage point increase in Nigeria's poverty rate by 2027, with over 106 million people surviving on less than \$2.15 a day. An estimated 33 million Nigerians faced acute food insecurity, with children bearing the brunt of the nutritional crisis.

Inflation, insecurity, and the ongoing consequences of fuel subsidy removal continued to push families further from dignity. Despite reported GDP growth of between 3.1 and 3.9 percent, the average Nigerian saw no improvement in quality of life. Economic growth without social impact is growth without meaning.

Against this backdrop, CAEPI's first year of full implementation proved its relevance, especially the four pillars - Organise, Act, Shift, and Thrive. This led us to the launch of MOTiON,

a movement of movements uniting over 30 million Nigerians from labour unions, civil society, academia, and pro-democracy groups to translate shared frustration into collective action.

On partnerships, 2025 brought new energy. The European Union came on board through the ESSPIN project, strengthening social protection systems across five states. We deepened collaborations with the Gates Foundation, MacArthur Foundation, GCERF, UNFPA, the World Food Programme, and Global Affairs Canada, among others.

2025 was also the year we marked 25 years of ActionAid Nigeria's presence in this country. AAN@25 was not a pause from our work. It was a reaffirmation of it. The anniversary reminded us that behind every result in this report is a community that chose to organise, a woman who refused to be excluded, a young person who demanded accountability. Twenty-five years of footprints. Ten more years of direction. We walk forward with both.



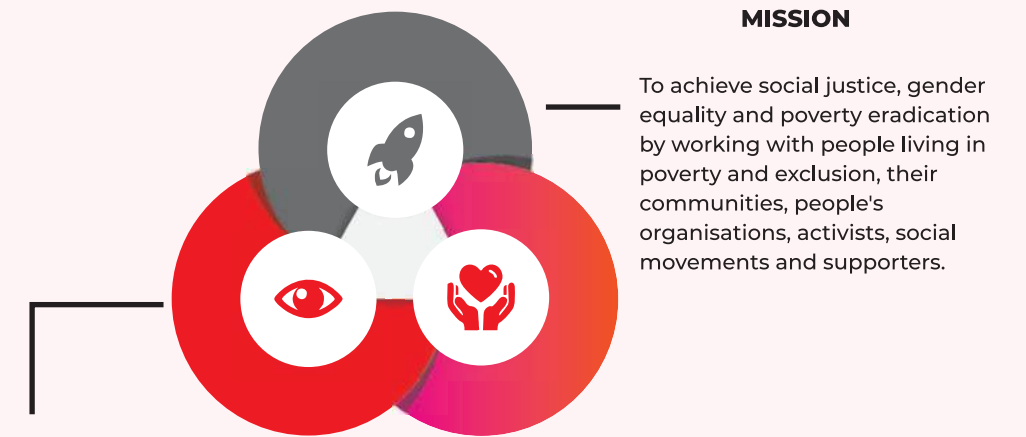
About us

ActionAid Nigeria (AAN) 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. AAN mobilises active agencies 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.

We collaborate with state and non-state actors (government, CSOs, movements, networks, allies, and other relevant stakeholders) and this collaboration works towards shifting power to the people, promoting equality, and

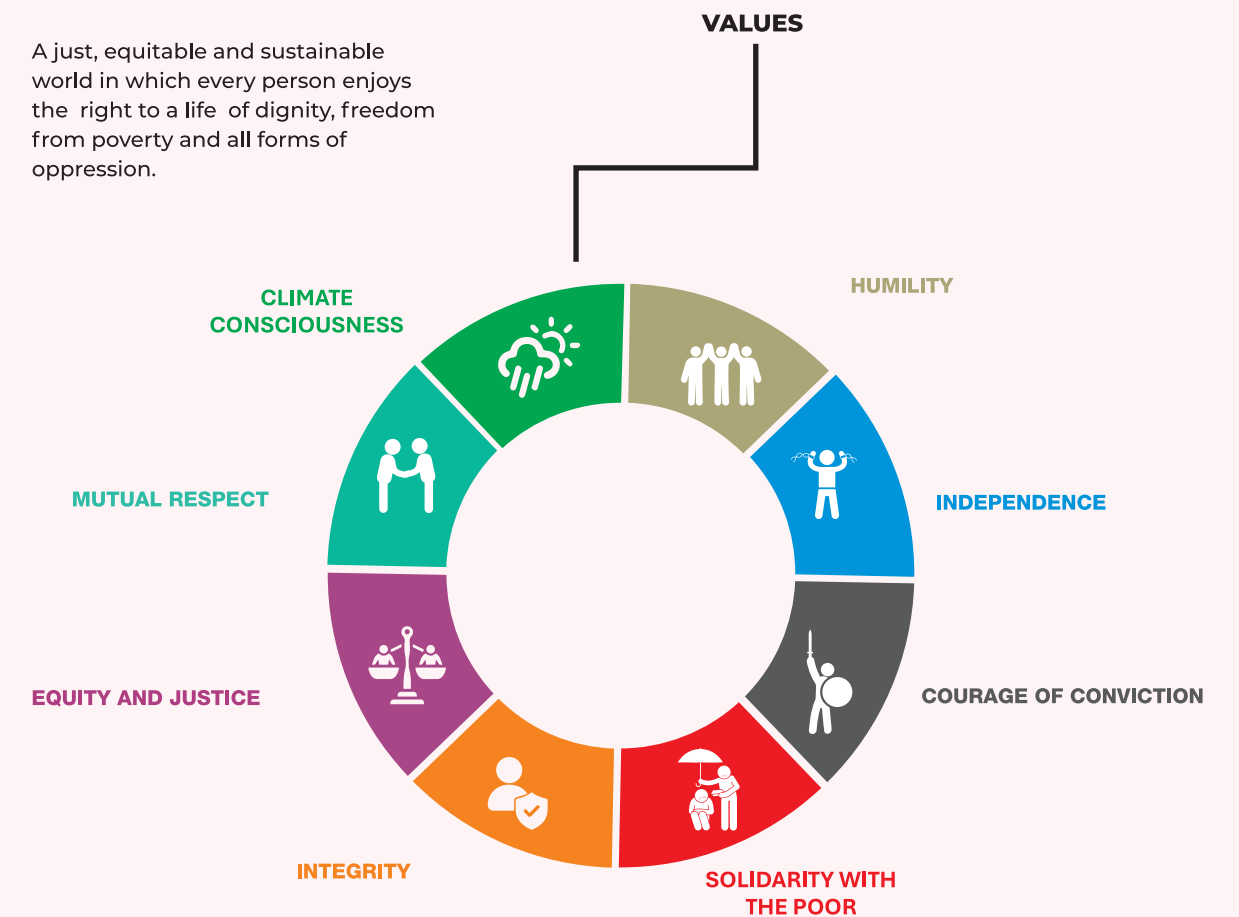
redistributing wealth and power through a multidimensional, human-rights-based approach to development. We mobilise active agencies of people to confront unequal power relations that exclude them or others from decision-making and limit their access to and control over resources and opportunities.

ActionAid Nigeria was established in 1999 and registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission in 2007. As 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 a strong relationship of interdependence and mutual accountability, ensuring a strong balance between self-rule and shared rule.

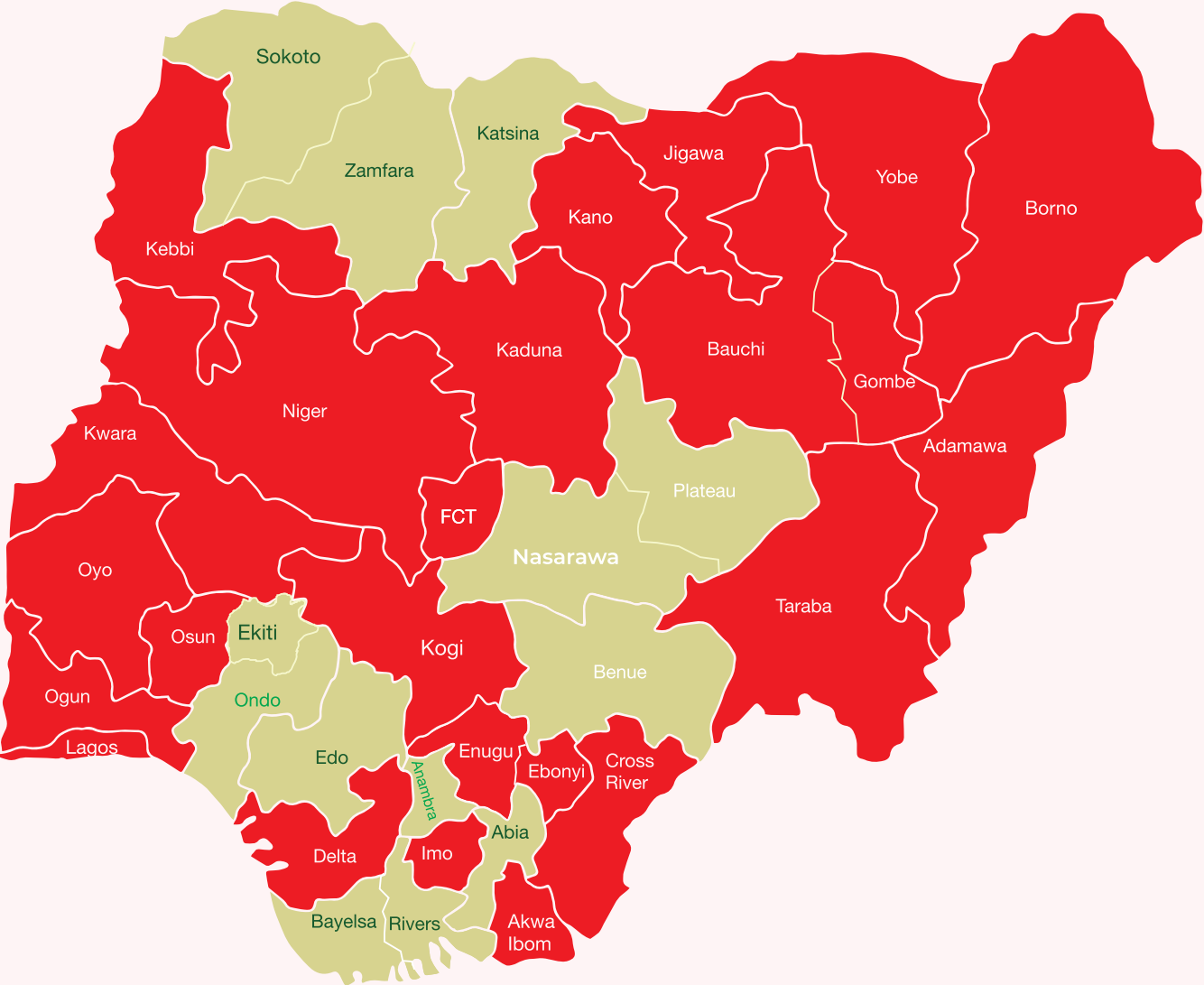


VISION

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.



ActionAid Nigeria Geographical Coverage



Executive Summary

MAKING A DIFFERENCE – 25 YEARS OF IMPACT

As Nigeria continues to navigate a complex landscape shaped by deepening economic inequalities, climate shocks, youth exclusion and persistent gender injustice, ActionAid Nigeria stands at a defining moment marking 25 years of driving people-powered change. For the last 25 years, AAN has sustained transformational approaches that begin at the grassroots, where women, young people, in underserved and unserved communities are not just beneficiaries, but leaders of change. This milestone is not on selection of impact, but of resilience, solidarity, and a continued commitment to social justice.

IN 2025, WE DEEPENED THIS LEGACY.

Across Nigeria, we strengthened the agency of young people as catalysts for change. From conflict-affected and underserved communities to urban informal settlements, young women and men led advocacy efforts, mobilised for accountability, and engaged in civic processes. We launched our citizens led actions called MOTIONS and through targeted capacity strengthening, digital inclusion initiatives, and movement-building, youth demonstrated that when equipped and empowered, they can influence systems and shape a more just future.

At the heart of our work, women and girls continued to rise – AAN influenced spaces and actions while pushing for more investments to strengthen local feminist organisations and networks. We deepened our approaches in enabling collective action, community

awareness, and survivor-centred responses to injustice through partnership with donors across the world.

Through our Local Rights Programme and other projects, we addressed systemic challenges affecting the most vulnerable, ranging from unequal power balance that exacerbate gender inequality, child protection concerns such as child marriage and unsafe learning environments, to barriers in access to education, livelihoods, and social protection. Communities were not passive recipients; they actively shaped solutions, held duty bearers accountable, and co-created pathways to resilience.

Our work on economic justice and digital financial inclusion expanded opportunities for excluded populations, especially women and young people in hard-to-reach areas. By improving access to financial services, skills, and resources, we contributed to building more resilient livelihoods and reducing vulnerability to poverty.

As we reflect on 25 years of impact, we celebrate the millions of lives touched, the systems, influenced, and the movements strengthened. Yet, we are equally aware that the journey towards justice, equity, and dignity for all is far from over.

Led by the citizens, and together with our partners, supporters, and the communities we serve, we reaffirm our commitment to a Nigeria where power is shifted, voices are heard, and no one is left behind.

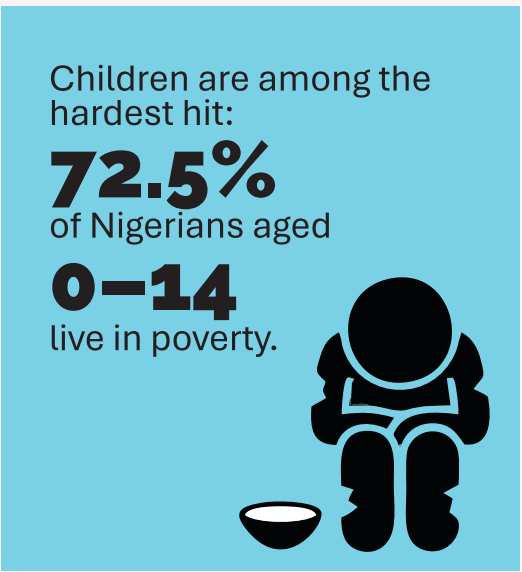
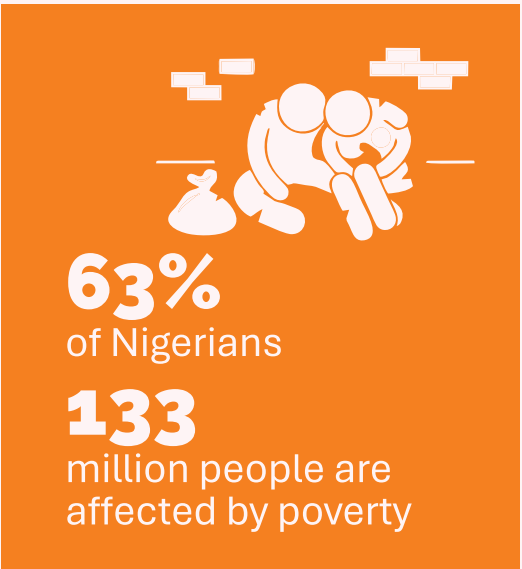
Our context

In accordance with the Sustainable Development Goals, poverty occupies the 7th position, this entails the importance of eradicating poverty in Nigeria, requiring well coordinated approached by both the public and the private sector players. The country continues to represent a paradox of difficulties amidst opportunities, a country with high potentials, holding both human and natural resources but unfortunately series of ineffective leadership since the return of civil rule in 1999, have not been able to optimally harness these potentials, contrarily sustaining continued growth in poverty and inequality across the country.

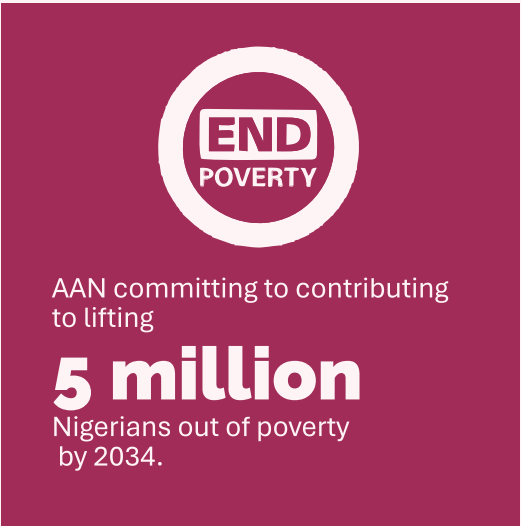
The failing leadership in the country is a product of eroding democracy, after 27 years of uninterrupted civil rule. Nigeria's democratic context is still characterized with poor electoral outcomes, lacking accountability and transparency in the public sector, closing civic space, institutional weakness, mounting corruption, insecurity and above all, poor democratic dividends.

Given such context, Nigerians have continued to experience upward trend in the poverty and inequality, since 2018. The Brookings Institution found that the number of Nigerians in extreme poverty increases by six people every minute or 88 million as of June 2018¹. To add to the abysmal situation, the poverty and inequality growth trend has surpassed the earlier 2018 report, as shown by the 2022 National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), which showcased a Multidimensional Poverty Index, revealing that 63% of Nigerians 133 million people are affected by multidimensional poverty. This is driven largely by lack of access to health, education, decent living standards, unemployment, and economic shocks. Unfortunately, the efforts of the government at the three tiers of government are not yielding the desired impact.

In 2025, poverty and inequality continue to expand, with accelerated trend. Statistics available from the World Poverty Clock (WPC)² created by World Data Lab, a Vienna-based institution, indicate that over 71.917 million are living in extreme poverty as of June 2025. In yet another report in October 2025, the World Bank released a report, “From Policy to People”, revealing that over 139 million Nigerians, about 61% of our population are now in extreme poverty. It shows that between 2022 and 2025, additional 6m Nigerians have been plunged into poverty. This has both the rural and urban dimension. In rural communities, where our food is grown and our land cultivated, poverty is even more severe, with 75.5% of rural dwellers living below the poverty line. Urban areas are not spared, 41.3% of city dwellers struggle to meet basic needs. Children are among the hardest hit: 72.5% of Nigerians aged 0–14 live in poverty.



No wonder, this upward trend in poverty and inequality growth largely informed the core nexus of the ActionAid Nigeria's Country Strategy, Citizens' Action to End Poverty and Injustice (2024–2034), committing to contributing to lifting 5 million Nigerians out of poverty by 2034. It places women, young people and the Persons with Disability (PwDs) at the centre of this push for accountability and inclusive governance. At ActionAid Nigeria, we continue to advance social justice and inclusion by supporting participatory democracy, strengthening youth leadership, and building the resilience of communities struggling with the combined pressures of climate shocks, poverty, conflict, and weak institutions.

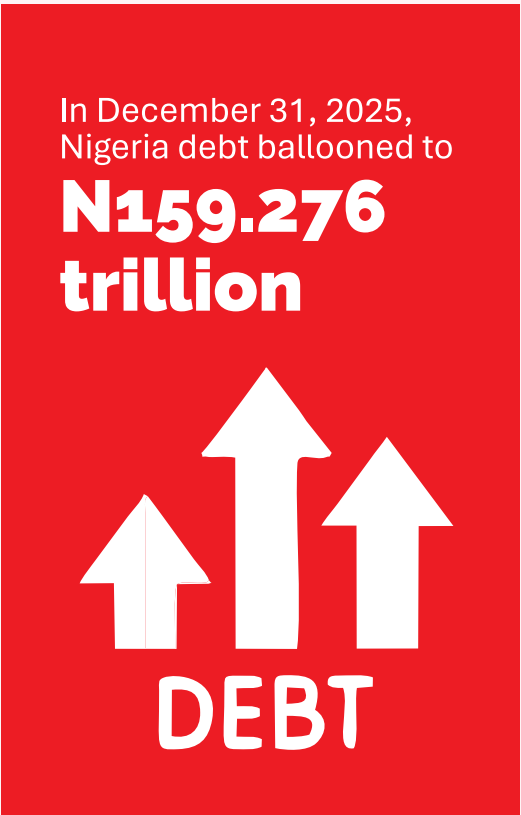


A distinct approach in driving this development trajectory by AAN, has been the organizations adoption of Human Rights Based Approaches to development since the late 1990s, supporting people living in poverty to become conscious of their rights, driving Community led initiatives, building active agencies of people living in poverty, organizing and building grassroots movement, organising and claiming rights while holding duty bearers to account and linking local campaigns to the global, with evidences on policy impacts on communities, etc.

Despite these efforts in promoting community led development, Nigerians faced in 2025, myriads of socioeconomic challenges, which included high inflation, increasing unemployment, rising cost of living, undependable and ineffective public service delivery, rising public debt, etc. Compounding these challenges, are the external forces from the IMF and World Bank imposed neo-liberal, neo-colonial models of economic development, through the conditionalities prescribed to countries for accessing loans. These conditions are continually closing fiscal spaces for governments to effectively deliver public services and ensure welfare of its citizens. There is no country in the world that has celebrated economic boom or the positive impact of these Bretton Woods institutions on their economy.

Since the removal of the fuel and electricity subsidies in 2023, floating of the Naira, increase in interest rate, among others, the country has continued to procure both domestic and international loans, contrary to the expectation, that subsidy removal will free funds for investment in the critical sectors, education, health, agriculture, infrastructure, etc. The country is experiencing huge debt burden, putting immense pressure on the Nigeria fiscal and economic environment. Recall that in 2023, the overall public debt as of June 30, 2023, was N87.379trillion.

However, by December 31, 2023, it had climbed to N97.340trillion, and to N144.665trillion by December 31, 2024. In the same upward trend, by December 31, 2025, the debt ballooned to N159.276trillion. This is an increase of N71.897trillion in less than 3 years, and for every N1 earned, Nigeria is using 64.49K to service debts. This growth trend contradicts S.41 (2) of the Fiscal Responsibility Act 2007 (FRA) which provides that government shall ensure that the level of public debt as a proportion of national income is held at a sustainable level.



This state of debt cannot meet the sustainability test. In 2025, This level of debt service represents missed opportunities in Education, Health, Transportation, Agriculture, Housing, Maternal and Child Health., etc. As enshrined in the FRA 2007, governments in Nigeria by law can only borrow for capital expenditure, human development and for critical reforms of significant national impact. By implication, governments at all levels of the polity should take steps to strengthen Domestic Resource Mobilization as alternative to the continued borrowing by enhancing tax administration, closing up revenue leakages, enforcing remittance of revenue collected by MDA, ensuring prudent and efficient management of public resources and above all, institute measures to reduce

Our Staff

S/N	Gender	Number of staff	Number of Volunteers	Number of Interns	Number of Consultants	Total
1	Female	45	5	5	41	96
2	Male	44	2	2	49	97
Total		89	7	7	90	193



Directorate Overview

01

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATIONS DIRECTORATE:

This directorate coordinates AAN business development and innovation. It drives the fundraising actions, donor cultivation, engagement with CSP targets. It is divided into Institutional partnership Development, Community sponsorship, and digital marketing - and communication as the vehicle for fundraising.

02

PROGRAMME AND POLICY DIRECTORATE:

The Programme and Policy Directorate leads the design, coordination, and delivery of programme and policy agenda, ensuring alignment with the organisation's strategic priorities. The Directorate drives impact and comprises the following core units: Local Rights Programme (LRP), Food and Agriculture, Governance, Women's Rights, Social Mobilisation, Humanitarian Response, and Impact Assessment and Shared Learning (IASL)

03

PEOPLE AND CULTURE DIRECTORATE:

The People and Culture directorate is contributing to Priority 4 which is an 'Agile, Effective and Thriving Organisation'. The respective units under the directorate include Human Resources (and SHEA & Safeguarding), Board (Governance), Communications, Logistics, Digital Technology, Administration and Security

04

FINANCE DIRECTORATE:

The Finance Directorate Contributed is Contributing to Priority 4 which is 'Agile, Effective and Thriving Organisation'. The Finance Directorate is the custodian of the organization's financial resources and plays a critical role in planning and budgeting processes. The directorate has 2 key units that include Finance and Audit Unit in charge of all internal and external audit functions.



Our Reach in numbers



Total Direct Reach -2025

336,426



186,456

WOMEN



120,693

MEN



7,698

YOUTH



20,919

CHILDREN



662

PWD

Unified 2025 Annual Digital Footprint



Content
Published:

920+ pieces



Total
Reach:

128,800+



Total Impressions/
Views (all platforms):

6,545,595



Total Interactions/
Engagements:

102,000+



YouTube
Watch Time:

103.7 hours





Years of Action: Stories of Courage, Collaboration and Transformative Change

Twenty-five years ago, ActionAid Nigeria (AAN) set out with a radical vision to build a world where every person enjoys the right to a life of dignity. This past November, that journey reached a sparkling milestone. Far from being just a corporate anniversary, AAN@25 was a vibrant celebration of the lives touched, the systems changed, and the enduring bond between the organisation and the people it serves.

A FAMILY AFFAIR: JOY ACROSS THE OFFICES



The festivities kicked off with a burst of internal energy. Simultaneously, across offices in Abuja, Lagos, Borno, and Yobe, staff stepped away from their laptops and into their finest gorgeous outfits for an internal celebration. It was a day for the people who make the work possible, featuring a time of games, celebratory dances, and awards. The air was thick with institutional pride as teams reflected on the collective resilience that has defined AAN for two and a half decades.

FROM THE GRASSROOTS TO THE GLOBAL STAGE



The celebration was not confined to hotel halls. On the morning of Thursday, November 27, 2025, before the evening gala, Arthur Larok and the Senior Management Team visited the Pasepa community in the FCT, a partner community since 2006. Walking through the renovated health centre and the skill acquisition centre, Larok witnessed firsthand the physical legacy of community collaboration and the child sponsorship initiative.

Later that evening, the spotlight shifted to the Congress Hall at Transcorp Hilton, Abuja. The venue was transformed into a living history book, featuring a Gallery Walk that guided high-level guests, including public sector leaders, diplomats, and ActionAid alumni, through 25 years of transformative change. The evening felt like a reunion of the social justice family. Arthur Larok, the Secretary General of the ActionAid International Federation, joined AAN Country Director Andrew Mamedu, Board Chair Rabi Isma, and General Assembly Convener Dr. Steve Onya to welcome a room packed with allies and change-makers.

A major highlight was the premiere of a 15-minute legacy documentary featuring community voices that reminded everyone why these 25 years mattered. This was followed by a stirring spoken word performance by Dike Chukwumerije.

A LEGACY IN PRINT AND STONE



The centerpiece of the night was the official unveiling of Footprints: The AAN Legacy Book. The book, which captures the stories of courage that have paved AAN's path, was launched by the Minister of Information and National Orientation, Alhaji Mohammed Idris Malagi, alongside Country Director Andrew Mamedu. The audience also gained deep insights from Dr. Chichi Aniagolu Okoye, the Regional Director of the Ford Foundation, who served as the book reviewer. To look toward the future, the organisation also unveiled a prototype of the new AAN building, signaling that this 25-year milestone is just the foundation for what is next.



No celebration is complete without gratitude, and the night recognised the diverse ecosystem that makes social justice possible. Institutional giants like the Ford Foundation were honoured as long-standing donors, while SMEDAN, the Federal Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning, and the Enugu State Government were recognised for their enduring partnership and commitment to scaling sustainable development. Media allies including AIT, Arise TV, Vanguard, and Nigeria Info were celebrated for their consistent support in amplifying the voices of the poor and excluded.

The event also shone a light on community heroes, with awards going to the Smallholder Women Farmers Organisation in Nigeria (SWOFON), the Civil Society Action Coalition on Education for All, and the Lake Chad Peace and Development Initiative. In a deeply moving moment of remembrance, posthumous awards were dedicated to the families of staff who died in active service, specifically remembering late colleagues lost in the Bellview plane crash. The family of the late John Moru

was physically present to collect the award in honour of his selfless service.

As the cake was cut and the music filled the Congress Hall, the message was clear: 25 years is just the beginning. Armed with Footprints to guide them and new prototypes to build, ActionAid Nigeria is ready for the next quarter-century of action.

Physical copies of the book are available for sale at all ActionAid Nigeria offices in Abuja, Lagos, and Maiduguri or visit <https://selar.com/p751896524>



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS & RESULTS

PRIORITY 1 –

Secure Resilient and Thriving Communities

Our Humanitarian Work

In 2025 a total of **9,535** individuals were reached directly across humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding interventions and 1,890 households supported through targeted assistance .

AAN Reduced vulnerability to malnutrition, disease, and extreme poverty among crisis-affected populations. Through our Nutrition and WASH interventions, AAN improved health outcomes for vulnerable groups, including: **1,000+ people** who gained access to safe water and **484 who households** received hygiene and sanitation support.

1Community-based nutrition (e.g., Tom Brown, MUAC screening) strengthened early detection and prevention of malnutrition and Cash readiness verified for **1,406 households**,

improving access to food and basic needs.

Community Engagement, Governance & Social Cohesion: In our social cohesion programmes, we Improved trust, participation, and conflict mitigation at community level. **888 individuals** engaged in town halls, budget dialogues, and peace forum. Accountability systems were strengthened through community feedback mechanisms and inclusive planning processes. Increased collaboration between communities, local governments, and security actors.

Under our Youth Empowerment & Protection programs, we Strengthened youth resilience, reduced GBV risks, and increased participation of young people in community leadership.

 **592** individuals reached through protection and livelihood interventions

 **367** women and girls accessed GBV and psychosocial support services

 **225** youth trained in skills and livelihoods

 **100** girls reintegrated into formal education

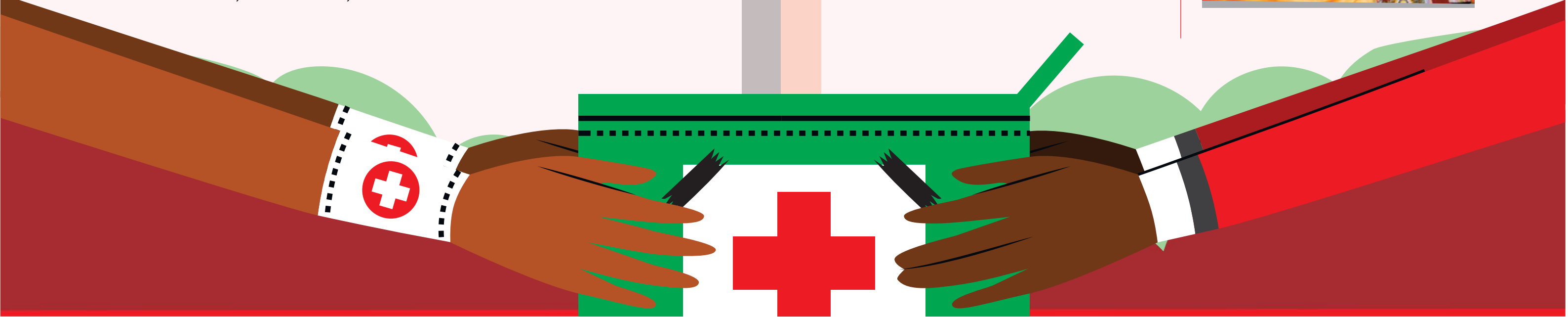
Our humanitarian Advocacy, Campaigns reached 6,226 individuals through offline campaigns and media (radio, podcasts, community advocacy). **Additional 384 young women were engaged** on GBV prevention and sexual and reproductive health. This has successfully Increased awareness, behaviour change, and policy influence on women and youth rights

Under our **Livelihoods & Reintegration Initiatives RECONNECT**, we **trained and equipped 400 vulnerable individuals** (returnees and IDPs) with vocational skills and start-up kits Across Edo, Abuja and Lagos. **45% received legal support and 10% accessed healthcare services, which ultimately Improved** access to social protection services economic independence and reintegration into society.

HDP NEXUS

ActionAid Nigeria's integrated HDP nexus programming continues to deliver measurable humanitarian impact while building long-term resilience. The combination of direct support, community engagement, and systems strengthening positions communities to better with stand shocks and drive their own development. We continue to build capacity on the HDP Nexus and in 2025, **293 practitioners were trained** on HDP Nexus in our HDP Academy - **60% formed new partnerships**, while **68% applied learning in programming**.

Growing policy alignment and government uptake: The Federal Government, through the National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and IDPs (NCFRMI), finalised the National Strategy on Durable Solutions to IDPs (HDP-inclined), supported by ActionAid Nigeria.





YOUTH IN CRISIS

In 2025, the Global Humanitarian Programme, Youth-in-crisis, sustained its catalytic role in advancing stronger youth resilience, protection and leadership within humanitarian settings.

225 - GBV case management and psychosocial support and 225 youth trained in non-formal education and livelihoods. Young people are leading community sanitation campaigns and peer-led reproductive health sessions, evidencing tangible youth-led humanitarian actions and protection advocacy. At the movement and alliance level, youth peer educators and Safe Space ambassadors formed informal networks that now function as referral intermediaries between communities and formal protection services, strengthening local response systems.

Young women and girls (13–25 years), particularly conflict-affected and vulnerable groups, recorded the most tangible gains. Evidence shows.

- **100** girls mainstreamed into formal schooling, strengthening long-term protection and livelihood pathways
- **367** Safe Space users accessed confidential GBV case management and psycho-social care, contributing to reduced trauma symptoms, improved confidence, and strengthened reporting mechanisms

- Youth with heightened vulnerability benefited from peer-led menstrual hygiene education, contributing to improved dignity, health protection, and school retention

Launched in 2024, our **FLOURISH Mentorship Programme** (Fostering Leadership and Opportunities for Underrepresented Women in Humanitarian Action) supports sixteen young women-led organisations across Borno, Yobe, and Adamawa to strengthen their understanding of humanitarian architecture, coordination mechanisms, and humanitarian standards, while enhancing their governance and compliance systems.

Our **EVOLVE Mentorship Programme** (Empowering Vibrant Organizational Leaders for Value-Driven Engagement), empowered 30 Youth Led organizations working in Humanitarian, Development and peace building space in Borno, Yobe, and Adamawa States. The organizations have now improved institutional capacity, with one organization, "ROAF", accessing grants using the knowledge gained through the programme.

Domestication of National Action Plan on Youth Peace and Security in Borno State: Following our sustained advocacy engagement to influence the government to domesticate the National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security (YPS), in Borno State, the Government now signed an MOU with ActionAid Nigeria and Peace Associates and inaugurated a multi-stakeholder Technical Working Group to lead the domestication process. Borno State Government is scheduled to formally adopt the YPS Action Plan in March 2026.

Member of Youth in Humanitarian Platform selected as Youth Representative at Humanitarian Country Team (HCT): As a result of ActionAid's support for the establishment and capacity strengthening of the Youth in Humanitarian Platform, including support for the platform to develop and deliver a youth position paper on meaningful youth inclusion in the humanitarian reset themed “No Reset Without Us” and to lead the Change the Code campaign, a

member of the platform has been selected as Youth Representative to the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT). This represents a significant shift in institutionalizing meaningful youth participation within Nigeria's humanitarian coordination and decision-making structures.

Youth in Humanitarian Platform: Youth voices are increasingly recognized as critical contributors to humanitarian planning, implementation, and accountability processes. As a result of our support for the establishment of the Youth in Humanitarian Platform, young people are now transitioning from passive beneficiaries of aid to organized accountability actors within Nigeria's humanitarian architecture. The members of the YIHP are now leading a “Change the Code” campaign, advocating for meaningful youth participation and rejecting tokenistic inclusion amid the ongoing humanitarian reset.

Youth Lens Compliance Assessment of the Nigeria Humanitarian Response Plan: The Youth Lens Compliance Assessment shifted youth engagement from advocacy alone to structured accountability, enabling young people to interrogate humanitarian actors' commitments against agreed global standards. The assessment provided humanitarian duty bearers with clear feedback on their level of compliance with youth inclusion commitments

Local Leadership for Community Action: Community-led movement ecosystems across 42 communities demonstrate sustained capacity to organise, mobilise, and influence local development processes. Community Response Action Teams (CRATs) and Community Action for Development (CAD) groups are actively leading collective action initiatives that contribute to increased community resilience, more inclusive decision-making, and greater responsiveness to community priorities.

Youth Networks on Climate Justice Leadership: Young people participating in LRPs and Global Platform (GP) exchanges demonstrate strengthened leadership, collaboration, and movement-building capacities especially on climate justice issues. Peer networks are sustained across locations, enabling collective action on climate justice, increased youth agency, and the adoption of community-led environmental and sustainable practices.

Livelihood and Digital Inclusion of Youth in Humanitarian Settings: Young people in Bayamari (Yobe), Emonu (Delta), Sabo Kaida (FCT), and Duwigi (Jigawa) demonstrate improved livelihoods through increased access to digital skills, employment opportunities, entrepreneurship, and meaningful participation in the digital economy, supported by the effective utilisation of four community ICT centres.

Strengthened Citizen Mobilisation for Policy Influencing: A broad-based coalition of civil society organisations, women's rights organisations, and citizens sustains coordinated advocacy for the passage of the Special Seats Bill, resulting in stronger public support, increased civic participation, and enhanced engagement between citizens and policymakers.

Enhanced Legislative Engagement on Inclusive Representation: Legislators across Nigeria's six geopolitical zones demonstrate increased commitment to advancing the Special Seats Bill through sustained engagement in regional and national consultations, contributing to stronger political support for inclusive representation and gender-responsive legislative reforms

Young People Leading Climate Justice: Young people across the LRPs and GP connect Platforms demonstrated sustained leadership and collective action in advancing climate justice. Through their strong peer networks, agency more young people were increased to promote community led environmental practices and climate consciousness.

Empowered and improved the livelihoods of 5,652 youth groups in Bayamari (Yobe), Emonu (Delta), Sabo Kaida (FCT), and Duwigi (Jigawa) through the establishment of 4 ICT centres and enhanced access to digital skills, increased employment opportunities, entrepreneurship, and active participation in the digital economy.



PRIORITY 2 –

Improved Living Standard: Thriving Communities

- The integrated Nutrition and WASH intervention in Geidam and Fune LGAs of Yobe State led to improved access to essential services for **84 women-headed households** consisting mainly of vulnerable women, girls, and children under five. The intervention strengthened the prevention and management of acute malnutrition in line with WHO guidelines, enhanced health, hygiene, and sanitation outcomes, economically empowerment
- AAN's intervention on enhancing local capacity for maintenance and repair of water infrastructure established **10 groups of Local Area Mechanics** in Fune LGA in Yobe state. These community-based technicians now effectively restore, maintain and repair motorised boreholes, serving **over 1,000 people**, leading to sustainability of water infrastructure and improved access to safe water and long-term functionality of water systems.
- 200 - A total of **200 households were engaged** in waste bin management, leading to better solid waste disposal practices, reduced environmental pollution, and decreased risk of disease outbreaks in **2 communities** in Yobe State.
- 592 -In 2025, we recorded progress toward strengthening youth resilience and protection in fragile and protracted crisis contexts in Borno state in the Maiduguri Metropolitan Council (MMC) and Konduga LGAs. **592 individuals were reached, including 367 Safe Space users accessing**
- 1000 women and 462 households** getting social safety nets Through our LRP programmes, we strengthened social safety nets for 1000 women and children and provided cash transfers to 462 households, improving access to basic needs including food, housing, and healthcare for the vulnerable population.
- 46,196 trained smallholder women farmers** and young people on agroecological practices in 2025 have reported changes in agroecology knowledge and practices at different levels. Majority have adopted climate-resilient farming methods and are experiencing increased yields, diversified incomes, reduced production costs, and improved food security.
- 1500 Agroecology Manuals and 5000 child and literate-friendly Agroecology Garden Workbook** used for the training is now an open resource for implementing agroecology initiatives

POLICY INFLUENCING

AAN chairs the Committee for the implementation National Gender Policy in Agriculture – and led the review of the policy for implementation. The Revised policy now called the “National Gender Policy on Agrifood Systems Transformation for Nigeria and its Strategic Plan of Action (2025 – 2030)” was approved for implementation by the National Council for Agriculture and Food Security.

AAN developed the 1st National Strategy on Agroecology. The Strategy was validated and adopted with commitment from the Agriculture Development Programme (ADP) Managers for its implementation across the 36 states and the FCT. The Strategy, once implemented, will promote agroecological practices that enhance a livelihood diversification within communities while minimizing environmental harm.

Hectares of farmland secured by women from government: Through sustained advocacy, strategic engagements, and collaboration with local government authorities, smallholder women farmers secured access to 1.2 hectares of land for farming from Dutse LGA Chairman. 3 hectares was provided to SHWF in Delta State for an agroecology and forestry demonstration farm. This has further enhanced their productive capacity and livelihoods.

Improving learning through integration of Agroecological school gardens: In Mayo-Ndaga and Sah-Kaka communities, the integration of agroecological school gardens into classroom learning improved nutrition and environmental education, with over 63% of crops successfully germinating and contributing to meal preparation. The gardens also serve as practical learning sites during weekly “Labor Day” sessions, strengthening pupils' understanding of agroecology and sustainable food systems.

9,130 Young Farmers in Nigeria (YoFiN) are advocating for increased youth participation in Agrifood systems. Policymakers across Nigeria's agri-food systems sector are listening and reacting favourably. YoFiN members are now invited to participate in stakeholders' events to represent the voices of young farmers across the country.

Through sustained advocacy efforts, 2,713 smallholder farmers including YOFIN gained improved access to government agricultural services, including training, inputs, and grants, leading to strengthened livelihoods and productive capacity.

Through our policy influencing efforts and advocacy on issues of access to credit for smallholder women farmers and the need for total and quick recapitalization of the Bank of Agriculture, a budgetary

allocation of N1.5 trillion was made by the government for the recapitalization by the President. This will support access to credit for smallholder women farmers, young people and PWDs if implemented.

Targeted advocacy led to the development of the first FCT Agriculture Policy. This process ensured active participation of smallholder women farmers (SWOFON chapter), strengthening their participation and voices in policy-making processes.

Federal Government made commitment to institutionalising the Homegrown School Feeding Programme, with plans announced to scale up coverage to 50 million primary school pupils nationwide by 2026, (<https://punchng.com/fg-to-feed-50-million-pupils-in-2026/>) alongside increased sub-national investment, including a N30 billion allocation by Enugu State. The National Policy Forum on the Institutionalization and Implementation of the Home-Grown School Feeding Programme (HGSFP) resulted in

Increased allocations to key priority areas supporting smallholder farmers in the 2025 national and focal states' agriculture budgets. The budgets recorded increases, retentions, and the introduction of new budget lines for agricultural development and priority interventions, including extension services, access to credit, women and youth in agriculture, labour-saving technologies, inputs, post-harvest loss reduction, climate-resilient agriculture/agroecology, research and development, monitoring and evaluation, and coordination

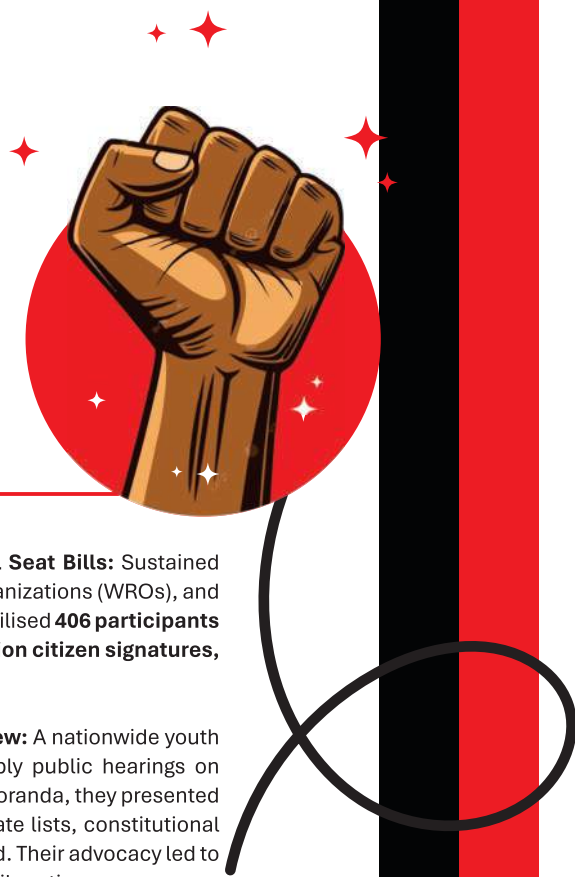
In April 2025, strengthened collective advocacy and coordination among agroecology youth in the FCT resulted in 67 young farmers jointly developing and disseminating a policy communique, outlining concrete demands for increased government investment and institutional support for agroecology. In the first ever FCT Agroecology Practitioners' Network, young farmers creating a structured platform for collaboration, knowledge sharing, and access to opportunities. Through this network, at least six members have already accessed livelihood and capacity-building opportunities.

Mobilizing women and youth for climate action: Edukultivate established a school-based agroecology model in Lagos, while over 320 young people in Enugu co-designed and implemented home-based agro-sack farming systems. In 2025, women farmers in Igbe Community transitioned to organic agroecological practices, strengthening food security and financial resilience through VSLA investments.

Young people developed innovative circular economy enterprises by transforming waste into marketable products, creating green livelihoods while reducing waste.

PRIORITY 3 –

Good Governance - Equitable Access and Thriving Communities



01

Women's Rights Movements are making progress on implementation of Special Seat Bills: Sustained advocacy for the Special Seats Bill brought together INGOs, CSOs, women's rights organizations (WROs), and other advocates through a series of multi-stakeholder engagements. These efforts mobilised **406 participants** to take part in regional and national public hearings and generated more than **one million citizen signatures, including AAN's endorsement**, in support of the passage of the bill in Nigeria.

02

Young People Mobilised for integration of Youth Priorities into constitutional review: A nationwide youth coalition mobilized across all six geopolitical zones to engage in National Assembly public hearings on constitutional and electoral reforms. After consultations and submission of joint memoranda, they presented unified demands including 30% youth representation in party structures and candidate lists, constitutional entrenchment of #NotTooYoungToRun provisions, and a 3.5% Youth Development Fund. Their advocacy led to formal acknowledgment and integration of youth priorities into constitutional review deliberations.

03

Youth Governance and Institutional Reforms: Through support from SPA II backed youth organising led by our partner Clement Isong Foundation (CIF), a young person was appointed as the pioneer Commissioner for the newly created Ministry of Youth Development. This reform created a direct entry point for young people into state governance.

04

Strengthening State Youth Policy and Institutional Reforms: AAN Youth programs facilitated Enugu State Government to develop and launch its first-ever State Youth Policy in 2025 while in Akwa Ibom State, the Ministry of Youth Development formally partnered with CIF to review and validate the draft State Youth Policy, culminating in its presentation to the Executive Governor, alongside the development of a five-year Youth Development Roadmap. Youth advocacy led to the Akwa Ibom State Government approving youth-friendly centres in all 31 LGAs, with implementation commencing in 10 LGAs in 2025.

In Borno State, sustained advocacy by young people culminated in the formal endorsement and adoption of the Borno Youth Development Plan (2025–2028). Lagos State shifted from youth policy commitments to implementation by developing a roadmap with MDAs, activating youth centres, and domesticating the Youth Policy across all 57 LGAs/LCDAs.

05

Demanding Accountability on Public Service Delivery: In 2025, citizen- and youth-led advocacy led to the Akwa Ibom State Government establishing the State Procurement Portal through evidence-based advocacy including the Citizen Watch Report, Eno Watch Initiative, and Civil Society Forum.

In Akwa Ibom State, sustained advocacy by the Youth-Led Emergency Response Committee resulted in development and adoption of the State Disaster Risk Management and Emergency Response Framework and release of previously withheld government funds for construction of the Model Secondary School in Ibeno LGA.

In Borno State, participatory education budget analysis and advocacy secured commitments from key government institutions to improve transparency and accountability in education financing, particularly for girls' education. In Enugu State, youth-led participatory social audits generated evidence that contributed to statewide recruitment under the Community-Based Health Workforce Programme.

06

Influencing Climate Governance: Young people played a pivotal role in shaping policy and influencing governance across programme countries, delivering meaningful community impact through evidence-based advocacy, strategic networking, and strengthened skills. The Borno State Government enacted the Environmental Law following sustained youth-led advocacy.

Through AAN technical support, the Nigerian Youth Climate Negotiators Network (NYCNN) and Youth Climate Council of Nigeria (YCCN) trained 50 young people, expanded membership, established formal leadership, and contributed to Nigeria's NDC 3.0 review through a Youth Position Paper.

07

Agroecology and Climate-Resilient Livelihoods: In 2025, young people actively drove adoption and scaling of agroecology in Akwa Ibom through certified training, establishment of 216 organic oil palm nursery stands, and promotion of climate-resilient farming. Seven young agroecology advocates launched Horganicks, a youth-led virtual marketplace connecting farmers, agro-dealers, and government agencies to strengthen the agroecology value chain.

Stakeholders' dialogue on Climate Smart Oil Palm Nursery and Field Management resulted in localized action plans and demonstration projects promoting climate-resilient oil palm production.

08

Climate Action Campaigns: Following the SPA II "Break the Cycle: End Single-Use Plastic Week" campaign, five FCT schools implemented bans on single-use plastics, achieving a 60% reduction.

The Community of Practice on Youth-Led Alternatives (CoPYLA) was launched to strengthen collaboration among young innovators.

Over 400 young people mobilised across Enugu, Borno, Lagos, Abuja, and Akwa Ibom during the Global Week of Action for Climate Justice, with online engagement reaching over 40,000 people.

The 2025 World Environment Day programme engaged over 80 young activists, leading to eco-clubs, tree planting, clean-ups, and broader community environmental action.



Our work with Social Movement 2025

01

DIRECT ACTION FUND- STRENGTHENING CITIZEN-LED CAMPAIGNS:

The Direct-Action Fund (DAF) is ActionAid Nigeria's established model for strengthening citizen-led organising and mobilisation by providing flexible and rapid support to social movements. Designed to respond to the dynamic nature of grassroots activism, the fund enables movements to take timely and strategic direct actions on emerging justice issues. It prioritises movement-led decision-making, ensuring that communities define their priorities and drive their own campaigns. Through this approach, movements are supported to mobilise citizens, organise campaigns, and amplify advocacy efforts. Ultimately, the DAF reinforces grassroots' power by ensuring that resources translate into visible, collective action and sustained social change.

A notable example was the citizens' campaign for the prerogative of mercy for Sunday Jackson, led by the Nigerian Earth Warriors (NEW) in Adamawa State. Sunday Jackson had been sentenced to death after defending himself during a violent attack. Through sustained mobilisation, public awareness campaigns, and citizen engagement, NEW successfully organised communities across Adamawa State to demand justice.

The campaign attracted national and international attention, including interest from stakeholders in the United States. Following sustained pressure and advocacy, the Executive Governor of Adamawa State granted Sunday Jackson a pardon in December 2025. <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1GwQvDZpbf/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

In another significant action, the MOTION mobilised citizens across four Local Government Areas in Adamawa State to challenge persistent power outages in the Yola metropolis. The coordinated citizen action generated unprecedented engagement from the Yola Electricity Distribution Company (YEDC) and prompted a meeting between the movement and the Department of State Security (DSS), demonstrating the growing influence of organised citizen voices in demanding for responsive public services. <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1DMqkF1BQ1/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

MAJOR OUTCOMES

- The most significant change observed among movements and activists in 2025 was a shift in mindset and organising practice. Movements increasingly moved away from siloed and reactive activism toward coordinated, alliance-based, and solution-oriented engagement. Movement actors are now:
- Better organised and strategically coordinated.
 - More confident and strategic in engaging duty bearers and institutions.
 - Increasingly able to position themselves as partners in governance rather than adversaries.



02

MOVEMENT MENTORSHIP AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

Movement mentorship remained a critical component of strengthening youth organising and sustaining movement leadership across Nigeria.

- Through the Global Organising and Leadership Development (GOLD) training, activists received mentorship and leadership development support, particularly within the Activista Nigeria network and the Girls Get Equal campaign.
- This approach has helped institutionalise leadership pipelines within movements, ensuring continuity, accountability, and stronger grassroots engagement.
- A notable example of this leadership development impact is the emergence of Pius Abakpa as the Convener of Activista Africa, where he coordinates youth mobilisation across 10 countries, supporting youth engagement with regional governance institutions such as the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

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OUTCOME:

Movement actors, particularly young people, have gained direct access to legislative and executive decision-making spaces, strengthening their legitimacy as governance actors and amplifying youth voices in policy processes.

03

DEMOCRACY CONVENING ALLIANCE - YOUTH AND LEGISLATIVE ENGAGEMENT:

AAN in collaboration with partners under the Democracy Convening Alliance, such as Plan International Nigeria, Oxfam in Nigeria, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), German Embassy, Activista, Girls Get Equal (GGE), Open Minds Young Voices (OMYV), National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILDS), Nigerian Youth Parliament, Nigerian Youth Council (NYC), etc. organised a Parliamentary Retreat bringing together youth leaders and Members of the State House of Representatives. The retreat created a structured platform for dialogue, trust-building, and collaboration between young people and legislators. Duty bearers moved beyond symbolic engagement to concrete commitments, including legislative sponsorship, policy drafting support, and time-bound parliamentary actions.

OUTCOMES

- Strengthened the advocacy-to-legislation pipeline, with Hon. Bello reaffirming commitment to amending Section 29 of the Constitution, reflecting the sustained influence of youth-led advocacy.
- Secured commitments from participating legislators to support a draft bill recognising basic education as a fundamental human right.

04

MOTION LAUNCH:

Another major milestone in 2025 was the support for the formation of the National Movement Secretariat, which represents an important step in strengthening coordination among social movements in Nigeria. the MOTION movement was launched through a coordinated national mobilisation campaign under the #EndHunger campaign, which highlighted the worsening economic realities faced by Nigerians. The campaign utilised the “pots and pans” protest tactic, a symbolic citizen action that generated widespread public discourse around food insecurity, inflation, and economic hardship.

OUTCOMES

The launch of MOTION and the #EndHunger campaign strengthened national-level movement coordination and amplified citizens' voices on economic justice. The campaign also contributed to expanding civic engagement and reinforcing the role of social movements as drivers of public accountability.

Campaigns

- MOTION Launch 2025:** MOTiON is a collective force of over 30 million Nigerians from mass democratic organisations, labour unions, pro-democracy movements, NGOs, academia, student unions, and climate action groups. It is movement of movements for the transformation of Nigeria! Together, aims to channel the shared anger and frustration of Nigerians into purposeful action. Through concerted, strategic effort, the movement organised and engaged in citizens' actions to address and overcome the root causes of Nigeria's current state: elite capture, ineffective leadership, institutional corruption, insecurity, and the pervasive culture of impunity.
- End Hunger - Pots and Pans Campaign:** The Pots and Pans End Hunger Campaign is a citizen-led mobilisation under the broader vision of MOTiON (Movements for the Transformation of Nigeria) was created in response to Nigeria's worsening hunger, poverty, and governance failures. As the promise of democracy continues to fade for millions, the campaign uses the symbolic power of empty pots and pans to amplify the daily realities of hardship faced by ordinary Nigerians. It is both a protest and a call to conscience, demanding urgent government action on rising food costs, unemployment, insecurity, and anti-people economic policies. Through coordinated digital and street-level actions, the campaign seeks to unite citizens, strengthen collective resistance, and pressure leadership toward accountability, economic justice, and people-centred reforms. In line with SDGs 1 and 2, the campaign stands as a bold platform for transforming public frustration into organised action for change.
- June 12 End Hunger and Hardship Campaign 2025:** The June 12 End Hunger and Hardship Campaign 2025 was a bold citizen-led action championed by beneficiaries of ActionAid Nigeria's Direct Action Fund Model, demonstrating how flexible movement support can translate public frustration into coordinated resistance. Marking Democracy Day, movement actors mobilised citizens across digital and physical spaces to demand urgent government response to hunger, inflation, and worsening hardship, while amplifying calls for accountability and people-centred governance. The campaign stood as practical evidence of the Fund's strength in resourcing grassroots movements to organise, sustain pressure, and drive collective action for social justice.
- Global Week of Climate Action 2025:** The Global Week of Climate Action 2025 was a global mobilisation campaign convened by the Global Platform Global Secretariat to unite young people and movements across countries in demanding climate justice, accountability, and a just transition. The campaign spotlighted the lived realities of frontline and host communities whose lands, livelihoods, and ecosystems continue to be exploited by multinational corporations, particularly in extractive regions. In GP Nigeria, the campaign was strategically adopted to amplify the voices of oil-host communities, using community actions, storytelling, digital mobilisation, and public engagement to expose environmental injustice, strengthen resistance, and push for corporate accountability and reparative climate action.
- Special seats bills campaign:** The Special Seats Bills Campaign focused on advancing women's political inclusion through sustained advocacy for reserved legislative seats, pushing for stronger representation, gender-responsive governance, and democratic reforms that amplify women's voices in decision-making spaces.
- Commemoration of World Human Rights Day 10th December 2025:** This campaign reinforced ActionAid Nigeria's commitment to dignity, justice, and equality by mobilising citizens, movements, and stakeholders to demand the protection of fundamental rights, accountability, and inclusive governance for all Nigerians
- Commemoration of World Menstrual hygiene day:** The campaign spotlighted menstrual dignity as a rights issue, raising awareness on period poverty, access to menstrual products, and the need to break stigma while promoting safe, inclusive spaces for girls and women.

- World Food Day:** ActionAid Nigeria leveraged World Food Day to deepen advocacy on hunger, food security, sustainable agriculture, and equitable access to nutritious food, especially for women farmers and vulnerable communities facing economic hardship.
- World Environment Day:** This campaign amplified climate justice messaging by mobilising citizens around environmental protection, pollution control, and accountability for ecological destruction, with emphasis on the rights of frontline and host communities.
- 16 Days of Activism:** The 16 Days of Activism campaign strengthened ActionAid Nigeria's fight against gender-based violence through awareness, advocacy, survivor-centred support, and policy engagement to end violence against women and girls in all spaces.
- World Humanitarian Day:** This campaign recognised the resilience of communities and frontline responders while advocating for protection, dignity, and urgent support for populations affected by conflict, displacement, disasters, and deepening poverty.
- Commemoration of International Youth Day:** The International Youth Day campaign celebrated youth leadership and collective action, highlighting the role of young people in governance, innovation, movement building, and driving accountability for social justice outcomes in Nigeria.
- Commemorated the 2025 16 Days of Activism** against Gender-Based Violence: In 2025, ActionAid Nigeria commemorated the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence as a powerful advocacy campaign to challenge all forms of violence against women and girls, both offline and online. Through public awareness drives, movement-led conversations, survivor-centred storytelling, youth engagement, and policy advocacy, the campaign amplified the urgent need for prevention, justice, and safer spaces for women and girls. Aligned with the global theme on ending digital violence, it strengthened collective action among communities, institutions, and allies to confront harmful norms and demand accountability.
- Arewa Shield Campaign:** The Arewa Shield Campaign themed “Protecting Women and Youth in Crises in Northeast Nigeria”, aimed to demand for protection and rights of women and girls in Borno and Yobe States. The campaign contributed to increased policy attention to girl-child education funding in 2026 budget of Borno State Government, the prevention of gender-based violence, and improved access to sexual and reproductive health services for adolescent girls in schools and IDP camps. As a direct outcome, the Borno State Government adopted the Youth-Led Vulnerability Report launched by ActionAid as an advocacy tool and committed to the establishment of Gender-Based Violence Desk Officers in schools, marking a significant step toward institutionalizing protection mainstreaming in governance programming.



PRIORITY 4 –

Donors, Institutional Partners and Funds

Our 2025 highlights the resources raised from the funding streams: Institutional Partnership and Development (IPD), Community Sponsorship, Child Sponsorship, digital marketing, and communications. The report also captures lessons, challenges, and donor prospects.



The Directorate contributes to the CSP Priority 4



The funding target for 2026 is **£12,800,000**



Total raised within year to date: **£3,463,657.75 / NGN 5,768,825,259.78 (27%)**

2025 Target Versus Achieved		
Target	£12,000,000	NGN20,400,000,000
Achieved	£11,657,664.09 (97%)	NGN 19,818,028,953 (97%)

FUNDING SOURCE	Q1 2025		Q2 2025		Q3 2025		Q4 2025		TOTAL BY FUNDING SOURCE	
Regular Giving (CS)	NGN	GBP	NGN	GBP	NGN	GBP	NGN	GBP	NGN	GBP
	549,580,621	289,897.97	646,166,124	301,416.93	666,274,930	314,416.74	559,582,748	321,030.51	2,421,604,422.94	1,226,762.15
Community Sponsorship	12,292,797.95	6,550.82	4,360,724.48	2,112.09	4,924,750.00	2,389.01	3,423,220.52	1,787.15	25,001,492.95	12,839.07
Institutional Partnership	13,847,373,939.15	9,034,097.26	941,727,000	627,818.40	1,238,083,650	728.284.5	47,367,831	27,863.43	16,074,552,420.15	10,418,063.59
Grand Total	14,409,247,358	9,330,546	1,592,253,848	931,347	1,909,283,330	1,045,090	610,373,799.52	350,681.09	18,521,158,336.04	11,657,664

Partnerships & Collaboration



Our Implementing Partners

- Baba Azimi Foundation
- Teenage Network and Education
- SWOFON
- Hallmark Leadership Initiative (HALI)
- JDPC
- Basic Rights Counsel Initiative (BRCI)
- Environmental & Rural Medication Centre (ENVIRUMEDIC)
- Environmental Development and Family Health Organization (EDFHO)
- Center for Information, Technology, and Development (CITAD)
- Humanity Family Foundation for Peace and Development
- Amana Rural Peoples Health Advocacy Foundation
- Women and Children Health Empowerment Foundation
- Yobe Peace and Community Development Initiative
- Center for Advocacy, Transparency & Accountability Initiative (CATAI)
- Inspired Youth Network
- South Saharan Social Development Organization (SSDO)
- Clement Isong Foundation
- Youth Hub Africa

Collaborations

- Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security
- Tax Justice and Governance Network
- Federal Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning
- GIZ
- AGRA
- Community of Agriculture Non-State Actors (COANSA)
- Presidency - Office of the Vice President on the Financial Inclusion and National Homegrown School Feeding.
- Media.
- SmallScale Women Farmers Organization in Nigeria (SWOFON)
- Young Famers in Nigeria (YoFiN)
- National Gender Committee for the Implementation of the National Gender Policy in Agriculture.



Learning and Innovation

All through 2025, AAN have been reflected on our approaches to programming, advocacy, stakeholder engagement, capacity building, and program implementation. These reflections have generated critical lessons that not only inform our current practice but also shape our strategic direction moving forward. The year provided valuable insights into the evolving nature of governance work and the strategies required to drive meaningful and sustainable impact.

The following key lessons represent a refined understanding of what drives impact in governance programming and position us to deliver more responsive, inclusive, and results-oriented interventions in the years ahead.

01.

The need to embrace Adaptive Governance Approaches that requires continuous response to shifting political, social, and institutional dynamics
02.

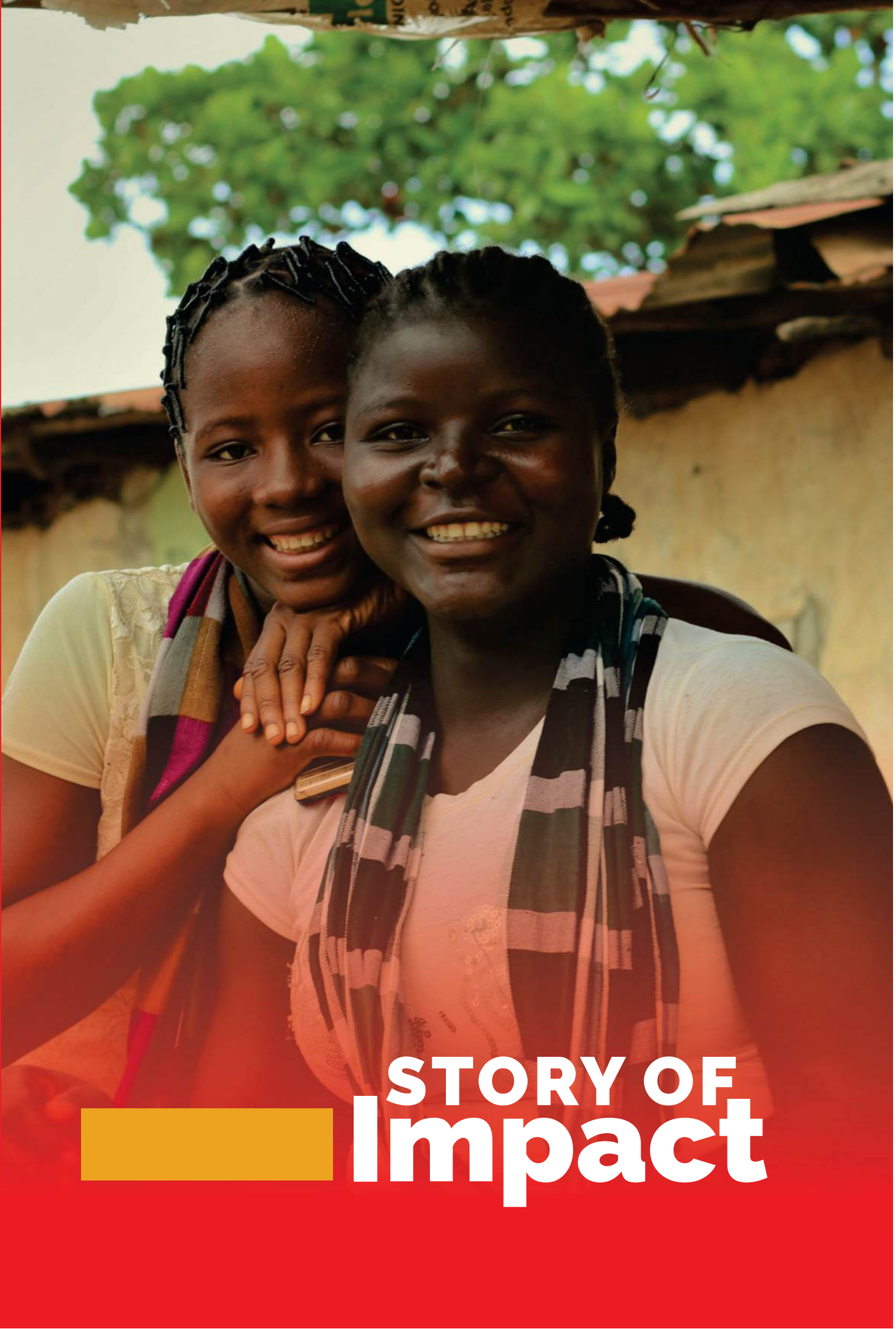
Maintaining relevance and impact depends on proactive planning and the ability to adapt strategies in real time.
03.

There is value in leveraging Digital Influence for Public Engagement. Many strategic collaborations with social media influencers, particularly nano and mid-tier voice effectively amplified reforms messages, broaden reach, and translate complex governance issues into relatable public discourse.
04.

Strengthening capacity building through practical and hands-on experiential sessions significantly enhances knowledge, retention and application compared to purely theoretical approaches.
05.

Effective planning, direct, on-site monitoring and evaluation improves accountability and program quality, while sustained collaboration with like-minded organizations, policymakers, and stakeholders fosters ownership and strengthens policy influence.
06.

Effective policy engagement requires aligning recommendations with stakeholder incentives through political economy analysis and business-case framing while intentionally mobilizing youth constituencies as key drivers of sustainable reform movements.



STORY OF
Impact

A New Chapter for Local Leadership in Lagos



When councillors from 22 LCDAs gathered for the grassroots leadership training in Lagos, many arrived unsure of what to expect. But they left with something far more powerful than new notes, they left with a new sense of responsibility.

For the first time, some councillors said they clearly understood how deeply their decisions shape everyday lives.

This training opened my eyes," one participant shared. "I realised leadership is not about sitting in an office, it's about listening to the people who trusted us with their voices. -Hon. Mutiu

Over the two days, conversations shifted from problems to possibilities. Councillors explored how to organise their communities, strengthen accountability, and rebuild the trust that many citizens feel they lost.

Another councillor reflected,

I used to think engagement was a town hall once in a while. Now I see it as a continuous relationship. -Hon. Adetutu

By the end of the workshop, participants had developed practical action steps—from improving ward-level communication to creating platforms where citizens can regularly share their concerns. Many left committed to becoming more present, more transparent, and more people centered.



The Climate Spark in Gwoza

... Butiya Paul Story



After returning from the Global Platform, Butiya Paul wasted no time turning his training into a movement. From September to November 2025, Gwoza saw a wave of climate justice initiatives that brought the community together in ways it hadn't seen before.

The momentum began with a vibrant march through the streets of Gwoza, where 30 young people chanted for climate justice. The energy soon shifted to the GSS IDP Camp, where 50 displaced women gathered for a session on the

realities of a changing environment. By November, the focus turned to practical health, as 57 women learned how proper waste disposal can prevent drainage blockages and environmental risks.

To ensure this impact lasts, Butiya launched Climate Clubs in three secondary schools—UBE, Sabon Gari, and Hambagda. With 150 students already enrolled, Gwoza is now home to a new generation of advocates ready to protect their environment and their future.



The Long Road Home

When my mother lost her shop, life became very difficult for our family. During this period, I was vulnerable, and a friend introduced me to someone who promised to help me travel abroad for work. I was told I would go to Russia to work as a hairdresser.

After several months, I arrived in Russia. The woman I was placed with told me I had to work to repay the cost of my travel before anything else. I worked tirelessly under her control. One day, she instructed me to steal from a client's home. When I was caught, I fled and lived in hiding for six months before I was eventually tracked down and arrested. The woman denied knowing me, and I was sentenced to three years in prison.

Before my arrest, I had already paid her a large sum of money. Life in prison was unbearable. I washed clothes for other inmates in exchange for food. My hands became damaged from constant washing, and conditions were so harsh that people back home believed I had died. By the time I returned, a grave with my name had already been prepared.

I was released and deported under painful circumstances. During that time, a man who

claimed to care for me took advantage of my situation. I later discovered I was four months pregnant when I was deported, although I had not realised earlier because I was still menstruating.

Returning home was extremely difficult. I felt ashamed, isolated, and deeply broken. I begged my mother to allow me to stay until I gave birth, after which I planned to leave. For days, I shut myself away and struggled to face anyone.

Through the RECONNECT programme, I found a community of people who understood my experience. For the first time, I was able to speak openly about what I had gone through and begin the process of healing. With the support of training organised by Genius Hub, GIZ, and ActionAid, I learned tailoring skills and began to rebuild my life.

“Today, I can stand and share my story with confidence. I am no longer defined by what happened to me. My mother is proud of how far I have come.

Madam B., Benin City, Edo State

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Putting People at the Heart of Justice

...from CLEAP JUSTICE to CiTi-Act



From CLEAP-Justice to CiTi-ACT: A New Step Forward

The CLEAP-Justice project started as a 24-month journey by ActionAid Nigeria to push for citizen-led accountability in post-election justice. It focused on making sure ordinary people could question and influence how justice was delivered after elections. It brought people closer to the courts, and the courts closer to the people.

But along the way, something became clear: the issues in our justice system go beyond just elections. If we want real change, we have to look at the whole system. That's how the idea for a new project was born: CiTi-ACT — Citizens' Actions for Judicial Accountability to Promote Democracy in Nigeria.

CiTi-ACT is not starting from scratch. It's building on what CLEAP-Justice began to do, but with a wider

lens. Now, it's about making sure citizens can engage with every part of the justice system, not just around elections, but every day, at every level. It's about promoting democracy and protecting human rights by putting people at the center of justice.

Citizens' Open Day was a close out for CLEAP and a launch of CiTi-ACT. It was a day of reflection and fresh energy. But one moment stood out: students from the University of Abuja Law Clinic took the stage to debate Independent Judicial Accountability Panel (IJAP) recommendations on the Supreme Court judgement. Some argued for it, some against it. What mattered most was that young Nigerians were engaging with real, complex issues of justice, boldly and publicly.

That debate reminded us of what this is all about. Citizens taking action. Young voices shaping the future. And the belief that justice must work for everyone, not just during elections, but all the time.

Where Did the Money Go?

30 Journalists Get to Work

Across Nigeria, the story is often the same: a budget is passed, a project is promised, but a community is left waiting. Many citizens don't realise that when a school roof isn't fixed or a clinic stays empty, it is often because public funds have taken a "detour." But how do you turn a dry budget spreadsheet into a story that moves people?

Under the SPA II project, ActionAid Nigeria gathered 30 journalists from Lagos, Enugu, Borno, Akwa Ibom, and the FCT for a four-day deep dive into the world of public finance. It was a bootcamp in financial detective work. The goal was simple but ambitious, to equip the journalists to track government spending and report financial irregularities in a way that the average person can actually understand.

The energy from the room didn't stay in Lagos. Each journalist walked away with a commitment to dig deeper, signing an MoU to bring these stories to light and the results are already hitting the headlines. So

far, 20 investigative stories have been published, peeling back the layers on key financial issues that affect everyday lives.



Through SPA II, these journalists are becoming more than just reporters, they are becoming a powerful voice for transparency. They are proving that when you follow the money, you find the power to demand better for every Nigerian.



ActionAid Nigeria Drives National Policy Forum on Homegrown School Feeding

In 2025, lawmakers and policymakers, government representatives, civil society actors, development partners, and community leaders gathered at the Presidential Villa for the launch of the National Policy Forum on the Homegrown School Feeding Programme. Delegates from across Nigeria, joined by representatives of ECOWAS and Spanish Cooperation, came together to discuss how to ensure that every Nigerian child has access to nutritious meals, clean water, and safe hygiene in schools, and that these systems are sustainable and inclusive.

ActionAid Nigeria's presentation of the Political Economy Analysis sparked thoughtful dialogue. It unpacked long-standing challenges such as fragmented funding, weak coordination, and the absence of strong legislative backing, while also highlighting clear opportunities. With coordinated

policies, sustained investment, and community ownership, especially involving smallholder women farmers, school feeding programmes can deliver far-reaching social and economic benefits.

The most powerful reminder of what was at stake came from a young girl from Taraba State, who shared how school meals helped her concentrate in class and remain in school. Her voice grounded the discussions and reinforced a shared understanding that effective school feeding systems are about dignity, opportunity, and long-term national development.

By the close of the forum, participants left aligned around a clear understanding and commitment that institutionalising school feeding is essential to building healthier children, stronger communities, and a more inclusive future for Nigeria.

My Seville Journals: A Voice for the South

By Andrew Mamedu, Country Director

In June 2025, I joined the ActionAid Directors' Forum in Seville, Spain. This gathering brought together country directors from across the federation at a critical time. Rising geopolitical instability, shrinking civic space, and the growing politicisation of aid meant that civil society faced unprecedented challenges. The Forum was designed not just for strategy, but for leadership, an opportunity to reconnect, strengthen our collective voice, and focus on what matters most for the communities we serve.

Over three days, we engaged in interactive sessions that were far from the usual presentation-heavy meetings. We worked in groups, shared experiences, and learned from each other's successes and challenges. We reflected on how ActionAid can respond to a complex global environment with clarity, courage, and creativity. A key focus was on communications and storytelling- how to speak boldly in polarised times, influence decision-makers, and ensure our work remains relevant. We also explored fundraising strategies, social enterprise, and ways to grow unrestricted funding to maintain independence while advancing our mission.



The Forum provided a special space for women leaders as well. Female directors shared experiences, offered support, and strategised on promoting feminist leadership across the federation. These discussions were honest, inspiring, and reminded me of the strength that comes from solidarity and shared leadership.

After the Forum, I took part in the Fourth United Nations Financing for Development Conference, also in Seville. There, I spoke at a Multi-Stakeholder Roundtable on the governance of international financial institutions like the IMF and World Bank. For three minutes, I delivered a statement on behalf of the Civil Society Financing for Development

Mechanism, highlighting how unfair the global financial system is to countries in the Global South, including Nigeria, and calling for debt cancellation and governance reforms.

In my statement, I spoke about how the global financial system is unfair to countries in the Global South, including Nigeria. Many of these countries carry heavy debt but have little influence over the institutions that shape their economic future. I called for changes to how these institutions are governed and for concrete action on debt cancellation.

This moment was important for ActionAid because it reflected our long-standing work on economic justice. The global financial system prioritises profit over people, deepening inequality. Speaking at FFD4 gave me a chance to raise these concerns where real financial decisions are being made.

Outside the conference rooms, ActionAid joined other civil society organisations in peaceful protests calling for debt justice. We highlighted how debt repayments force governments in the Global South to cut spending on essential services, hitting the poorest and most marginalised the hardest.

By the end of the trip, the connection between local realities in Nigeria and global policy was clear. The Directors' Forum had reminded me of the importance of strong, coordinated leadership, while the UN conference showed the power of raising our voice where decisions are made. Together, these experiences reinforced ActionAid Nigeria's commitment to justice, fairness, and putting people, not profit, at the centre of development.



The National Summit on Agroecology, Climate Justice and Partnerships



For two days in Lagos, the National Summit on Agroecology, Climate Justice and Public-Private Partnerships, convened by ActionAid Nigeria, brought together farmers, researchers, policymakers, civil society organisations, youth and women's groups, and private sector actors from across Nigeria's agricultural landscape to discuss agroecology and reshape how food is grown, distributed, and sustained in Nigeria.

The conversations were firmly rooted in lived experience. Farmers spoke about restoring depleted soils through organic practices, preserving indigenous seeds, and reducing costs while improving yields. These insights reinforced a central truth of the summit: agroecology is not a theory; rather, it is a practical response to climate shocks, rising production costs, and declining food quality.

Nigeria's economic realities sharpened the urgency of the discussions, as participants reflected on the country's annual loss of over ₦543 billion in foreign exchange due to rejected agricultural exports linked to pesticide residues. This figure underscored the

high cost of chemical-intensive farming and strengthened calls for safer, climate-resilient alternatives.

The summit closed with the validation of Nigeria's National Agroecology Strategy, accompanied by a strong communique calling for phased reductions in hazardous pesticides, improved extension services, community seed banks, and financing models that place women and young farmers at the centre. Public-private partnerships were also emphasised as critical for expanding markets for sustainably produced food.



Addressing Harmful & Unhelpful Traditional Practices at the Grassroots:

A Father Rediscovered His Daughter



Nkasiri Ibeagha who participated in a community sensitisation event on ending Female Genital Mutilization (FGM) in Abua community Odual Local Government Area (LGA) in Rivers State, organised by members of the Rivers State Multistakeholders Action Committee on GBV Prevention¹, in December 2024, called the coordinator of the committee and requested that her husband be called on and convinced to sign an undertaking that he would not subject their teenage daughter, Samira to being circumcised and married off early. Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is recognised as a significant harmful practice in the Abua community. The practice is noted for its high prevalence, driven primarily by strong traditional beliefs, and has been the target of intensive campaigns and legal action by government and non-governmental organizations.

Mr. Ibeagha honoured the invitation of the coordinator of the committee, Barr. Evelyn Membere-Asimiea Esq. who is also a member of FIDA Nigeria (International Federation of Women Lawyers, Nigeria) and works in the Rivers State Ministry of Justice. After some discussions with him, he reluctantly signed the undertaking but was downcast as he feared that he would be ridiculed by other men and members of the community for not conforming.

However, 2 weeks later, he called excitedly expressing his gratitude towards the coordinator because his daughter, Samira who prior to the signing of the undertaking was usually solemn, unhappy and somewhat rebellious, had suddenly turned a new leaf on hearing that she would not be circumcised and married off early. He shared that she is now happy and vibrant, open to partaking in family activities, now

willingly joins her mother to sell in the market and is innovate with the way she sells leading to more sales and making more profit. He is in awe at the drastic change in her countenance and behaviour and believes he now has a new daughter and was thankful that he made the decision not to circumcise and marry her off.

As part of its deliverables, the MAP GBV project support members of the Rivers State Multistakeholders' ActionAid Committee on GBV Prevention to roll out a media campaign that involved airing of an aspirational context specific animated video on local television, airing of an aspirational public service announcement on local television and radio and TV appearances to discuss GBV prevention related issues. After one of such appearances on a show aired on the Rivers State Television (RSTV), one of the committee members, Queen Esther Nwauka with a large following on social media, received a direct message via her Facebook handle from a woman based in Asaba who had watched the episode which addressed types of violence including economic violence. She shared that she realised that she was experiences economic violence from her husband who withholds funds for household upkeep at a wimp. She requested that the video clip of that appearance be sent to her so she would in turn share it with him and she was obliged.

About a month later, the lady reached out again but this time she had good news to share, after showing her husband the video clip and explaining to him that his withholding of funds for household upkeep was a form of violence, he stopped the act and has been consistent in providing funds for the upkeep of the household since then.

Sha'awanatu Journey to Empowerment Through VSLA in Sabo Mika



Sha'awanatu Adamu lives in Sabo Mika, a farming community where many families struggle to meet basic needs. For years, she depended entirely on her husband to provide for their seven children, and whenever she needed money to feed the family or keep a small business running, she had no option but to borrow from moneylenders with very high interest rates. This kept her in constant debt.

Her turning point came unexpectedly when she was invited to a training organised by ActionAid Nigeria and WACHEF (AAN's partner) under the Local Rights Programme. The three-day training introduced her to the Village Savings and Loans Association (VSLA) model and it included how to save, manage loans, keep records, and work as a group.

According to Sha'awanatu,

As I listened during the training, I kept telling myself that this knowledge must not end with me. I needed to bring it to my community.

When she returned home, she mobilised women in Sabo Mika and shared what she had learnt. With support from ActionAid and WACHEF, the women in Sabo Mika formed three VSLA groups and received start-up kits and materials worth almost one million naira, these included record keeping books, passbook, ledgers and a vault. Over time, a fourth group was created due to the increasing number of interested women, and today 120 women in the community participate in the VSLAs.

The impact on her life has been significant. She began saving gradually, took a small loan to grow her food-stuff business, and repaid it successfully. During their first share-out in May 2025, she received ₦125,000 from her savings and returns. She used this to expand her farm and buy bags of rice to sell later at a profit.

Sha'awanatu explains,

For the first time, I can support my husband and plan for my children. I am no longer afraid of emergencies because I now understand how to save and make decisions about money.

The VSLAs have strengthened the entire community. Women now run small businesses, contribute to household welfare, and participate more actively in community structures. Almost half of the VSLA members are now involved in school committees and community meetings.

Reflecting on her journey, she says,

I was once a woman struggling and unsure of what to do. Today I am confident and empowered because someone believed I was worth investing in.

Sha'awanatu remains committed to helping more women in Sabo Mika break free from poverty through savings, collective action, and financial independence.



RECONNECT: The Return and a Rebirth



In February 2025, ActionAid Nigeria, in partnership with GIZ, launched RECONNECT —Reintegration and Empowerment for Connecting and Nurturing Opportunities of Vulnerable Populations and Returning Migrants. The project is a bold, timely initiative designed to support Nigerian returnees, internally displaced persons (IDPs), persons with disabilities, and survivors of violence as they reintegrate into society.

The launch in Abuja brought together 53 participants from government, civil society, media, and the private sector. Suwaiba Dankabo Mohammed, Deputy Country Director at ActionAid Nigeria, opened the event by highlighting the need to move from fragmented reintegration efforts to a unified, people-centered approach. She emphasised that true reintegration goes beyond numbers and basic support, it must address the emotional and mental toll of migration, offering dignity, opportunity, and hope.

The event also featured messages of goodwill from partners including the Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment, NCFRMI, ILO, and GIZ. Senator Ireti Kingibe, represented by Dr. Adaeze Ibekweh, delivered a keynote stressing inclusive policies and long-term support for returnees, particularly women and persons with disabilities.

A presentation of a needs assessment from Lagos, Edo, and the FCT painted a sobering picture: returnees face limited job opportunities, social isolation, stigma, and emotional distress.

These findings became a compass for stakeholders, underlining that reintegration must go beyond jobs and shelters to support mental health, identity, and community rebuilding.

By May 2025, RECONNECT had moved from planning to implementation. ActionAid Nigeria hosted a three-day training for 25 civil society organisations from Lagos, Edo, and the FCT, focusing on trauma-informed reintegration, emotional support, and sustainable community-led care. Participants explored modules on referral pathways, first-line emotional support, and migration trends, and were encouraged to reflect on their own well-being—many noting it was the first training acknowledging their emotional labour.

David Habba, Migration Programme Specialist at ActionAid Nigeria, shared that previous reintegration programmes often overlooked returnees' emotional scars.

“People would give them training or starter packs, but no one ever asked how they were doing. This project is here to change that.”

GIZ's Sandra Vermuijten-Alonge echoed the importance of shifting migration programming toward long-term, sustainable partnerships that prioritise care and collaboration.

To ground the project in real community needs, town hall meetings were held in all three states. Traditional leaders, youth groups, government agencies, returnees, religious leaders, and grassroots organisations came together to discuss gaps in past efforts, data needs, and the importance of involving returnees in decision-making. Key recommendations included community mentorship, long-term follow-up, and integration of reintegration programmes into local development plans, as well as addressing systemic issues such as poverty, unemployment, and governance.

“I am a returnee. My experience was terrible and very difficult. While travelling illegally to Europe, I suffered greatly and nearly died. For three days, I had to drink my own urine because there was no water. I saw many people die, and those memories still leave scars on my heart.”

In a prison in Libya, I spent two years. I did not see the sun. My skin burned because the place was unbearably hot. There were about 6,000 people, with 400 packed into one small room. Food was given only once a day—half a loaf of bread that had been expired for three months, with flies everywhere. The flies themselves almost became part of the food.

“The day they rescued me, when they called my name, I wanted to run, but my knees and joints were weak and I fell to the ground. When I returned, I could not believe that this was the life I had lived.”

Through the trainings organised in the Reconnect project, I have learnt how to bake. I am now rebuilding my life. I am also speaking to young people who want to migrate illegally, to warn them not to try it. Mr. A. Uromi, Edo State





Could the Special Seats Bill Fix Nigeria's Gender Gap in Politics?

In a country of over 200 million people, where women make up nearly half of the population, it is shocking that women hold less than 5% of elected positions in Nigeria's National Assembly. Despite being at the forefront of activism, caregiving, entrepreneurship, and community development, Nigerian women remain largely excluded from the highest levels of political decision-making.

The Special Seats Bill is a constitutional amendment proposed to the National Assembly, which aims to create reserved legislative seats exclusively for women in both the National Assembly (Senate and House of Representatives) and State Houses of Assembly.

Specifically, the bill proposes one additional Senate seat per state, including the Federal Capital Territory- totalling 37 reserved Senate seats; one additional House of Representatives seat per state- totalling 37 seats; and three reserved seats in each State House of Assembly- totalling 111 seats nationwide. These seats will be exclusively contested by women candidates, creating a pathway for increased female political participation without altering the existing structure of elected positions. This provision is temporary and intended to last for three electoral cycles (12 years).

Nigeria ranks among the lowest in the world for women's political representation. In the 2023 general elections, the statistics were dismal: only 3 out of 109 Senators were women (about 2.8%); only 14–17 out of 360 Members of the House of Representatives were women (roughly 3.9% to 4.7%); and out of 1,019 female candidates who contested for seats in State Assemblies, only 48 won, reflecting a success rate of just 4.7%.

This severe underrepresentation is not due to a lack of capable or interested women, but rather the result of deeply entrenched structural, cultural, and economic barriers. Women often face limited access to campaign funding, discrimination within political parties, and social norms that discourage female leadership.

The Special Seats Bill is not a permanent fix, but a corrective measure designed to give women a fair starting point in the political race. By intentionally creating space for women in governance, the bill seeks to bridge a historic gap and foster a more inclusive democracy.

Nigeria is not alone in this journey. Several African countries have adopted gender quotas or similar temporary special measures and seen significant improvements. Rwanda leads the world, with over 60% of its lawmakers being women. Senegal

has reached 46%, while South Africa and Burundi both have over 38–40% female representation. These gains didn't happen by accident, they were the result of intentional laws and policies that opened the door for women to serve. Nigeria is simply trying to catch up.

If passed, the Special Seats Bill would mark a turning point in Nigeria's democratic evolution. It would immediately increase the number of women in decision-making positions, serve as a pipeline for future leadership, and allow women to build experience, visibility, and influence. It would also improve the quality of governance, as research consistently shows that diverse legislatures are more responsive to citizens' needs. Importantly, it would set a precedent for inclusive policymaking, especially in areas that disproportionately affect women and families, such as healthcare, education, and social protection.

ActionAid Nigeria is actively supporting the passage of the Special Seats Bill through advocacy, research, and community engagement. As an organisation, we are actively working to raise public awareness about the importance of women's political participation, conducting workshops and dialogues with communities to challenge cultural and social

barriers, and engaging policymakers to encourage legislative action. By highlighting the stories and experiences of women leaders and amplifying their voices, ActionAid Nigeria aims to ensure that the bill translates into meaningful representation, creating a stronger, more inclusive democracy where women can fully participate in shaping the country's future.

The fight for gender equality in politics isn't just for women, it is for all Nigerians who believe in fairness, progress, and justice. You can help by raising awareness about the bill in your community and on social media, engaging your representatives to support the bill, joining advocacy campaigns pushing for gender inclusion, and sharing information to help others understand its importance.

The Special Seats Bill is not about giving women an unfair advantage, it is about levelling the playing field in a country where the odds have long been stacked against them. Representation matters. And when women lead, nations thrive. By supporting this bill, we're not just pushing for numbers; we are investing in Nigeria's future.

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