


The image is a cover for the ActionAid 2023 Annual Report. It features a central photograph of a smiling woman wearing a blue and yellow patterned headwrap and a matching patterned top. In the background, another woman in a white and green patterned headwrap is visible. The ActionAid logo is in the top right corner. A red diagonal graphic element is in the bottom left, and the text '2023 ANNUAL REPORT' is in the bottom right.

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A photograph of Beta James, a woman with dark skin and hair pulled back, wearing a red and black plaid shirt with orange accents. She is smiling and holding a bunch of green leafy vegetables and orange carrots. The background is a lush green field of crops, including corn stalks and leafy greens.

Beta James, a subsistence farmer from Ebonyi State, was one of the beneficiaries of ActionAid's Strategic Partnerships for Agroecology and Climate Justice in West Africa (SPAC-West Africa). Through this project, she learnt sustainable and climate-friendly farming practices.

Today, Beta can successfully provide for her family, thanks to ActionAid Nigeria's support.

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Message from the Board Chair, Dr. Jummai Umar-Ajijola

ActionAid Nigeria (AAN) launched its ambitious five-year Country Strategy Paper (CSP) titled 'Social Justice to End Poverty,' in 2018 which culminated in 2023. Throughout this period, the CSP served as a guiding framework for AAN's efforts to address critical issues such as conflict and poverty, women's and children's rights, food insecurity, inclusion of youth and persons with disabilities (PWDs), environmental sustainability, and overall sustainable development.

The final year of the CSP, 2023, witnessed political and economic transitions in the nation. Despite the challenges posed by these transitions, AAN intensified its programmes to end poverty, promote gender equality, engage citizens in judicial processes, protect vulnerable groups, and advocate for environmental conservation.

As ActionAid Nigeria continues its mission to create positive social change and empower communities, the legacy of the CSP will continue as a testament to our commitment to social justice and poverty eradication in Nigeria.

Notably, the year also marked a significant transition within the organisation with the appointment of Andrew Mamedu as the Country Director. Andrew, a seasoned professional with over 18 years of experience within AAN, brings a wealth of knowledge and dedication to the role. Under his direction, AAN continues to play a pivotal role in addressing systemic inequalities and promoting sustainable development across the nation.

We remain steadfast and radical in our commitment to promoting social justice across Nigeria.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.



Message from the Country Director, Andrew Mamedu

ActionAid Nigeria has remained steadfast in its commitment to promoting social justice, gender equality, and poverty eradication.

The year began with Nigeria's elections, accompanied by a strong belief in the electoral systems and processes, but ended with heightened tensions and concerns about electoral integrity, especially with issues surrounding the failure of the Biometric Voter Accreditation System (BVAS).

Insecurity and criminality remained persistent challenges throughout the year, further exacerbating the vulnerability of the poor. Fuel scarcity, currency devaluation, and inflation contributed to a high cost of living, placing additional strains on households across the country.

Amidst these challenges, this report showcases our efforts on various thematic priorities, from citizen engagement in judicial processes to economic empowerment programmes for women and youths, budget influencing, breaking digital barriers, and advocacy for policy changes. These efforts were all driven by a shared commitment to creating a more equitable and just Nigeria.

One of the key highlights was our aligned efforts with international campaigns and the global call for climate justice. Recognising the urgency of the climate crisis, ActionAid Nigeria intensified its focus on promoting climate resilience and sustainability within our communities and at the national level, while strongly calling out elements causing climate change and undermining human rights.

As we conclude the current CSP – Social Justice to End Poverty, we look forward to embarking on a new one with renewed energy and determination. The successes and lessons learnt from the past five years will guide us as we continue our journey towards a more prosperous Nigeria. We are resolute in leveraging our collective resilience as Nigerians to overcome the challenges that lie ahead.

ActionAid Nigeria remains dedicated to our mission and the communities we serve, striving for positive social change and sustainable development.





Who Are We?

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

MISSION:

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

VISION:

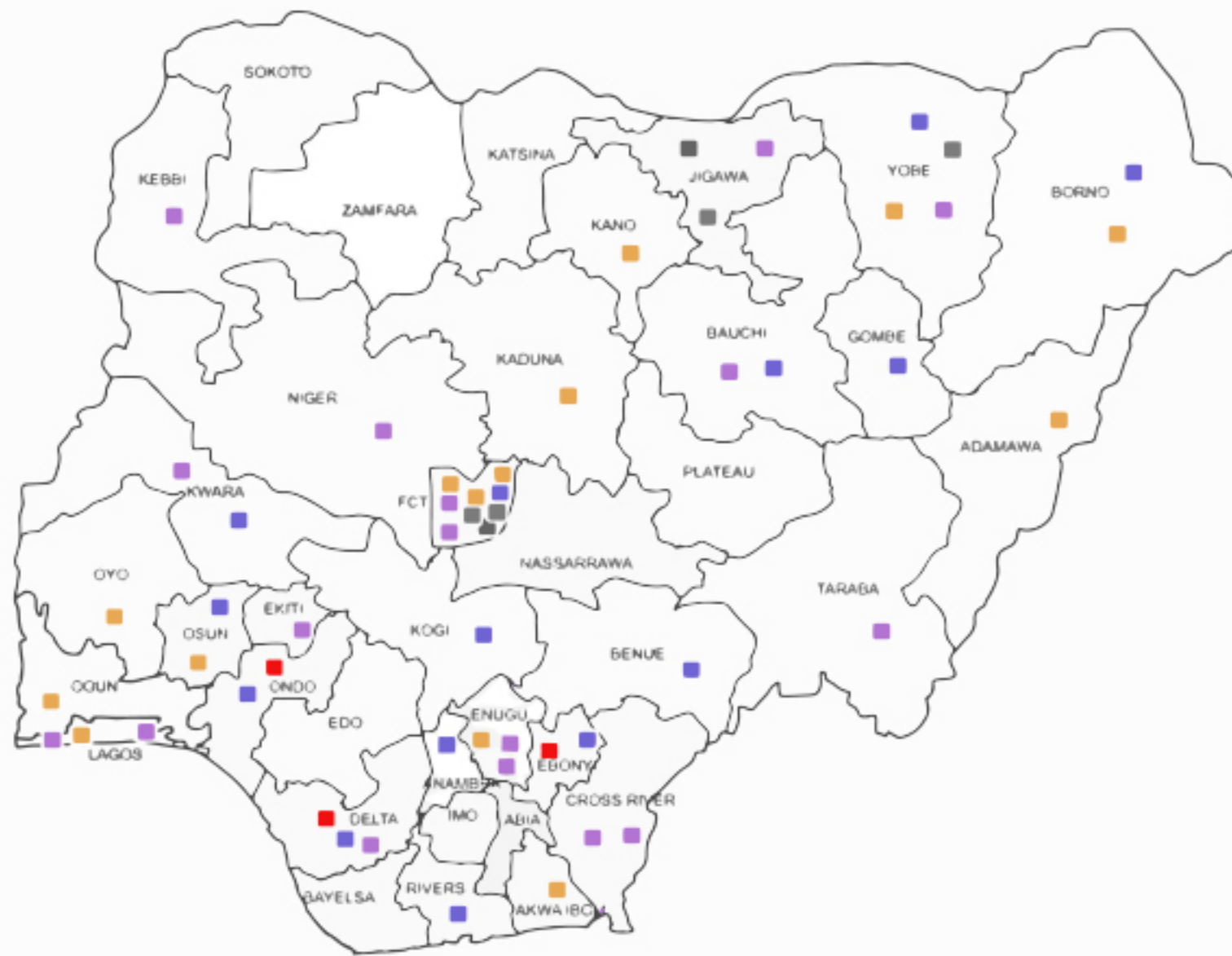
A just, equitable and sustainable world in which every person enjoys the right to a life of dignity, freedom from poverty and all forms of oppression

VALUES:

- Humility
- Integrity
- Courage of conviction
- Solidarity with the poor
- Independence
- Equity and Justice
- Mutual Respect
- Climate consciousness



Where We Are



ActionAid Projects Presence in Nigeria

- LRP
- SUPIA
- SPA II
- WVL
- SARVE 3
- SPAC West Africa
- CLEAP
- METAKETA
- Ending Child Marriage
- Girl Led Research
- UN-OCHA Nutrition Project
- WFP Protection Project
- Global Entity
- MAP-GBV
- START FUND
- State_Boundary

Context in 2023

A Time of Transition and Challenge in Nigeria:

In 2023, Nigeria concluded its elections. Despite pre-election anxieties, a new president and vice president were inaugurated in May. This new administration has pledged to invest in infrastructure, bolster the economy, and address security concerns. Notably, education reform with a focus on women and girls is also on the agenda. This transition presents a significant opportunity for Nigeria to forge a new path forward.

Economic Pressures:

Nigeria faces a declining economy with a weakening Naira against major currencies. This fuels inflation, impacting AAN's activities nationwide. According to the National Bureau of Statistics, inflation reached a two-decade high of 26.72% in September 2023, exacerbating the cost-of-living crisis.

The removal of the petrol subsidy has negatively impacted Nigerians, leading to increased transportation and living costs, reduced purchasing power, and potential social instability.

The Naira's devaluation has further amplified inflation, hindering AAN's progress on social justice initiatives.

Citizens' Engagement in Judicial Processes:

The Supreme Court's verdict on the election outcome generated mixed feelings. While some perceived it as balanced, others believe flaws marred the process and the judgment. Through the CLEAR JUSTICE project, AAN engaged citizens and stakeholders to promote awareness of electoral processes and encourage participation in institutional reforms.

Rising Unemployment:

Reports by KPMG indicate that unemployment is expected to reach 40.6% from 37.7%. This constitutes a looming national crisis. AAN is engaging with the government while continuing to invest in community-level empowerment programmes, particularly for women and youth, to mitigate these effects.

Global Uncertainties:

The ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict, according to the ILO, will have lasting economic consequences. Its potential to destabilise oil prices in the Middle East could impact Nigeria's oil revenue and exacerbate poverty. Additionally, donor focus may shift away from Nigeria towards conflict-ridden regions. AAN reiterates its commitment to upholding international law and human rights principles.

While Nigeria faces significant challenges, AAN remains dedicated to promoting social justice and empowering marginalised communities. By engaging with stakeholders and advocating for policy changes, AAN strives to contribute to a more equitable and prosperous future for Nigeria.

2023 at a Glance

In 2023, AAN worked with **14 existing and new donors** which cuts across bilateral and multilateral to institutional donors, foundations and research thinktanks.

Our Staff Strength

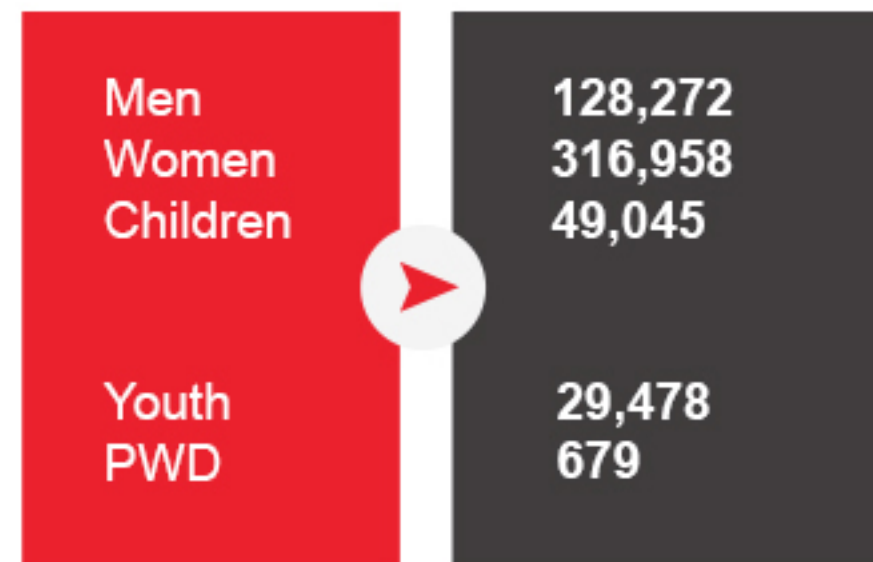


Our Income

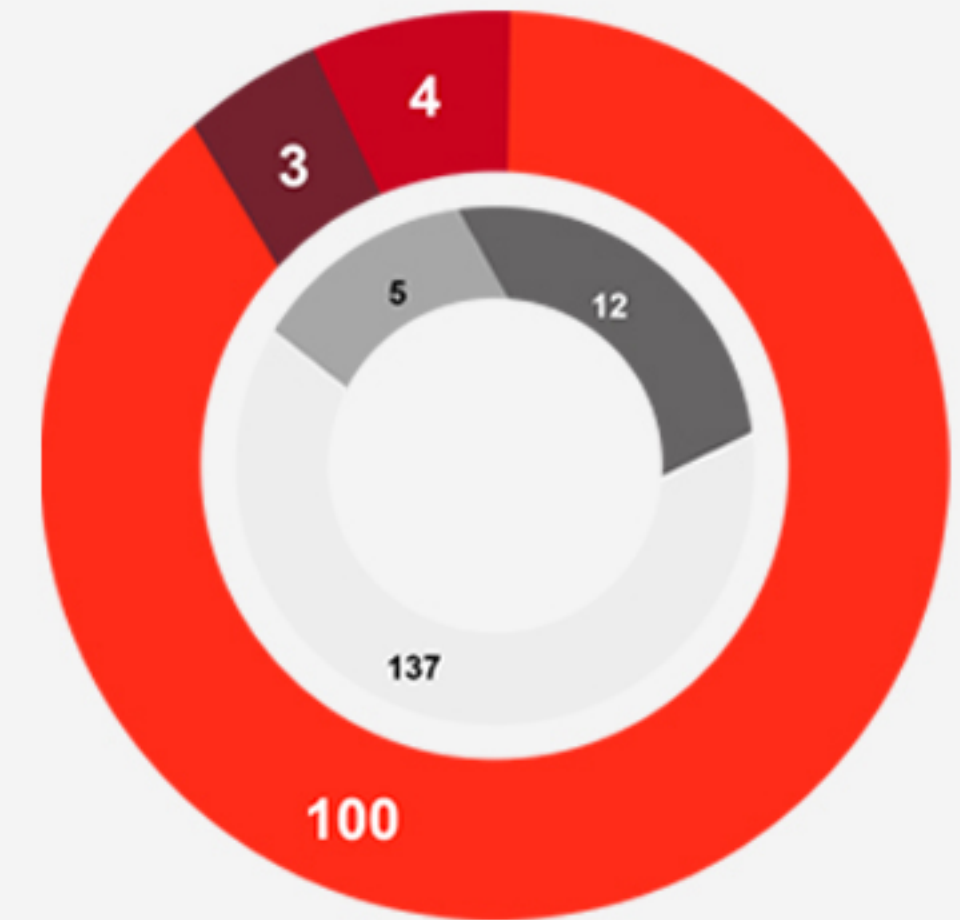
A total of **GBP 5,370,274.48** was generated under this breakdown

- Institutional Partnership and Development -	GBP 4,463,495
- Child Sponsorship -	GBP 877,424.99
- Community Sponsorship -	GBP 29,154.49

Our Reach:
524,432



Our Partnerships



Keys

- Social movements
 - Networks/Coalitions
 - Programme Implementing Partners
- Of all partners:**
- Young people led
 - Women-led/women's rights org
 - Academic Institutions

Campaigns and Movements Building





Strengthening Young People's Movements



Harnessing Youth Leadership to End Poverty and Injustice:

The capacity of over 2,000 women and youth has been enhanced through political education and participation across Nigeria. This action demonstrates our continuous commitment to increasing the leadership of young people and women, and amplifying their voices in spaces that matter, including contexts of crisis and fragility.



Activista Movement Making Change:

A significant milestone was achieved with the establishment of a youth alliance comprising 19 youth networks, social movements, and organisations. This alliance spearheaded the creation of a democracy convening platform, culminating in the development of an impactful engagement tool known as the **National Youth Charter of Demand**. This tool seeks to elevate the voices of and advocate for the rights of youth, women, and girls nationwide.

The youth alliance has made strides by unveiling a prototype of the "Accountability Dashboard," an accountability tool that, upon completion, will grant citizens access to information on budget allocation and project fund disbursement in each constituency. This tool is envisioned as a real-time mechanism for monitoring the performance of elected leaders.



Key Results Against Strategic Objectives

Strategic Objective 1: Enhanced People Power In Democratic And Inclusive Governance

■ **Supporting the popularisation and operationalisation of the Humanitarian Development and Peace (HDP) Nexus, also known as the ‘new way of working’ in Nigeria:**

Our efforts to popularize the HDP Nexus as an approach for building sustainably thriving communities continued with our work with the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs. This collaboration led to the development and approval by the Federal Executive Council of the HDP Nexus framework for Nigeria.

■ **Marginalised communities shifting grounds and demanding inclusion and accountability:**

Communities we work with took the lead in developing demand charters, tracking budgets, and scrutinising government projects in their localities. For example, community members from Akwa Ibom, Enugu, and Borno states worked to identify their priority needs, developed a Community Approved Charter of Demand, and shared it with relevant MDAs for action. Additionally, in Enugu State, youths established Community Accountability Committees (CACs) that have effectively scrutinized the 2022 Enugu State Budget, identified projects within their locality, and commenced monitoring to verify the progress and status of these projects, promoting

ActionAid Nigeria also launched the HDP Practitioners Academy in partnership with three renowned academic institutions: The American University of Nigeria (AUN) Yola, The University of Maiduguri (UNIMAID), and Nasarawa State University (NSU) Keffi. The HDP Practitioners Academy campuses will conduct training for practitioners across Nigeria as AAN's contribution toward building the capacity needed to implement the HDP approach.

transparency and community-driven oversight. Through advocacy, the Rakwata Sale and Sabara communities in Jigawa State had their voices and demands for public services captured in the 2024 budget. For the first time, these communities were able to engage with the government, which in turn ensured that their needs were considered in the 2024 budget.

■ **Marginalised communities accessing Increased Public services:**

AAN's commitment to community development has yielded significant results for marginalised communities seeking increased public services. Local governance advocacy conducted by community members within LRP communities led to 27 government responses. Simultaneously, we rehabilitated three community access roads, restored electricity, drilled three boreholes, and donated seven electricity poles to enhance community infrastructure. Our commitment to inclusivity is evident through the employment of two Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and the provision of vocational skills support to 20 young individuals in Taraba, Ekiti, Yobe, and Lagos. These actions emphasize our dedication to facilitating positive change in marginalised communities.

■ **Education in our LRPs:**

AAN continues to transform education and increase access in our LRPs. To improve education quality, we employed five teachers in public spaces. In Health Infrastructure, we renovated three health centres in various communities. Gwalada community members in the FCT built a school for about 120 children who previously had to travel about six kilometers to access education. We expanded educational access in the FCT and renovated 27 school blocks, benefiting 6,000 learners across Delta, Ekiti, FCT, Yobe, and Jigawa States.

Our efforts through continuous sensitisation and advocacy with relevant stakeholders to increase access to education and reduce the high prevalence of out-of-school children resulted in 47 children being registered for school at the start of the new academic year in Egonbon Community. Additionally, Jioba Community Primary School, which had been closed for two years, was able to provide education for an estimated 1,000 learners returning to school.

■ **Contributively Resourcing for Development:**

AAN participated in the IMF World Bank Annual Meeting in Marrakech and used this platform to share Nigeria's unique debt burden and rising economic challenges with the global community, thereby eliciting interest in possible solutions. As a result, neoliberal institutions offered debt relief and restructuring to the many African countries engulfed in debt crises. More broadly, the event provided an opportunity for ActionAid to advocate for women and girls' rights, redistribution, and resilience in the context of IMF/WB austerity policy prescriptions, the debt crisis, and the climate emergency.

■ **Contributing to the Accountability Processes of Nigeria's General Election:**

ActionAid Nigeria (AAN) deployed 650 election observers across 15 states. These observers used innovative technology called the i-Observer to facilitate real-time data gathering and analysis on the 2023 general elections. AAN established a Technical Room for analysis, which contributed to reports shared by the Nigeria Civil Society Situation Room. This contribution helped enhance election security and facilitated quick intervention by relevant bodies.

■ **Citizen participation in electoral processes has been enhanced through the deployment of efficient election logistics.**

ActionAid Nigeria's work contributed to the improvement of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) by developing and supporting the deployment of the INEC logistics framework for the efficient distribution of election materials. This effort was carried out in partnership with the National Union of Road Transport Workers.

■ **Promoting Sustainable Agriculture through the SPAC West Africa Project:**

ActionAid Nigeria officially launched the SPAC West Africa Project in June. This project empowered a total of **833 women farmers and young people** through Training of Trainers (TOT) on agroecology practices. These practices have been passed on by trainers to **34,504** additional individuals, reaching a total of **35,337** participants across all implementing states and the FCT.

■ **Small Scale Women Farmers Organisation in Nigeria (SWOFON) and Budget Committee Groups (BCGs) Influencing Budgetary Allocations at the State and National Levels:**

Overall, ActionAid Nigeria's activities contributed to increased budgetary allocations in agriculture and in key areas of the SUPIA project, improving the quality of investments. These key areas include Extension Services, Access to Credit, Women in Agriculture, Youth in Agriculture, Appropriate Labour-Saving Technologies, Inputs, Irrigation, Post-Harvest Losses Reduction Supports (e.g., processing facilities, storage facilities, training, market access), Climate Resilient Sustainable Agriculture (CRSA)/Agroecology, Research and Development, and Monitoring and Evaluation. Activities included advocacy engagements, budget analyses, press conferences, press releases, stakeholders' consultative meetings on the budget, communiqués, SWOFON and Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) interactive forums, and the creation of a SWOFON Charter of Demands. These activities advanced the goal of strengthening the capacity of smallholder women farmers and budget committees, enhancing their ability to influence agricultural budgets and policies.





In Ondo State,

The following allocations were made:

- (a) Development of smallholder farmers in cocoa and oil palm
- (b) Sensitisation of women's groups on modern technology for crops, livestock, and fisheries
- (c) Capacity building for **2,000 youth** and women in agriculture and other programmes
- (d) The Commercial Agriculture Credit Scheme (CACCS) received an allocation of **N200,953,000**
- (e) The Agro-Climatology and Ecological Project had an allocation of **N21,000,000**
- (f) **N65,200,000** was allocated to the Agro-Women Initiative and smallholder farmers under Women in Agriculture
- (g) The purchase of agricultural tools for the Livelihood Improvement Family Enterprises Project for the Niger-Delta (LIFE-ND) Agricultural Programmes received an allocation of **N55,000,000**



In Ebonyi State,

(a) N50,000,000 allocated for credit facilities for Ebonyi State farmers;

(b) N10,000,000 allocated for Climate Resilient Sustainable Agriculture (CRSA)/Agroecology. Other allocations that address CRSA include:

- N2,000,000 for the construction of irrigation facilities at Ndieruphu Dam Site, Iboko (50 hectares);
- N2,000,000 for Ezillo Farm Irrigation Scheme (500 hectares);
- N2,000,000 for the rehabilitation of Item Amagu irrigation (2,500 hectares);
- N2,000,000 for the construction of irrigation facilities at Ivo Dam Site (2,500 hectares).



In Kogi State,

Key wins included an allocation of N200,000,000 to Women in Agriculture, representing a 100% increase over the 2022 budget allocation. Another significant achievement was the allocation of N100,000,000 to Youth Engagement in Agriculture, aimed at interventions for youth in this sector. This amount is more than twice the sum budgeted for in 2022 (N45,000,000).



In Gombe State,

The budget allocation for smallholder women farmers increased from 40 million Naira in 2022 to 70 million Naira in the 2023 budget, representing a 75% increase. Additionally, the state has institutionalized the allocation of funds to smallholder women farmers by establishing codes to facilitate fund releases, ensuring that adequate resources reach the intended beneficiaries. Furthermore, the fertilizer procurement subsidy received an allocation of N80,000,000, while the procurement of agricultural inputs was allocated N25,000,000, and support for dry season farming was allocated N50,000,000.



In Kwara State,

The allocation for Extension Services increased from N3,000,000 in 2022 to N71,900,000 in 2023. This 2,266.67% increase is notable because smallholder women farmers and the budget committee of the SUPIA project within the state had been advocating for increased allocation to extension services.



In the Federal Capital Territory (FCT),

Provisions were made for Post-Harvest Losses Reduction Supports (processing facilities, storage facilities, training, market access, etc.) with the following:

- (a) Establishment of a rice processing center in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Agriculture;
- (b) Construction of four new specialised warehouses (12,000-ton capacity each) for grain storage at Yaba/Tungamaje, Gwagwa, and Karshi under the Buffer Stock Programme;
- (c) Construction of galvanised silos in the six area councils;
- (d) Construction and equipping of a cassava (garri) processing center at Kaida Gwagwalada and Abuja;
- (e) Provision of agricultural feeder roads.

These allocations total N813,206,960. In addition, within the FCT Agriculture budget, a total of N607,792,423 was allocated to Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture (CRSA) interventions, while Women in Agriculture had an allocation of N15,798,245. Agricultural inputs had an allocation of N1,267,031,480, with value chain development and youth in agriculture getting allocations of N1,458,783,523 and N95,080,396, respectively.



In Bauchi State,

There was an allocation of N100,000,000 for Women and Youth in Agriculture and an allocation of N40,000,000 for post-harvest loss reduction support, specifically for the renovation of warehouses and silos. Additionally, N5,000,000 was allocated for the Stakeholder Consultative Meeting. ActionAid introduced the Stakeholder Consultative Meeting, including government participation, at the national level and subsequently in the project states. Hence, this particular allocation, which commits to sustaining the consultative process, is notable as it promotes our quest for the sustained involvement of stakeholders in agriculture budget and policy-making processes.



In Delta State,

N50,000,000 was allocated for a smallholder cocoa scheme and N100,000,000 for a smallholder oil palm scheme, while the allocation to extension services increased from N100,000,000 in 2022 to N150,000,000 in 2023, a 50% increase. In addition, Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture (CRSA) was allocated N60,000,000, while Women in Agriculture and the Job Creation Office were allocated budgets of N20,000,000 and N1,080,000,000, respectively.



Percentage allocations are as follows:

	2022		2023		
	Nominal Value	Percentage	Nominal Value	Percentage	
National	291,416,466,723	1.78%	228,428,688,402	1.11%	Decrease
Ondo State	11,538,218,001.84	5.81%	18,855,969,319	6.83%	Increase
Ebonyi State	3,439,301,722	2.9%	3,838,470,000	4.25%	Increase
Kogi State	6,109,340,032.47	4.9%	9,196,349,937	5.55%	Increase
Gombe State	3,840,975,000	2.4%	4,072,125,000	2.3%	Percentage Decrease but Nominal Increase
Kwara State	6,818,635,036	3.5%	4,015,666,695	2.12%	Decrease
Federal Capital Territory (FCT)	8,108,632,681	1.9%	6,435,422,763	1.4%	Decrease
Bauchi State	5,729,042,787.33	2.9%	5,042,681,281.17	2.5%	Decrease
Delta State	3,599,292,206	0.75%	3,620,410,528	0.63%	Decrease in Percentage but Nominal Increase

■ LRP Communities Breaking Digital Barriers

LRP communities are breaking down digital barriers, harnessing technology to catalyze transformative changes in their lives and surroundings. In Pasepa, Bwari Area Council, ActionAid Nigeria's provision of an ICT Centre empowered 175 children at LEA Primary School Xhiko to seamlessly register for the 2023/24 academic session, eliminating the need for difficult and costly 6km journeys for registration. Meanwhile, in Gaube, FCT, five young girls defied skepticism and debunked age-old myths by embracing science-related subjects. Among them, one emerged as a champion in a competition, showcasing her undeniable talent and dispelling stereotypes that ICT is not for girls. These inspiring stories underscore the power of technology to drive positive change and empower marginalised communities.

Furthermore, ActionAid Nigeria's commitment to empowering youth across the 9 LRP states (Ekiti, Niger, Enugu, Cross River, Taraba, Yobe, FCT, Jigawa, and Delta) is exemplified by the provision of digital skills and educational materials to a total of 9,381 children. This concerted effort not only equips them with the tools necessary for academic pursuit but also lays the foundation for a future where barriers to educational opportunities are non-existent.

Strategic Objective 2: Work To Protect Women And Girls From Violence, Create Opportunities For Economic Independence And Decision-making

■ Curbing Violent Extremism Through the Scale-Up of Peace Clubs in Schools:

AAN established peace clubs in schools to build the resilience of young people and strengthen their capacity in conflict management, anger management, and dispute resolution. The scale-up and popularisation of this initiative has been a giant stride towards mitigating youth vulnerability to violent extremism in schools across communities in Kaduna, Kano, Borno, and Yobe States.

'In Kano State, the State government has replicated the peace club model across all government secondary schools in the state while in Yobe state, ActionAid Nigeria is engaging with the Yobe State Government for a statewide replication of the peace club model'

■ Youth Action against Violent Extremism:

Community Action and Response Team Initiative have continued to take actions against Violent Extremism across Kaduna, Kano Yobe and Borno states. Young people through these initiatives are taking proactive steps to to curtail violent extremism, community surveillance through partnership with local vigilante services and collaborating with the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency at state level to sensitize youths on the dangers of drug abuse and human rights issues.

Strengthened mechanisms for institutional and societal response on VAWG- Increased number of women who are challenging violence and are free from violence.

Number of GBV cases and Reach

Cases	Number of Reach
Sexual Violence	156
Physical Violence	275
Socio-Economic Violence	392
Harmful Traditional Practices	127
Emotional/Psychological Violence	239
Total	1,189

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Cases managed through interagency linkages and referrals.

■ Government systems strengthened to support actions against GBV:

We continue to strengthen institutional GBV response mechanism at state level as we launched the GBV dashboard in Bauchi state Ministry of Women Affairs. The dashboard has enabled the tracking of GBV cases since January 2021 and enhanced data gathering and coordination for addressing GBV.

■ Communities acting against GBV:

A transformative power shift occurred within communities as they collaboratively established community-owned Gender-Based Violence (GBV) safe spaces. These spaces not only serve as hubs for providing GBV response services but also encompass comprehensive case management services and specialized support at the center.

■ Violence Against Persons Prohibition Act:

Engagement and capacity strengthening with national and community level security agencies has contributed to the utilization of the VAPP law to effectively and efficiently handle cases of Gender-Based Violence (GBV).

Increased women's access and control over economic resources:

In Lagos State, through our partner, we influenced the inclusion of the informal sector in the reviewed Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) National Policy, thereby ensuring that microbusinesses, such as petty traders, are henceforth, included in various government plans. 15,487 Women & Older Girls were capacitated with Income Generating Skills, basics on Business Management, Start-up kits & Grants. This contributed to the economic self-sufficiency of these women and girls, fostered entrepreneurship and created a positive impact on the broader community. In 2023, 249 Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLA) groups and 11 Savings & Internal Lending Communities (SILC) in 137 communities were formed and generated N36,881,006 million.

Strategic Objective 3: Increased Women's Leadership In An Accountable Humanitarian And Resilient System

Women led emergency humanitarian response:

ActionAid Nigeria swiftly responded to crises in Benue, Jigawa, and Kaduna states, focusing on delivering critical aid to alleviate suffering and enhance the well-being of affected individuals. Their interventions encompassed Unconditional Cash transfers, WASH initiatives, protection services, and the distribution of essential non-food items. Women were prioritized, taking leading roles in these efforts.

In Jigawa, 200 women received cash grants to initiate or bolster small businesses, while thirteen families received shelter support following the 2022 floods. Additionally, 80 women benefited from seed grants aimed at enhancing their livelihoods through income-generating activities. In Benue, 5400 HH received cash transfers, Non-Food Items and Dignity kits to reduce suffering induced by conflict.

Nutrition in Emergency:

ActionAid Nigeria's nutrition in emergency programme focused on providing emergency nutrition assistance to people in distress or situation of disasters especially women with services to include community-based treatment for Moderate Acute Malnutrition using locally formulated or available foods, Infant and Young Child Feeding modalities and nutrition sensitization. In 2023, AAN reached 2871 Pregnant and Lactating Women and Children Under 5 with lifesaving nutrition services in Yobe and Borno State

■ **Productive actions and partnerships activated towards sustainable livelihood:**

The SPA II project facilitated and activated a partnership between two vulnerable young women and Pakam Waste Management Technology (Pakam is a digital marketplace for waste, recycling collection ecosystem & smart enforcement through earn-as-you-waste and pay-as-you-waste, while creating data insights for effective waste management). The two young women are currently being groomed as Pakam waste keepers, towards earning a sustainable means of livelihood. Additionally, 20 young women acquired new skills and knowledge on adopting the use of technology to advance their careers during the SPA II digital boot camp held in June 2023.

■ **Agency of women built for improved livelihood:**

Women farmers trained in agroecology in three Enugu communities, received quality seedlings to boost productivity, and are now forming a cooperative. They are also pursuing self-funded training and acquiring extra seedlings independently for sustained progress. This will lead to improved socioeconomic status of the community and the ecosystem.

Women peer education groups were motivated to improve the status of education within Community from their training. The group employed teachers and established an adult class for women's educational advancement. The teachers are paid through the village savings and loan association initiated by the women.

105 women in nine LRP communities in Delta State were trained in a range of alternative income-generating activities

170 women from three different LRP communities were provided with a substantial cash grant of 20,000. SWOFON women in Delta now have communal land for farming after carrying out advocacy to the Local and state governments. This was made possible via conscientization and training they received from the Delta LRP and F&A team.

In Dakwa community, FCT, women embraced organic farming practices, which has led to a remarkable increase in their crop yields.

Women water leaf farmers in the Tungan Nasara community, FCT have transitioned from chemical herbicides to eco-friendly meat water, leading to a significant reduction in crop damage by pests. As a result, they now generate up to N10,000 in weekly sales, compared to their previous N5,000 per week.

Women's Safe Spaces providing members with mini soft loans to empower each other across 24 communities in Kaduna and Kano states

Through VSLA activities in 104 communities across 6 geo-political zones, 54 new businesses were birthed, resulting in more women having access and control over resources at the community level.

Generating women-centred economic alternatives:

Our engagement with communities through traditional media activated a between two young women from hard-to-reach communities and Pakam Waste Management Technology, a digital marketplace for waste management. The women are learning how to in earn a sustainable means of livelihood as water keepers using the platform.

Over 20 young women acquired new skills and knowledge on adopting the use of technology to advance their careers during the SPA II digital boot camp held in June 2023. They have also reported improvement in their livelihood through digital tools.

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Increased Women's participation in decision-making in private and public spaces:

For the first time in some states, Actionaid's project, WEYOU PRO facilitated 5 women to successfully win their chancellorship elections, and contributed to 39 women sworn in and inducted into traditional councils. Through continuous sensitisation and support, we saw 45 women affiliated with different political parties registered for the upcoming LGA and councillorship elections compared to the previous election year. Notably, 8 women from Bauchi State secured appointments in political offices (MDAs), with clear links to the positive impact of ActionAid Nigeria's WVL-Nigeria project intervention. These achievements reflect the tangible influence of the interventions in fostering women's active engagement in political processes and leadership roles.

Through impactful initiatives, 50% of traditional rulers across 16 Enugu state communities have made substantial commitments to integrating women into their cabinet councils. Additionally, 4 Executive Directors from ActionAid Nigeria partners have received noteworthy traditional and political appointments, fostering economic independence and contributing to tax reduction for market women. In our effort to enhance women's involvement in politics and leadership, we facilitated the support for 7,857 women in obtaining their PVCs for the first time, empowering them to participate in voting and candidacy.

In Cross River State, 30 young women were trained with focus on digital technology, marketing and education to equip them with the skills necessary for better political and leadership impact with this activity.

Women's sexual and reproductive health and access to services promoted:

2,228 women and girl living with HIV were reached through capacity building on sexual Reproductive Health Right and services.

ACTIONAID NIGERIA
 FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Statement of Financial Position

As at	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-21	31-Dec-20	31-Dec-19
Assets	N	N	N	N	N
Property, plant and equipment	4,583,333	11,458,333	18,333,333	25208333	-
Receivables	2,122,034,356	814,985,937	1,402,977,618	995,757,173	765,106,292
Prepayments	49,600,698	71,046,392	43,227,130	15,191,881	21,725,919
Cash and cash equivalent	1,538,871,679	1,089,944,074	1,139,402,378	936,390,728	708,207,480
Total assets	3,715,090,066	1,987,434,736	1,972,548,115	1,495,039,691	1,479,361,318
Liabilities					
Payables	5,393,206	72,898,534	30,828,189	61,611,765	12,826,614
Employee defined liabilities	-	-	2,133,254.00	-	-
Deferred income	1,349,525,687	959,469,859	935,539,276	515,512,135	655,382,358
Other liabilities	177,657,415	93,314,817	311,607,149	327,716,990	90,202,768
Non-current liabilities	376,724,493	289,439,493	270,927,493	283,206,000	192,942,000
Total liabilities	1,909,300,801	1,415,122,703	1,551,035,361	1,188,046,890	951,353,740
Net assets	1,805,789,265	572,312,033	421,512,754	306,992,801	528,007,578
Reserves					
Accumulated funds	1,805,789,265	572,312,033	1,052,905,098	784,501,225	543,685,951
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Statement of activities and other comprehensive income					
For the Year ended	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-21	31-Dec-20	31-Dec-19
Income	6,092,471,238	4,224,090,618	3,984,671,501	3,653,423,865	2,707,751,760
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	1,279,976,232	(464,474,065)	224,538,873	317,782,274	(352,624,887)
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	(46,499,000)	(16,119,000)	43,865,000	(76,967,000)	21,824,408
Comprehensive surplus/(deficit) for the year	1,233,477,232	(480,593,065)	268,403,873	240,815,274	(330,800,479)

5-Year Financial Summary



Stories of impact



Formation of Emergency response committee of young people in Climate Affected Communities

An Emergency Response Committee for young people in climate-affected communities was formed by AAN. This led to the significant change in the community-led action such as mapping flood and disaster issues and has demanded appropriate response with efforts geared towards advocacy to community stakeholders to seek buy-in and scaling of the committee by setting it up across 7 other communities. Also, an action plan was developed by the committee which includes the development of young people's forum that speaks to end poverty and reduction of unemployment caused by flooding and disasters in their LGAs. The committees are also revamping inactive structures to support the advocacy process. For example, they have paid advocacy visits to the House Member representing the constituency and recruiting the likes of the Youth President, Clan Head, and other strong community stakeholders into the committee.

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Improved livelihood for vulnerable Young Women

Through the SPAll weekly phone-in radio programme, a partnership was activated between two vulnerable young women and Pakam Waste management Technology, a digital marketplace for waste. Currently, they are being trained to become pakam waste keepers which will give them a means of sustainable livelihood. Similarly, over 20 young women has acquired new skills and knowledge on adopting the use of technology to advance their careers during the SPAll digital boot camp held in June 2023 and this have improved their means livelihood.

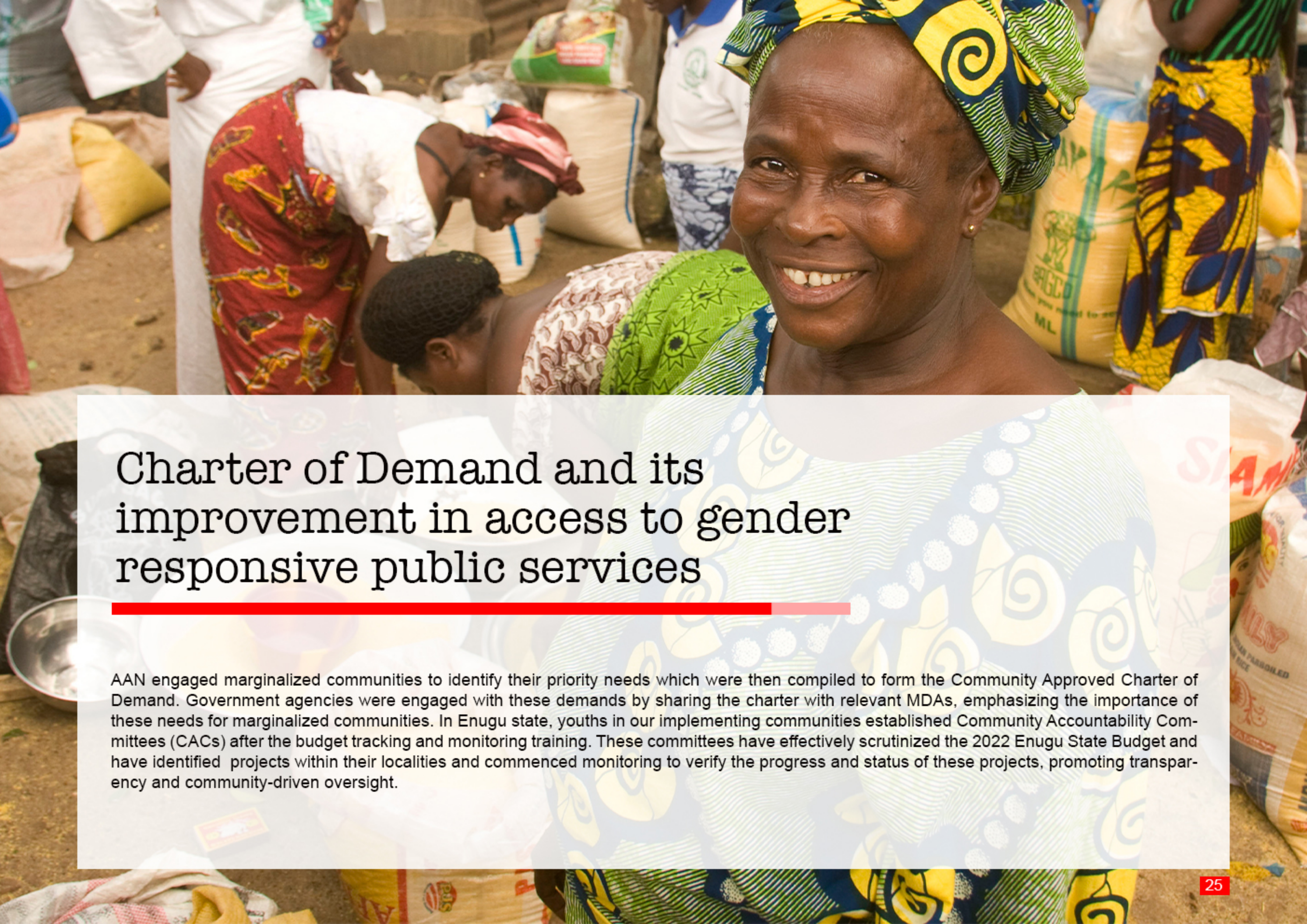
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Similarly, over 20 young women acquired new skills and knowledge on adopting the use of technology to advance their careers during the SPA II digital boot camp held in June 2023. They have also reported improvement in their livelihood using digital tools.

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Charter of Demand and its improvement in access to gender responsive public services

AAN engaged marginalized communities to identify their priority needs which were then compiled to form the Community Approved Charter of Demand. Government agencies were engaged with these demands by sharing the charter with relevant MDAs, emphasizing the importance of these needs for marginalized communities. In Enugu state, youths in our implementing communities established Community Accountability Committees (CACs) after the budget tracking and monitoring training. These committees have effectively scrutinized the 2022 Enugu State Budget and have identified projects within their localities and commenced monitoring to verify the progress and status of these projects, promoting transparency and community-driven oversight.

Contributing to improvement in access to Gender Responsive Public Services through Charters of Demand

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Significant Progress in Shaping Policies Impacting Youth

Key Contributions were made to Akwa Ibom State Draft Youth Policy leveraging the opportunity of hosting the Akwa Ibom State Youth Steering Committee meeting. This has led to the inclusion of aggregated needs of the Youth Demand Charter into the Akwa Ibom State Draft Youth Policy including the AKYDF Bill.



From Pains to Gains

Wesere is a small community located along Owode-Apa road linking to the Republic of Benin border with over 1,000 residents. Any time it rains, life is never a pleasant experience as its aftermath truncates human activities, including children's access to school, and pregnant women's ability to easily access healthcare services to mention a few. Pregnant women from the community had to travel to a neighboring country (Benin Republic) to get medical services because of the poor condition of health facilities in their council. Before AAN's intervention, the inhabitants of the Wesere community had a devastating story of stillbirths, lack of drugs in the facility, facility staff absenteeism, unnecessary demands by the health attendants, dilapidated facility, and lack of functional ambulance to support the needy.

These challenges necessitated the Interventions of the IFAS Committee, supported by ActionAid Nigeria through the Lagos LRP partner, HUFFPED, to carry out a series of community town hall meetings and capacity development initiatives to raise rights consciousness among the people. The community, along with other neighboring non-LRP communities, was mobilized to demand their rights from duty bearers using a participatory Human Rights Based Approach (HRBA). With the united voices of the people, advocacy visits were carried out to the Lagos State Health Agency, Lagos State Primary Healthcare Board, and the Badagry LG council authority.

These efforts of the communities yielded positive results as today, an emergency ambulance is stationed at the primary health facility close to the Wesere to support pregnant women, accident victims, and other emergency health needs; drugs were supplied to 5 health facilities within the council area which have enhanced residents' access to medications; staff strength increased as new community health extension workers were deployed to the facilities; Ultra-modern building facility was constructed and commissioned.

"Going to the Benin Republic for childbirth is not an easy task considering transport and currency transacting. But now, what I experienced on my last visit to our health facility here was so amazing. The level of change I saw was awesome. I took my child to the facility for a post-natal routine, I met the health officials, and they attended to me satisfactorily, and I received adequate medicines too. I also observed an ambulance packed to support the pregnant women in an emergency. This is a change we are happy to witness. We will forever thank ActionAid and HUFFPED."

- Maume (PWD).



Picture of Wesere PHC before intervention

Liberated by Rights Awareness

Grace, of Emonu Orogun in Ughelli North Local Government Area of Delta State who is happily married to Mr. Peter Osadjoku, became a double orphan after she lost her mother, a few years after the demise of her Father. After the death of their mother, and in line with tradition, a family meeting was held to share their deceased parent's inheritance among her and her siblings. However, during the sharing of the inheritance, the 7 pieces of land belonging to their late parents were allocated only to her male siblings, while the female children were not considered, under the guise that, traditionally, women had no place when it comes to land inheritance. Grace, who lived with her parents before she got married, was responsible for taking care of them during their sick days before their deaths. She equally contributed her quota to their burial rites, but surprisingly after the burial rites of her parents, she was treated like an outsider just because she was not a man, and as a woman, she was not entitled to her deceased parent's inheritance.



Hinging on, and armed with, the series of training on: Human Rights that she got from the Women Peer Education group; sensitization; conscientization; training on organizing and mobilizing for women groups to engage with duty bearers and to increase their participation in public spaces, all supported by ENVIRUMEDIC through the Local Rights Programme of ActionAid Nigeria, she confronted her male siblings to demand her share of their parent's land." When all her efforts to make her male siblings see reason with her failed, she summoned them to the community chief where she eventually got justice. According to Grace, "I stood my ground that we all must share the estate equally. Harnessing the voice and power training, I organized my sisters and went to the oldest women's palace in my community to report the matter. The processes lasted more than three (3) months before they called for the equal sharing of the lands, and each of them got a plot of land.

After Grace's brave and successful demand for her rights and following her experience, other women who had in the past been deprived of one entitlement or the other are now equally repossessing what belonged to them.

The Heart of Motherhood

The major achievements from WFP protection, social cohesion and peace building project cover a total of 2,701 household who has reported confidence in the CFM process.

AAN has also facilitated access of the households to the WFP project and lots more.

Abdullahi Isa- from Tagali Ward a beneficiary from the livelihood IGA, Abdullahi received equipment for shoe making and he embarked on a journey that not only elevated his socio-economic status but also enriched and impacted the lives of those around him. He has since grown from a shoe Cobbler to a Shoemaker. Previously, residents had to travel great distances for specialized shoe services, but now, they can conveniently rely on Abdullahi's expertise.

Abdullahi's success story extends beyond the boundaries of his business, as he now has the means to provide a stable and secured environment for his family and dependents.



Rabbi and her children



Similarly, Fatima's journey has been marked by tragedy, having lost two children to fever during infancy and toddlerhood. "After experiencing such devastating losses, I was filled with fear when my next child showed signs of poor growth. Our lives changed when ActionAid introduced us to the nutrition programme. Now, my daughter is thriving, and I couldn't be happier," she shared, her eyes brimming with hope.

Through ActionAid's intervention and the provision of nutritious grains, mothers like Rabbi and Fatima are witnessing transformative changes in their children's health, offering them renewed optimism for the future.

SPAC WEST AFRICA AGROECOLOGY SUCCESS STORIES



"I've transformed my farming practices by utilising local manure from my livestock and household wastes on my farm. This simple change has resulted in weekly and monthly harvests, boosting my profits significantly. I now proudly identify as a Neem Oil producer, and the highlight for me is knowing I can adapt neem for pest control.

The training provided by ActionAid has truly changed my life. Thanks to the increased income from my farm, I was able to register my son in the Polytechnic and make necessary purchases for my daughter's upcoming marriage ceremony."

Rekiyah Awula

Baranda Community, Jigawa



"Before learning about agroecology, I used to spend over 200,000 Naira on fertilizers and other inputs. Despite this investment, I found that I wasn't making any profit when I sold my harvest. Initially, I was skeptical about agroecology practices. However, this year, I decided to try it on my wheat farm. Last year, using chemical fertilizers, I harvested only six bags. But as you can see, by implementing agroecology practices, I have now harvested 12 bags. This experience has completely changed my perspective about farming and my life."

Sa'adatu Musa Abdulahi

Baranda Community, Jigawa

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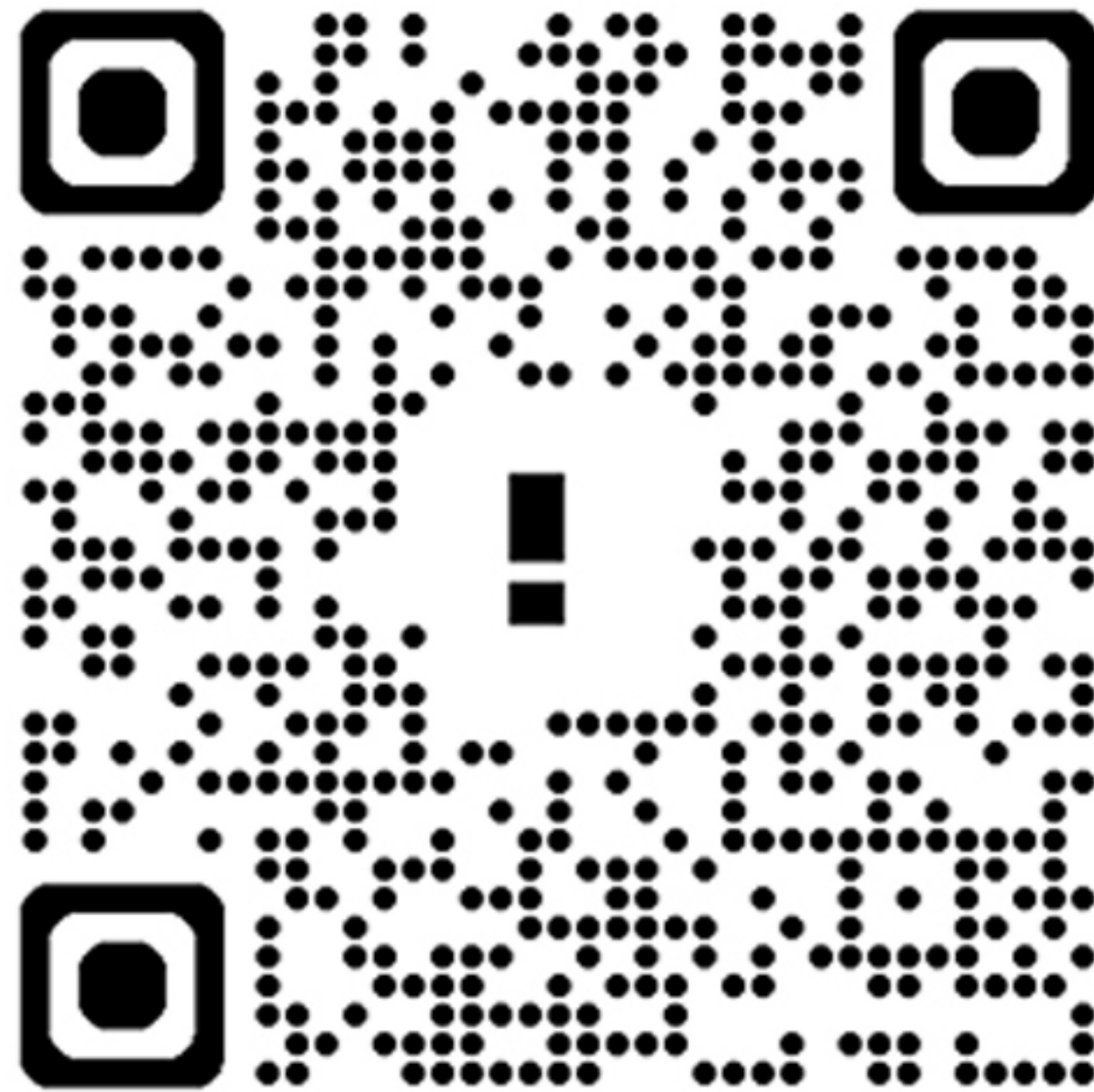
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