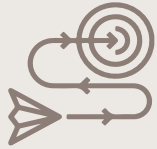




WHO WE ARE

ActionAid International (AAI) is a global justice organisation with a presence in over 40 countries, Zimbabwe included.

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OUR VISION

To create a just, equitable, and sustainable Zimbabwe in which every person enjoys the right to a life of dignity, freedom from poverty, and all forms of oppression.



OUR MISSION

To work with people living in poverty and exclusion in Zimbabwe to achieve Social Justice, Poverty Eradication, and Gender Equality.



In Zimbabwe, we are a locally registered private voluntary organisation (PVO), Registration No. 8/2003.

ActionAid Zimbabwe (AAZ) works to strengthen the capacity and active agency of people living in poverty and exclusion, especially women and girls to assert their rights. It prioritises the leadership of women and young people’s effective participation in leadership and decision-making processes. The organisation works

in partnership with Community-Based Organisations (CBOs), National and International Non-Governmental Organisations (INGOs), Civic Society Organisations (CSOs), and like-minded organisations in and outside Zimbabwe.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



US\$25 MILLION

mobilised to support the implementation of work across projects since 2018.



ROOTED WORK IN

30 districts of Zimbabwe.



EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE

working in the agriculture, health, education, and mining sectors.

Annually, AAZ reaches over 250,000 rightsholders, at least 60 percent being women through women empowerment and child rights, resilient building, rights and redistribution, and humanitarian response initiatives.



THE ADVOCACY ON THE DOMESTICATION



of the African Charter on Democracy, Elections, and Governance (ACDEG) contributed to the ratification of the Charter by the Government of Zimbabwe which deposited the instruments with the African Union (AU) in 2022. Zimbabwe is now bound by the Charter.



IMPROVED GENDER-RESPONSIVE PUBLIC SERVICES

- AAZ is coordinating rooted campaigning, mobilising, and organising communities to create agency through Rural Women Assemblies and Activista Zimbabwe social movements for policy influencing. Communities employ social accountability mechanisms to hold duty bearers to account for the provision of gender-responsive public services.
- Women, girls, and people with a disability are made aware that they have the power within themselves to speak about issues affecting them and find solutions to their challenges.



IMPROVED LIVELIHOOD THROUGH CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABLE PROGRAMMING

- Successful management and coordination of two multi-year and multi-million projects leading consortia namely the Zimbabwe Resilience Building Fund (ZRBF) and the Zimbabwe Agricultural Growth Programme (ZAGP).
- Through hardware programming to ensure communities have access to improved services, AAZ has supported the construction and rehabilitation of community assets such as schools, footbridges, clinics, boreholes, nutrition gardens, greenhouses, goat improvement centres, and holding centres.
- The agro-based interventions supported by AAZ have resulted in improved access to well-functioning and diversified markets for small to medium-scale farmers (small grain crops, livestock sector-cattle, goats, pigs, poultry value chains).



OUR PROGRAMME INNOVATIONS

TACKLING THE ROOT CAUSE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Tackling the root cause of violence against women and girls (VAWG) which is unequal power relations, using a methodology called SASA Together has gone a long way in eradicating gender-based violence (GBV). In the past, efforts were focused only on using the law and policies to reduce VAWG. We have noticed VAWG has not gone down despite the myriad of programmes to tackle the challenge. SASA methodology enables community members, leaders, school students, and institutions to discuss power issues using posters as debate tools, a method that has emerged as a holistic approach to tackling GBV.



FINANCIAL INCLUSION

Due to limited access to financial services in the areas of operation affecting especially women and young people, AAZ and its allies have organised and mobilised individuals into vibrant Internal Savings and Lending Scheme (ISAL) groups. This approach facilitated fostering of basic business practices that include proper governance, culture of saving, and ability to scan the environment for new business opportunities. ISALs have proven to be an effective catalyst in the expansion and diversification of household portfolios as well as funding sustainability measures. The graduation of these groups into Savings And Credit Cooperatives (SACCOs) has increased the reach and strategically placed these groups as community safety nets. Inculcation of basic business practices has strengthened opportunities for financial service providers to engage these structures with the objective of increasing their capital base, sourcing additional services such as insurance, and guaranteed off-takers of their produce. This has given AAZ and allies room to innovate and co-create products and services that are sensitive to the previously excluded groups with guarantee funding agreements, grants, loans, insurance, and others using ISALs as building blocks.



FARMING AS A BUSINESS

As a roll out of farming as a business as well as responding to increased cases of livestock diseases which in part can be attributed to the climate crisis as well as macro-economic factors affecting the country, AAZ has implemented cold chain for livestock drugs and vaccines, plunge dips for small stock, and the supply of acaricides with communities leading these initiatives with support from government extension officers. These interventions have provided alternatives to the traditional systems that were in place that can be scaled up through policies and practise change.



FEMINIST GREEN ALTERNATIVES FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

The promotion of agroecological principles in the face of multiple shocks and stressors has led to smallholder farmers diversifying their agricultural products to include fodder, and traditional grains and created synergies between livestock and crop production. This increased efficiency as there was recycling of inputs while at the same time facilitating co-creation and knowledge sharing targeting farmer field schools.



USE OF INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

To revolutionalise our ways of working and promote a digital working culture due to the closing of the physical spaces as a result of socio-economic changes in the environment such as COVID-19, AAZ has used information communication technologies (ICT) to communicate, create, disseminate, store, and manage information in abid to reach communities and to increase the agency of women and young people in order to advocate for policy changes across the different sectors.

In the agriculture sector, the use of ICT has increased access to information for smallholder farmers as well asefficiencies associated with early warning informationleading to early actions to absorb and adapt in a fluid environment. Augmenting and complimenting traditional extension systems that include household visits, and lead farmer approach incorporation of ICT for resilience have allowed interaction between farmers and technical experts in conditions where movement was restricted.



KEY PROGRAMME APPROACHES



Human Rights-Based Approach (HRBA) - Relying on the three pillars of Empowerment, Solidarity, and Campaigning, AAZ continues to assert that basic needs are fundamental rights and poverty is a violation of human rights. We model sustainable alternatives for basic service delivery only in ways that strengthen the rights holders' agency to assert their rights and make duty bearers accountable.



Feminist leadership principles - At ActionAid, we define feminist leadership as the positive and inclusive use of power to build an organisation that is capable of changing the world. Transformative feminist leaders make that possible by sharing power with others, enabling teams to create and mobilise around goals that everyone owns.



Advance women's and youth rights - We recognise that women and youth living in poverty face the brunt of marginalisation and deprivation on the socioeconomic and political planes. AAZ works with young women's movements and feminist organisations to address the structural causes of violence against women.



Build collective power through partnerships and collaborations - We contribute towards building collective pushback and innovative capacities to combat poverty through broad alliances and solidarity between communities, people's organisations, social movements, and other allies. We work together across geographic boundaries to advance the frontiers of social justice.

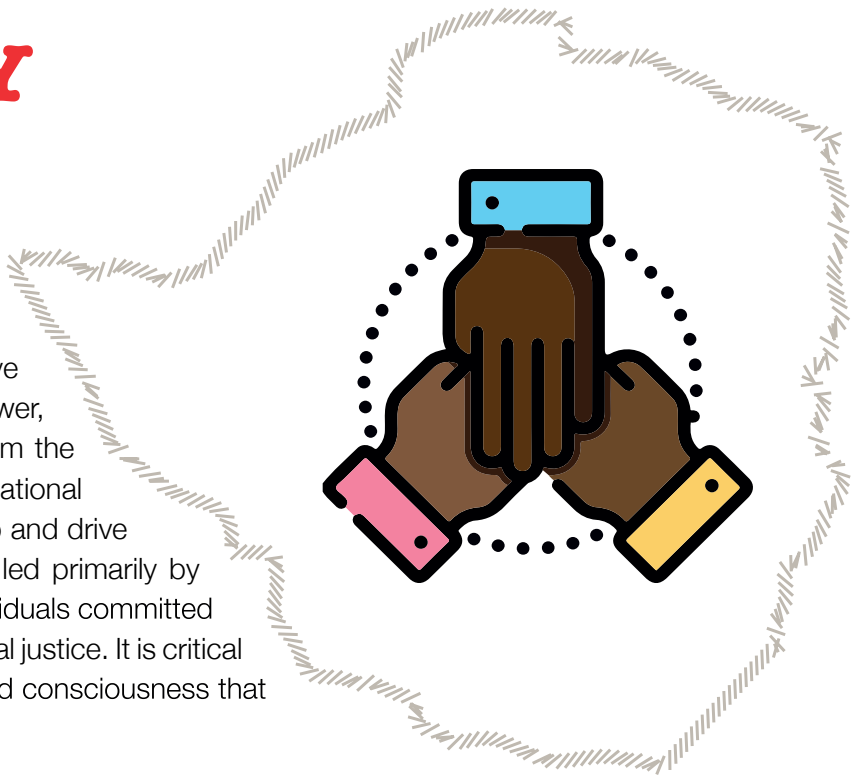


Link local, national, and international engagements - Given the local and interconnected nature of poverty and inequality, our workstreams remain alive to the importance of linking our country efforts to the regional and global energies. This is pursued through partnerships and collaborations with like minded causes and endeavours that contribute to global priorities.



OUR THEORY OF CHANGE

We believe social justice, gender equality, and poverty eradication are achieved through purposeful individual and collective action to shift unequal and unjust power, whether it is hidden, visible, or invisible, from the household level to local, national, and international levels. Active and organised people develop and drive change, which will transform power when led primarily by those who are directly affected, and by individuals committed to deepening democracy and achieving social justice. It is critical that these efforts are linked through a shared consciousness that is anchored in solidarity.



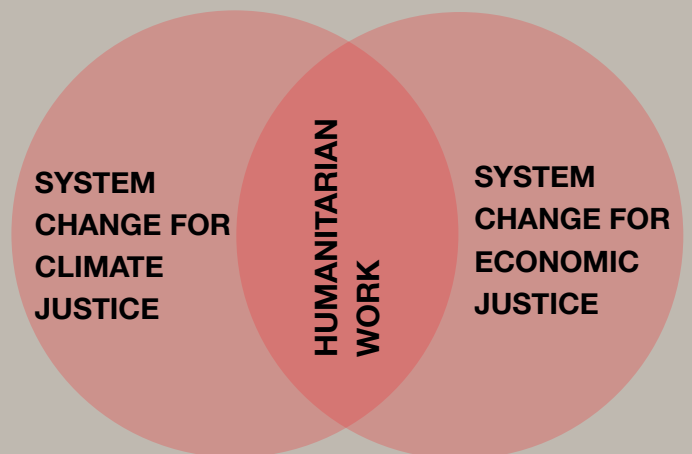
OUR PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK

The overarching goal of our programme framework is to achieve social justice, gender equality, and poverty eradication by fulfilling the rights of people living in poverty and exclusion, redistributing power and resources, and strengthening the resilience of communities and movements. This goal is achieved through a long-term integrated programming agenda focused on Rights, Redistribution, and Resilience as guided by our Country Strategy Plan (CSP) of 2018-2023 entitled Citizen’s Collective Actions for Social Justice.

OUR THEMATIC FOCUS

AAZ has aligned its Programme Framework to the AAI Strategy Implementation Framework (SIF2) of 2021 to 2023 to build on work done under the programme priorities in SIF 1 of 2018 to 2020. The AAZ response under SIF2 is an integrated and positive one that supports a transition that is feminist, just, and green. SIF 2 focuses on working with policy -makers in advocating for:

1. System Change for Economic Justice
2. System Change for Climate Justice, plus Humanitarian Response and Resilience



SYSTEM CHANGE FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE

AAZ is building progressive alternatives, showing how revenue can be raised and spent in redistributive and gender-responsive ways and delivering rights through quality public services and universal social protection. AAZ is advocating for fair and equitable distribution of financial resources among men and women. It also encourages the fair allocation of economic resources such as land, capital, and human resources. Thus, championing the notion of equal access to the means of production, it also supports advocacy towards changes in policies that promote access to economic avenues and adequate gender-based violence (GBV) referral systems. It also advocates tax justice and decent work, feminist economic alternatives and, champions the idea of a solidarity economy which encourages the social well-being of societies.

SYSTEM CHANGE FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

AAZ and allies are working to challenge powerful corporations and rich countries that have accelerated the climate crisis. It is supporting movements that can address those injustices, building resilience among the most vulnerable, ensuring redistributive mechanisms for adaptation, loss/ or and damage, and facilitating a green, feminist, and just transition.

The climate and humanitarian crisis that Zimbabwe and the globe is facing has manifested itself in the multiple shocks and stressors that smallholder farmers and their communities are currently battling with. This requires concerted efforts to challenge and provide practical solutions at local and global levels which are expected to lead to the redistribution of resources to sustain societies, economies, and the environment especially, for communities who rely on their environment for their livelihoods. Transforming the food and economic systems through alternative models that cut greenhouse gas emissions, promoting agroecology, ensuring food sovereignty, energy access, and resilient livelihoods focusing on flatter value chains that strengthen local markets, will lead to well-being outcomes, and contribute to poverty eradication.



HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE AND RESILIENCE

Building on our humanitarian signature of women-led emergency preparedness, response, prevention, and mitigation, AAZ challenges the dominant humanitarian discourse and practice and prioritises localisation. We focus on promoting accountability to crisis and disaster-affected people, women, and young people's leadership, shifting power, and building long-term transformational community resilience. We support

the promotion of community-based disaster risk reduction and advocate for risk-informed planning and public investment, strengthening the resilience of the most at-risk communities to all shocks and stressors. AAZ will continue to respond within the scope of available resources to save lives, restore the livelihoods and dignity of affected communities, as well as support them build better.



AAZ FUNDING SOURCES

SPONSORSHIP INCOME

Child sponsorship currently contributes 22% of the total income of the Country Programme (CP). Sponsorship funds are by through linking children in Local Rights Programmes (LRPs) with sponsors in the northern countries. The CP funding affiliates under sponsorship income are as follows:

- ActionAid Greece
- ActionAid Italy
- ActionAid Sweden
- ActionAid UK

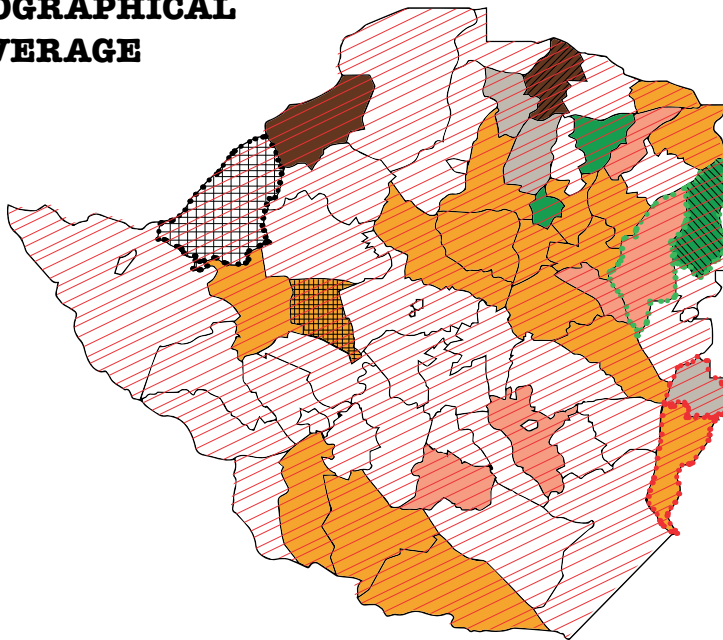
About 78% of AAZ resources are derived from institutional and high-value donors, individuals, trustees, and foundations as follows:



WHERE WE WORK

The organisation has been implementing interventions in the LRP, which are long-term programme areas supported by the child sponsorship programme in partnership with community-based organisations (CBOs). Programmes have also been implemented in project areas.

ACTIONAID ZIMBABWE'S GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE



-  Danish Television Dignified Livelihoods for young people through creation of Safe Spaces
-  Towards Resilient Communities with Health, Equality and Safety for All
-  Partnership for Social Accountability
-  Zimbabwe Agricultural Growth Programme
-  Local Rights Programmes
-  Lean Season Assistance
-  Fair Green and Global
-  Cyclone Idai
-  Activista Zimbabwe youth projects

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