

Organizational Capacity Statement

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WHO ARE WE?

AAI FEDERATION

Founded in 1972, ActionAid is an international development organisation, working with over 15 million people in 73 countries to achieve social justice, gender equality and poverty eradication.

ActionAid works across four programmatic areas: System Change for Economic Justice, System Change for Women's Right, System Change for Climate Justice and Humanitarian System Change.

AAI NEPAL

Established in 1982, we are an anti-poverty, human rights-based and social justice organization. We operate locally across various regions of Nepal being rooted to the communities. We are a member of the ActionAid International federation. We are also part of both national and global social justice movements, as well as other civil society networks, alliances, and coalitions.

We have successfully contributed to addressing several national issues in Nepal. These achievements include the recognition of education as a fundamental right in the Constitution of Nepal 2015, the declaration of the Kamaiya (agrarian bonded laborers) system as illegal, the formation of the Commission of Women, the provision of women's conditional rights to parental property, a 33 percent reservation for women, the provision for citizenship through the mother's name, the government's decision to amend all discriminatory laws against women, amendment of land act bringing joint ownership of land and the ratification of the Optional Protocol to CEDAW. These successes have been the result of collective efforts by various organizations, including ActionAid Nepal.



Our Mission

To achieve social justice, gender equality and eradication of poverty

Our Vision

An inclusive, just, and democratic Nepal



Our Approach:

Our Human-Right based approach (HRBA) to programming centers on transforming unjust power relations in the communities and countries we work.



Programme Impact Framework:

- Rights
- Redistribution
- Resilience



Feminist Leadership:

We are committed to applying a feminist lens and values in our work, which will guide us in interpreting and advancing our mission and these values.



SHEA Safeguarding:

We are committed to the principles of Sexual Harassment, Exploitation, and Abuse (SHEA) and Safeguarding.

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our country strategy paper



We Work With:

We work with women, girls, youth, children & agencies of people living in poverty and exclusion to drive transformation in their lives.

Programme Priority 1: Advance Women's Rights and Opportunities

Gender inequality is closely linked to the care economy, with women disproportionately bearing the burden of unpaid care due to the unequal distribution of responsibilities. This imbalance increases their vulnerability to poverty, perpetuates violence, and reinforces gender-based inequality. Therefore, AAIN focuses on empowering women's agency to combat discrimination and violence against women and girls (VAWG). AAIN also supports creating opportunities for women to become economically active and productive. We advocate for systemic changes that create safer environments for women to engage in economic activities, enabling them to transition from reproductive to productive work by promoting gender-responsive services and advocating for gender-friendly development. Additionally, AAIN mobilizes women laborers and gig workers to tackle issues in the informal sectors, particularly regarding equal wages, social security, safety, and freedom from exploitation.

Major Components



Create community-based alternatives to reduce women's care work and create economic opportunities.



Strengthen the violence response system and address underlying structural factors contributing to diverse forms of violence against women and girls.



Advancing rights and justice of informal and gig workers through people's mobilization.

Our Reach in 2023

1316



Women and girls lead action against VAWG

95



Facilitated VAWG cases received justice

945



Women laborers capacitated on labour rights, leadership, advocacy, and campaign

16



Established alternative models to reduce the burden of unpaid care work (UCW).

3232



Service providers capacitated on different gender-based violence (GBV) mechanisms.

13



Supported to strengthen Gender responsive public services (GRPS)

825



Adolescent boys, youths, and community leaders capacitated on feminist leadership, gender equality and harmful traditional practices

5599



Community capacity building and sensitization on GBV, VAWG, UCW, Women's Right, case management, referral mechanism etc.

Impact Story

Title: Empowering Women in the Informal Labor Sector: A Story of Resilience and Change

"Together with my fellow members, we engaged in constructive discussions to address the ongoing labor challenges we faced".

- Sita



Read full story:



Programme Priority 2: Advance quality public education

The Constitution of Nepal 2015 guarantees the right to education by providing free education up to secondary level and establishing compulsory basic education. However, the government has inadequately focused on and funded the education sector. To combat this, AAIN focuses on transforming barriers to providing quality education and enhancing learning outcomes while ensuring children's rights within schools and communities. We encapsulate this through our initiatives to transform community schools, including participatory action research methods such as the Citizen Education Report (CER) and school scorecards based on the Charter of Promoting Rights in Schools (PRS). These efforts support evidence-based, citizen-led advocacy for quality education. AAIN emphasizes on creating a safe school environment to achieve quality learning facilities by providing learning materials, improving school infrastructure and classroom facilities, enhancing teacher capacity, and advocating with the government to improve accountability and the governance system of public schools.

Major Components



Enabling safe learning environment in public school through physical and non-physical support to develop safe school facilities.



Invest in capacity of Child Club and Young Peoples groups/agencies on child rights through training, exposures, and support on their plan.



Strengthening education governance of local government to promote child rights and quality learning outcome in public schools.

Our Reach in 2023

169

Public schools supported with teaching learning materials, digital equipment, ICT materials, and child-friendly infrastructure

1718

Scholarship provided to marginalized children

223

Teachers trained on Child Centered Learning

2739

Children engaged in co-curricular activities and ensured child rights through 195 child clubs

375

Youth activists trained to lead in climate justice, disaster risk reduction, and humanitarian assistance.

10,678

Youth engaged in social justice and climate change initiatives

135

CSOs and Stakeholders capacitated on education financing and tax justice

55

Improved learning outcomes of public schools

5239

Students informed about Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), Climate Change Adaptation (CCA), and environmental protection across working schools.

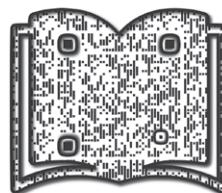
Impact Story

Story Title: Enhancing Education through Remedial Classes

"Thanks to ActionAid and its support for children like me, school has become my favorite place. The Remedial Classes that I attended helped me excel as a student".

-Anita

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Priority 3: Build Resilience of Vulnerable Communities







In Nepal, the trend of abandoning the agriculture profession continues due to absence of proper incentives and timely availability of agricultural inputs, resulting in a decline in production over time. To address this, AAIN focuses on supporting smallholder and landless farmers by capacitating them with the knowledge of their rights and providing opportunities for resilient on-farm and off-farm income generation, focusing on agroecology.

Nepal faces critical challenges from landslides, fires, and epidemics. However, disaster preparedness appears to be a weak aspect of governance. Therefore, AAIN focuses its efforts on strengthening local capacity to mitigate disaster risks and the impacts of climate change. This includes building community resilience, policy formulation, effective humanitarian responses led by women and youths, and advocating for safe school campaigns. Additionally, AAIN will give special attention to advancing the agenda of climate justice.

Major Components



Our Reach in 2023

<p>94 </p> <p>Formed and strengthened new saving credit groups to promote financial literacy and empowerment</p>	<p>1463 </p> <p>Small holder farmers provided with agricultural equipment and other direct support to help them in generating income</p>
<p>425 </p> <p>Youth and women trained on entrepreneurship development, skill development and access to finance</p>	<p>2 </p> <p>Women friendly markets established to provide women with safe and accessible spaces to engage in businesses</p>
<p>99 </p> <p>Cooperative member trained on managing cooperatives efficiently</p>	<p>907 </p> <p>Women collective entrepreneurs provided with small grants/ revolving fund to start agriculture and non-agriculture-based initiatives</p>
<p>1806 </p> <p>Women and their collective members capacitated and supported to promote agroecology, organic farming, and good agriculture practices</p>	

Impact Story

Story Title: Local Earning and Quality Life

"I used to think the only way to a better life was to go abroad. But thanks to ActionAid, I found a way to build my future here at home. The training and support gave me the confidence and skills I needed. Now, I can support my family and help others do the same."

-Nabin

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Disaster Preparedness and Humanitarian Assistance

ActionAid prioritizes emergency response to protect disaster-affected communities' rights, particularly focusing on the poorest and most excluded, especially women. We support people living in poverty to not only meet basic needs but also lead their own recovery, aiming to shift power dynamics in their favor.

ActionAid's Humanitarian Signature

- Women Leadership
- Youth Leadership
- Transparency & Accountability
- Shifting the power

Our Reach in 2023

- 12** Women and youth networks supported to enhance their capacity and expertise in DRR, humanitarian efforts
- 40** Schools provided with first aid kits
- 3** Provided small scale mitigation support for the community
- 856** Students engaged in mock drills
- 426** Capacitated women and young individuals on life-saving techniques and emergency preparedness and response
- 246** Women and youth engaged in community dialogues organized on DRR, CCA and transparent and accountable humanitarian assistance
- 1756** Disaster affected families provided with immediate humanitarian support (cash or kind)
- 5570** Sensitized and raised awareness of DRR, CCA, School Implementation Plan (SIP) etc.
- 14** Direct support to schools to implement structural and non-structural mitigation measures

Response to major humanitarian crisis

- 2015 Earthquake:** **23,777** households supported with food supplies, temporary shelter, tarpaulins, dignity kits and other essential items.
- 2020 COVID Response:** **36,853** Individuals supported.
- 2021:** **2147** families affected by cold wave, flood, fire and wild animal attack supported.
- 2023 Jajarkot Earthquake:** **9342** Individuals supported with financial assistance and essential items to address diverse challenges.

AAIN IN EARLY ACTION & EARLY WARNING SYSTEM

Established two early warning mobile-based sirens in Rajapur Municipality and Geruwa Rural Municipality of Bardiya district.

Total Reach: **2500** Households

Real time telemetry-based rainfall monitoring stations have been established in Ghalekharka and Jyamirebari.

Total Reach: **20,000** Households

ActionAid in Campaigning



Impact Story

Story Title: Stories from Jajarkot

"I went everywhere seeking help, but no one listened. My children's future hangs in the balance, and I am powerless to change it."

-Sushmita BK

Read a series of stories from survivors of Jajarkot earthquake:



Climate Justice Campaign

ActionAid's climate justice campaign is a course of action led by women, young people, and those most affected by climate change: the poor and vulnerable. It aims to create and harness people's power- through organization, mobilization, and communication around a simple but powerful demand, "to achieve a measurable political and social change" for climate justice.

What do we do?

Aware/sensitize climate impacted population on climate change and climate crisis led by young people.

Out loud voices from climate impacted population in national and global arena based on generated evidence.

Increase government's accountability towards climate friendly investments both of public and private sectors, including the crucial role of policy makers could play in advocating and bridging climate agenda from local to national to global forum

In 2023, through this campaign, several activities were conducted which include sapling plantations, drama performances, and interaction programs with local leaders, reaching over 3,100 individuals. Additionally, more than 1,938 children participated in several initiatives, significantly contributing to raising awareness and mobilizing action on climate change.



Decent Work Campaign

The Decent Work campaign, led by women laborers, aims to establish dignified work environments. Its goals include ensuring fair wages, adequate social security, and safe, discrimination-free conditions for all workers.



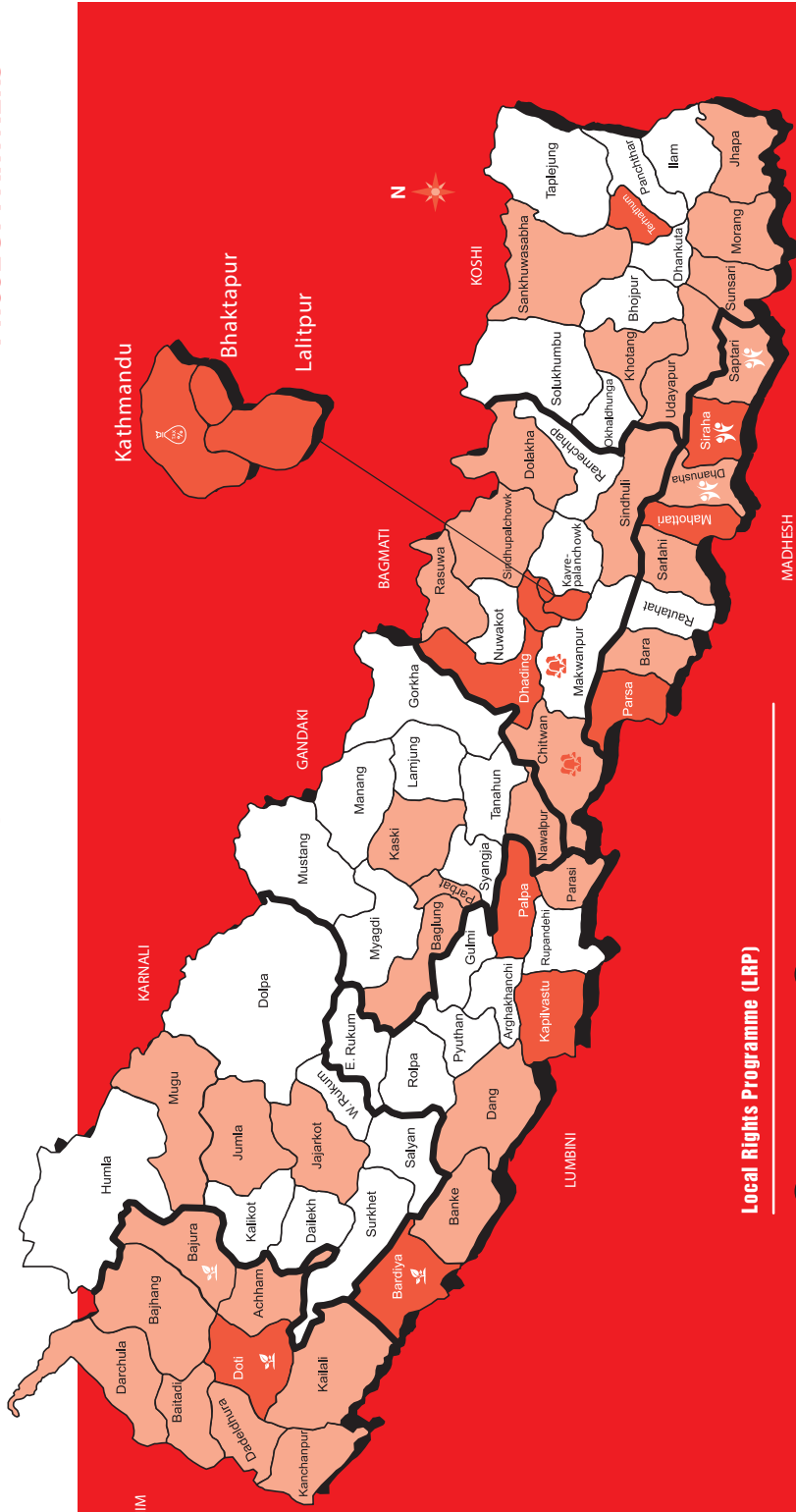
In 2023, through this campaign, over 945 informal women workers gained awareness of their rights, with 655 stakeholders also being sensitized. Initiatives like establishing labor desks, advocating for equal pay, reclaiming unpaid wages, and lobbying for policy changes have been pursued to address labor issues and promote economic justice and gender equality. Through these initiatives, 46 female laborers successfully reclaimed unpaid wages from contractors with the support of the police and the judiciary committee.

WORKING AREAS OF ACTIONAID NEPAL IN 2024

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AAN'S PROGRAMME DETAILS

16	12	12	5
DISTRICTS	TOTAL LRPs	LRP PARTNERS	PROJECT PARTNERS



PROJECTS



ENDING AGRICULTURAL BONDED LABOUR IN NEPAL

LIVELIHOOD INITIATIVE FOR HARWA-CHARWA

THE TAXED ALLIANCE (EDUCATION OUT LOUD-EOL)