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Cover: Swara Bhaskar at the Nirbhaya Memorial March, part of the Jurrat on the Streets campaign against gender-based violence in New Delhi, India. Photo: Florian Lang/ActionAid.

ActionAid has been working with local and community-based organizations since 1972. Our core focus is to work alongside people living in poverty and those who have been marginalized, to create long-term, positive change across 47 countries.

VISION

A world without poverty and injustice, in which every person enjoys the right to a life with dignity.

MISSION

To work with poor and excluded people to eradicate poverty and injustice.

VALUES

Mutual Respect requiring us to recognize each person's innate worth and the value of diversity.

Equity and justice requiring us to work to ensure equal opportunity for every person, irrespective of race, age, gender, sexual orientation, HIV status, colour, class, ethnicity, disability, location, or religion.

Honesty and transparency requiring us to be accountable at all levels, to ensure the effectiveness of our actions and openness in our communications with others.

Solidarity with the poor, powerless and excluded will be the only bias in our commitment to the fight against poverty.

Courage of conviction requiring us to be creative, radical, bold, and innovative in making the greatest possible impact on the root causes of poverty, without fear of failure.

Independence from any religious or political affiliation.

Humility in our presentation and behaviour, recognizing that we are part of a broader alliance, all fighting poverty.



Maati Maskey, a women's rights coordinator with ActionAid Nepal, addresses local women in Panga shortly after the second earthquake shook Nepal on 12 May. Photo: Srikanth Kolari/ActionAid.

PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

2015 was a big year for ActionAid Australia. Across the globe, the strong women whom we support in communities in low-income countries stood up and claimed their human rights. These ranged from women farmers adapting to the impact of climate damage in sub-Saharan Africa to young people learning to influence their governments to ensure fairer policies regarding resources and services in Myanmar. In 2015, we supported thousands of people to stand in solidarity to create substantial change.

We completed five-year projects in collaboration with women in Uganda and Kenya. It has been a privilege to watch these women undergo significant transformation, raising their voices to demand justice and their rights from governing bodies and decision makers.

In Australia, we continued to support the struggles of these women through our campaigns. 2015 marked the launch of Safe Cities for Women, a campaign in which 8,000 Australians have joined us to call for public services that prioritize women's needs. In November, we played a major role in the Sydney's People's Climate March, taking to the streets with tens of thousands of others in solidarity with the women bearing the brunt of climate damage around the world.

In 2015, we responded to major emergencies in Vanuatu and Nepal. In doing so, we simultaneously strengthened women's long-term resilience to conflict and disasters in the communities of these countries. Our responses are creating an alternative to traditional humanitarian work, ensuring that women's roles as leaders are strengthened and their rights are protected in and through these emergency responses. Notably, ActionAid Australia led the Federation's international response to the destruction wrought by Cyclone Pam in Vanuatu. We established safe spaces for women in the crisis, which have evolved into women's forums, attended continuously by more than 4,000 women. With ActionAid's support, the women of Vanuatu are coming together to

We thank our dedicated staff and volunteers for all of their achievements and look forward with excitement and optimism to 2016.

Anna is the business manager for a women's collective on the island of Tanna in Vanuatu. Over three years, 800 women worked together to save the money needed to buy and run a store, which was almost entirely destroyed by Cyclone Pam. Here, Anna stands by one of its only remaining walls. Photo: Jeff Tan/ActionAid.



ensure that their needs are recognized both in emergency responses and in broader governmental policies and services.

We believe that ending poverty and injustice will only be possible when we secure equal rights for all people, including women and girls. Patriarchal cultures marginalize, exclude, and disempower women everywhere. However, women can potentially become powerful agents of change, and our support can ensure that this happens. Nevertheless, it cannot be achieved overnight. Our commitment is enduring, and 2015 has seen many milestones achieved in this journey of change.

We thank our dedicated staff and volunteers for all of their achievements and look forward with excitement and optimism to 2016. We greatly appreciate the major contribution and leadership of our Board of Directors and thank them for these.

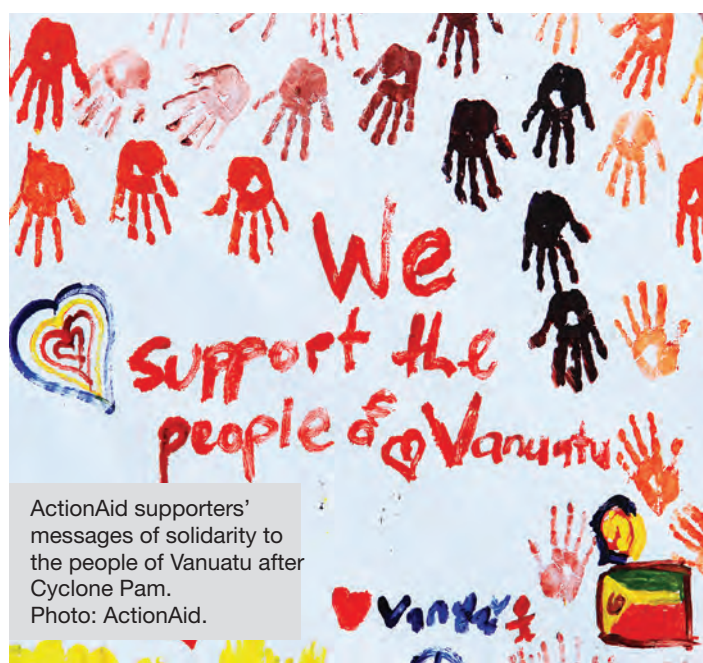
The stories in this report are of our achievements, our challenges, and what we have learnt in 2015. We hope you are inspired by the changes women are making around the world with your support.

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

The important work that we highlight in this report, which changes the lives of women and men for the better every day, simply would not be possible without the generous support of our donors.

In 2015, more than 13,300 Australian individuals, families, organizations, and groups contributed financially to the work of ActionAid Australia.

Some made vital monthly donations to support our long-term work in communities around the world, and others supported specific projects overseas. Many rallied their friends or attended events to raise funds on behalf of ActionAid. Some contributed through a workplace giving program, while others responded to stories of critical programs that needed their support.



ActionAid supporters' messages of solidarity to the people of Vanuatu after Cyclone Pam.
Photo: ActionAid.

ActionAid campaigners after walking the Sydney Harbour Bridge for International Women's Day. Photo: ActionAid.



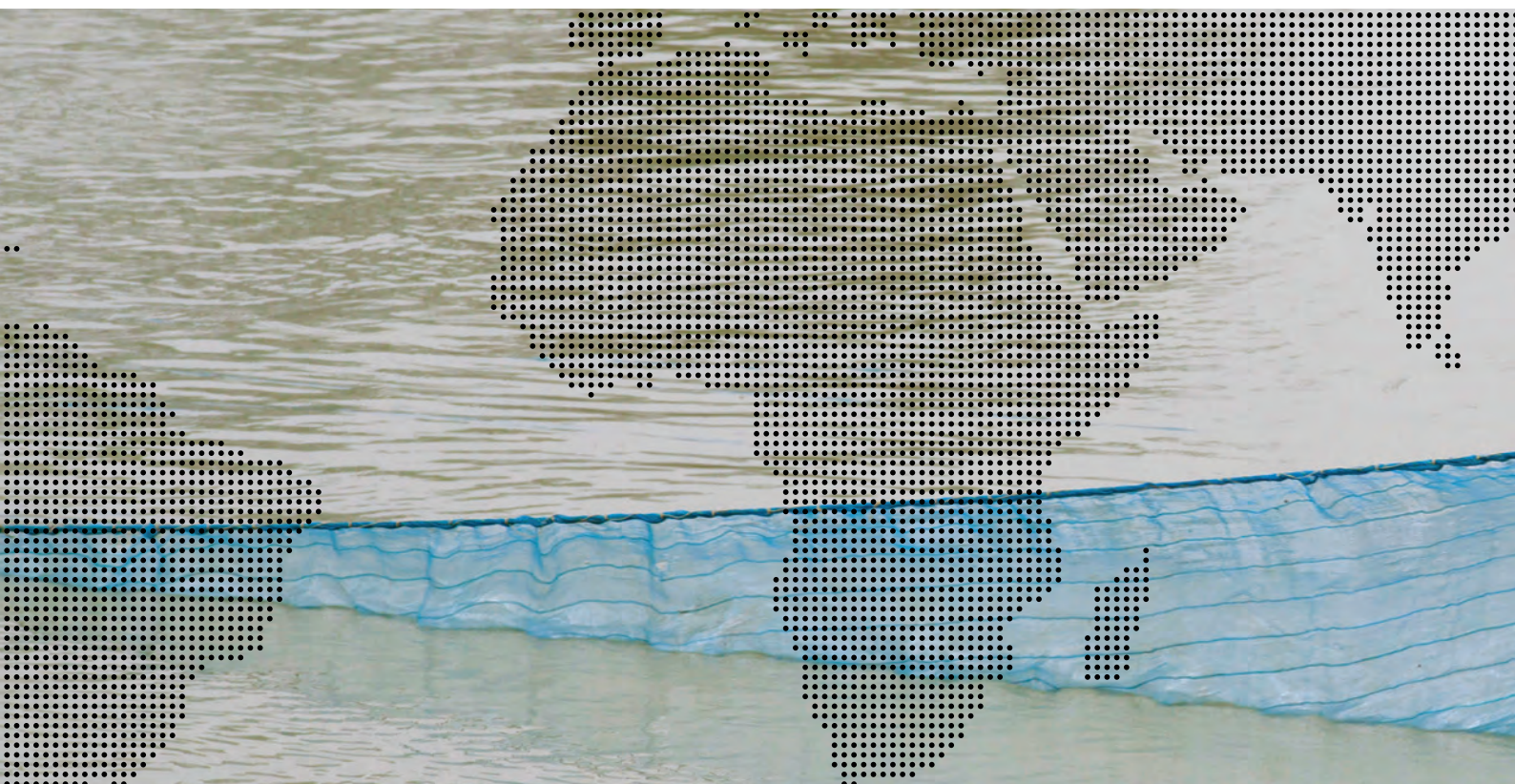
We were touched when loyal and new donors responded immediately to our emergency appeals following Cyclone Pam in Vanuatu and the Nepal earthquakes, ensuring that we could rapidly provide assistance where it was most urgently needed.

Any amount our donors give is significant. We take the trust that they place in us, in giving their hard-earned money, very seriously. The team at ActionAid Australia is committed to innovation, efficiency, and ensuring that our donors' generous support promotes equality, justice, and the rights of women and their communities around the world.

To all of our donors, supporters, fundraisers, and champions, thank you! Together, we can end poverty and injustice.

ActionAid Australia staff visited 'The Block' and other Redfern community sites during a staff learning day tour organised by the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence. Photo: ActionAid.





WHERE WE WORK

AUSTRALIA

- We raised \$4,118,897 through public fundraising to support vital projects.
- We campaigned with a base of 28,000 supporters—doubling last year—to promote women's rights, justice, and equality.
- We kept Australians informed of global women's rights issues.

AFGHANISTAN

- We worked with 1,958 women in vulnerable households, who improved their food and economic security.
- We supported women to understand and claim their rights.
- We worked to improve the access of rural Afghani women to justice and their capacity to prevent and respond to violence against women.

BANGLADESH

- We assessed and began developing the resilience and leadership capacity of local women in disasters.
- We provided vulnerable homeless girls with permanent housing, education, and vocational training.

CAMBODIA

- We addressed violence against women by building a movement to ensure safer cities for women.

KENYA

- We supported farmers, mainly women, to improve their household and food security and to campaign for their rights.
- We addressed violence and discrimination against women and girls in drought-affected communities.

LIBERIA

- Through training, we improved women's livelihoods and economic security, and the health and justice services for women in post-Ebola communities.

MYANMAR

- We provided women with the skills to create alternative livelihood opportunities, increasing their economic and food security.
- We provided training to 60 youth leaders and facilitated their engagement with government to promote and protect the rights of vulnerable communities.

NEPAL

Earthquake emergency response

- We established safe spaces for women and a platform for women's leadership in earthquake-affected communities.



PAKISTAN

- We worked with more than 1,500 farmers, mostly women, to improve their livelihoods and food security, and to address violence against women and girls through community groups.

PALESTINE

- We trained women to improve their socioeconomic status and supported many to start small businesses.
- We worked with women and their communities to raise awareness of and campaign for their rights.

PHILIPPINES

- We provided training and support for women to lead and participate in disaster preparedness and risk reduction processes, and addressed violence against women through community education.

UGANDA

- We supported women farmers to improve their production, productivity, and business skills to build livelihoods with economic and food security.
- We supported women to engage with the government and decision makers and to campaign for their rights to land and productive resources.
- We increased the transparency and accountability of the mining sector, and supported affected communities to lobby for their rights.

VANUATU

Cyclone emergency response

- We led the Federation's response and set up safe spaces where women could voice their concerns and access information about the recovery efforts.
- We helped women to develop their leadership skills and to understand their rights in order to further engage in community and national governance.

Pokhari Samitee works the nets of a community fishing pond supported by ActionAid in Ramnagar, Nepal. Photo: Nayanara Gurung Kakshapati/ActionAid.



SECURING WOMEN'S ACCESS TO LAND AND PRODUCTIVE RESOURCES



In 2015, ActionAid Australia directly reached over 70,890 people, mostly women — and indirectly reached a further 329,332 — across six countries, improving their access to and control of land and productive resources.

Promoting the rights of women smallholder farmers and increasing their voices and visibility in the development of government policies and services was central to this work. In Uganda, the women we supported successfully influenced

national legislation on tax and the exchange of seeds. In Myanmar, ActionAid trained community leaders who developed community action plans to be proposed to their local governments.

2015 brought with it a number of significant challenges. Increasing insecurity threatened our work in a number of communities, and specifically impacted our program in Afghanistan, where tragically, we lost two staff members during a shooting incident. When the Australian Government brutally cut its aid budget again, ActionAid fought side by side with other organizations for vital, sustained funding for our programs. In our advocacy work, we strongly opposed the Government's cut of 70% to African aid and the 40% cut in aid to Afghanistan.

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A woman, Elizabeth M Nicholas, is standing on a wooden plank bridge that spans a dam. She is wearing a red headscarf with a white pattern, a red shawl, and a red and white patterned dress. She is holding a large, empty wooden bucket. The dam is lined with black plastic, and the water is visible below. The background shows green crops, likely corn.

Elizabeth M Nicholas, a member of the Women's Association of Kitui in Kenya, uses one of the newly built community dams in her village. The Women's Association lobbied the local government to subsidize funding for the dams, for which they also purchased plastic liners to improve the retention of water. Photo: Ray Ochieng.

When the Australian Government redefined its aid investment strategies to focus more heavily on private sector investment, ActionAid responded to ensure that the rights of women smallholder farmers are not side-lined in the new framework, but remain central to the agricultural and gender-equality strategies of the Australian aid program. We shared our work and experience of women's empowerment in many governmental and non-governmental round-table discussions. We also used our research into extractive mineral industries to promote the human rights of communities affected by mining. We called on Australian mining companies operating overseas to pay their fair share of tax in the countries in which they work. Our goal has been to ensure that the increasing engagement of the private

sector in Australia's aid program will benefit the women with whom we work and challenge growing inequality.

Climate change significantly affects the women smallholder farmers with whom we work. In 2015, before the Paris UN Climate Change Conference in November, ActionAid demanded that the Australian Government pay its fair share in financing the adaptation of low-income countries to climate change and make immediate efforts to reduce Australia's carbon emissions. We also strongly advocated a focus on gender equality and women smallholder farmers in the lead-up to the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals at the UN's summit in New York in September.

CULTIVATING RIGHTS IN UGANDA

2015 marked the end of ActionAid's four-year Women's Rights in Agriculture (WORIA) project in the Kapchorwa and Kween districts of north-eastern Uganda. Through WORIA, 240 women farmers improved their farming skills and their household and food security, and are now lobbying and influencing local and governmental policies and services.

Despite living on highly fertile land, the women farming in Kapchorwa and Kween are trapped in poverty by drought and other climate-related challenges, recurring conflicts, and government policies that favour industrial agriculture over smallholder farmers. In Uganda, women are particularly marginalized because their rights to land are tenuous and the government regularly ignores their voices.



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I used to fear to speak in public or ask for something, even from my husband. Since joining the group in 2011, I feel strong and can now speak in public meetings, engage my husband on any issues at home. I have been able to participate with other group members in policy advocacy. We engaged officials to demand improvement in services in our sub-county health centre in Kwosir... (and) for the introduction of immunization programs

Juliet Yekoa, a participant from Kween district.

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Juliet Yeko, a participant from the Kween district, feels increasingly empowered and confident since joining the program. Photo: Emmanuel Wafula Owor/ActionAid.



Project funding was used to purchase a plot of land in each district, on which women's farming cooperatives were established. 240 women farmers were extensively trained, and developed confidence in a range of new farming methods.

They now use collective farming strategies to maximize their time, efforts, and yields; nurseries to foster seedlings; and drip irrigation to ensure a sustainable water supply. They have experimented with new crop types and are now cultivating and selling a variety of produce.

Having improved the value and quantity of their yields, these women are able to invest their surplus profits in more land and the purchase of solar driers. The women have dried vegetables to be used in soaps and other products, allowing them to diversify their income streams and target new markets.

The women have also made a number of significant gains in health, education, and infrastructure policies and programs after they engaged their local governments.

Juliet Yeko, a participant from Kween, feels increasingly empowered and confident since joining the program.

Although many men have argued vehemently against land ownership by women, many others have begun to recognize women's achievements through the program. A number of women have noted improved relationships and increased collaboration with their husbands.

One participant in Kapteret commented on her husband's support:



“When I delay to come for group meetings, my husband reminds me. One day, men were asking my husband why he allowed me to come and join the WORIA project because they said it wastes a lot of time. My husband told them to leave the women alone. He instead advised them to visit our cooperative and learn from what we are doing as women.”

An independent evaluation of the WORIA project confirmed that it has empowered women economically and in other ways, and highlighted the importance of building strong community groups that understand the delivery of government services. Low literacy rates and the attitudes and behaviour of men were cited as barriers to women's full empowerment.

The Kapteret Multipurpose Cooperative Society, an intrepid group of 120 women from the Kapchorwa district, are growing and processing carrots and other vegetables for sale. Photo: ActionAid.



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Our current situation is really beyond our wildest imaginations. Sometimes, I find it hard to believe that we actually achieved this. Some of our members are able to earn up to 7,000 Kenya shillings (95AUD) weekly, from a small piece of land

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Saida Ibrahim, Chairlady of the Bidii Farmer Field School in Isiolo, Kenya, is thrilled with her group's results.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT, RIGHTS FOR ACTION

In the fifth and final year of the Food for Thought, Rights for Action project, ActionAid made great strides in empowering women farmers in Uganda and Kenya. More than 5,000 farmers, including 3,446 women, improved their food and household security and campaigned in their communities for justice on agricultural, environmental, and gender-specific issues.

Women are now farming more effectively after exposure to new and alternative agricultural technologies and techniques through the program. In 2015, they purchased and learnt to use plastic dam liners to improve water storage, increased their crop yields using drought-tolerant crops, and increased their livestock. Many farmers have also come together to create savings groups to improve their financial capacity and security.

With ActionAid's support, women farmers in Uganda successfully influenced governmental policies and services, to defend their rights. They ensured the enactment of laws allowing the purchase and exchange of seeds at the local level, to guard against a corporate monopoly on seed and crops and to protect the rights of smallholder women farmers to productive resources. By producing a petition signed by more than one million people and handing it to the Ugandan parliament, they stopped an unjust proposal for a value-added tax on agriculture tools. These women also approached the Ugandan Government and Africa's regional bodies, such as the African Union, to ensure that they obtain justice in their adaptation to climate change.

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We began to speak with one voice... It was not easy... Through persistent lobbying of our MP, the commander finally gave consent.

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Consolata was part of the lobby group for the irrigation scheme.



Members of the Bidii Farmer Field School at their collection centre in Isiolo, Kenya. Photo: ActionAid.

2015 saw the Women's Association of Kitui in Kenya expand its membership to 4,000 women. These women have influenced county budgets and plans, including the negotiation of funds to subsidize the building of new community dams. They also partnered with other NGOs to call on the local government to enact a bill that would make community consultation mandatory in all county budgeting and planning.

Collective action also bore fruit in Isiolo, where the women with whom we worked continued to make impressive profits selling French beans on contract to the British company Finlays. These women negotiated directly with Finlays to ensure that their interests were upheld in the company's quality control scheme. In 2015, they also successfully negotiated with the Kenyan military to install an irrigation system adjacent to the local army base.



Susan Apua, a farmer based in Isiolo County, Kenya. Photo: Peterson Mwangi/ActionAid.

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In the training, we learnt about the standard size for coops, how regularly we have to clean them and give them clean water and food, vaccinate them, care for them in the wintertime.

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Gulsom, a 45-year-old widow and member of the Dawlatabad REFLECT group, was one of 89 women who received chickens and training in rearing them.

RESILIENCE AND PRODUCTIVITY IN AFGHANISTAN

The REALISE¹ project is ongoing in six districts in Afghanistan, across three provinces with vulnerable rural communities. ActionAid directly reached more than 4,000 people in 2015, helping them improve their food and economic security. The people also came together in community groups to develop an understanding of their human rights.

In 2015, approximately 1,958 women in 97 villages increased their vegetable production with backyard gardening. We formed partnerships with the International Centre for Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) and the Australian Centre for International Agriculture Research (ACIAR) to provide technical training in agriculture to the project's participants. The women are now also farming poultry and other livestock, leading to improved nutrition and food security. In many cases, they are producing enough to sell their surplus at markets, allowing them to save for their households.

REALISE actively supports women who live in particularly challenging environmental and social contexts, to increase

their mobility and access to productive resources. Over the past year, women came together in REFLECT groups, in which they learnt about their rights and how to protect them.

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I want to say that I find it unacceptable that I had to marry my brother-in-law and that my rights as a woman are denied. In the past, women like me have not been allowed to participate in community decisions.

50-year-old Aye Sokhan, from Meser abad Bala village, is increasingly aware of her rights as a woman.

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¹REALISE: Resilient Agriculture and Livelihoods Initiative for Socio-economic Empowerment

²REFLECT is an innovative, participatory approach to adult learning and social change. Women and men come together in groups to democratically discuss the issues relevant to them. Through REFLECT groups, the women with whom we work have shared their experiences and what they have learned, and have established collective voices in their communities.



ActionAid Australia Senior Programme Coordinator Sally Henderson with ActionAid Afghanistan staff member Zainab Rosally in the village of Raqool in Afghanistan's Bamyan Province. Photo: ActionAid.

REALISE: Project locations:

Women have been laying solid foundations for improved production and more market-oriented activities, but also face an environment of increasing insecurity following the withdrawal of international troops. The devaluation of the Australian dollar and resulting currency losses have also impacted heavily on the project. ActionAid continues to monitor these volatile factors to maximize and sustain the project's impact on women and their communities.



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Now my husband allows me to work side by side with other men and women of my village to claim our rights. I serve as a facilitator in [my] REFLECT group,

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said Shama Bibi, 39, a leader of one of Yazman's REFLECT groups.

BUILDING LIVELIHOODS IN PAKISTAN

In 2015, ActionAid Australia worked with our partners in Pakistan to support more than 1,500 smallholder farmers, mostly women, in Tehsil Yazman, Punjab, to improve their livelihoods and food security. Farming is particularly difficult in this harsh environment, and farmers receive little or no government support.

Women are particularly disadvantaged by the cultural norms and high levels of gendered violence here. In 2015, ActionAid facilitated community REFLECT groups, which provided space for women to organize and mobilize to claim their rights. Women and men began to examine the driving forces and causes of violence against women and girls, and are working on prevention strategies, including running awareness sessions and educating school children.

2015 saw the farmers of Tehsil Yazman increase their control over their land and resources. They developed their ability to control pests and crop diseases, improved their soil and water management strategies, and increased their chicken flocks. Women and men also came together in the REFLECT groups to identify issues that are impeding the achievement of their objectives, and will continue to link them to causal

factors, such as policies and decisions that are made without consultation. The groups met with the government to influence the decisions made on these issues.



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I lead the process of poultry distribution in my village. More than 50 women were provided hens. [They] hatch 5 eggs daily. I sell 3 eggs, worth 30 rupees, to my neighbours and save the profit to pay my children as a pocket money when they go to school.

Shama Bibi, 39, a leader of one of Yazman's REFLECT groups.

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Shama Bibi, the leader of the REFLECT group in her village, proudly holds eggs laid by her chickens that morning. Shama's children prefer to eat boiled eggs, which she also sells at the market. Photo: ActionAid.



ActionAid provided local women's groups with goats and training in how to rear them. Names withheld. Photo: ActionAid.



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Over the past year, workers tested new techniques to avoid accidents and minimize the risks in mining shafts.

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MINERS' RIGHTS IN UGANDA

If managed well, mining can contribute to the economic growth and elimination of poverty in Uganda. ActionAid is working with more than 50,000 people in mining-affected communities to raise their awareness of the governance of extractive industries.

In 2015, the project was extended to the mineral sector, mainly to artisanal gold mining. Mining-affected communities were supported to engage directly with government on relevant issues, particularly health, workplace safety, and environmental concerns, and to ensure that their rights and access to justice are respected. Women and men came together to call on the Ugandan Government for transparency and consultation on mining.

The project also facilitated a trip to a Tanzanian mining camp by the women, which raised their awareness of the dangers of handling mercury, cyanide, and aggregate gold, and familiarized the women workers with alternative technologies to ensure better health and safety.



Women panning for gold in the Mubende District of Uganda.
Photo: Harriet Gimbo/ActionAid.

The Oil in Uganda newsletter and website continue to be produced and distributed, to raise the awareness of workers in the sector and to educate them.

Right: Harriet Gimbo, Head of Programmes for ActionAid Uganda, with members of the Ssinga Gold Mining Association, which is based in the Mubende District in Uganda. Photo: Chris Mussime/ActionAid.



ActionAid is working in 60 rural communities in the Sagaing and Kayah states of Myanmar, training the next generation of community leaders, facilitating engagement with government, and supporting women to find alternative livelihood opportunities.

MAKING CHANGE IN MYANMAR



Protracted armed conflict and the effects of climate damage are undermining people's access to basic rights, such as food, water, health, and education. The Myanmar Government has also repressed civil mobility and neglected its duty to provide adequate public services.

ActionAid is training the most vulnerable members of these communities to create alternative livelihood opportunities. 352 people, primarily women, have participated in agricultural

and business skills training and have formed savings groups, thus improving their economic and food security.

Sixty young people, including 36 young women, were also trained as part of the Change Maker Project to become leaders in their local communities. With ActionAid's support, they are identifying community issues, rights, and priorities and are engaging with their government to ensure that these issues are addressed. They are also producing rights-based community strategies and plans.

In 2015, all 60 communities developed community action plans and began to engage with their government at various levels, demanding greater service provision and supportive policies. The communities in 30 villages successfully lobbied their government to address community priorities, including improved access to productive resources such as water, in state government plans and budgets.



ActionAid fellow Than Than Tin sits atop an embankment on the outskirts of Su Yet Tan village. Photo: Cristopher Davy/ActionAid.



Nan Yu Htay, an ActionAid fellow from Kyit Tee Village in the Magway region, presents a village plan to newly elected pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi. Photo: Alex Graham/ActionAid.

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[My] REFLECT [group] has raised my awareness of my rights, and now I demand them, and tell others that they also have rights,” said one woman interviewed for the project evaluation in Hebron

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REFLECTING ON PALESTINE

2015 saw the end of the Neighbourhood Corners program, supported by the Australian Government, which reached 53,000 women, men, and children in Hebron, Palestine. ActionAid and our local partners Institute of Community Partnerships (ICP) and Asala are proud that the women and young people supported over the past six years now have increased opportunities for work and recreation, knowledge of their rights, and visions for their communities, despite living under military occupation.

Palestinians need extraordinary resilience. With the occupation of the West Bank by Israel since 1967, Palestinians regularly experience deadly violence. The Israeli military presence restricts their access to hospitals, schools, and markets; water and electricity are expensive and unreliable; and Palestinians are very often cut off from their families, lands, and livelihoods.

Women are particularly vulnerable. Women enjoy fewer rights and liberties than men under Palestinian law, and their opportunities for work and community leadership are heavily restricted.

Through the Neighbourhood Corners program, women were empowered and became economically independent. They developed an awareness and understanding of their rights and began to speak out in their communities.

More than 500 women started or expanded small businesses after they received loans, grants, or training. For some, this increased income meant they were able to free themselves from a dependence on abusive husbands, whereas others could contribute more substantially to meeting household needs, thus gaining independence and greater respect within their families.

Young women and men were specifically targeted in our work. Youth are the future of Hebron and were supported



Women protest the imminent destruction of Susiya, a village of the West Bank. Photo: Celia Peterson/ActionAid.

through the facilitation of employment opportunities, skills training, and seed grants. 1,484 women participated in training and internships to increase their chances of finding paid work.

ActionAid supported 15 women's and youth groups, where people gathered to learn and share information about their rights and their ability to contribute to their communities. At the same time, the project worked to build the capacity of 13 community-based organizations to respond more broadly to the needs identified by the community groups and society. This greater awareness of their rights generated a number of local campaigns to address problems in

education, employment, and even garbage collection. The women with whom we worked also pushed for increased rights for the women in Hebron. A campaign on women's rights to inheritance made it clear that family members were cheating mothers and daughters of their entitlement to inherit land under religious law. Overall, the campaign activities addressing women's rights reached 10,315 people.

ActionAid Australia's support for women and men in Hebron will continue into 2016, when work will extend to three new villages on the West Bank after the completion of the three-year project in the villages of Susiya, Samou', and Al-Karmel.

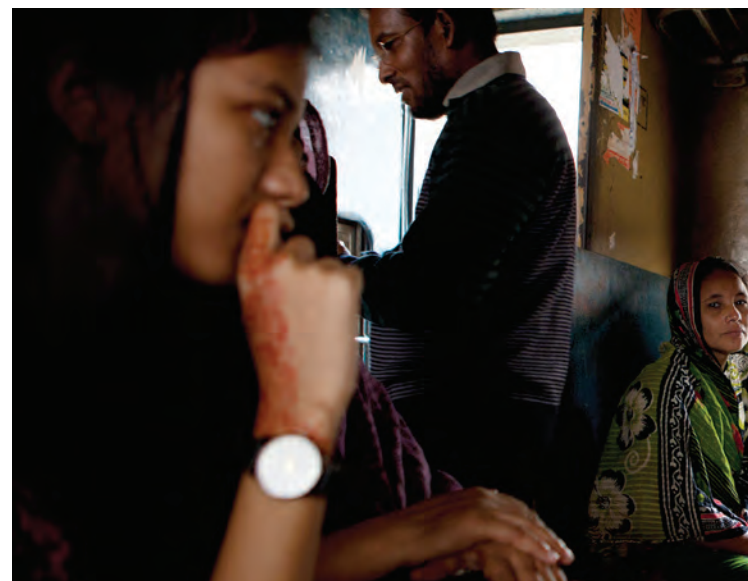
The Safe Cities for Women campaign is building momentum within the Australian community, and 8,000 Australians have already taken a pledge to be part of the movement.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

SAFE CITIES FOR WOMEN

2015 saw the launch of ActionAid Australia's Safe Cities for Women campaign. ActionAid is playing a leading role in the groundswell of women around the world calling on governments to ensure that public spaces are safe for women and girls by improving public services that promote the rights and needs of women.

We launched the campaign with a photography exhibition at the University of Technology Sydney, featuring photographs of women in Dhaka (Bangladesh) and Phnom Penh (Cambodia). The photographs told the stories of women who fear and experience violence and exploitation every day in public spaces because there is a lack of public infrastructure in these contexts.





Workers return home at night in Gazipur, Bangladesh. Safe Cities Exhibition photographer Stephanie Simcox explained her intention to capture the way in which public spaces were controlled by men. Photo: Stephanie Simcox.



Women wait on a train at Dhaka train station an hour prior to departure in order to secure a seat for themselves and their children. Photo: Stephanie Simcox.

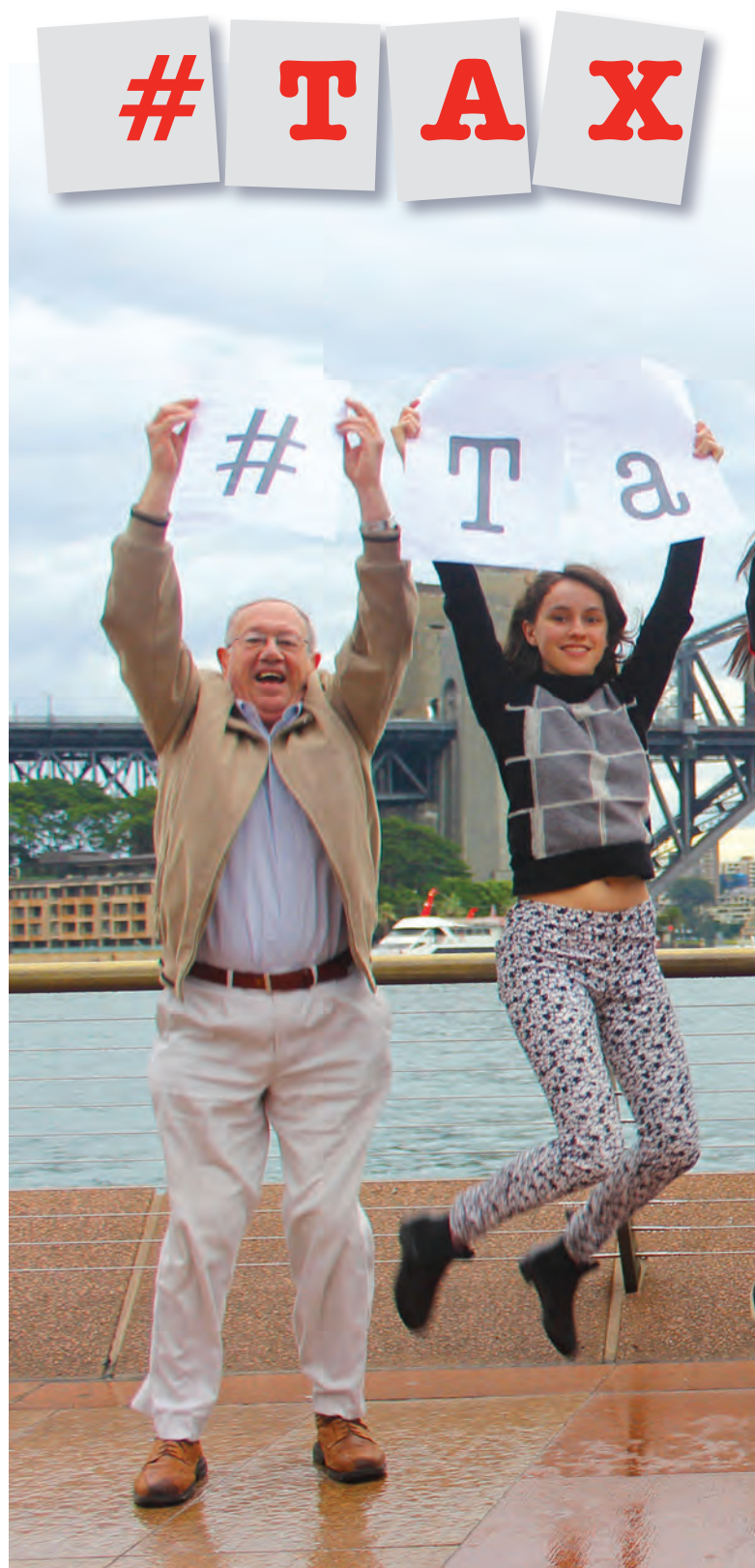


Safe
Cities
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Women

THE POWER IN TAX

ActionAid believes that public services are the key to securing equal rights and justice for vulnerable and marginalized women and their communities. Tax provides the resources required for the public services that ensure women's safety and well-being. However, global tax rules, which favour rich countries and corporate tax dodging, are draining the world's poorest governments of the resources that could fund these vital public services, including healthcare, transport, and education. Accordingly, the gap between the rich and those living in poverty is increasing rapidly.

In 2015, ActionAid continued its campaign for tax justice, calling for a fairer international tax system and fairer domestic tax rules. ActionAid's report "An Extractive Affair" exposed the practices of Australian mining company Paladin, which has failed to pay US\$43 million in tax in Malawi, one of the world's poorest countries. ActionAid distributed this report internationally, securing media coverage in a number of countries across the world. In Australia, we sent this report to key Federal Members of Parliament and called for democratic and transparent global tax reform. We joined our international colleagues during Global Tax Justice Week to demand the creation of a UN body on tax, in which low-income countries will participate in all decision-making processes involving the creation of international tax rules.



POWER



ActionAid staff and supporters called for tax justice down on Sydney harbour during Global Tax Justice Week. Photo: Rachael Phillips/ActionAid.

“ Over 1,700 of our supporters signed on to the letter demanding action on climate change from Australia’s political leaders. ”



CLIMATE ACTION, PEOPLE POWER

In all our work at ActionAid Australia, we see women bearing the brunt of the impact of climate damage, ranging from smallholder farmers battling drought in Uganda to women rebuilding their lives after disasters in Nepal and

Vanuatu. Throughout 2015, we amplified the voices of these women and campaigned for the Australian Government and the international community to take effective action on climate change.



750,000 people marched in 175 cities around the world to call for action on climate change as part of the People's Climate March. ActionAid marched with 45,000 people in Sydney to call for justice for women living with the most immediate consequences of climate change. The atmosphere was electric because the need for climate justice lights a fire in everyone. Photo: Rachael Phillips/ActionAid.

In early October, ActionAid Australia hosted a number of women's rights leaders from ActionAid Kenya, Uganda, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. They called for Australian aid to Africa so that women farmers across the continent can adapt to the increasingly unpredictable weather patterns that are severely affecting their livelihoods. With the help of these inspiring women, we produced a letter addressed to Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Ministers Julie Bishop and Greg Hunt for the UN Climate Change Conference in Paris in November. Over 1,700 of our supporters signed the letter, demanding action on climate change from Australia's political leaders.

The People's Climate March in November was another highlight in our campaign for climate justice. As a new member of the Climate Action Network Australia, we formed part of the Sydney Organizing Committee, and helped to mobilize the more than 140,000 Australians who took to the streets calling for a planned transition to 100% renewable energy. We marched in solidarity with others to support the communities most strongly impacted by climate change. We represented the women with whom we work around the world, who labour tirelessly to ensure that their families and communities can adapt to the changing climate.



FROCKING HILARIOUS GOES TO MELBOURNE

In 2015, we were delighted to hold our Frocking Hilarious Comedy Gala in Sydney for the third consecutive year, and to take our annual signature event to Melbourne for the first time. Two nights of raucous women's laughter in Australia's two biggest cities celebrated and drew attention to the incredible resilience of the women with whom ActionAid works all around the world.

ActionAid partnered with the Sydney Comedy Festival in May to present a successful night of laughs at the Enmore Theatre, featuring the likes of Denise Scott and Gretel Killeen.



In November, we took the show to Melbourne's iconic Athenaeum Theatre, with resounding success. ActionAid ambassador Judith Lucy headlined a stellar line-up that included Claire Hooper, Celia Pacquola, and Kitty Flanagan. The event provided a unique opportunity to engage with our Melbourne supporters and to work with local businesses and women's groups.

We were delighted that Nova sponsored the event in both Sydney and Melbourne.



Felicity Ward (left) and Judith Lucy (right)
at Frocking Hilarious Melbourne at the
Athenaeum Theatre. Photo: ActionAid.



PROTECTING WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN DISASTERS AND CONFLICTS



In 2015, ActionAid Australia undertook the global leadership of the ActionAid Federation's work on women's rights in emergencies and also co-chaired the global International Humanitarian and Resilience Platform. We documented the unique approach of ActionAid to humanitarian work, which puts women at the forefront, and led a meta-evaluation of women's rights in 12 recent emergency responses. ActionAid Australia also provided training on women's rights and protection to the international staff of the Emergencies Fast Action and Response Team (EFAST).

This year, we responded to two major disasters: Cyclone Pam, which hit Vanuatu on March 6, and the Nepalese earthquakes in April. In Nepal, we provided technical support for women's protection. In Vanuatu, ActionAid Australia led the Federation's response to Cyclone Pam. We assisted women and their communities in the immediate recovery

efforts, and also used the disaster to support the local women to organize and mobilize to claim their rights, in a context in which violence against women is normalized and women are excluded from decision-making processes.

In 2015, ActionAid also strengthened its work on women's rights in conflict and post-conflict contexts. With the support of the University of Sydney and the University of Technology Sydney, we hosted an Australian Africa Award Fellowship, which resulted in the establishment of a strong regional network for transitional and gender justice in five African countries and a direct dialogue with the Australian Defence Force. This built on a two-year research project in which ActionAid collaborated with the two universities to document the experiences of women who were accessing transitional justice in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, and Uganda.



Tullimaya Tamang clears the debris from where her house once stood overlooking the valley of the Palame village in the Kavrepalanchok District in Nepal. During the earthquake that struck Nepal on 29 April, she was thrown over the cliff but survived by clinging to rocks on the way down. Photo: Prashanth Vishwanathan/ActionAid.

ActionAid Australia also led a delegation of countries participating in the Women's Power to Stop War Conference in The Hague in April 2015. We used this opportunity to work with several countries to develop a multi-country programming framework for collective work on women's rights in conflict situations.

In 2015, ActionAid was proud to launch the South Asia Women's Resilience Index, in collaboration with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and the Economist Intelligence Unit, at the World Conference on

Disaster Risk Reduction in Japan and at the UN Commission on the Status of Women in New York. The Index clearly highlights the disproportionate risk to and vulnerability of women in the context of disasters in this region, and should guide improved, evidence-based resilience programming to respond more effectively in different South Asian countries.

In 2015, as preparations for the World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) began, ActionAid Australia played a leading role in guiding the Federation's advocacy through various consultations. We developed formal submissions on the transformative potential of disasters to advance women's rights and on the utility of evidence-based programming to build women's long-term resilience to disasters. We also convened women leaders before the Pacific WHS Regional Summit in Auckland to clarify their demands of humanitarian actors in emergency responses. We also supported the participation of women leaders from Bangladesh and Liberia in the Global Consultation in Geneva and launched the Women's Humanitarian Charter.

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I am very grateful to ActionAid. Never, since Independence, has anyone given us the chance to come together with other women, and we need it

said a participant at the Blue Tents, name withheld.

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CYCLONE PAM



In March 2015, Cyclone Pam struck the island nation of Vanuatu, leaving more than 60% of the population (166,000 people) in need of emergency assistance. ActionAid Australia placed women at the centre of the national disaster response by setting up safe spaces for women in the worst-affected areas, in partnership with the Vanuatu Government's Department of Women's Affairs and UNFPA

Over three months, more than 8,000 women utilized these Women's Information Centres, which became known as the 'Blue Tents', to report their most urgent needs and access information about the support that was available to help people rebuild their communities and their lives.

Worldwide, women are disproportionately affected by emergencies. They take on the greatest responsibilities in caring for their families and communities, and yet they are often not consulted because cultural norms regularly position men in the leadership roles. The Blue Tents ensured that women were not forgotten in the rush to deliver emergency supplies, and established an entry point for ongoing work to support women in gaining their rights and taking up leadership positions in long-term disaster preparedness and response work. INGOs and local women leaders recognized ActionAid's work in promoting the visibility of women and the accountability of humanitarian actors to them in the response to Cyclone Pam.

In Vanuatu, it is widely recognized that women are marginalized at all levels, but we also found a willingness to work to change this. Women are not represented in the national parliament, and generally, community decisions are made by a council of male chiefs, in which the participation of women is prohibited. In Vanuatu, 68% of women have experienced violence at the hands of their husband or partner.

Several months after the cyclone, ActionAid continues to provide women with safe spaces, to support them, and to

WOMEN TOK TOK TOKETA (WOMEN TALK TALK TOGETHER).



Women gather at the 'Blue Tent' set up by ActionAid on the island of Erromango in Vanuatu after Cyclone Pam. Photo: ActionAid.

increase their awareness and understanding of their rights. The Blue Tents have transformed into community women's forums, called Women Tok Tok Toketa (Women Talk Talk Together), with a membership of more than 4,010. These women are developing in confidence and skills to represent themselves and others in the community forums. They are preparing to address the protection of women and the risks they face, and are also developing strategies to generate their own incomes, giving them greater independence and influence at home and beyond.

“

I want to speak. My husband supports me. My challenge, I was not educated, but I find out through my husband. I'm helping women in the community.

a delighted visitor to the forum, name withheld.

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Diana Paul, a mother of two, at the Vanuatu Women's Centre in Port Vila, where she stayed after evacuating her home before it was blown away entirely by Cyclone Pam. Photo: Jeff Tan/ActionAid.



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Women involved in the rebuild show that they can be leaders. Until now, women have not been active as leaders in this community

Mina Kumai, one of the many youth volunteers

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NEPAL EARTHQUAKES

The massive earthquakes that struck Nepal in late April affected more than eight million people. Through our work, we know that women's voices and priorities are often lost in the chaotic push to supply relief provisions as quickly as possible. Thanks to funds from our Australian supporters and the Australian Government, ActionAid Australia was able to ensure that the rights and well-being of Nepalese women and girls were central to our work.

We established 23 safe shelter spaces for women and children, with the aim of not only providing immediate relief, but of creating a feedback mechanism to ensure that the specific needs of women and girls were met in the relief effort. This project is ongoing, and so far, over 1,000 women have attended the safe spaces. These spaces provide women with the opportunity to seek psychosocial support, sexual-based violence services, reproductive health care, and information regarding the ongoing relief efforts. As the recovery effort stabilizes, we see the shelters evolving into dynamic spaces that will empower women in the long term, fostering women's leadership and their engagement with government policies, and building women's resilience to disasters.

Mina Kumai, one of the many youth volunteers and social mobilizers working with ActionAid in Nepal, believes that the relief work will lead to new opportunities for women.



Volunteers clear rubble and save bricks from heritage buildings in Patan Durban Square, which were heavily damaged by the earthquake. Photo: Vlad Sokhin/ActionAid.

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When ActionAid called me to find out about my family's situation, I was so happy. It made me feel that despite all the troubles and hardship my family has been through and is still going through, someone cares. I am grateful for the support that ActionAid has shown me and my family

Korto, a 35-year-old Liberian woman from Monrovia.

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LIFE AFTER THE EBOLA CRISIS

The Ebola crisis that rocked West Africa represented the greatest public health challenge that Liberia has faced. It exposed an already overburdened health system and the significant obstacles to women's rights across the country. Although Liberia was declared Ebola-free in May 2015, the crisis revealed a need to strengthen the health system across the country and to develop protection mechanisms to address the challenges that women and girls face during emergencies, including sexual violence.

The project in Liberia is addressing these shortcomings through community programs that raise awareness of sexual violence, women's rights, and Ebola prevention, while also working with healthcare providers to educate them on the needs of the most vulnerable members of the population. It is a program that has put women's leadership at its centre in responding to the spread of Ebola and in dealing with its aftermath.

Beyond the emergency response, this project seeks to build the resilience of the most vulnerable women and their communities to possible future disasters. With ActionAid's support, women are also receiving skills training in agriculture, handicrafts, and business management, and have been provided with start-up grants. In this way, women have gained increased financial independence, confidence, and a capacity for leadership within their households and communities.



Korto Kokar, who lost her sister-in-law to Ebola, talks to ActionAid staff in Clara Town, one of the slum communities in Monrovia. Photo: ActionAid.

“

A lot of things change here in our community and I am really grateful to ActionAid for providing us the necessary trainings.

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Annie Ogrimen, a woman from the Palaypay neighbourhood in Basey, is proud of the progress being made in empowering and inspiring confidence in women.

WOMEN LEADING IN THE PHILIPPINES

In 2015, ActionAid Australia continued to build the resilience of the most vulnerable women affected by Typhoon Haiyan in November 2013. This project has focused on ensuring that women and their communities are well prepared to respond to future disasters by providing them with equipment, facilities, and training in disaster preparedness and disaster risk reduction. So far, ActionAid has directly reached more than 16,000 people, including 13,864 women.

Over the last year, these women have developed their leadership capacity in disaster response and community-based protection strategies. ActionAid has also provided training on women's rights, climate justice, and other issues that affect local women, who were then supported to participate in government policy- and decision-making processes. A particular emphasis was placed on ensuring the protection of women from violence in the local barangays (neighbourhoods), which increases in disaster-affected contexts.

Change is visible and women are making a difference.



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This intervention is really unique because it's led by women and it is our first time to have this women committee. This is really a good start for us, although we acknowledge that there is still a lot of things to be done to fully run the emergency unit led by women, but I am optimistic that if we will work together in solidarity with the communities, we will achieve what we have envisioned—a more prepared and resilient community.

Annie Ogrimen

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Women of the Palaypay Women's Association work on one of the many mats they have produced with ActionAid's support since Typhoon Haiyan. By coming together as a collective, the women have more than doubled the profits they used to make on their own. Photo: ActionAid.

BUILDING RESILIENCE IN BANGLADESH

In Bangladesh, ActionAid has been continuing its significant work with The Economist Intelligence Unit in developing the South Asia Women's Resilience Index (WRI) to extend our understanding of the challenges to community resilience, particularly from a gender perspective. We are using this extensive research project to increase the resilience of local women to natural disasters and other social, political, and economic shocks that increase women's vulnerability and disempowerment.

ActionAid has continued its community research work, and monitored, assessed, and held the government to account for decisions affecting women's rights and resilience. We piloted a Community Resilience Index Toolkit to further monitor the progress that women and their communities are making. The toolkit uses the findings of the WRI research project to inform training on monitoring past and present disaster recovery efforts. ActionAid has also undertaken a number of activities to raise the awareness of disaster management among women in local communities.

Throughout 2015, ActionAid continued to build our relationships with local community groups and partners, linking this project with the existing efforts to promote women's leadership in disaster responses and preparedness.



Shahida Begum (far left) with other members of the Nilphamari REFLECT Circle. Photo: ActionAid.



THE WOMEN'S RESILIENCE INDEX USES FOUR KEY CATEGORIES OR INDICATORS TO MEASURE A COMMUNITY'S RESILIENCE TO DISASTERS.



ECONOMIC:

The level of poverty in a society, the funding available for disaster management, and the access to credit and employment.



INFRASTRUCTURAL:

The extent, quality, and availability of core infrastructure, including transport systems, communications, power, water, and land use.



INSTITUTIONAL:

The legal framework and public institutional efficacy, notably governmental, in planning for and responding to disasters.



SOCIAL:

This includes education and healthcare, and specifically accounts for gender disparities and the disparities between social groups.

OUR BOARD

ActionAid Australia's Board is responsible for the governance of the organization, setting our strategic direction, monitoring our performance against it, managing risk, and ensuring that we are accountable to our supporters and the women and communities with whom we work.

The Hon John Dowd
AO QC (Syd)

Deputy President, NSW Mental Health Tribunal;
President, International Commission of Jurists Australia;
Former NSW Attorney General and Leader of the State Opposition;
Former Supreme Court judge;
Former Chancellor, Southern Cross University;
Former Consul-General for the Cook Islands to Australia;
Leader Australian Government to Palestine
Director from 28 April 2008
Appointed President 1 July 2009

Margaret Alston
LLB (Melb)
Dip ED (Melb)

Member Advisory Committee, Friends of Suai,
City of Port Philip, Melbourne;
Former Member St Vincent's Health Regional Advisory Council Melbourne;
Former Program Quality Advisor,
Save the Children Australia;
Former Business Development Consultant,
RMIT International Projects;
Former Program Director, Australian Volunteers International
Director from 16 June 2011
Appointed Vice-President 16 May 2012

Susan Brennan
BA/LLB (Hons)

Barrister at Law;
Vice President, World YWCA and Former President,
World YWCA
Director from 24 February 2011

Carole Brownlee
B.Comm

Chief Operating Officer, Roadshow Films Group and former senior Finance Executive roles with the broader Village Roadshow Group;
Financial Controller, Austereo Limited;
Fellow of the Australian Institute of Certified Practising Accountants
Director from 16 December 2014

Nicci Dent
MFIA, HND BTEC in Art and Design Diploma

CEO, Heart Research Australia;
Former National Fundraising Director, The Heart Foundation;
Formerly Director of Fundraising MSF;
Various fundraising roles with Amnesty International and the Wilderness Society
Director from 11 September 2013

James Goth
B.Ec (Syd) LLB (Syd)
MBA (Insead)

Chief Strategy Officer, Woolworths Limited;
Former Partner, Boston Consulting Group
Director from 30 January 2014

Jeremy Hobbs
BA, B.SocWk

International consultant to NGOs;
Former INGO Accountability Charter Board Chair;
Former Executive Director, Oxfam International;
Founding Board member, Oxfam International;
Former Executive Director, Oxfam Australia (Community Aid Abroad)
Director from 15 August 2014

Sonia Zavesky

Director, Zavesky Consulting;
Former Head of Communications, Greenpeace;
Former Chief of Staff and Executive Producer, ABC News Radio Sydney;
Former news and current affairs journalist, ABC
Director from 4 November 2009

Report of the Independent Auditor on the Summary Financial Statement Report to the Members of ActionAid Australia

The accompanying Summary Financial Statement Report prepared by ActionAid Australia, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2015, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of cash flows and the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, is derived from the audited general purpose financial report of ActionAid Australia for the year ended 31 December 2015. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on that financial report in our report dated 31 March 2016.

The Summary Financial Statement Report does not contain all the disclosures required by the Australian Accounting Standards for a general purpose financial report. Reading the Summary Financial Statement Report, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial report of ActionAid Australia.

Directors' Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statement Report

The Directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the Summary Financial Statement Report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosures Requirements, the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the ACFID Code of Conduct and for compliance with the *Charitable Fundraising Act 1991*.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Summary Financial Statement Report based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard ASA 810 *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.

Opinion

In our opinion, the Summary Financial Statement Report derived from the audited financial report of ActionAid Australia for the year ended 31 December 2015 is consistent, in all material respects, with that audited financial report, in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosures Requirements, the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the ACFID Code of Conduct.



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Gaile Pearce
Partner
Chartered Accountants
Sydney, 21 April 2016

OUR FINANCES

During 2015, ActionAid Australia's operating revenue increased by 15% to \$9.5m. The increase in operating revenue was mainly due to bequest income, DFAT and overseas grants, emergency appeals, and investment income.

Public funds raised totalled \$4.1m and comprised 44% of operating revenue for the year, compared with 43% in the previous year. Public funds included donations and gifts received from Australian individuals and organizations, as well as non-monetary income, such as volunteer or pro bono services. In 2015, ActionAid Australia also received funds from donors who left gifts in their wills, totalling \$636,258.

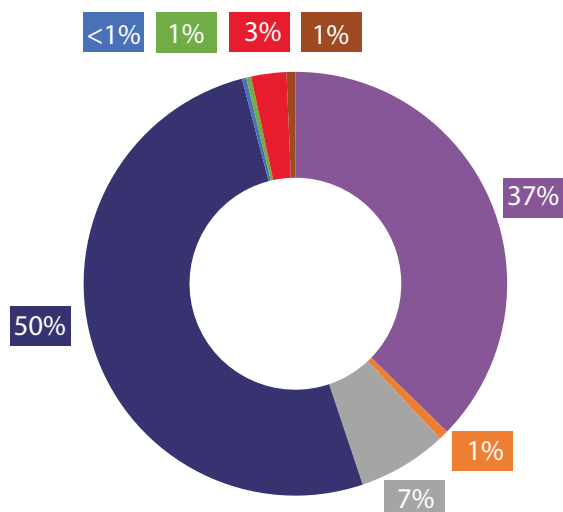
Grant income, valued at \$5.0m, contributed to 52% of operating revenue. Of this, \$4.8m was from DFAT and

\$30,627 from other Australian sources. Interest income received was \$0.3m; overseas income was \$152,921; and other income was \$102,629 (due mainly to additional fund raising activities, such as special events).

Our total program expenditure was 68% of expenditure for 2015, an increase compared to 66% in 2014. Of this, overseas projects received \$4.6m (48%), \$1.2m (13%) funded project management costs in Australia and \$0.7m (7%) funded campaigns and community education in Australia. Program expenditure includes ActionAid Australia's programs overseas as well as the costs of public campaigning in Australia.

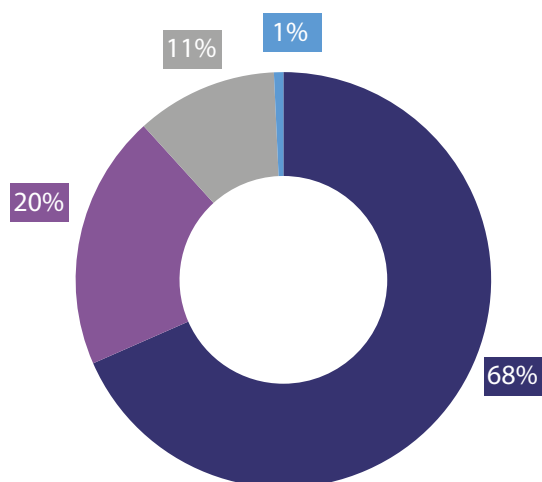
Fundraising costs accounted for 20% of total expenditure, a reduction compared to 21% in 2014. The significant acquisition of fundraising investment approved by the Board resulted in increased costs compared with 2014. Accountability and administration costs were 11% of expenditure in 2015, a reduction compared to 12% in 2014.

Income



- Donations & gifts - monetary
- Bequests and legacies
- Other Australian grants
- Investment income
- Donations & gifts non-monetary
- Australian Government grants
- Other overseas
- Other income

Expenditure



- Program expenditure
- Accountability & administration
- Fundraising costs
- Non-monetary expenditure

The full financial report for the year ended 31 December 2015 is available on request or on the ActionAid Australia website at www.actionaid.org/australia/publications.

The Summary Financial Report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct. ActionAid Australia is committed to full adherence to this code.

For further information on the Code please refer to the ACFID Code of Conduct website at www.acfid.asn.au/code-of-conduct.

Where a breach of the ACFID Code of Conduct is considered to have occurred please see the ACFID website <http://www.acfid.asn.au/code-of-conduct/complaints> for contact details. We value your feedback and complaints can be lodged by emailing complaints.au@actionaid.org.



Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

For the year ended 31 December 2015

	Year ended 31 December 2015 Restricted \$	Year ended 31 December 2015 Unrestricted \$	Year ended 31 December 2015 Total \$	Year ended 31 December 2014 Total \$
REVENUE				
OPERATING REVENUE				
Donations and gifts				
- Monetary	1,101,078	2,381,561	3,482,639	3,079,643
- Non-monetary	-	68,989	68,989	132,542
Bequests and legacies	-	636,258	636,258	350,683
Grants				
- DFAT ¹	4,768,911	-	4,768,911	4,260,385
- Other Australian	30,627	-	30,627	216,225
- Other overseas	152,921	-	152,921	-
Investment income	156,347	112,846	269,193	214,246
Other income	-	102,629	102,629	36,064
TOTAL REVENUE	6,209,884	3,302,283	9,512,167	8,289,788
EXPENDITURE				
International programs:				
- Funds to programs	4,584,907	-	4,584,907	4,533,184
- Program support costs	1,220,131	-	1,220,131	811,201
Community education	-	666,874	666,874	475,043
Fundraising costs:				
- Public	-	1,876,941	1,876,941	1,814,691
- Government, multilateral	-	-	-	-
Accountability and administration	105,376	938,011	1,043,387	1,060,429
Non-monetary expenditure	-	68,989	68,989	132,542
Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure	5,910,414	3,550,815	9,461,229	8,827,090
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5,910,414	3,550,815	9,461,229	8,827,090
- Operating excess/(shortfall) over expenditure	299,470	(248,532)	50,938	(537,304)
- Capital excess/(shortfall) over expenditure	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXCESS/(SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE	299,470	(248,532)	50,938	(537,304)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS)	299,470	(248,532)	50,938	(537,304)

DFAT¹ Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 31 December 2015

ActionAid Australia's retained earnings decreased by \$0.3m and its restricted funds reserve increased by \$0.3m over the year and we ended 2015 with a total reserve of \$4.8m. ActionAid Australia does not utilize all funds immediately so that it can ensure that the funds are best used for long-term, sustainable outcomes.

	Retained earnings \$	Restricted funds reserves \$	Unrestricted funds reserves \$	Total undistributed funds \$
Opening balance at 1 January 2014	1,251,022	3,941,021	50,000	5,242,043
Surplus/(deficit)	(537,304)	-	-	(537,304)
Total comprehensive loss	(537,304)	-	-	(537,304)
Transfers to/(from) reserves:	272,479	(272,479)	-	-
Total Closing Balance at 31 December 2014	986,198	3,668,542	50,000	4,704,740

	Retained earnings \$	Restricted funds reserves \$	Unrestricted funds reserves \$	Total undistributed funds \$
Opening balance at 1 January 2015	986,198	3,668,542	50,000	4,704,740
Surplus/(deficit)	50,938	-	-	50,938
Total comprehensive income	50,938	-	-	50,938
Transfers to/(from) reserves:	(299,470)	299,470	-	-
Total Closing Balance at 31 December 2015	737,666	3,968,012	50,000	4,755,678
Restricted funds reserve comprised of:				
- Capital Reserve	-	3,018,577	-	3,018,577
- Other Restricted	-	949,435	-	949,435

Statement of financial position

As at 31 December 2015

Of ActionAid Australia's total assets of \$7.5m, \$7.3m was held as cash, with around 77% of this amount being held in short-term term deposits at banks. The organization's largest liability, at \$2.1m, is deferred revenue. Deferred revenue is grant funds received in advance that are yet to be used for overseas projects and the management support costs of those projects.

	31 December 2015 \$	31 December 2014 \$
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	7,333,884	7,886,719
Trade and other receivables	74,297	89,199
Total current assets	7,408,181	7,975,918
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	113,997	133,276
Total non-current assets	113,997	133,276
Total assets	7,522,178	8,109,194
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	458,343	332,708
Provisions - employee benefits	176,784	159,219
Other - deferred revenue	2,079,133	2,878,700
Total current liabilities	2,714,260	3,370,627
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Provisions - employee benefits	52,240	33,827
Non-current liabilities	52,240	33,827
Total liabilities	2,766,500	3,404,454
Net assets	4,755,678	4,704,740
EQUITY		
Restricted funds capital reserve	3,018,577	3,018,577
Restricted funds other reserves	949,435	649,965
Unrestricted funds reserves	50,000	50,000
Retained earnings	737,666	986,198
Total equity	4,755,678	4,704,740

Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 31 December 2015

The cash position of ActionAid Australia during 2015 decreased by \$0.6m; this was mainly due to a net cash outflow of \$0.5m from operating activities through the disbursement of funds to projects during the year.

	Year ended 31 December 2015 \$	Year ended 31 December 2014 \$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash receipts from appeals, donations & fundraising activities	4,118,897	3,430,326
Cash receipts from DFAT grants	4,414,422	4,466,062
Cash receipts from other grants	139,781	136,812
Proceeds from other activities	82,946	(4,852)
Interest received	308,830	214,246
Cash payments to suppliers and employees	(3,115,328)	(3,391,512)
Cash payments for project expenditure	(6,471,912)	(5,819,429)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	(522,364)	(968,347)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(30,469)	(131,009)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	(30,469)	(131,009)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from borrowings	-	-
Repayment of borrowings	-	-
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	-	-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(552,832)	(1,099,356)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	7,886,719	8,986,075
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	7,333,884	7,886,719

Table of cash movements for designated purposes

For the year ended 31 December 2015

	Cash available at 1 January 2015	Cash raised during the period	Cash disbursed during the period	Cash available at 31 December 2015
Project/Purpose				
Australia Africa Community Engagement Scheme (AACES)	830,991	1,255,182	1,519,534	566,639
Afghanistan Resilient Agriculture and Livelihoods Initiative for Socio Economic Empowerment (REALISE)	655,822	1,970,669	1,369,167	1,257,324
Total for other non-designated purposes	6,399,906	5,839,025	6,729,010	5,509,921
Total	7,886,719	9,064,876	9,617,711	7,333,884

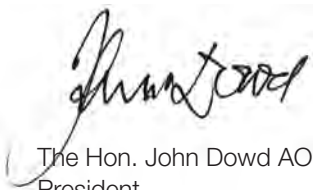
ActionAid Australia Director's Declaration

In the opinion of the directors of ActionAid Australia:

- (a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 7 to 30 are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 including;
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2015, and of its performance, for the financial year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) Reduced Disclosure Requirements and Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Regulations 2013; and
 - (iii) complying with the ACFID Code of Conduct for non-governmental development organisations; and
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Dated at Sydney this 31st day of March 2016

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.



The Hon. John Dowd AO QC
President



Carole Brownlee
Director

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750,000 people marched in 175 cities around the world to call for action on climate change as part of the People's Climate March. Photo: Rachael Phillips/ActionAid.



ActionAid Australia acknowledges that it works and operates on the land of the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation, and recognizes its leaders past and present. This year, our staff team took time out to extend our understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history, particularly in Sydney. We thank the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence for their time and generosity, and we stand in solidarity with Indigenous Australians in their quest for justice and dignity.

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