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ActionAid Australia
Annual Report 2016



WHO WE ARE



VISION

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

ActionAid has been working with local and community-based organisations since 1972. Our core focus is to work alongside women and communities facing injustice and exclusion, to create long-term, positive change across 47 countries.

ActionAid Australia acknowledges that it works and operates on the land of the Cadigal people of the Eora Nation, and recognises its leaders, past and present.



MISSION

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

MISSION OBJECTIVE 1:

Enable poor and excluded people, particularly women, to claim their rights through securing access to, and control over, the productive resources and decision making processes essential to improving their livelihoods.

MISSION OBJECTIVE 2:

Protect women's rights by preventing and responding to gender-based violence against women during disasters and conflicts.



VALUES

Mutual respect requiring us to recognise 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 and 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 and radical, bold and innovative in pursuit of 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, recognising that we are part of a broader alliance, all fighting against poverty.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2016 was a huge year for ActionAid Australia. We supported women to have their voices heard by decision makers in communities and at international moments, such as the World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul, which we supported women from six countries to attend. We stood behind women as they mobilised for their land rights, supporting women from all over Africa to summit Mount Kilimanjaro to demand recognition. We established an activist network in Australia to campaign for our Government and other decision makers to uphold the rights of women all over the world.

Taking stock of the world around us, we began to work towards a new strategy, recognising the rapidly changing external environment, which presents both challenges and opportunities that we need to plan for. It is with a sense of accomplishment that we mark the conclusion of Changing the Rules, our 2012-2017 strategy, and reflect on our impact over the past four years – achievements we look at more closely on page 24.

We also say farewell to our Executive Director, Archie Law, who has moved on from ActionAid after almost a decade with the organisation. It is with pride that we reflect on all of the organisation's achievements under Archie's leadership. During this time, ActionAid Australia has evolved into an organisation that puts women's rights at the centre of its

work. We have grown our expertise in supporting women's leadership in emergencies, and in supporting women and communities experiencing poverty and exclusion to mobilise for their rights. We have grown our campaigning capacity in Australia, and taken significant actions for women's rights with our growing activist community. We have become an anti-poverty organisation that is bold in our actions, committed to taking a stand in pursuit of a world that is just for all.

It is from this platform that we move into 2017, and focus on the future. This year we launch our new strategy, which will guide the organisation through the next five years. Moving forward, we will sharpen our focus on women's rights in emergencies and prioritise achieving climate justice and economic justice for women through programs around the world and campaigning in Australia. As we progress this work, we will seek to build stronger movements and alliances to influence change, and keep women living in poverty and exclusion at the centre of our work.

For now, we are celebrating the achievements of 2016, and a tremendous year that lies behind us.

John Dowd and Michelle Higelin

Board Chair and Interim Executive Director



After five days of hiking, 26 rural women from across Africa reached Mount Kilimanjaro's summit with the support of ActionAid and Intrepid to raise awareness for women's land rights. Photo: Georgina Godwin/ActionAid.



WHERE WE WORK

AUSTRALIA

We raised \$9.8m through public fundraising and campaigned with 47,000 supporters on global women's rights issues.

AFGHANISTAN

We supported women in vulnerable communities to understand and claim their rights, and improve their livelihoods through farming.

HAITI

We trained 510 women leaders to lead their communities in responding to and recovering from Hurricane Matthew.

OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES (OPT)

We established women's groups and trained 85 women as community leaders to raise awareness of and campaign for their rights.

UGANDA

We supported women farmers to improve their livelihoods, to mobilise and engage with the government and decision makers to demand their rights to land and resources.

LIBERIA

We supported women-led organisations to ensure 10,000 people in post-Ebola communities were able to improve their livelihoods and access to health and justice services.

PAKISTAN

We worked with 3,512 people, mostly women, to improve their livelihoods, food security and women's safety.

KENYA

We supported smallholder women farmers to work together to improve their economic security and understand and claim their rights.

BANGLADESH

We supported more than 3,000 people, mainly women, to build the resilience of their communities to disasters.

NEPAL

We supported 6,000 women to access safe spaces for women, building their leadership and resilience, in the continuing recovery from the 2015 Nepal earthquakes.

CAMBODIA

We worked with over 6,500 members of women's groups to advocate for Phnom Penh as a safer city for women.

FIJI

We facilitated a local, women-led response to Cyclone Winston and supported women to engage with national and international humanitarian actors.

MYANMAR

We established a social enterprise partnership; supporting more than 930 women artisans to reach the global market with their crafts.

THE PHILIPPINES

We provided training and support for women to lead in building the resilience of their communities to disasters.

VANUATU

We supported over 3,000 women to come together in forums to advocate for their rights as women and develop emergency preparedness plans.

SUPPORTING WOMEN TO CLAIM THEIR LAND RIGHTS

In many communities in which ActionAid works, women have limited, if any, rights to own land or property. For women in rural communities across Africa, this is the major obstacle to building a livelihood and claiming their human rights.

In 2016, ActionAid Australia supported women from rural communities across Africa to come together at Mount Kilimanjaro to demand their rights to land and productive resources.



26 RURAL WOMEN

climbed to the peak of Mount Kilimanjaro with ActionAid and Intrepid's support to raise awareness for the women's land rights struggle.

450 WOMEN from 22 countries gathered at the foothills of Kilimanjaro for a three-day women's assembly.

- The rural women's assembly finalised a charter of demands, which was handed over to the African Union and the United Nations and will be used for engagements with national governments.
- Kilimanjaro marked a key moment in a campaign that brought thousands of women from across Africa together to call on their communities and their governments to recognise women's land rights in law and everyday life.

In the Amuru and Nwoya districts of Northern Uganda, women have spent a number of years organising to take collective action and claim their rights to land. ActionAid Australia has supported them on this journey, providing training in campaigning and advocacy skills. Using these skills, in 2016, women from Amuru and Nwoya took great steps forward in their campaign for women's land rights.



200 RURAL WOMEN mobilised themselves and formed a Northern Uganda land rights platform.

- The land rights platform produced a rights charter, which they delivered to local decision making authorities.
- Representatives of the land rights platform met in Kampala with other women's groups from across Uganda to discuss their demands and future plans.
- The women's land rights movement in Northern Uganda has been reported in national media.



Polly Apio, a smallholder farmer and women's rights activist from Uganda, makes her way towards Kibo Hut, close to Mount Kilimanjaro's summit.
Photo: Georgina Godwin/ActionAid

WOMEN-LED HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

CYCLONE WINSTON struck **FIJI** in early February, affecting 350,000 people. It was the strongest tropical cyclone to hit the Pacific island nation in recorded history.

ActionAid Australia supported local organisation FemLINK Pacific to facilitate a women-led response to the emergency by mobilising the national network of women involved in their Women's Weather Watch initiative. Together, ActionAid and FemLINK supported women to have their voices heard by humanitarian actors and Government agencies, and to lead humanitarian responses in their local communities.

160 WOMEN from the Women's Weather Watch participated in three trainings on the protection of women's rights.

WOMEN FROM 71 COMMUNITIES participated in 84 district consultations, 6 divisional consultations and 3 national consultations, sharing and receiving information on emergency response and preparedness plans.

We supported FemLINK to hold a national consultation, which brought together **41 LOCAL WOMEN** leaders from all over the country and targeted decision makers in the humanitarian sector, including the National Disaster Management Office, the Fijian Ministry of Women and international actors such as UN Women.

In October 2016, **HURRICANE MATTHEW** hit **HAITI**, destroying homes, infrastructure and vegetation, leaving 1.4 million people in need of humanitarian assistance.



ActionAid Australia supported women leaders in the region of Grand'Anse to establish protection plans to ensure that women's immediate and long-term needs were met in recovery efforts. The emergency response has laid a platform for increasing women's participation and leadership opportunities in community life.

510 WOMEN LEADERS participated in protection training to lead recovery efforts in their communities, and ensure that women's rights were protected through recovery processes.

FOUR LONG-TERM WOMEN FRIENDLY SAFE SPACES were established in four affected communities.

1,000 WOMEN were financially supported to restart businesses, and 20 female entrepreneurs were trained to make hygiene products for sale in their communities.

"BEFORE, WOMEN WERE NOT SEEN AS A PRIORITY. FOR EXAMPLE, THERE ARE NO WOMEN IN PARLIAMENT, ONLY MEN. WE NEED TO USE THIS AS A LESSON FOR WOMEN. WOMEN SHOULD BE SEEN AS A PRIORITY. AND WOMEN COMING TOGETHER CAN STRENGTHEN THIS WAY OF THINKING."

GINA JEAN FELIX, 36, ROSEAUX



Women march to the inauguration of the first ActionAid women friendly space in Jeremie, Grand'Anse
Photo: ActionAid

ADVOCATING FOR WOMEN-LED HUMANITARIAN ACTION

In May, ActionAid Australia supported women community leaders from five disaster affected countries, including Vanuatu, the Philippines, Liberia, Kenya, and Fiji, to attend the **WORLD HUMANITARIAN SUMMIT** in Istanbul. Together, these leaders ensured that the voices of women humanitarian responders were heard by international decision makers, and their experiences recognised by the international community.

- We launched *On the Frontline: Catalysing Women's Leadership in Humanitarian Action* - a new report on the barriers and opportunities faced by women leading humanitarian action.



Ambassador for women and girls, Natasha Stott Despoja.

- We supported women leaders to speak at two side events, advocating for the role of women in humanitarian response to be recognised by the humanitarian community.

In October, ActionAid collaborated with Pacific organisations FemLINKpacific, Pacific Disability Forum and Pacific Community (SPC) to launch the

SHIFTING THE POWER COALITION

—a coalition of Pacific-based NGOs aiming to shift power from traditional international humanitarian structures to local women. The formation of the Coalition sets solid foundations in 2017 for strengthening Pacific women's leadership and agency in humanitarian action, from disaster preparedness to response and recovery.

The Shifting the Power Coalition is supporting women-led humanitarian action through:

TECHNICAL TRAINING AND SUPPORT

BUILDING NETWORKS:

supporting women to engage with local and national decision makers

RESEARCH: to influence key decision making processes

ADVOCACY: supporting women to raise their voices at regional level



"WE NEED SUPPORT, WE NEED RESOURCES, WE WANT TRAINING, BUT MOST OF ALL WE WANT TO PARTICIPATE AND BE INVOLVED IN DECISION MAKING. IT IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO JUST CONSULT US, WE WANT SPACE ON THE TABLE"

MARY JACK



Mary Jack, the manager of the Women I Tok Tok Tuketha Forum in Vanuatu was one of five women supported to attend the World Humanitarian Summit.

Photo: Iuma Bani/ActionAid

RESILIENCE THROUGH WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP

In **BANGLADESH**, ActionAid Australia supported women to break down gender barriers and lead their communities in building resilience to disasters like floods and cyclones. In groups, women explored alternative livelihood opportunities to improve their economic and food security to protect themselves against the effects of disasters, and formed plans to advocate for women's rights in their communities.

WOMEN used ActionAid's Measuring People's Resilience toolkit to identify gender inequalities that lead to the disproportionate impact of disasters on women and girls.

36 WOMEN LEADERS LED 443 community participants to develop community resilience action plans.

A total of **70 WOMEN'S GROUPS** have collectively identified the services and resources required to address economic inequality and formed action plans to advocate for them.

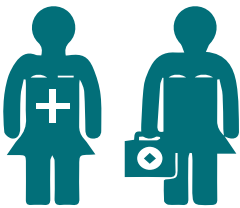
Three years on from **TYPHOON HAIYAN** in **THE PHILIPPINES**, women living in affected communities in the Philippines have established themselves as leaders in disaster preparedness and response. Through trainings facilitated with our local partner, PKKK, women developed their leadership skills and their understanding of humanitarian response and women's rights.

Women leaders have now established women-led disaster risk reduction committees in **THEIR COMMUNITIES** that are linked to existing local government structures.

- A Women's Rights in Emergencies Network (WENet) has been established to provide a platform for women to engage in national policy and decision making and advocate for women's rights in humanitarian action.

3500 WOMEN REACHED through community campaigns became more aware of their rights to protection during emergencies.

308 PEOPLE (236 WOMEN) trained in first aid and as rescue leaders at community levels.



In communities affected by **CYCLONE PAM** which hit **VANUATU** in 2015, ActionAid Australia supported women to mobilise and claim their rights, while also working together to build the resilience of their communities to disasters.

3,000 WOMEN CAME TOGETHER at the Women I Tok Tok Tuketha (Women Talk Talk Together) forums to build emergency preparedness and protection plans for their communities.

- ActionAid facilitated national consultations bringing diverse local organisations together and enabling local women to raise their voices to influence decision makers.
- ActionAid supported women leaders to establish a school aged girls' program working with 100 girls to equip them with the skills they need to protect themselves from greater risk of violence in the wake of Cyclone Pam.
- Used ActionAid's Women's Resilience Index to collect critical data on the impact of gender inequality on resilience to disasters.



Women wade through floodwater in the North Channel Union, a community particularly prone to seasonal flooding in Faridpur, Bangladesh. Photo: ActionAid

SUPPORTING WOMEN FARMERS TO CULTIVATE THEIR RIGHTS

In drought-prone rural communities in **KENYA AND UGANDA**, evaluations have established that women smallholder farmers have worked together to improve their livelihoods, economic security and stand up for their rights.

After agricultural training and exposure to new techniques and technologies, women are farming more effectively, improving their production rates and their incomes.

Women were also supported to come together to build awareness of their rights, and with ActionAid's support, they have successfully engaged with government policies and services.

**WE WORKED WITH
6,500
SMALLHOLDER FARMERS
(80% WOMEN)**



- The average income increased from \$5 to \$15 among the farmers in Uganda; and \$10 to \$50 among those in Kenya.
- One farmer's group in Kenya increased their income to \$300.
- Farmers reported improved control over seven productive assets – water, land, livestock, cash, equipment, agricultural knowledge and seeds.

- Women reported that they were making more decisions in their households and participating more freely in public life.

In communities across six districts in

AFGHANISTAN'S dry areas, women are improving their food and economic security through farming, building their dignity and confidence as women and raising their voices to claim their rights.

Women came together to attend trainings that not only built their skills in farming and business, but have also provided a platform for improving public mobility. Increasingly, women are leaving their houses, coming together and speaking up about their rights in their communities.

Almost **2,000 WOMEN** have improved their food security and incomes through farming crops and livestock (1,066 with vegetable gardens, 497 with chickens and 388 rearing goats and sheep).

- Farmers more than doubled their yields using new varieties of wheat.
- 770 WOMEN** built their understanding of and capacity to stand up for their rights through training and public meetings.
- 9 farmers associations were established to support farmers to engage with markets.



Mary Lomuria Alarilho, a smallholder farmer from Isiolo, Kenya, where she is the leader of a local women farmer's collective, established with ActionAid's support. Photo: Stephanie Simcox/ActionAid

SUPPORTING WOMEN-LED ECONOMIC ALTERNATIVES

In 2016, ActionAid Australia, with the support of DFAT¹, coordinated the establishment of an innovative business partnership to support women living in **MYANMAR'S 'DRYZONE'** to realise their economic independence and claim their rights. These women are skilled artisanal weavers and tailors, but are remote from markets and opportunities to develop business skills and earn income.

How the partnership links women producers with the global market:

ActionAid Myanmar has supported **MORE THAN 930 WOMEN** to form producer groups, and established the social enterprise MBoutik to sell their produced goods.

ActionAid Australia has facilitated a partnership between MBoutik and The Fabric Social, an Australian ethical online fashion business, who are developing collections and distributing the clothes of Myanmar women to a global market.



1. Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

MBoutik is supported to become a financially sustainable business as its producers build their livelihoods and are exposed to new economic opportunities and new skills.

90 WOMEN LEADERS TOOK BUSINESS SKILLS TRAINING

In the harsh conditions of **TEHSIL YAZMAN, IN PUNJAB, PAKISTAN,** women

improved their economic and food security through gardening. The women reported that they have fulfilled their goal of calling themselves 'farmers' and report feeling increasingly confident. Coming together in groups, in 2016 the women mobilised to stand up for their rights and raised their voices to influence community decisions.

- **10 WOMEN'S GROUPS** have been established, which are raising awareness to stop gender-based violence, promote women's rights and improve public services in their communities.
- **TWO WOMEN** involved in the project have taken up community-level political leadership positions.



Yin Yin Aye, one of MBoutik's tailors from the Myaing Township.
Photo: Fiona McAlpine/The Fabric Social



WOMEN HOLDING THE MINING INDUSTRY TO ACCOUNT

In 2016 we found out that Efic, Australia's export credit agency, was considering funding a huge new coalmine in Limpopo, South Africa.

The impact of the mine on local communities

WOULD BE DEVASTATING - PARTICULARLY FOR WOMEN.

Local women in Lephalale are campaigning against the opening of the Boikarabelo mine with support from ActionAid South Africa, and we are standing behind them. We have launched a campaign to stop Efic from funding the mine, which will continue in 2017.

We worked with ActionAid South Africa and women in Lephalale to stand in solidarity with their campaign to stop the Boikarabelo coal mine.

**MORE THAN
12,000**

Australian Supporters signed our petition urging Efic to rule out funding the Boikarabelo coal mine.



- We partnered with Jubilee Australia to write to the Efic Board to express our concerns, and then met with a representative from Efic.



In **MUBENDE** in **CENTRAL**

UGANDA, ActionAid supported women working in the artisanal gold mining camp to organise and take collective action to protect their rights and ensure that the mine is providing opportunities for women to improve their economic security. The miners, through training and access to new technology have also improved the safety and efficiency of their practices.



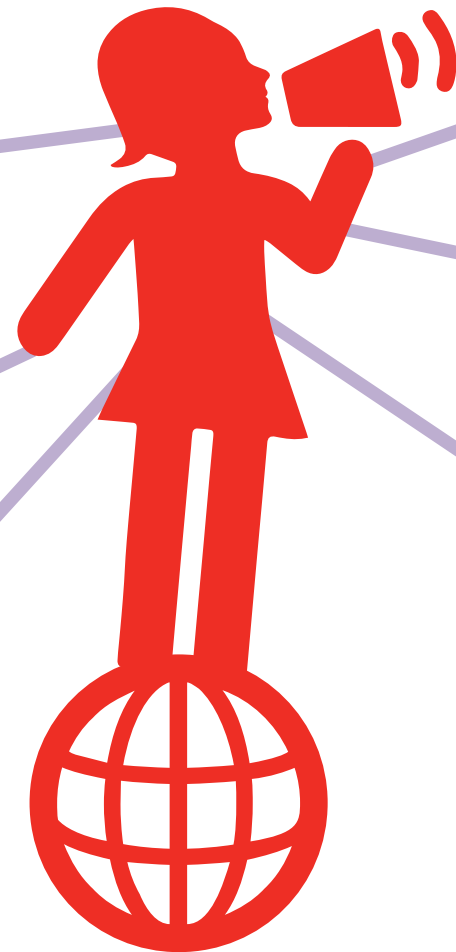
80 women miners were supported to mobilise and engage with government and decision makers to influence mining laws and policies.

- Miners used new equipment and techniques to improve their health and safety in the mine.
- Women miners were trained in environmental and waste management and learnt to recycle waste material.



Francina Nkosi (far right) is one of many inspiring women campaigning against the mining industry in Limpopo, South Africa. Photo: ActionAid

RAISING WOMEN'S VOICES



**OUR DIGITAL COMMUNITY
ACROSS EACH OF OUR
SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS**

**INCREASED BY 27%, WITH
A 266%** increase in engagement on
2015.



**OUR FACEBOOK FOLLOWING
INCREASED TO 10,000.**



**ACTIONAID AUSTRALIA'S WORK
WAS COVERED BY ABC, SBS, THE
AUSTRALIAN, THE HERALD
SUN, BUZZFEED, TIMEOUT
AND MAMAMIA**



**OUR TWITTER FOLLOWING
INCREASED TO 7,000**



**MAJOR FEATURES AND
EDITORIALS WERE PUBLISHED
WITH SBS, WOMEN'S AGENDA
AND THE WENTWORTH COURIER.**



**16 OF AUSTRALIA'S TOP
FEMALE COMEDIANS**, including
ActionAid Ambassadors Judith Lucy and
Claire Hooper, performed in support of Ac-
tionAid and the women we work with around
the world.

**MORE THAN 2000 PEOPLE
ATTENDED FROCKING HILARIOUS
AT SHOWS IN SYDNEY AND
MELBOURNE.**

ActionAid Australia ambassador Judith
Lucy performs at Frocking Hilarious in
Melbourne. Photo: ActionAid



MOBILISING FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS AROUND THE WORLD

WE INCREASED OUR CAMPAIGNS BASE FROM 31,000 TO 47,000 PEOPLE

BUILDING OUR NETWORK

- At the end of **2016**, we launched **A NEW CAMPAIGNING INITIATIVE** to build a network of grassroots activists across Australia.
- **124 PEOPLE** attended initial community outreach events in Sydney and Melbourne.



During 16 Days of Activism,

MORE THAN 1000 people put their hands up to campaign locally in 2017.

WORKING IN SOLIDARITY



- We worked as a member of the **TAX JUSTICE NETWORK**, drawing attention to the disproportionate impact of corporate tax dodging on women in low-income communities.
- We collaborated with **44 ORGANISATIONS** and individuals to send an open letter to the Prime Minister demanding that the Australian Government crackdown on tax dodging in light of the Panama Papers leak.
- We united with a coalition of unions and NGOs to drive the Australia-wide People's Inquiry into Privatisation, making sure that the impact that privatisation of public services has on women came through clearly in the process.

TAKING ACTION



- More than **12,000 AUSTRALIAN SUPPORTERS** joined us alongside South African women's activists to petition Efic to rule out funding the Boikarabelo coal mine.
- **191 OF OUR SUPPORTERS** made budget submissions, contributing to the public groundswell that encouraged the Australian Government to implement new measures to crack down on corporate tax dodging.
- **144 OF OUR SUPPORTERS** personally emailed the Prime Minister demanding that the Australian government puts into place basic transparency laws for Australian corporations.



ActionAid supporters hit the streets to campaign for women's rights.
Photo: ActionAid

LOOKING BACK, STEPPING FORWARD

In 2012, ActionAid Australia launched *Changing the Rules*, a five year strategy to advance our mission for a world without poverty and injustice.

Through access to training, new techniques and technologies, ActionAid Australia has supported women all around the world to increase their economic security, understanding of their rights and their collective power to influence government policies and practices. We have also supported women to build strong regional alliances to claim their land rights. An achievement encapsulated as women from 22 African countries united at Mount Kilimanjaro to issue their demands to their governments and world leaders.

Our work to advance women's rights in emergencies continues to expand with ActionAid Australia providing global leadership in the federation on this work. We have supported women to lead local responses and mobilise to protect their rights in emergencies in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond. We have formed strong alliances in the Pacific with women's organisations to ensure that women and local communities are leading humanitarian action. We have also supported women first responders to raise their voices in global policy spaces such as the World Humanitarian Summit and UN Commission on the Status of Women.

Under *Changing the Rules*, we have built a base of passionate Australian supporters who are standing with us to challenge injustice. From demanding an end to unjust tax practices that rob low income countries of vital public revenue to calling for safer cities for women and girls, Australians have united to call out some of the structural causes that continue to keep people in poverty.

We look back proudly on the achievements of our past five years. Since 2012, we have fulfilled our objectives of standing behind women who have claimed their rights to land and productive resources and of supporting women to protect and advance their rights during disasters and in the years beyond. These achievements in fulfilling *Changing the Rules* position us well to take on a bold new strategy in 2017.



Mary Adera Litewo, a farmer from Kenya, and one of 22 women who climbed to Kilimanjaro's summit for the women's land rights campaign in 2016. Photo: Georgina Goodwin/ActionAid

OUR BOARD

ActionAid Australia’s Board is responsible for the governance of the organisation, 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

**Susan Brennan
BA/LLB (Hons)**

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

**Margaret Alston
LLB (Melb)
Dip ED (Melb)**

Member Advisory Committee, Friends of Suai,
City of Port Phillip, 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

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

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

**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

**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 - 28 July 2016

OUR FINANCES

During 2016, ActionAid Australia's operating revenue increased by 38% to \$13.1m. The increase in operating revenue was mainly due to a large bequest income, DFAT and overseas grants, emergency appeals, and investment income. Public funds raised totalled \$9.8m and comprised 75% of operating revenue for the year, compared with 44% in the previous year. Public funds included donations and gifts received from Australian individuals and organisations, as well as non-monetary income, such as volunteer or pro bono services. In 2016, ActionAid Australia also received funds from donors who left gifts in their wills, totalling \$6.4m, contributed to 48% of operating revenue. Grant income, valued at \$3.1m, contributed to 23% of operating revenue.

Of this, \$3.0m was from DFAT and \$639 from other Australian sources. Interest income received was \$174,249; overseas income was \$80,174; and other income was \$53,454 (due mainly to additional fund raising activities, such as Frocking Hilarious events). Our total program expenditure was 63% of

expenditure for 2016, a decrease compared to 68% in 2015. Of this, overseas projects received \$3.7m (41%), \$1.3m (15%) funded project management costs in Australia and \$0.7m (8%) 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 23% of total expenditure, an increase compared to 20% in 2015. The significant acquisition of fundraising investment approved by the Board resulted in increased costs compared with 2015. Accountability and administration costs were 13% of expenditure in 2016, an increase compared to 11% in 2015, due to reduction in programme expenditure and increase in Strategy Development process and IT equipment upgrade costs.

The full financial report for the year ended 31 December 2016 is available on request or on the ActionAid Australia website at www.actionaid.org/australia.

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 Guidance Document available at www.acfid.asn.au.

In order to lodge a complaint against ActionAid Australia please email complaints.au@actionaid.org. 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.



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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 2016, 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 2016. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on that financial report in our report dated 27 May 2017.

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

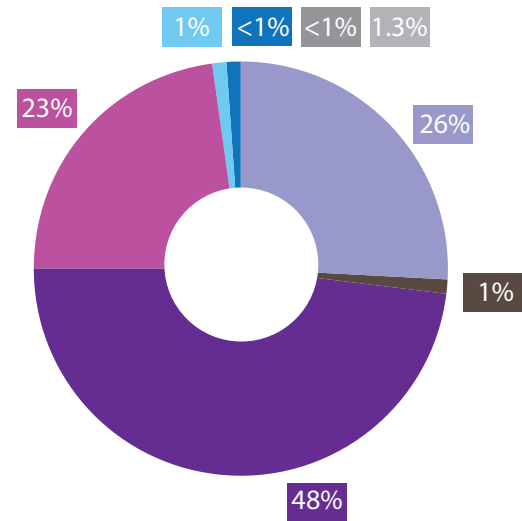
In our opinion, the Summary Financial Statement Report derived from the audited financial report of ActionAid Australia for the year ended 31 December 2016 is consistent, in all material respects, with that audited financial report, in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosures Requirements, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the ACFID Code of Conduct.

DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU

Gaile Timperley
Partner
Chartered Accountants
Sydney, 27 May 2017

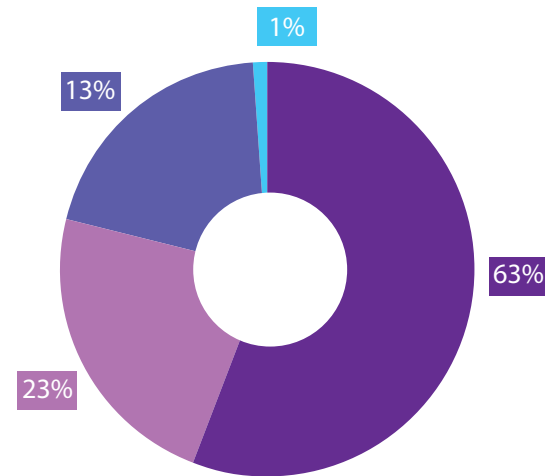
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Income



- 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

Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

For the year ended 31 December 2016

	Year ended 31 December 2016 Restricted \$	Year ended 31 December 2016 Unrestricted \$	Year ended 31 December 2016 Total \$	Year ended 31 December 2015 Total \$
REVENUE				
OPERATING REVENUE				
Donations and gifts				
Monetary	650,499	2,741,921	3,392,420	3,482,639
Non-monetary	-	101,708	101,708	68,989
Bequests and legacies	-	6,359,296	6,359,296	636,258
Grants				
DFAT ¹	2,993,408		2,993,408	4,768,911
Other Australian	638		638	30,627
Other overseas	80,174		80,174	152,921
Investment income	0	174,249	174,249	269 193
Other income		53,454	53,454	102,629
TOTAL REVENUE	3,724,719	9,430,628	13,155,347	9,512,167
EXPENDITURE				
International programs:				
Funds to programmes	2,793,181	890,000	3,683,181	4,584,907
Program support costs	536,013	791,448	1,327,461	1,220,131
Community education		700,433	700,433	666,874
Fundraising costs:				
Public	0	2,030,838	2,030,838	1,876,941
Government, multilateral			-	-
Accountability and administration	532,365	655,300	1,187,665	1,043,387
Non-monetary expenditure		101,708	101,708	68,989
Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure	3,861,559	5,169,727	9,031,286	9,461,229
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	3,861,559	5,169,727	9,031,286	9,461,229
- Operating excess/(shortfall) over expenditure	(136,840)	4,260,901	4,124,061	50,938
- Capital excess/(shortfall) over expenditure	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXCESS (SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE	(136,840)	4,260,901	4,124,061	50,938
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/ (LOSS)	(136,840)	4,260,901	4,124,061	50,938

DFAT¹ Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 31 December 2016

	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	-	-
Closing balance at 31 December 2015	737,666	3,968,012	50,000	4,755,678

	Retained earnings \$	Restricted funds reserves \$	Unrestricted funds reserves \$	Total undistributed funds \$
Opening balance at 1 January 2016	737,666	3,968,012	50,000	4,755,678
Surplus/(deficit)	4,124,061	-	-	4,124,061
Total comprehensive income	4,124,061	-	-	4,124,061
Transfers to/(from) reserves:	136,840	(136,840)	-	-
Total Closing Balance at 31 December 2016	4,998,567	3,831,172	50,000	8,879,739

For the year ended 31 December 2016 ActionAid Australia’s retained earnings increased by \$4.3m and its restricted funds reserve decreased by \$0.1m over the year and we ended 2016 with a total reserve of \$8.9m. ActionAid Australia does not utilise all funds immediately so that it can ensure that the funds are best used for long-term, sustainable outcomes.

Statement of Financial position

For the year ended 31 December 2016

	31 December 2016 \$	31 December 2015 \$
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	10,744,896	7,333,884
Trade and other receivables	61,193	74,297
Total current assets	10,806,089	7,408,181
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	104,918	113,997
Total non-current assets	104,918	113,997
Total assets	10,911,007	7,522,178

LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	562,456	458,343
Provisions - employee benefits	206,939	176,784
Other - deferred revenue	1,190,344	2,079,133
Total current liabilities	1,959,739	2,714,260
Non-current liabilities		
Provisions - employee benefits	71,529	52,240
Non-current liabilities	71,529	52,240
Total liabilities	2,031,268	2,766,500
Net assets	8,879,739	4,755,678

EQUITY		
Restricted funds capital reserve	3,018,577	3,018,577
Restricted funds other reserves	812,595	949,435
Unrestricted funds reserves	50,000	50,000
Retained earnings	4,998,567	737,666
Total equity	8,879,739	4,755,678

At 31 December 2016, ActionAid Australia had no balances in the following categories specified in the ACFID Code of Conduct: inventories, assets held for sale, other financial assets, non-current trade and other receivables, investment property, intangibles, other non-current asset, current tax liabilities, other financial liabilities, borrowings or other non-current liabilities.

As at 31 December 2016 Of ActionAid Australia’s total assets of \$10.9m, \$10.7m was held as cash, with around 77% of this amount being held in short-term term deposits at banks. The organisation’s largest liability, at \$1.2m, 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.

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 31 December 2016

	Year ended 31 December 2016	Year ended 31 December 2015
	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash receipts from appeals, donations & fundraising activities	9,751,716	4,118,897
Cash receipts from DFAT grants	2,335,232	4,414,422
Cash receipts from other grants	62,493	139,781
Proceeds from other activities	58,404	82,946
Interest received	165,249	308,830
Cash payments to suppliers and employees	(3,209,169)	(3,115,328)
Cash payments for project expenditure	(5,711,075)	(6,471,912)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	3,452,850	(522,364)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(41,838)	(30,469)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	(41,838)	(30,469)
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	3,411,012	(552,833)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	7,333,884	7,886,719
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	10,744,896	7,333,887

For the year ended 31 December 2016 The cash position of ActionAid Australia during 2016 increased by \$3.4m; this was mainly due to a net cash inflow of \$3.5m from operating activities through cash receipts from bequest, appeals, donations & other fundraising activities during the year.

Table of cash movements for designated purposes

Projects for which funds raised during the reporting period were more than 10% of the total operating revenue income of \$13,155,347.

	Cash available at 1 January 2016	Cash raised during the period	Cash disbursed during the period	Cash available at 31 December 2016
Project/Purpose				
Australia Africa Community Engagement Scheme (AACES)	566,639	-	699,211	(132,572)
Afghanistan Resilient Agriculture and Livelihoods Initiative for Socio Economic Empowerment (REALISE)	1,257,324	1,121,030	1,300,779	1,077,575
Total for other non-designated purposes	5,509,921	11,257,113	6,967,141	9,799,893
Total	7,333,884	12,378,143	8,967,131	10,744,896

ACTIONAID AUSTRALIA DIRECTOR'S DECLARATION

In the opinion of the directors of ActionAid Australia:

- (a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 30 to 39 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 2016, 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 27th day of May 2017

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.

The Hon. John Dowd AO QC
President

Carole Brownlee
Director

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The important work highlighted in this report would not be possible without the continued loyalty of our supporters.

In 2016, 16,297 Australian individuals, families, organisations, and groups contributed financially to the work of ActionAid Australia. This included several generous bequests, which have allowed us to plan for increased support for our work over the next three years.

Thank you for being part of the growing ActionAid community and supporting women to challenge injustice and inequality and claim their human rights.

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Front cover: Women smallholder farmers in Uganda have formed collectives with ActionAid's support. They are working together to grow produce and sell it at market, and at the same time, are lobbying their local governments for their rights as women farmers. Photo: Stephanie Simcox/ActionAid

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