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Haiti / Dominican Republic

ActionAid is an international NGO, which works in partnership with more than 5 million poor people in over 30 countries worldwide. ActionAid's vision is "a world without poverty in which every person can exercise their right to a life of dignity". In accordance with this vision, ActionAid's mission is to work with poor and marginalized people to eradicate poverty by overcoming the injustice and inequity that causes it.

The activities of ActionAid in Haiti began in 1997. ActionAid Haiti/Dominican Republic supports poor people's basic rights and needs, working at a practical level to improve access to basic services. We lobby the government and others for changes to the policies and practices that affect poor people's lives.

ActionAid aims to contribute to the establishment of a Haitian society deeply transformed in its structures and governed by a decentralized, nonexclusive state that respects human rights and demonstrates a collective, democratic structure. The programs & projects address the structural causes of poverty through the reinforcement of communities' capacities to express their demands. Further the approach is participative, seeking to involve the principal actors concerned in the search for solutions to their problems. As such, the projects included in the Country Program take into account these considerations and are implemented in partnership with local, national and international organizations.

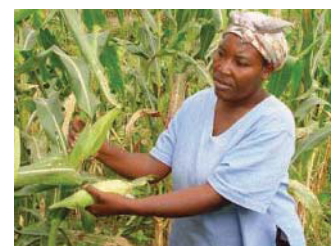


Work Themes

"AAI-HDR strives to build solidarity with communities, organizations and movements while working to influence governments on behalf of children, women and men in need-enabling those stricken by poverty to make demands for their own inalienable rights".

Right to Food

ActionAid promotes the right to food security through activities targeting; increased agricultural production, people's incomes, livestock, access to water, irrigation, crop diversification, soil and water conservation. We promote economic alternatives such as coffee and castor oil commercialization and women's micro-enterprises. We also aim to raise citizen's awareness through advocacy and campaign work.



Women's Rights

ActionAid fights for women's' rights because the majority of the world's poor are women and girls. Haiti and the Dominican Republic are no exception to this rule. Activities in this area include; campaigning against Violence against Women and HIV, challenging structural barriers to girls in education, gender training for CBOs, activities promoting women's access to and control over productive resources, economic initiatives targeting women as well as networking between women's rights groups.

Rights to a Free & Quality Education for All

Since 2003 ActionAid has been supporting 12 community centers in marginal urban areas of Port-au-Prince.

In Thiotte, in Haiti's southeast, ActionAid and partners built 4 community schools in response to the damage done in the Mapou area by flooding. We promote education in all of our DAs through materials and equipment support, community schoolbook cooperatives and campaign work aiming to make sure that the state guarantees the right to a free and quality education for all.



Rights to a Just & Democratic Governance

A rights-based approach emphasizes the participation of citizens and the ability of the poor and excluded to claim rights, make decisions and hold institutions to account. ActionAid believes that these are the foundations for deepening democratic processes where people can shape the state. Our actions



support participatory democracy, the decentralization process and the monitoring of the implementation of public policies.

Rights to Human Security

Our approach focuses on the rights of individuals and communities to human security in conflicts and emergencies. ActionAid works at reducing communities vulnerability, while reinforcing or developing their capacities to protect themselves against disasters, as well as getting the state to take appropriate measures and invest accordingly, to reduce the damages that disasters can cause.

Rights to a Life of Dignity in the Face of HIV & AIDS

At ActionAid, we know that poverty causes vulnerability to HIV infection and increases the severity of the impact of HIV&AIDS. We know that unequal power relations between men and women reduce the capacity of women and girls to negotiate safer sex and compound the impact of the epidemic on them. Activities focus on; Promoting women PLHA's central role, rights and leadership in an effective response, mobilizing against any and all stigma and discrimination with a focus on prevention and advocating for more effective and better coordinated political action by leaders in Haiti, the Dominican Republic and the Caribbean region.

Help ActionAid in Haiti and Dominican Republic continue its crucial work. With a small monthly or yearly contribution, we will be able to move forward in increasing the scope of our projects. We will be able to guarantee access to food supply, treated water, health services and

education for more people living in abject poverty both in the slums of our major cities and in impoverished rural areas.

“ActionAid’s mission is to eradicate poverty by working in partnership with poor people and their organizations’, to support them in their quest for basic rights and to help overcome social exclusion, injustice and inequality.”

To join us in the fight against poverty and become a supporter of ActionAid is easy. Simply contact us for further information at:

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