

ActionAid UK

Open Information Policy

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1. Foreword

AAUK's Open Information Policy implements ActionAid's International Global Information Policy in the UK. This document should be read in conjunction with [ActionAid International's Global Information Policy](#) and [ActionAid's Constitution](#).

2. Key stakeholders?

The key stakeholders for this Open Information Policy are ActionAid UK's trustees, staff and volunteers, our member organisations, our supporters including donors and partners and the UK general public.

In addition, we also have a responsibility to ensure we communicate information that is in the public interest in relation to sources of funding that originate from public money and our registered charity status.

3. What information is shared under this policy?

The following is not a definitive list but indicates the status of the most common types of information that is shared by organisations within the development and charity sectors.

ActionAid UK may also share information not included on this list via our website: <https://www.actionaid.org.uk> and other platforms.

Please contact supportercontact@actionaid.org if you have any questions about this open information statement.

| | Type of Information | Where information available on our website |
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| Organisation | Mission, vision, values | https://www.actionaid.org.uk/about-us/ourstrategy#headerLink-1 |
| | Memberships and affiliations | Please contact supportercontact@actionaid.org to request further information on our members and affiliates. |

| | Type of Information | Where information available on our website |
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| | Contact details | If you wish to provide any feedback, please use the contact details in this link – you can contact us by post, email and telephone: https://www.actionaid.org.uk/aboutus/contact-us |
| | Complaint procedure | https://www.actionaid.org.uk/aboutus/complaints-procedure |
| | Charity Commission number, link to CC webpage | ActionAid is a charitable company limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales (company number 01295174). ActionAid is a registered charity in England and Wales (274467) and Scotland (SC045476). ActionAid UK, 33-39 Bowling Green Lane, London EC1R 0BJ – this information is clearly stated at the bottom of each page on our website. Companies House (England and Wales) https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/ England and Wales Charity Register https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-search Scottish Charity Regulator https://www.oscr.org.uk/about-charities/search-the-register/register-search/ |
| Governance and structure | Board of Trustees & Staff – people and roles in decision making process | https://www.actionaid.org.uk/about-us/ourtrustees-and-directors |
| | Salary level of CEO | The salary of our CEO is included in our Annual Remuneration Statement in our Trustee Report and Accounts https://www.actionaid.org.uk/about-us/transparency-and-accountability/annual-report-and-accounts |
| | Safeguarding policy | https://www.actionaid.org.uk/about-us/oursafeguarding-commitments |
| | Whistleblowing policy | Contact supportercontact@actionaid.org to request a copy of our policy |

| | Type of Information | Where information available on our website |
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| | Diversity & Inclusion Policy | Contact to supportercontact@actionaid.org request a copy of our policy |
| | Privacy policy | https://www.actionaid.org.uk/aboutus/actionaid-respects-your-privacy |
| | Environmental impact policy | Contact supportercontact@actionaid.org to request a copy of our policy |
| Finance and grants | Income and expenditure (annual accounts) | We publish our financial information through our annual accounts updated each year in May. https://www.actionaid.org.uk/about-us/transparency-and-accountability/annual-report-and-accounts |
| | International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) data | IATI is a global initiative to improve the transparency of development and humanitarian resources based on an open data standard. AAUK's data and details about what we currently publish to IATI can be found here: https://iatiregistry.org/publisher/about/aauk |
| | Core Humanitarian Standards | The CHS Alliance is a global alliance of humanitarian and development organisations committed to making aid work better for people. The ActionAid Federation are members of Core Humanitarian Standards and were the first ever member organisation to become independently verified as a group. https://www.chsalliance.org/about/our-members/actionaid-international/ |

| | Type of Information | Where information available on our website |
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| | Bribery, corruption and fraud | https://www.actionaid.org.uk/aboutus/transparency Contact supportercontact@actionaid.org to request a copy of our policies |
| | Procurement policy | Contact supportercontact@actionaid.org to request a copy of our policy |
| | Fundraising policies and guidelines | Contact supportercontact@actionaid.org to request a copy of our policy |
| Performance | Strategy | https://www.actionaid.org.uk/about-us/ourstrategy |
| | Annual summary of progress against our charitable objectives and strategy. | We provide information about our impact and effectiveness through our Annual Reports and our website: https://www.actionaid.org.uk/about-us/transparency-and-accountability/annual-report-and-accounts |

4. Data protection and privacy

ActionAid UK is subject to data protection and privacy legislation and therefore we are unable to disclose personal private data covered by this legislation without consent unless we are obliged or permitted by law to do so. You can find further information [here](#).

5. Circumstances under which we may be unable to provide information

In some instances, ActionAid UK may not be able to provide all the information requested from us and ActionAid UK reserves the right to anonymise or exclude certain information. Reasons to do this might include:

- Security: the disclosure of information may present a risk to the safety and security of staff and operations, either for ActionAid UK or other organisations, and of the rightsholders and communities we work with. This decision is not subject to appeal.
- Privacy: where disclosure would breach data protection legislation or an individuals' right to privacy. For example, we will not share the personal details of our staff, volunteers or individual supporters and of the rights-holders and communities we work with. This decision is not subject to appeal. We will share the information we hold on a supporter with that supporter.
- Confidentiality: the information is confidential on legal, business or contractual grounds. This decision is not subject to appeal. Where ActionAid UK has grants that fall within this exclusion category, we are committed to working with our funders to move towards allowing us to share information with our stakeholders.

- **Cost:** the financial or time cost of disclosing the information would be unreasonably high or there is no discernible public benefit to making the information available. ActionAid UK is a medium sized organisation and we need to balance our commitment to transparency with our delivery of results, especially where it involves public or member funds. Appeal via complaints procedure.
- **Vexatious, offensive or unreasonable requests:** we may decline to correspond if a person deliberately behaves in an offensive or abusive manner, aims to obtain information by deceit (for example by using false contact details or other misrepresentation) or otherwise engages in unreasonable conduct. Appeal via complaints procedure.
- **Historical information:** if the information requested is historical, it may be difficult and costly for ActionAid UK to obtain archived material. Appeal via complaints procedure.
- **Internal processes:** Making the information publicly available would constrain the ability of ActionAid UK's staff members and other stakeholders to freely exchange ideas and information when making decisions. Appeal via complaints procedure.

As well as information that is permanently unavailable or anonymised, we may delay or suspend the publication of some information for a limited period. This will be for one of the following reasons:

- Information on a is likely to change significantly, so it makes more sense to withhold publication of information until the updated and/or confirmed information is available. For example, most financial information is subject to change until the accounts for the period have been closed and audited.
- The publication of certain information threatens a specific objective that is currently being worked towards. In these cases, it might be decided that the information should not be made available until that work has progressed further. For example, if a project involves supporting a community to engage in sensitive negotiations with local government, publicising the nature of this work could threaten the successful outcome.

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Governance of ActionAid UK's Open Information Policy

This policy has been approved by ActionAid UK Trustees and our senior management team and will be reviewed on an annual basis.