We are a Regional African-led non-governmental organisation that supports livelihood-challenged communities in East and Southern Africa, working in South Sudan, Uganda, Zambia, Somalia, and Kenya. We are passionate about communities and have over 20 years’ experience working with them in conflict and post-conflict situations. Our work supports refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs), returnees and host communities around refugee settlements and camps, pastoralists and urban slum dwellers.

**OUR VISION** - improved quality of life for livelihood-challenged communities in Africa.

**OUR MISSION** - to support livelihood-challenged communities in Africa to sustainably improve their quality of life.

**OUR CORE VALUES**

- Integrity in all that we do
- Compassion for livelihood-challenged communities
- Partnership with shared responsibilities
- Innovation in programming
- Respect for all stakeholders

**OUR STRATEGY**

Our current five-year strategy (2014-2018) will focus on the following five strategic objectives:

2. Designing and delivering sustainable basic services in partnership with livelihood-challenged communities.
3. Facilitating humanitarian relief and recovery programmes for displaced and returnee populations to attain sustainable solutions.
4. Strengthening the capacity of implementing partners for improved service delivery and governance.
5. Enhancing the capacity, efficiency, effectiveness and learning of AAH-I to innovatively deliver its mission.

**RESEARCH TO SUPPORT THEMATIC PRIORITIES**

Our approach on research is to provide an evidence base to support delivery of our work. We are currently growing a portfolio of research projects in the region, some of which are testing innovations mostly in health, in collaboration with global research institutions and funding bodies.

**OUR KEY THEMES**

1. BASIC SERVICES

**Health** - We partner with governments and organisations to improve access to quality health services. Our work includes building and strengthening health systems, training health workers and raising awareness among target communities.

**Water and Sanitation** - We work to improve access to clean water for communities through protection of springs, installation of water harvesting systems in schools and health centres, and rehabilitation of boreholes.

**Education** - We work to improve quality, access and delivery of basic education and tertiary education for communities including refugees.

**Humanitarian relief and recovery** - We have over 20 years’ experience as a humanitarian relief agency that applies a long-term development approach to working with communities in situations of chronic crises. We are also involved in fleet management and logistics operations associated with humanitarian work in the region and are a key implementing partner for UNHCR.

**GOVERNANCE, CIVIL SOCIETY STRENGTHENING AND PEACE BUILDING**

We support communities to become active participants in processes that promote development. We support the set-up and strengthening of community structures, such as Village Health Committees, Water Users Committees and Safe Motherhood Action Groups. We also support wide peace-building activities through the use of sports, cultural activities like drama, songs and dances, and art.

**FOOD AND INCOME SECURITY**

Our work aims to increase community capacity to improve food and income security by promoting better farming and animal husbandry practices, supporting market development and access for farmers, and implementing livelihood projects to increase refugees’ self-reliance and resilience.

**HUMANITARIAN RELIEF AND RECOVERY**

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**INNOVATION IN PROGRAMMING**

- Developing, promoting and implementing innovative entrepreneurial and sustainable livelihood programmes.
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**EVIDENCE BASE TO SUPPORT DELIVERY OF OUR WORK**

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**OUR CURRENT FIVE-YEAR STRATEGY (2014-2018)**

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**OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS, OUR HUMANITARIAN RELIEF AND RECOVERY PROGRAMME HAS DELIVERED SUPPORT TO OVER 500,000 REFUGEES AND ABOUT ONE MILLION INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS**
SOUTH SUDAN

AAH South Sudan programme was started over 20 years ago and is the largest of AAH-I’s five country programmes. It is uniquely known for its AAH South Sudan Programme:

- Supporting logistics and fleet management for refugees, stayees, returnees, and host communities
- Implementing a successful project aimed at improving farming technologies through extension services

Since 2012, AAH Zambia has also been managing an urban refugee programme over 45,000 refugees mainly from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

In 2012, the programme launched an expanded mandate covering key interventions and sectors in 10 Kenya

Most recently AAH Kenya has expanded to incorporate the Mara Enterprise Development project that is a two-year project that aims to support development of an “entrepreneurial mindset” in community members and is primarily working with livestock keepers, women traders and the youth to improve their economic well-being.

AAH Kenya is addressing development challenges in partnership with marginalised Kenyan communities mainly living in low income urban and rural settings including and around and areas (SAAU).

It has been working since 2005 in Narok County under the flagship ‘Improving the Standard of Living of Pastoralist Communities in Mara Districts’ programme covering water, sanitation and health sectors in the 14 sub-localities of Mara Division. The programme has effectively utilised a strong community-based approach, working with local community development and extension workers of the Mara District Development Programme (MDDP). In 2012, the programme launched an expanded mandate covering key interventions and sectors in 10 Kenya.

AAH Zambia programme was launched in 2001 initially to manage a refugee programme supported by UNHCR in Kala and Mwange Camps in Northern Zambia. The programme, which ran for 10 years, benefitted more than 10,000 school-going children from both refugee and host communities.

Beginning in 2014, the programme was selected as a UNHCR Implementing Partner for livelihoods and self-reliance interventions in Somalia and for a logistics project in South Central Zone.

SOMALIA

AAH moved into Puntland in 1997, working with the Ministry of Health in the initial years laying the groundwork for an effective health system in San Region despite on-going conflict and insecurity. This included development of the Garis Hospital that extended to Halkashan and Banadir-Beyla Districts with funding from the European Union and UNAIDS.

In the early to mid-2000s, the programme successfully ran the Integrated Basic Health Services project supporting the Banadir Hospital that led to improved services at the facility through strengthened management systems and proper equipping of vital departments. The project also ensured a constant supply of essential drugs and presence of well-trained staff.

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UGANDA

AAH Uganda has been in operation since 1993 delivering services in five refugee settlements in Moyo, Adjinjan, Rumezi, Kyeiagwali and Kiryandongo (Northeastern) acting as a host community benefiting over 200,000 multi-national refugees from South Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Burundi, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Somalia, and Kenya. Over the years, the refugee care programme has gradually evolved into a comprehensive, integrated, multi-sectoral programme providing essential services – health, education, water, sanitation, and hygiene – and extends to community services, agriculture, environmental management and protection and logistical support for humanitarian services. AAH Uganda works closely in partnership with UNHCR, the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), local government and other development partners.

More than 70% of households in settlements have access to clean and safe water

AAH Uganda has been providing services to over 10 primary health care units providing both refugees and nationals with quality health services.

Over 10,000 school-going children from both refugee and host communities have access to quality education.

More than 100,000 refugees have been repatriated back to their homes since 2005

Livelihoods of 126,000 Ugandan nationals and 24,000 refugees in Kyangwali and Kiryandongo have improved through a project on better farming and business practices

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