

## OUR PROFILE



# WHO WE ARE

Action Africa Help International (AAH-I) is an international non-governmental organisation that works with communities in Africa, particularly women, children and youth, to sustainably improve their quality of life.

We have worked with communities (refugees, internally displaced people, host communities, pastoralists and people living in urban informal settlements) in the Horn of Africa, and East and Southern Africa.

With country programmes in South Sudan, Kenya, Somalia, Uganda, Zambia and recently in Ethiopia, AAH-I has over 30 years' experience working with communities in development and in conflict and post-conflict situations, including refugees, internally displaced people and host communities.

## Our Vision

Communities in Africa living dignified lives

## Our Mission

To work with communities in Africa to sustainably improve their quality of life

## Cross-cutting themes

Mainstreaming and effectively integrating cross-cutting themes through the operational

framework will render better results in terms of inclusive targeting, empowerment, engagement and responsiveness to operating contexts. The cross-cutting themes are:

- Gender equality and equity
- Conflict sensitivity
- Information and communication technology for development (ICT 4D)
- Good governance, policy and practice influencing

## Our Strategy

Our current five-year strategy (2019-2023) prioritises working with our target communities to meet their immediate, medium and long-term needs by integrating relief, rehabilitation and development approaches. Our approaches enable communities to engage in issues that affect them. In line with our resolve to link communities to the global development agenda, our primary focus is on four programming pillars and one organisational effectiveness and sustainability pillar:

1. Food and income security
2. Health
3. Education and life skills
4. Disaster Risk Reduction & Management
5. Strengthen organisational effectiveness and sustainability

## OUR CORE VALUES



### PASSION

We are passionately resolute in our ethos that all communities have a right to live a dignified life.



### INTEGRITY

We are transparent and honest in all we do, keeping our promise to all stakeholders.



### COMMUNITY-CENTRED

We engage with communities to participate effectively in finding solutions that drive sustainable change. Nothing for the community without the community.



### INNOVATION

We co-create and apply cutting-edge solutions that provide sustainable high impact.



### EXCELLENCE

We are committed to a culture and processes that give outstanding results.

# OUR PROGRAMMING PILLARS

AAH-I has chosen to focus on the following programming and organisational effectiveness and sustainability pillars in an integrated development approach:

## 1. FOOD AND INCOME SECURITY

Reducing poverty is critical while addressing food insecurity. Poor people spend a large share of their income on food, leaving them vulnerable to high food prices, and many poor people obtain much of their income from farming, leaving them vulnerable to declines in agricultural output.

AAH-I works with communities to:

- Increase household food availability
- Improve household nutrition
- Enhance the security of income in households
- Improve climate change mitigation and adaptation

## 2. HEALTH

We focus on building capacities to prevent and prepare for emergencies and strengthening primary health care at community level which will reduce the vulnerabilities of the community particularly women, children and youth. AAH-I works to:

- Improve access and utilization of essential maternal and child health and adolescent and youth sexual reproductive health services
- Ensure that communities are protected from infectious and communicable diseases
- Improve access to safe water, adequate sanitation and hygiene

## 3. EDUCATION AND LIFE SKILLS

We use long-term sustainable approaches in the development and protracted humanitarian situations and short-term approaches during acute humanitarian crisis. We tackle the root causes of factors that contribute to late enrolment by boys and girls, poor learning outcomes and dropping out of school. We endeavor to achieve these by pursuing the following result areas:

- Children have access to quality pre-primary and primary education
- Increase access to alternative basic education and accelerated learning programs
- Improve youth vocational and life skills

## 4. DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT

AAH-I has prioritized a holistic approach to disaster risk reduction and management by focusing on the following key areas to:

- Strengthen community capacity to mitigate, manage and respond to disasters
- Establish supply chain services for humanitarian operations
- Improve humanitarian protection and accountability

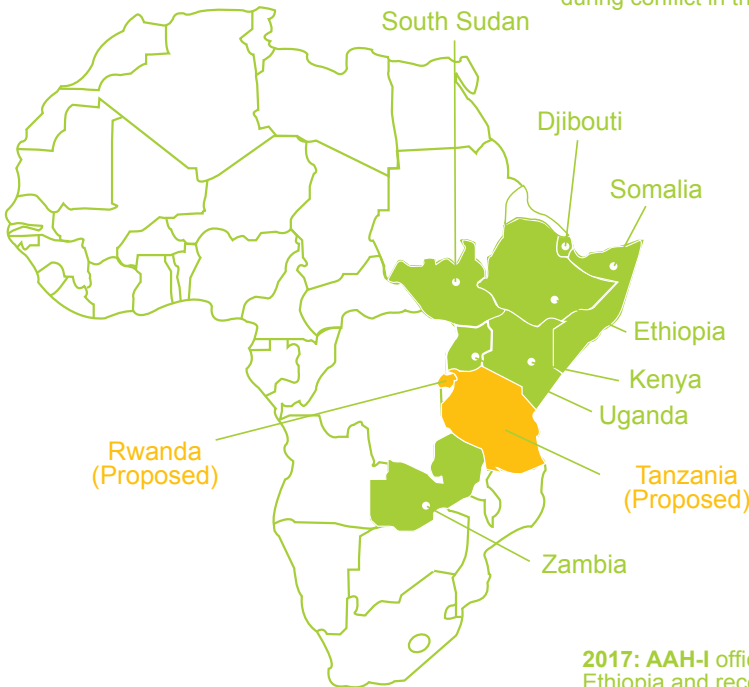
## 5. STRENGTHEN ORGANISATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

To improve organisational effectiveness, AAH-I will focus on key success factors categorised in three perspectives:

- Focus on growing and diversifying funding in restricted and un-restricted revenue
- Strengthen our leadership and governance structures, nurture a culture of innovation, integrate technology for development and protect the organisation
- Develop a competitive Total Reward system and promote learning and staff development

# OUR FOOTPRINT

**1987: AAH South Sudan** started to support internally displaced people, refugees, asylum seekers and the host community during conflict in the country.



**1993: AAH Uganda** established following the displacement of the population of Sudan in Kaya, Morobo and Yei to Uganda as refugees.

**1997: AAH-I Somalia** started work in Puntland with the Ministry of Health to lay the ground work for an effective health system.

**2001: AAH Zambia** launched a refugee management programme in Kala and Mwangwe Camps in Northern Zambia.

**2003: AAH Kenya** began a water, education and health programme in 14 sub-locations in Narok West Sub-county.

**2017: AAH-I** successfully implemented a health project in Djibouti, reached over 30,000 people.

**2017: AAH-I** officially registered in Ethiopia and received license from the Charities & Society Agency.

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