



# Action Africa Help International Annual Report 2024

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# ACRONYMS

AAH-I	Action Africa Help International
ANC	Antenatal Care
CAPOR	Capacity building for Post-Conflict Reintegration
CLTS	Community Led Total Sanitation
CSEF	Civil Society Environment Fund
DFID	Department for International Development (UK)
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
GBV	Gender-based Violence
IOM	International Organization for Migration
NAPAD	Nomadic Assistance for Peace and Development
ODF	Open Defecation Free
PHCC	Primary Health Care Centre
WDC	Water and Development Committee
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
SENARK	Sustaining Environment and Natural Resources project
SGBV	Sexual and Gender Based Violence
UNHCR	United Nations High Commission for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Emergency Fund
WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
WFP	World Food Programme



## OVERVIEW

This Annual Report highlights the work of Action Africa Help International (AAH-I) in 2024.

Improving the quality of life for livelihood-challenged communities is our main objective, and we are passionate about embracing innovative development models that result in sustainable change. Our programmes invest in learning and building the capacity of our staff, development partners and communities that benefit from our investments. We invite you to reflect on our journey of making a positive difference.

2024 marked the end of our previous strategic plan. We look back at our achievements with humility and forward to making further progress towards our overall goal of supporting livelihood-challenged communities in Africa to sustainably improve their quality of life.



# ABOUT US

Action Africa Help International (AAH-I) is a regional African-led non-governmental organization that supports livelihood-challenged communities in East and Southern Africa to sustainably improve their well-being and standard of living. With Country Programmes in South Sudan, Uganda, Zambia, Kenya, Sudan and Ethiopia, AAH-I has over 36 years' experience working with communities in conflict and post-conflict situations, including refugees, internally displaced people and host communities. More recently AAH-I has expanded its activities to work with other marginalized communities including pastoralists and people living in informal urban settlements. AAH-I is run by a Directorate based in Nairobi and governed by an International Board of Directors and National Advisory Boards in the countries of operation. AAH-I has decentralized its operations to give greater ownership and responsibility to Country Programmes, which are better placed to respond rapidly to local challenges and opportunities.

## OUR STRATEGY

Our previous five-year strategy (2019-2024) was centred around the following five strategic objectives:

1. Developing, promoting and implementing innovative entrepreneurial and sustainable livelihood programmes.
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 resettlement.
4. Strengthening the capacity of implementing partners for sustained service delivery and governance.
5. Enhancing the capacity, efficiency, effectiveness and learning of AAH-I to innovatively deliver its mission.

We work closely with communities, local governments and other development partners to identify and develop programmes that promote ownership, are relevant and are sustainable.

## OUR MISSION

To support livelihood-challenged communities in Africa to sustainably improve their quality of life

## OUR CORE VALUES

- **Compassion** for livelihood-challenged communities
- **Community-centered sustainable** solutions
- **Respect** for all stakeholders
- **Partnership** with shared responsibilities
- **Integrity** in all that we do
- **Efficiency** in resource utilization
- **Innovation** in programming





Lots to celebrate in spite of the dynamic development space.

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## FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

We had a lot to celebrate in 2024. During the year we registered our first projects in Ethiopia with contract with UNHCR and in Sudan with a contract with UNDP, making the operational countries six during the year, namely Kenya, South Sudan, Uganda, Zambia, Ethiopia and Sudan. The annual portfolio of over USD **12,423,481.72** million that benefitted at least 2,500,000 people.

The organization maintained its high standards of governance through conducting quarterly National Advisory Board in all the countries and International Board meetings. The AAHI strategic plan for 2025 to 2029 was developed and circulated, as part of our continuing efforts to harmonize AAHI mission and vision with AAHI operations in all the countries.

As we move into 2025, I am proud of what AAHI accomplished in 2024 and optimistic about the future. Our community is strong and vibrant, and together we will continue our efforts to eliminate extreme poverty, uphold human rights, safeguard a sustainable planet and ensure human dignity for poor and vulnerable populations in Africa.

***Dr John Tabayi***



## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am proud to present AAH-I's 2024 Annual Report from a year that was full of change and progress.

We witnessed significant growth in programme implementation by expansion to Ethiopia and Sudan. Some of the key highlights in 2024 include innovation in development models and aligning our work more closely to the Sustainable Development Goals, namely advancing the process of actualizing the Carbon credit funded project in Kenya and expanding ideas of AAHI enterprise development in South Sudan.

In 2024 we developed the 2025 – 2029 strategic plan, which will continue to lay emphasis on strengthening partnerships that will have a lasting and positive impact for our continent.

I would like to offer my personal thank you to everyone that supported us in 2024. The success of AAH-I is the success of the communities we serve. The key to meeting challenges and witnessing achievements in 2024 will be the continued concerted effort from all staff, funding partners and Board Members as we continue to invest in the communities that we serve.

*Dr. Githaiga Kamau*

# PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

During the year 2024 under review, AAH-I implemented projects in South Sudan, Uganda, Zambia, Kenya, Ethiopia and Sudan

In line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) numbers 1 (ending poverty), 2 (ending hunger), 3 (ensure healthy lives), 4 (ensure inclusive & equitable quality education), 5 (achieve gender equality), 6 (ensure availability & sustainable management of water), 10 (reduced inequalities), 13 (environmental management) and 16 (promote peaceful and inclusive societies), the AAH-I Country Programmes worked with communities, local governments and other development partners to improve:

- Basic services (health, education, water, hygiene and sanitation)
- Food and income security
- Environmental management and responsiveness to climate change
- Governance, civil society strengthening and peace building
- Humanitarian relief and recovery
- Research to provide the evidence-based programming

## Challenges in programme delivery

Insecurity remained a challenge in programme implementation in Sudan and South Sudan. In South Sudan, pockets of conflict in health projects in Upper Nile and Unity States, Kajokeji, Yei, Morobo and Lainya restricted movement that resulted in delay of delivery of medical supplies, displacement of population, and closure of some health facilities.

Implementation of the regular AAH Uganda programme was affected by an influx of refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo and a cholera outbreak in Kyangwali Refugee Settlement in 2024. We modified our projects from self-reliance to emergency in order to address the needs of the new caseloads of refugees.

Although we lost some health and logistics portfolios for our projects in South Sudan, funding continued for several large logistics and infrastructure projects in Maban and Jamjang, while some health projects got extensions.

Despite these challenges, we were able to innovatively reorganize our programme delivery, secure new funding, and ensure that the work of AAH-I continued to positively impact the communities with whom we work.



# PROGRAMME COVERAGE

## Thematic Area 1 Basic Services: Health, Water, Sanitation & Hygiene and Education

At least 130,488 persons in Manyo and Fashoda in Upper Nile South Sudan, including adolescents, children, received support in basic services under our Programmes.



### Health

*Supporting access to quality healthcare services and access to safe, effective, quality medicines and vaccines for all*

Our programmes in South Sudan and Zambia promoted healthy lives and well-being for all at all ages.

Modelling our implementation around already established government and community structures are key in ensuring a sustainable approach to support health outcomes of the communities that we serve. Our programme in South Sudan facilitated the development of joint County Health Department Annual plans for 2024.

The number of children under 5 years seen through Boma Health Initiative – 28,002. Long lasting mosquito nets distributed – 2,258. Number of health workers who received training – 208. Number of persons who received community education – 12,676. Number of pregnant mothers who received antenatal care – 3,011. Number of deliveries attended by skilled birth attendants – 2,258. Number of women/ newborns who received post-natal care – 483. Number of frontline health workers who received training in maternal and new-born care (BEmNOC/ CEmNOC) – 30. Percentage of facilities providing long-life ART for HIV positive pregnant and breast-feeding women within MNCH setting - 80

In Zambia 9,957 urban refugees, asylum seekers and members of the host community accessed primary health care services.





*Waiting to be seen at the Maternal and Child Health Unit at the AAH-I-run in South Sudan.*

## Thematic Area 2

### Food and Income Security

3,841 refugees, households of vulnerable population were supported to access self-employment.

Our interventions in food and income security target the most vulnerable individuals and groups

In South Sudan, Juba County WFP funded project, **Restoration of the productive capacity of arable land was conducted**; 1,750 feddan were cultivated and planted with various field crops. 372,000m<sup>2</sup> of land cleared against planned 372,000m<sup>2</sup> – 100% achieved. Established 3 demonstration plots against planned 3 demonstration plots – 100% achieved. 2,210 ACL & SAMS beneficiaries including 11 extension workers trained on GAP & PHHS against planned target of 1,084 beneficiaries – 204% achieved. This is attributed to the exchange rate which was able to feed more beneficiaries during the trainings.

**Community infrastructure**; 1,670 beneficiaries trained on basic skills of CAR construction against planned 1,655 targeted beneficiaries- 101% achieved. 13.81 KM of CAR constructed connecting gardens, markets including important facilities (schools, boreholes) against planned 116.7 KM- 12% achieved and ongoing. Installed a miller for cooperative societies in Aru and functional, though, on and off due to insufficient grains- 100% achieved. 2 seldom stores renovated and functional as aggregation stores against planned 2 renovations in Kit 1 and Kuda aggregation centers- 100% achieved.

**SAMS – Build capacity of the produce/cooperative societies**; Distributed PHH equipment (tarpaulin, hermetic bags) granted by WFP to 8 cooperative societies – 100% achieved. Trained 225 (108 M, 117 F) cooperatives beneficiaries on poultry production, liquid soap making, agribusiness – 73% achieved. Formed an additional 1 new VSLA group in Kit 1 – 100% achieved. Conducted a fresher training for APEX body (36 members) – 100% achieved.

**Capacity strengthening**; Grinding mill installed for the APEX body in Aru – 100% achieved. 8 improved local granaries and 1 modern crib constructed for 8 selected farmers. Ox-ploughs procured and being kept in the store awaiting confirmation of bulls/oxen from the beneficiaries. 2 laptops procured awaiting for training and subsequent handing to the cooperative societies.

**On the South Sudan Livelihoods and Resilience project**; Trained 122 CBOs on enterprise specific with a total of **2091 (971 Male and 1120 Female)** participants. A total of 35 VSLA Groups were trained, received the kits, developed their governing by-law, and elected their committee members, comprised of **530 Members (All female)**. Designed, reviewed and printed 8 different training manuals

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S/N	Type of Manual	QTY
1	Crop Production Training Manual	45
2	Vegetable Production Training Manual	45
3	Goats Production Training Manual	45
4	Pig Production Training Manual	45
5	Poultry Production Training Manual	45
6	Beekeeping Training Manual	45
7	Fish Process and Marketing Training Manual	45
8	VSLA/Financial Literacy Training Manual.	45





Training enterprise groups in improved farming methods



# Thematic Area 3

## Environmental management and responsiveness to climate change

*Building knowledge and capacity to meet climate*



AAH-I is working with local governments in Kenya and South Sudan to build community resilience for climate change adaptation and management of natural resources and the shared environment. To ensure that communities have sufficient access to and promote sustainable energy, AAH In Kenya distribute 15,300 Improved Cookstoves (ICS) The project's objective is to reduce approximately 60,000 tCO<sub>2</sub> emissions by promoting the use of thermally efficient stoves. 30 community ambassadors were trained and actively involved in mobilization, registration, distribution, and monitoring. Successful community awareness campaigns and beneficiary training sessions conducted.

In South Sudan 176 farmers raised over 300,000 seedlings making access to tree planting material easy for tree farmers.

In Kenya the Entooma Sidai grassland management project has registered over 270,000 hectares of land into the project and hope to hit the 300,000 hectares' target by the end of the year or early in 2025. The next phase is to group the land owners into family and village clusters grazing units and to train them on grass management to fit with the Vera Methodology protocols and to map the grazing areas. The team has been invited for a carbon financing workshop in Nairobi on 10<sup>th</sup> December and we hope for fruitful networking opportunities



*Training Maasai community on use of vertical gardens to improve household nutrition in Narok County Kenya*





Promoting Energy saving stoves in Kenya



A Community Nursery Supported by AAHI Project

# Thematic Area 5

## Humanitarian Relief and Recovery

45,000 people were provided with items to survive and live in emergency situations.



AAH-I is a logistics partner for UNHCR in; Ethiopia and South Sudan, where we provide vehicle and generator maintenance and repair, warehouse management and fleet and fuel management.

Our approach in humanitarian relief and recovery is people-centered and is planned and implemented in coordination with the relevant government authorities, humanitarian agencies, civil society organizations and the local community.

To support improved delivery of humanitarian supplies, AAH Under infrastructure, **68** various constructions units successfully completed, **76.30** km of access roads rehabilitated/ constructed and **2** airstrips maintained. Under logistics, we have professionally continued to maintain over **650** assets of UNHCR in South Sudan, managed **50** warehouses (over \$14 millions in value), managed **3,326,663.77L** of diesel in 5 fuel stations, transported **40,118MT** of various goods, **6,280,000L** of water and **39,554 PoCs** moved in safety and dignity, facilitated **24** cargo flights to various locations. **15** apprentices trained and graduated. **12,188** Refugees received and accommodated in our centers before relocation.

AAH-I Ethiopia is managing the logistics project in six (6) locations and Nine (9) operation sites; Tigray (Shire and Mekelle) - Warehouse Management, Amhara (Dabat and Metema) - Warehouse Management, Kombolcha was closed in Oct/2024, Addis Ababa - Warehouse and Workshop Management, Gambella – Gambella town - Fuel and Workshop Management, Melkadida - - Warehouse, Fuel and Workshop Management and Jijiga (Jijiga town and Bokh)

**In South Sudan, the warehouses in Yida, Jam Jang and Pamir;** Handled 9,716.42MT (receipts/inbound commodities in 10 months) out of targeted 9,975MTs (97.41% achieved).

The quantity of CSB++ distributed to registered beneficiaries through BSFP in Jamjang refugee camps and Local communities, Abiemnhom and Panrieng. Target: 4.424MT. Status: Ongoing. 418.499MTs have been issued to AHA, SP and CARE for BSFP.

The quantity of food assistance distributed, as % of planned MT. Target: 158.511MT. Status: Ongoing. 118.658MT of food has been issued to CARE from January to October.







Renovated classrooms



Renovated Youth Center Pamir

### Digital Registration activities in South Sudan

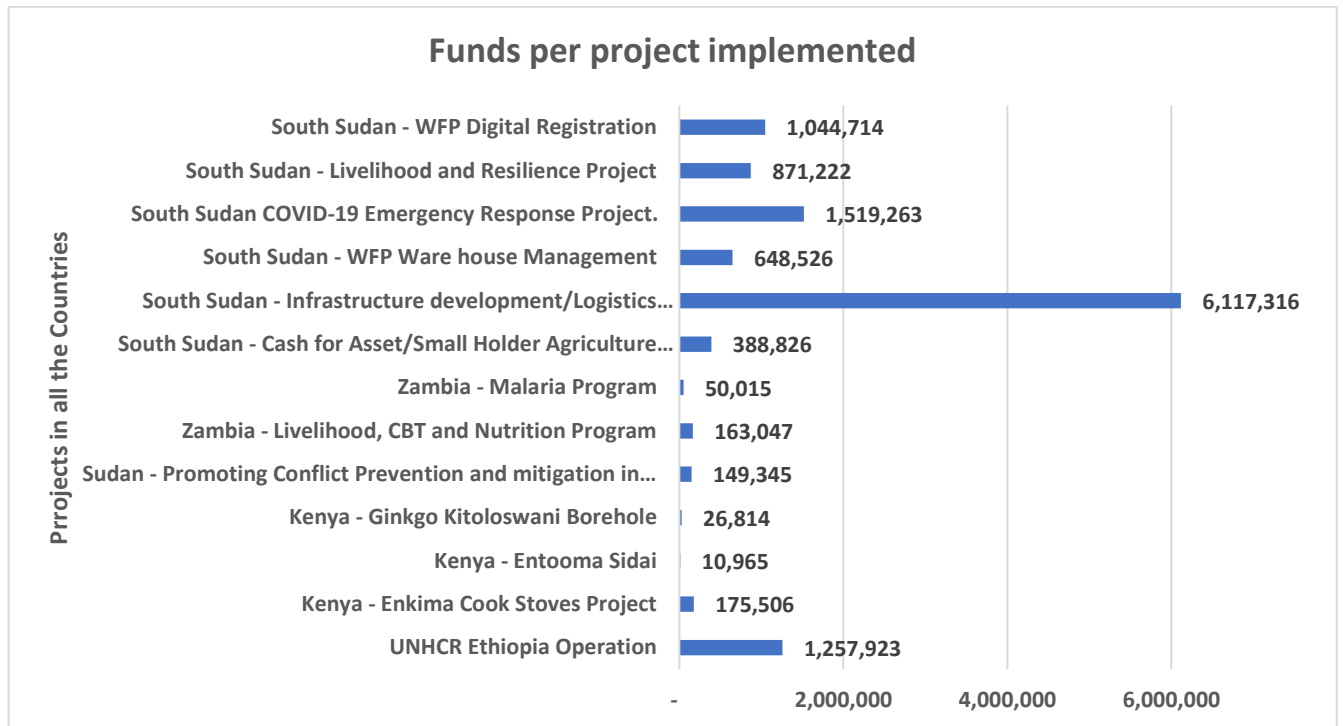
Locations	Targets	Achievement
Bentiu	To register <b>312,069</b> people.	10,391 HHs (26,103 people) reached. <b>34%</b>
Renk	To register <b>54,644</b> people.	<b>25,820</b> HHs ( <b>64,536</b> people) reached. <b>100%</b>
Maban	To register <b>71,398</b> people.	18,492 HHs (42,120 people) reached. <b>85%</b>
Malakal	To register <b>242,132</b> people.	12,339 HHs (34,961 people) reached. <b>45%</b>



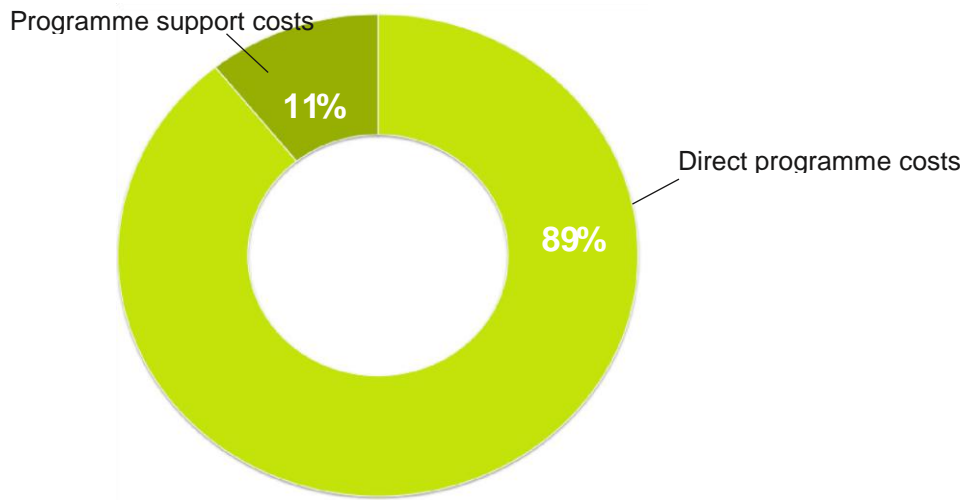
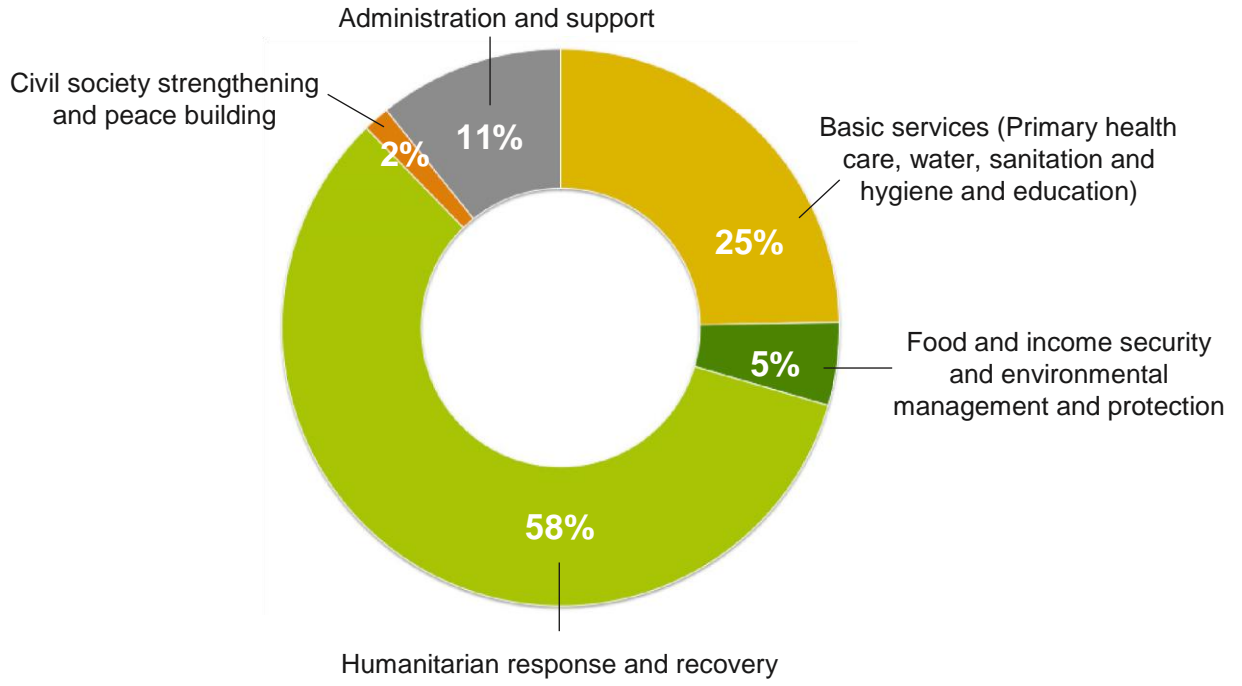


# FINANCIALS

## Source of funds



## How we spent funds



# PARTNERS

Bread for the World

Catholic Mission Medical Board (CMMB)

Civil Society Environment Fund (CSEF)

International Organization for Food and Agriculture Development (IFAD)

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

International Organization for Immigration (IOM)

United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR)

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

World Food Program (WFP)

## BOARD MEMBERS

1. Dr. John Tabayi - Founding Member and AAH-I Board Chairman
2. Mr. Sultan Amri - Executive Committee Chairman
3. Mr. Jerry Lilako - Member; Chairperson, AAH-I PFRM Committee
4. Prof. Vinand Nantulya - Founding Member, AAH-I
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