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PEOPLE FIRST

ActionAid India's focus areas for 2011-2016

ActionAid is a global movement of people
working together to further human rights
for all and defeat poverty.



A world without poverty, patriarchy and injustice; where every person enjoys her or his right to a life of dignity. To achieve this, we work with the poor and marginalized people to eradicate poverty, patriarchy and injustice.

OUR VISION & MISSION

ABOUT US

ActionAid India is part of a global federation which has a presence in over forty countries across the world. ActionAid has been working in India since 1972 with the poor and the socially excluded communities to achieve greater human rights for all and defeat the indignity of poverty.

ActionAid puts in an effort to reach those who are most in need of help, such as the dalit, tribals, religious minorities and women. We directly reach out to 50,25,915 people from 9,56,448 households in 24 states and 1 union territory through the help of 12 regional offices and 278 grassroots NGOs.



OUR PRIORITIES

Children

We work to ensure that no child goes hungry or without adequate healthcare or without a functional school in our areas of work.

Some examples of our work:

- 20,714 students enrolled back into schools in our work areas in 2012.
- 4,174 Integrated Child Development Scheme centres of the Government of India that offer nutritional and developmental support to children have been made functional in our work areas in 2012.

OUR PRIORITIES

Women and girls

We try to ensure that women and girls in our areas of work have equal rights as men and boys in accessing education, healthcare and livelihood without fearing for their security.

Some examples of our work:

- We support women's groups who help those women who survived domestic violence. 724 cases of domestic violence are being addressed by the women's groups that we support in our work areas.
- 1322 women across our work areas were trained about their property rights and rights as workers.
- A total of 781 women's support groups were formed in our work areas in 2012.





OUR PRIORITIES

Peace and justice

We promote communal harmony and mutual understanding among the communities, especially youth of different religions in places that have seen heightened communal tensions. We also work towards establishing a more just environment for women, youth and children who suffer greater disadvantage in times of conflict.

Some examples of our work:

- We support Bharatiya Muslim Mahila Andolan (BMMA), a mass movement of Muslim women who promote equality and economic freedom of women within the Muslim community. The group has 35,000 members and more than 10,00,000 beneficiaries spread across India.
- 302 youth clubs created within Christian and Dalit communities with current membership of 10,292 youth who are spreading values of secularism in Kandhamal district of Odisha since 2010.

OUR PRIORITIES

People's participation in governance

We promote strengthening of institutions of governance at all levels like the Gram Panchayats and Gram Sabhas. We train the communities we work with to access government schemes meant for them and ensure transparency and honesty in government institutions.

Some examples of our work:

- Nearly 11,000 youth and leaders of communities we work with have been trained in 2012 to negotiate with the local government and administrative agencies for better public facilities for their communities.
- Over 600 bonded labourers have been rescued from across India in 2012 and about 200 of them have been rehabilitated through government schemes and other livelihood programmes supported by us.



OUR PRIORITIES

People's control over resources

We try to ensure that the communities that live closest to and are dependent on land, forest, river or such natural resources for their livelihood are not displaced or denied access to these natural resources.

Some examples of our work:

- 44,869 families applied for ownership of land with our support of which 31,317 families have been successful in gaining ownership of land. 2,903 of these were in the name of single women.



OUR PRIORITIES

Local and global collaboration

Many of the issues we work on are common to developing nations globally. By building global networks and collaborations, we try to strengthen our local efforts while also sharing knowledge and experiences.

Some examples of our work:

- We bring together researchers, activists, academicians, government representatives, etc. to discuss and share learning and information on common issues.



As part of larger collectives, we engage with the government at all levels to advocate for pro-poor policy-level changes and interventions based on our evidence-based and participatory research, for example, in our campaigns on saving the girl child and ensuring land rights for dalit women farmers.

In a rigorous and democratic process every five years, we consult with the communities and grassroots NGOs we work with, on what are their key requirements which helps us develop our priority areas. Our current strategy period is 2011–2016.

POWER IN PEOPLE



A better world is possible! Let's make it happen!



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