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Letter from the Chair

Dear reader,

We live in an international context marked by increasingly complex challenges. Protracted conflicts, humanitarian crises, persistent economic inequalities and the ever more visible effects of climate change continue to affect millions of people around the world. In this scenario, the support of those who choose to stand with us is more important than ever.

Across the ActionAid International Federation, we continued our commitment to advancing climate justice, economic justice, women's rights and a human rights-based humanitarian response. We remained true to our participatory approach, working alongside communities and strengthening their ability to take action and claim their rights.

In Switzerland, 2025 was a year of consolidation. We continued to invest in building long-term relationships with our supporters, improving our ability to communicate the tangible impact of the projects carried out around the world. At the same time, we expanded our engagement with the Swiss philanthropic sector, securing the support of new foundations while strengthening existing partnerships.

A particularly significant milestone was the launch of our fundraising activities in French-speaking Switzerland. This marks an important investment in our future and reflects ActionAid Switzerland's commitment to expanding its presence across the country, engaging new supporters and partners in building a more just and sustainable world.

Our Fight for Women campaign remained at the heart of our work. Defending the rights of women and girls means addressing the root causes of inequality and contributing to the creation of fairer, more inclusive and more resilient societies. Thanks to the support of our donors and partners, we continued to promote programmes that prevent and address gender-based violence, strengthen women's economic empowerment and increase their participation in social and political life.

This Annual Report tells the story of that journey, the results we have achieved and the challenges that continue to shape our work.

On behalf of everyone at ActionAid Switzerland, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to all our supporters, partners, foundations and organisations that have chosen to stand alongside us. The trust you place in us every day is much more than support: it is what makes our work possible and allows us to turn commitment and solidarity into concrete, lasting change. Thank you for being part of this journey and for helping us build a fairer, more inclusive and sustainable world.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Giulio Gianetti". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Giulio Gianetti



Chapter 1

Who we are

ActionAid through the years

ActionAid was founded in 1972 by British entrepreneur Cecil Jackson-Cole, who decided to support the education of 88 children in India and Kenya. From that initial initiative, it has grown into an international federation now operating in 71 countries worldwide, with its International Secretariat based in Johannesburg, South Africa.

For more than fifty years, ActionAid has worked alongside people, communities and social movements to address the root causes of poverty, inequality and social exclusion. The organisation adopts a human rights-based and participatory approach, promoting the active role of communities in defending their rights and driving lasting change.

At the heart of ActionAid's work lies a simple belief: people are not merely beneficiaries of our support: they are the true agents of change. Rather than bringing solutions from the outside, ActionAid works alongside communities to strengthen their capacities, improve access to the resources they need and empower them to claim their rights.

The Federation works towards a more just, equitable and sustainable world, where everyone can live free from poverty, oppression and all forms of discrimination. To achieve this, it collaborates with civil society organisations, women's movements, local networks and solidarity groups to tackle the structural and systemic causes of injustice.

Women and girls are at the centre of ActionAid's work. Strengthening their leadership, promoting their rights and preventing gender-based violence contribute to building more inclusive and resilient societies. At the same time, the organisation supports young people by helping them develop the skills, opportunities and tools they need to become active agents of change in their own lives.

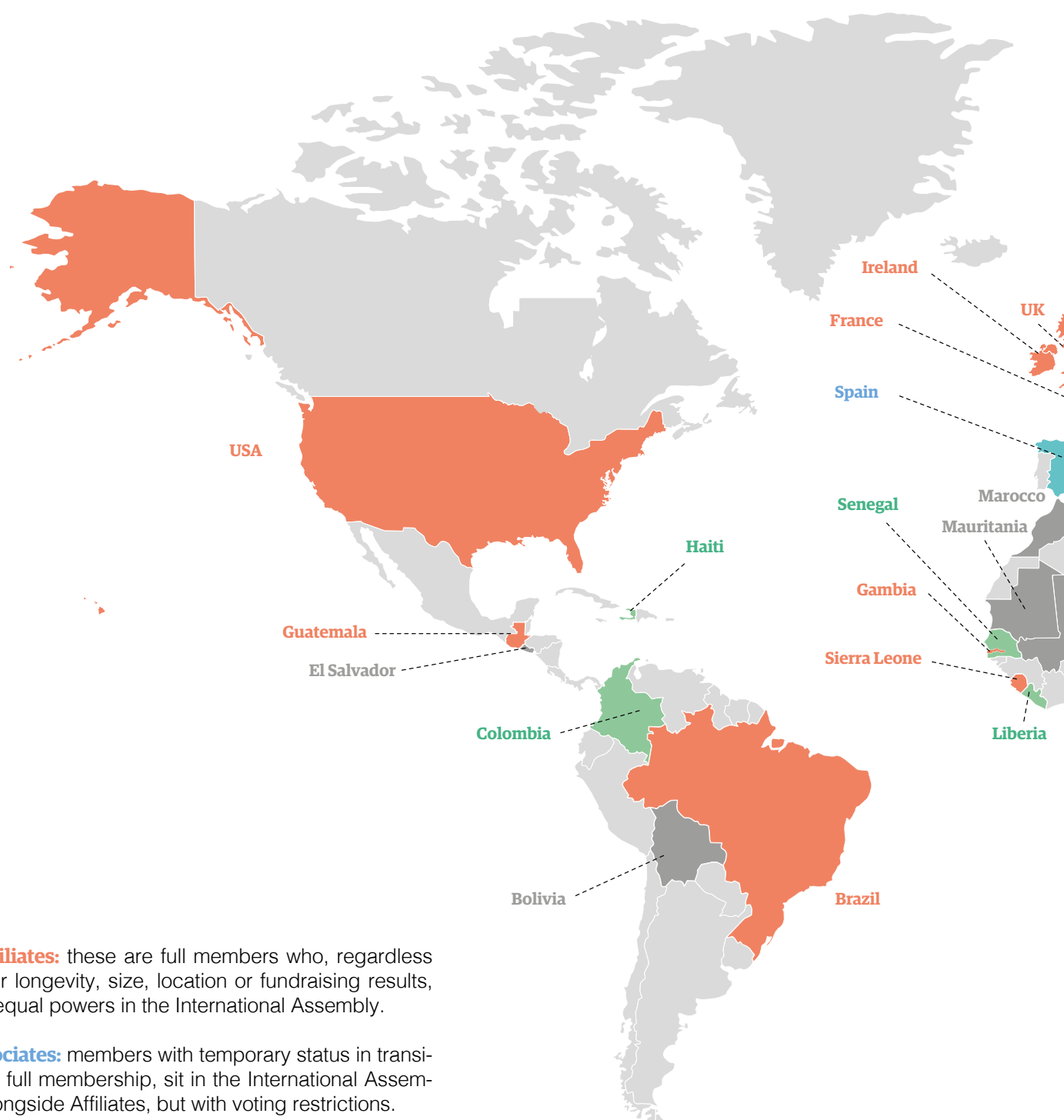
ActionAid promotes economic, social and climate justice, democratic participation and the accountability of institutions in guaranteeing rights and accessible public services for all. The organisation also responds to humanitarian emergencies by working with local partners to strengthen the response capacity and resilience of the communities most affected.

Since 2013, ActionAid has also been present in Switzerland. Through ActionAid Switzerland, and with the support of ActionAid Italy, it contributes to advancing the Federation's global mission by engaging citizens, donors and partners in building a more just and equitable world.

ActionAid around the world

The ActionAid International Federation divides the countries in which we operate into three categories, based on their level of affiliation, and accompanies each country on its path to membership. The goal is to have all full members (affiliates) capable of contributing equally and fully to the Federation's programmatic, strategic and financial guidelines. Today, we are present in 71 countries.

Graphic 1 - ActionAid around the world

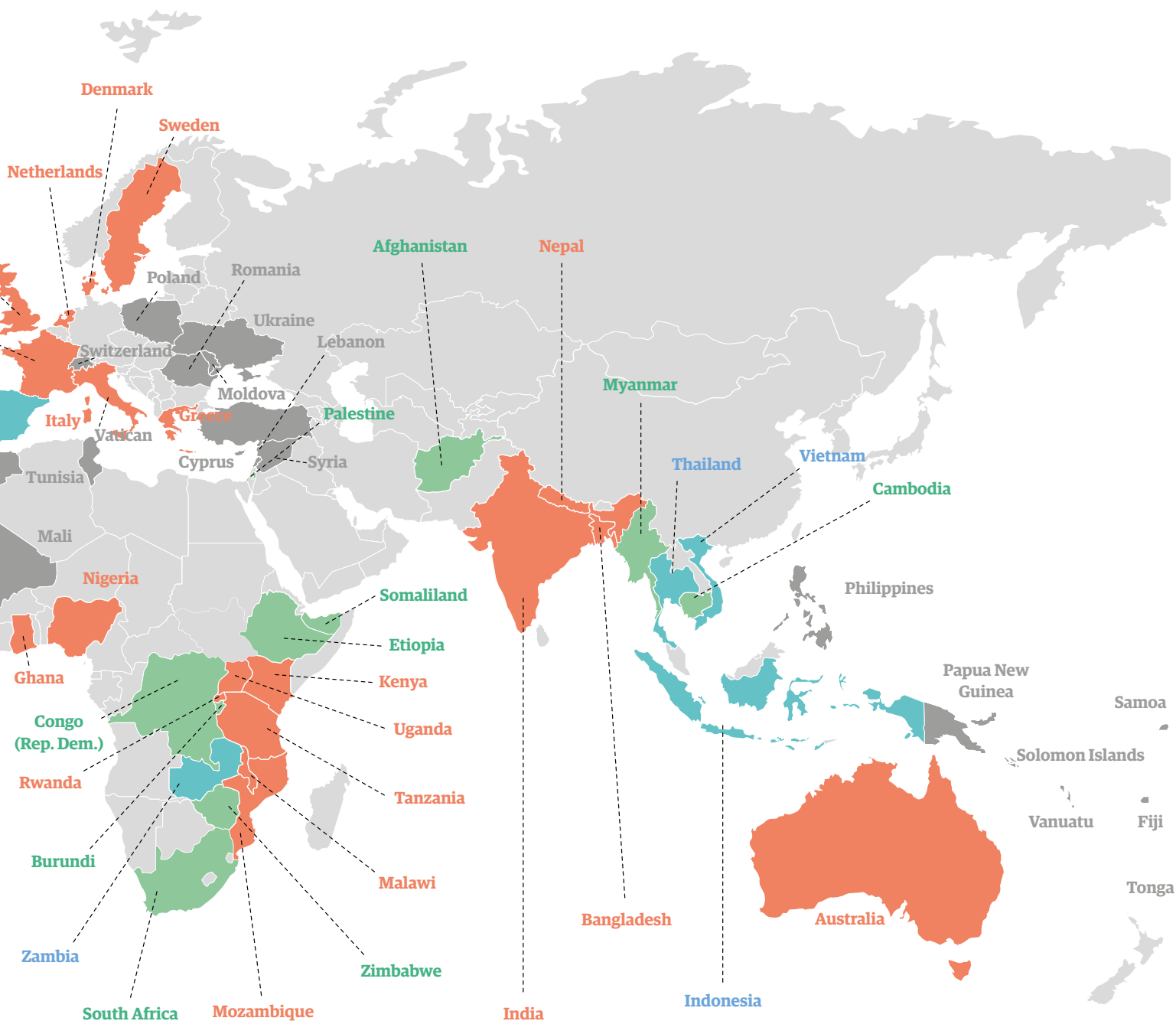


25 Affiliates: these are full members who, regardless of their longevity, size, location or fundraising results, have equal powers in the International Assembly.

5 Associates: members with temporary status in transition to full membership, sit in the International Assembly alongside Affiliates, but with voting restrictions.

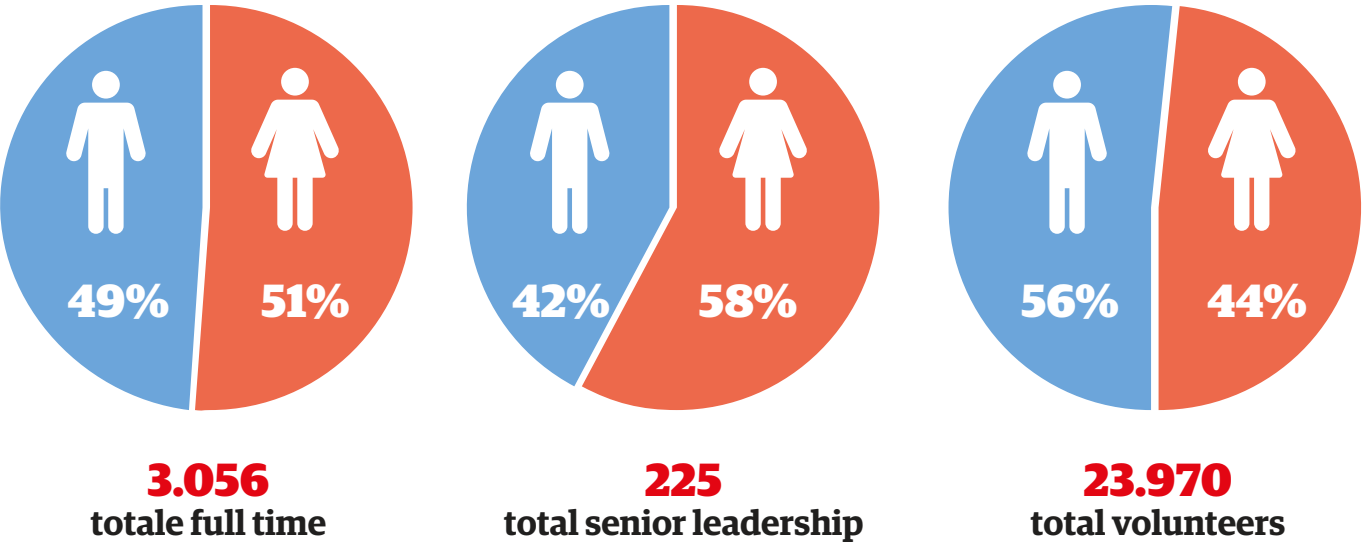
15 Country Programmes: offices managed by the International Secretariat, representing ActionAid International in the countries and managing and coordinating its work.

26 Presence: Countries where activities in line with ActionAid's mission are carried out with the support of the Secretariat or a delegated affiliate.



Staff & Reach

STAFF (all countries of the Federation)



STAFF divided by region



PARTNERS 3,805 (11% International and 89% Local)



1.516
Social
Movements



584
Networks/
Coalitions



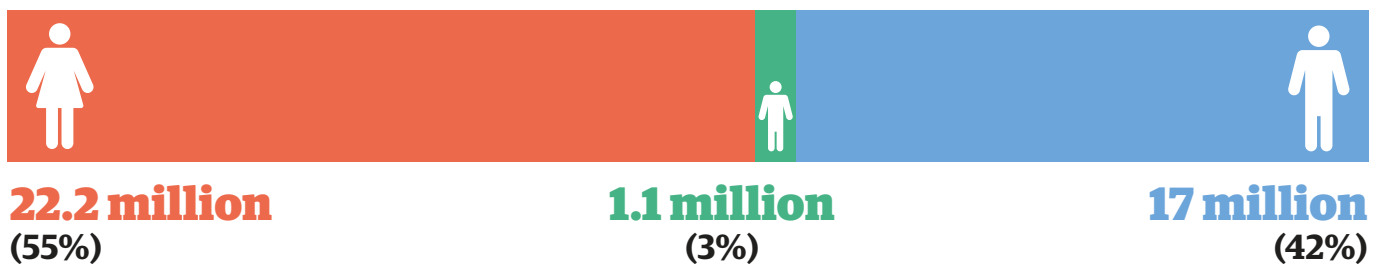
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Youth-led
organisations



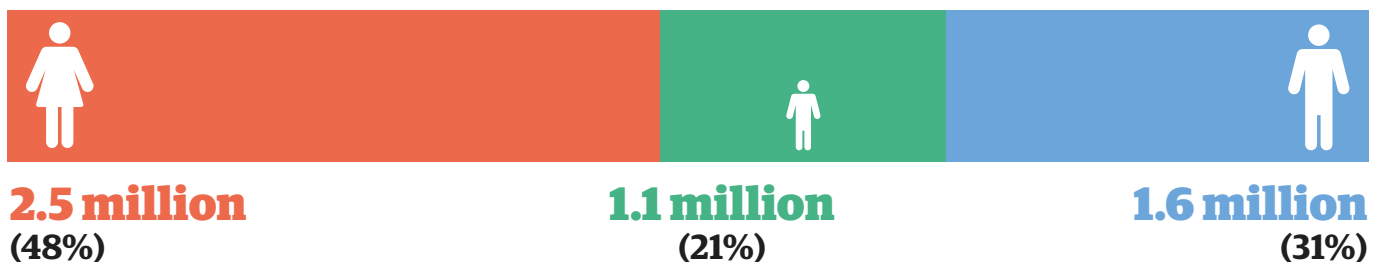
1.652
Women's Rights /
Led Organisations

IN 2025, WE REACHED

40.4 MILLION PEOPLE through our campaigns



5.2 MILLION PEOPLE through humanitarian assistance



ActionAid in Switzerland

ActionAid Switzerland was established on 18 February 2013 with the aim of actively engaging the Swiss public in promoting social, economic and gender justice worldwide. Its first activities were launched in the Canton of Ticino through awareness-raising campaigns focused on poverty, social exclusion and fundamental rights, in line with the mission of the International Federation.

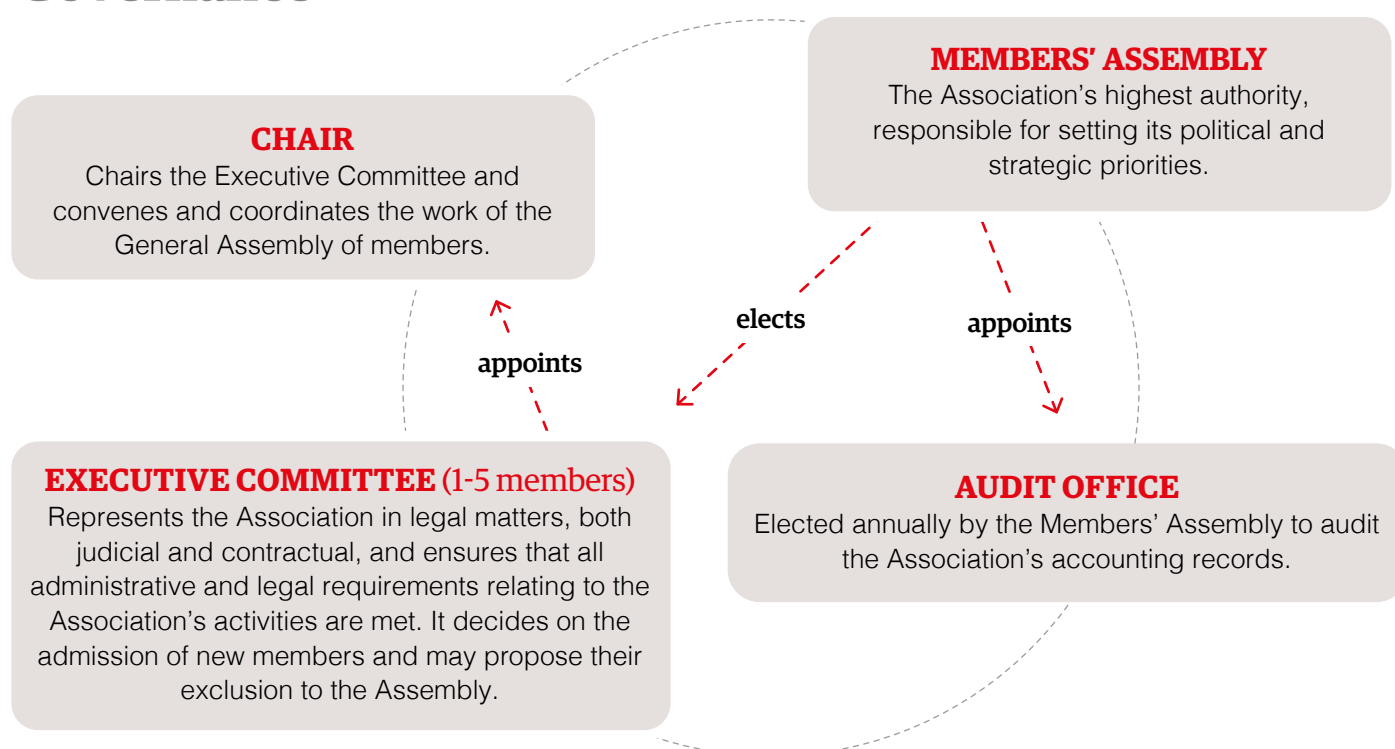
From 2014 onwards, the organisation expanded its activities to the Canton of Zurich and gradually to the other German-speaking cantons, engaging an increasingly broad community of supporters. In 2016, educational programmes were introduced in primary and secondary schools in Ticino, focusing on issues such as the right to food, food waste reduction and gender equality.

Over the following years, ActionAid Switzerland strengthened its presence across the country by developing partnerships with philanthropic foundations, private organisations and institutional partners that share its commitment to international solidarity and the promotion of human rights. These collaborations have helped support Federation programmes and projects in countries around the world. At the same time, the organisation progressively strengthened its commitment to promoting women's rights, making them a central and cross-cutting priority across all its activities. Through awareness campaigns, fundraising initiatives and support for women's empowerment programmes, ActionAid works to help build fairer, more inclusive societies where everyone's rights are respected.

In 2025, this growth continued through the consolidation of partnerships with the Swiss philanthropic sector and the launch of fundraising activities in French-speaking Switzerland. This important milestone expands the organisation's presence across the country and strengthens its ability to engage new supporters and partners in advancing ActionAid's mission. ActionAid's presence in Switzerland stems from the commitment of ActionAid International Italia ETS¹, which is responsible for managing the brand and, in general, supporting the development of new countries within the Federation, of which it is a founding member.

¹ ActionAid International Italia E.T.S. is a non-profit non-governmental organisation that has been operating in Italy since 1989. ActionAid International Italia E.T.S. is registered as a Third Sector Entity in section 'g – Other Third Sector Entities' (rep no. 79131; Tax Code 09686720153) pursuant to Art. 46, paragraph 1 of Legislative Decree No. 117 of 3 July 2017, pursuant to Art. 22 of Legislative Decree of 3 July 2017 and Article 17 of Ministerial Decree No. 106 of 15 September 2020 by the Regional Office of the RUNTS (Single National Register of the Third Sector) of the Lombardy Region.

Governance



Body	Role
Members' Assembly	» The Members' Assembly is the Association's highest authority and defines its policies and programmes. » It elects the members of the Executive Committee and appoints the Auditor. » It sets the general guidelines and objectives required to fulfil the Association's statutory purposes and decides on proposals to amend the Statutes. » It meets at least twice a year, and whenever a reasoned request is made, to approve the draft and final budgets. It is also responsible for approving the Auditor's report. » It decides on actions of liability against members of the Executive Committee and on the exclusion of members. » The Members' Assembly is validly convened with the presence of at least half plus one of the members and takes decisions by a majority of those present. Each member has one vote.
Chair	» The Chair is elected by the Executive Committee from among its members for a three-year term and may be re-elected. » Chairs the Executive Committee and convenes and coordinates the work of the Members' Assembly.
Executive Committee (1-5 members)	» Represents the Association in legal and contractual matters and ensures that all administrative and legal duties are carried out. » May delegate this role to the Chair or to other members if required. » Approves the admission of new members and may propose their removal to the Members' Assembly. » Has between one and five members, each serving a three-year term, with the option of re-election. » Meets at least once every six months, when called by the Chair or by a majority of its members, as set out in the Statute.
Audit Office	» Elected annually by the Members' Assembly to review the Association's accounts. » Conducts at least one audit each year. » In 2025, the audit of the financial statements has been entrusted to the audit firm Ladif SA.

Visione, missione and values



VISION

a just, fair and sustainable world in which every person has the right to a dignified life, free from poverty and oppression.



MISSION

to achieve social justice and equality, to combat poverty by working *for* and *with* people living in marginalised and excluded conditions, as well as with organisations, social movements and supporters. .

We mobilise people and communities, empowering them to drive change, and we work to ensure that states and institutions uphold human rights, respect them fully and combat discrimination. We are committed to promoting the leadership of women and young people, who are often marginalised; the denial of their rights is a deep injustice and one of the main causes of poverty worldwide. To this end, we foster networks of collective action and solidarity that advance social justice for citizens, supporters, staff and volunteers.

We are deeply rooted in the communities where we work and act with transparency towards people living in poverty and exclusion.



THE VALUES that inspire and guide our struggle are:

- » **Mutual respect:** we believe in the equal dignity of all men and women and in the value of diversity.
- » **Equality and justice:** we are committed to achieving our mission for all people, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, social class, health status or religion.
- » **Honesty and transparency:** we aim to be clear and transparent in both our actions and our communications.
- » **Efficiency:** we are committed to managing the Organisation as efficiently as possible, so as to maximise the resources devoted to tackling poverty and social inequality.
- » **Integrity:** we are an honest, transparent and *accountable** organisation at all levels, in order to ensure the effectiveness of our actions and the efficient and transparent use of our resources.
- » **Solidarity:** we recognise solidarity as an essential pillar in the fight against poverty, injustice and gender inequality.
- » **Courage:** we act with courage in pursuing our convictions, while bringing creativity to everything we do. We are bold and innovative in tackling the root causes of poverty, injustice and gender inequality.
- » **Independence:** we are determined to remain independent of any political, religious or other affiliation.
- » **Pursuit of excellence:** we strive to ensure that our work is carried out with accuracy, effectiveness and the highest standards of quality, so that we can serve as a point of reference for other actors in civil society.
- » **Consistency:** we are committed to making decisions with full awareness of their direct and indirect impact on those who are excluded and marginalised.
- » **Humility:** we listen openly aware that we are part of a larger alliance of forces with the common goal of defeating poverty.

* *Accountability* means 'giving an account' of one's conduct to all stakeholders involved with ActionAid.



Chapter 2

Objectives and programme activities

The 2028 Strategy: *Action for Global Justice*

ActionAid's ten-year strategy (2018–2028), Action for Global Justice, guides our work worldwide. Its aim is to promote social justice, gender equality and the eradication of poverty by redistributing power and resources, strengthening the resilience of communities and movements, and ensuring full respect for the rights of people living in poverty and exclusion.

To achieve this, ActionAid works alongside the most marginalised communities, supporting them to become active agents of change. Our work is developed collectively and participatively, engaging civil society organisations, activists, volunteers, social movements and supporters.

The strategy rests on three core pillars:

Rights

States must be democratic, protect people's rights and ensure justice. ActionAid supports civil society groups and organisations against discrimination and rights violations.

Redistribution

Access to resources is essential for communities and individuals. As an organisation, we mobilise so that even the most vulnerable people, especially women, can exercise control over productive resources, and so that a more equitable sharing of opportunities and respect for workers' rights is guaranteed.

Resilience

Faced with an increase in conflicts and natural disasters, people and communities need to increase their resilience to counteract and reduce their vulnerability. At ActionAid, we support the training of people who are on the front line in dealing with emergencies.

These pillars are closely interconnected and mutually supportive: **rights** cannot be fulfilled without the **redistribution** of power and will continue to be threatened unless the **resilience** of communities and individuals is strengthened.



ActionAid's results around the world

Four programme priorities guide the collective action of the ActionAid International Federation in this strategic decade. The programme is designed to connect work at every level – local, national, regional and international – making the most of the potential of coordinated action across all the countries where we operate.

In 2025, our commitment around the world took the form of **four thematic priorities**.



Priority 1

Building a new system of **climate justice**.



Priority 2

Building a new system for **economic justice** and access to public services.



Priority 3

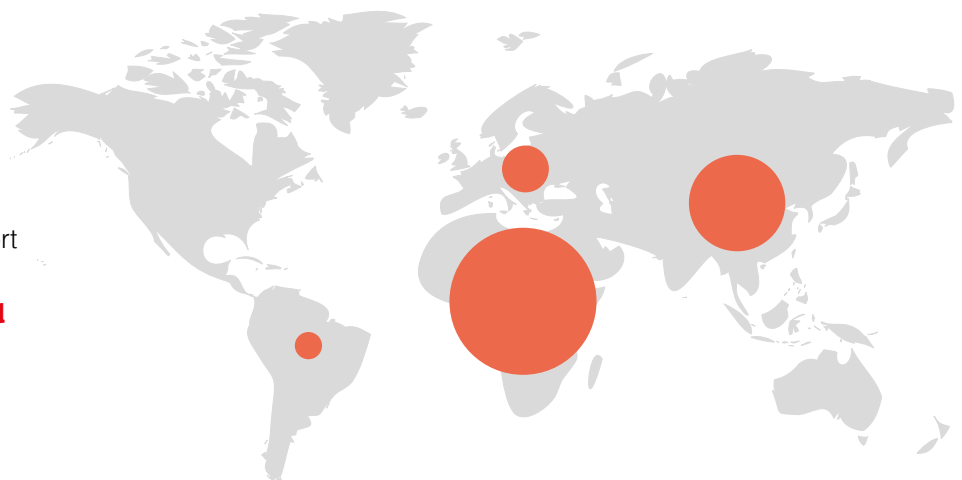
Building a new system that advances **women's rights** through feminist alternatives.



Priority 4

Building a new system for **humanitarian response**.

In 2025 we worked with the support of **3,805 partners**, of which **1,652** were **women's rights/women led** organisations.



Thematic priorities

All countries in the Federation contribute to common, internationally agreed priorities. These are reflected in the projects we implement worldwide, supported by both our Swiss and international supporters.

01



Building a new system of **climate justice**

In 2025, the ActionAid Federation continued to advance climate justice by working alongside the communities most affected by climate change. Special emphasis was placed on supporting women and young people so they could better understand the impacts of the climate crisis, develop adaptation strategies, and promote awareness-raising and advocacy initiatives at the local, national and international levels.

A significant part of this work focused on supporting farmers by strengthening their livelihoods and promoting agroecology as a key approach to increasing community resilience to climate change.

For ActionAid, tackling the climate crisis cannot be separated from protecting people's rights. This is why the Federation promotes the principle of a Just Transition: a development model that places workers, women and communities at its centre, ensuring that the transition towards more sustainable economies is also fair and inclusive.

During 2025, the Federation also published a report on international climate finance, analysing the main multilateral climate funds. The study found that only a very small share of available resources currently supports a genuine Just Transition: just 2.8% of the funding analysed, and fewer than one project in fifty, adequately address the needs of workers, women and local communities. These findings highlight the need for climate policies that are more equitable, participatory and effective in reducing inequalities.

02



Building a new system for **economic justice** and **access to public services**

In 2025, the ActionAid Federation strengthened its commitment to promoting fairer economic systems by advocating for more equitable tax policies, an end to austerity measures, and increased public investment in essential services, with a particular focus on education and gender equality.

Across several African countries - including Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Zambia and Zimbabwe - the Federation highlighted the close relationship between tax justice and gender justice. In Ethiopia, Liberia and Malawi, participatory assessments were carried out to evaluate the accessibility and quality of public services, particularly in the areas of healthcare and education.

ActionAid also continued to advocate for a more equitable humanitarian system, highlighting the barriers that women-led organisations continue to face in accessing funding and participating in decision-making processes, despite the critical role they play in supporting communities affected by crises and conflict. Strengthening their leadership is essential to delivering more effective, inclusive and sustainable humanitarian responses.

The story of Fanta Sawaneh



Photocredit: Mohamed L. Touray / ActionAid

financial support to purchase farming equipment and a donkey, which she still uses today to cultivate her fields.

Today, she applies agroecological practices that help her adapt to the effects of climate change, including the use of early-maturing crop varieties, crop diversification and natural pest management techniques.

Her harvest now provides enough food for her family for most of the year, while surplus produce is sold at the local market, generating additional household income.

For many years, Fanta, a farmer in The Gambia, cultivated her land without the tools she needed. She owned neither farming equipment nor draught animals and had to wait for other farmers to finish harvesting before she could borrow their tools.

As a result, planting was delayed, productivity remained low, and providing enough food for her family became increasingly difficult.

Through the Dalaba Climate Resilient Sustainable Agriculture Training Centre, ActionAid provided Fanta with training in climate-resilient farming techniques and

03



Building a new system that advances **women's rights** through feminist alternatives

Promoting women's rights and feminist approaches remains one of the central pillars of the ActionAid Federation's strategy. This commitment is rooted in a collective process of reflection that guides the Federation's work across countries and is translated into initiatives that address gender inequality, strengthen women's leadership and promote the full enjoyment of their rights.

Throughout 2025, local programme activities were complemented by advocacy initiatives at national, regional and international levels, aimed at promoting more inclusive policies and increasing women's participation in decision-making processes. The Federation also continued to support women-led movements and organisations, recognising their essential role in building more just societies, responding to humanitarian crises and contributing to peacebuilding and recovery efforts.

04



Building a new system for **humanitarian response**

In 2025, the ActionAid Federation continued to deliver humanitarian assistance in contexts affected by conflict, climate-related disasters and other emergencies, combining life-saving support with longer-term actions aimed at strengthening community resilience and recovery.

Humanitarian interventions included the distribution of essential supplies such as food, hygiene kits, non-food items, tents and temporary shelter, alongside Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) programmes that enabled families to meet their most urgent needs with greater autonomy.

Particular attention was given to protecting people's health and dignity through healthcare services, improved access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), and protection and psychosocial support programmes targeting the most vulnerable groups.

The Federation's humanitarian work also extended beyond immediate emergency response to support recovery through education, vocational training, leadership development and nutrition programmes, with a particular focus on women and young people. This integrated approach aims not only to respond to crises but also to strengthen communities' capacity to withstand future shocks and build a more inclusive and sustainable recovery.

Women-Led Organisations in Palestine



Photocredit: ActionAid

birth with increasingly limited access to essential medical care.

Despite these challenges, the report highlights the crucial role played by women-led organisations and women leaders within Palestinian communities. From managing displacement camps and supporting vulnerable families to strengthening solidarity networks and leading recovery initiatives, these organisations have become indispensable pillars of community resilience.

For this reason, ActionAid calls for greater access to funding for women-led organisations and for their full participation in peacebuilding and reconstruction processes, recognising them not simply as recipients of humanitarian assistance but as leaders of lasting change.

In 2025, ActionAid published the report *Agents of Change: The Role of Palestinian Women's Organisations in Times of Crisis*, examining the impact of the war on women and girls in Gaza and the West Bank.

The report shows how the conflict has dramatically worsened women's living conditions by increasing the risk of gender-based violence, limiting access to healthcare and safe spaces, and placing an even greater burden of caregiving responsibilities on women.

Pregnant women have been particularly affected, facing pregnancy and child-

Communication

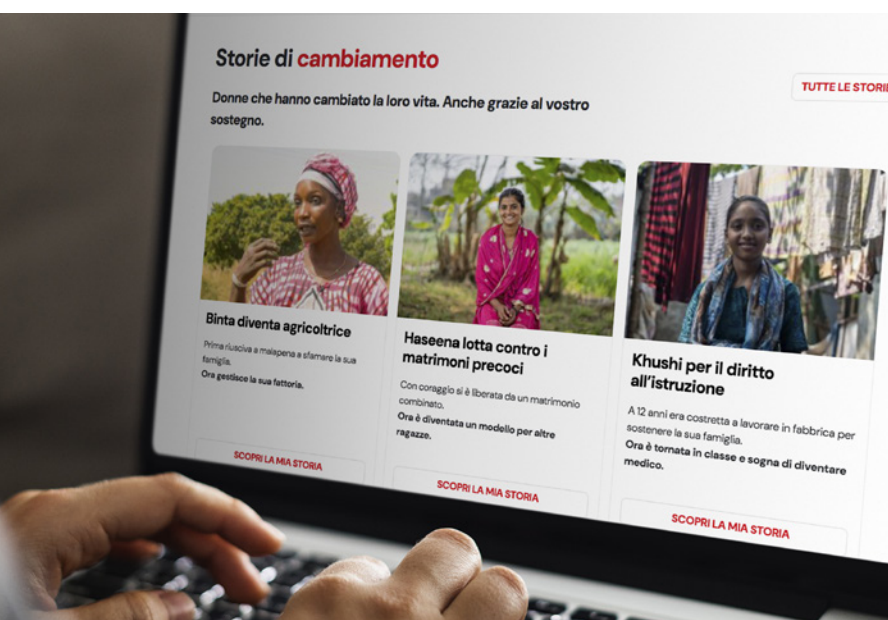
For ActionAid, communication is much more than sharing information. It is about building relationships based on trust, telling stories of change, and enabling our supporters to see the impact their commitment makes possible every day.

Throughout 2025, ActionAid Switzerland invested in strengthening the tools and content used to engage with its supporters, with the aim of making its communication clearer, more accessible and more meaningful for the people who choose to stand alongside us.

One of the year's most significant milestones was the launch of the new actionaid.ch website, designed to provide a simpler, more intuitive user experience and easier access to information about the organisation, the projects it supports and the different ways people can get involved.

The website has become a central platform for sharing ActionAid's work, the results achieved and the challenges faced by the communities with whom we work. Reflecting the launch of our activities in French-speaking Switzerland, the website and our main communication materials are now available in Italian, German, French and English, allowing us to engage more effectively with diverse audiences and make our content accessible to a wider range of supporters and stakeholders.

At the same time, ActionAid Switzerland strengthened its storytelling through regular communications with supporters. Stories, personal testimonies and project updates helped maintain a close connection with the communities we work alongside while showing, in concrete terms, how every donation creates opportunities, protects rights and drives lasting change.



Particular attention was also given to project storytelling. During the year, ActionAid Switzerland chose to highlight the Climate Resilient Sustainable Agriculture Training Centre in Dalaba, The Gambia, sharing stories, experiences and insights that demonstrate how the support of our donors helps create opportunities for training, employment and economic independence for hundreds of young women and men.

Alongside these initiatives, the organisation launched its first digital awareness campaigns, with the aim of introducing ActionAid to a broader audience and raising awareness of social justice, women's rights and the fight against inequality.

Chapter 3

ActionAid Switzerland's resources

In 2025, ActionAid Switzerland continued to promote its Fight for Women campaign, raising funds through both regular and one-off donations to support women's rights. Funds were raised primarily through face-to-face fundraising activities aimed at acquiring new supporters, while also strengthening relationships with our existing donor base.

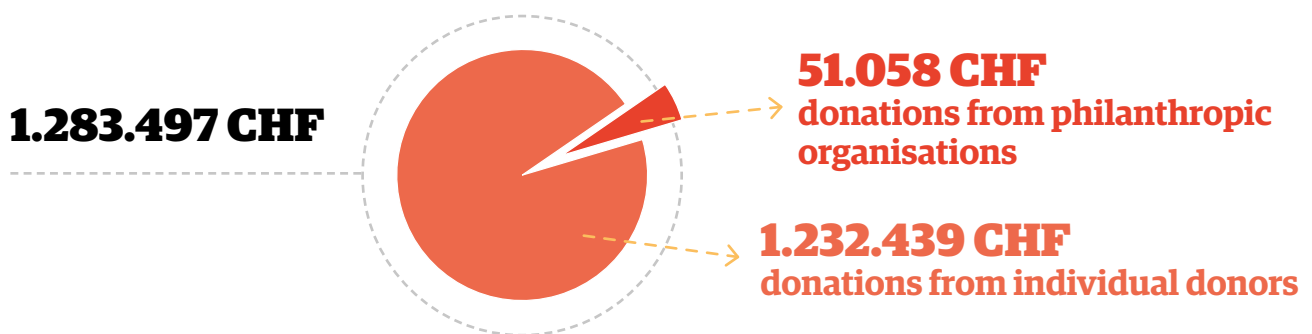
The resources raised support ActionAid programmes and projects across all the countries where the Federation operates, with a particular focus on initiatives that prevent and address violence against women and girls, including child marriage, female genital mutilation and acid attacks.

During the year, ActionAid Switzerland also continued to develop its fundraising activities with Swiss philanthropic foundations. These partnerships mainly support the co-funding of projects in countries where ActionAid already operates, in line with the organisation's strategic priorities, particularly gender-based violence prevention and the empowerment of women and young people.

This work is carried out in close collaboration with the Humanitarian Aid Department of ActionAid Italy, enabling us to build on existing expertise while focusing fundraising efforts on shared international programmes.

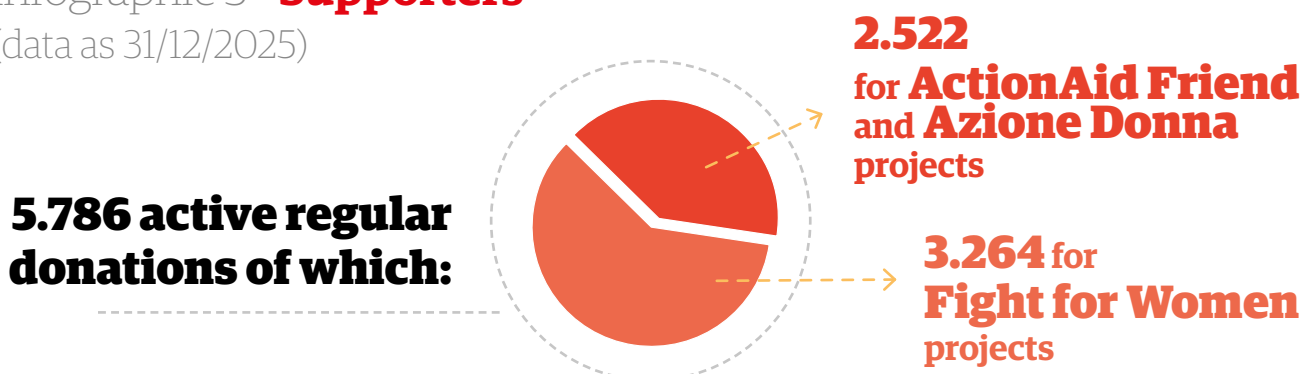
Infographic 2 - **Total Income**

(data as 31/12/2025)



Infographic 3 - **Supporters**

(data as 31/12/2025)



Infographic 4 - Supporters by gender and age group

(data as 31/12/2025)

		Age	Italian-speaking Switzerland	French-speaking Switzerland	German-speak- ing Switzerland
	58%	18-24	2%	30%	4%
		25-59	30%	35%	39%
		>60	25%	4%	15%
	42%	18-24	2%	13%	2%
		25-59	26%	16%	32%
		>60	15%	2%	8%

Funds raised in 2025

Individual giving

In 2025, ActionAid Switzerland generated total income of CHF 1.283 million, of which CHF 1.232 million came from individual donations.

As of 31 December 2025, ActionAid Switzerland was supported by 5,786 regular donors:

- » 56% supported the *Fight for Women* programme, which funds projects aimed at preventing and addressing violence against women;
- » 43% chose to support *ActionAid Friend*, contributing to the organisation's overall mission across all countries where the Federation operates;
- » The remaining 1% supported *Azione Donna*, making larger annual contributions to projects benefiting women in four specific countries: Brazil, Cambodia, India and Kenya.

Throughout 2025, ActionAid Switzerland continued to strengthen its individual giving programme by expanding face-to-face fundraising activities into French-speaking Switzerland for the first time, while further consolidating relationships with its existing community of supporters.

At the same time, the organisation invested in strengthening its institutional communication through the launch of its new website and by placing greater emphasis on demonstrating the tangible impact of donor support.

Particular attention was given to the Climate Resilient Sustainable Agriculture Training Centre in Dalaba, The Gambia. Through stories and regular updates from the field, the project provided a clear illustration of ActionAid's human rights-based approach, showing how strengthening local capacities creates lasting opportunities for economic independence and sustainable development.

Throughout the year, Fight for Women remained ActionAid Switzerland's flagship fundraising campaign for individual donors. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, the campaign continues to fund programmes that promote women's rights and address gender inequality across the countries where the Federation operates, helping to build fairer, more inclusive and more resilient communities.

Philanthropic organisations

In 2025, ActionAid Switzerland continued to strengthen its High Value fundraising activities, with a particular focus on philanthropic foundations. Alongside consolidating existing relationships, significant efforts were devoted to identifying and engaging new funding opportunities.

Throughout the year, proposal development expanded considerably, supporting both long-standing partnerships and the acquisition of new donors. This work broadened and diversified the organisation's project portfolio while strengthening coordination with other ActionAid members, particularly in Africa and Asia, and creating greater synergies with ActionAid Italy's private and institutional fundraising strategy.

Funding proposals focused both on scaling up existing programmes and on developing new initiatives aligned with the priorities of ActionAid country offices and the strategic interests of prospective funding partners. Key thematic areas included the empowerment of women and young people through vocational training and employment opportunities, agroecology and climate resilience, education and child protection in fragile contexts, support for women survivors of violence, and psychosocial wellbeing programmes for children and young people affected by crises, including inclusive sports initiatives in refugee camps.

During 2025, ActionAid Switzerland submitted 24 funding proposals to philanthropic foundations, marking a significant expansion of its engagement with new funding partners. Four proposals were approved during the year, securing a total of CHF 132,500:

- » **Daester Schild Foundation** awarded CHF 15,000 to support the project "*Accelerating Youth Empowerment for Improved Livelihood*" in The Gambia, providing vulnerable young people with training in agroecology and start-up kits to launch small income-generating activities.
- » **NAK Humanitas Foundation** contributed CHF 10,000 to support ActionAid's emergency response following the earthquake in Myanmar.
- » **UEFA Foundation for Children** approved EUR 100,000 for the project "*Play for Protection: Child-Centred Sports for Safety and Belonging*" in Bangladesh, aimed at strengthening protection and psychosocial wellbeing for children and young people living in the Rohingya refugee camps in Cox's Bazar.
- » **Sustainable Future Foundation** provided CHF 7,500 to support the scale-up of "*SLASH – Strengthening Leadership of Acid and Burn Violence Survivors Through Holistic Interventions*", building on the Foundation's previous support for the project in 2021.



TOGETHER AGAINST VIOLENCE AND DISCRIMINATION

Through the *Fight for Women* campaign, ActionAid Switzerland supports women and girls in claiming their rights, living free from violence, and building their own future.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we deliver practical interventions across four key areas.

- » **Ending violence against women** - We work to prevent and fight all forms of violence against women by providing support to survivors and promoting lasting social change within communities. We partner with women's support centres that offer medical, psychological and legal assistance, carry out awareness-raising campaigns, and support local women's organisations and movements working to defend women's rights.
- » **Promoting economic independence** - We help women achieve financial independence through vocational training, support for small business development, access to tools and productive resources, and assistance in developing agricultural and income-generating activities.
- » **Expanding access to education and participation** - We support educational programmes that enable girls to remain in school, promote women's leadership and empowerment initiatives, and encourage women's participation in decision-making processes within their communities.
- » **Protecting the right to self-determination** - We work to prevent child and forced marriage and female genital mutilation through awareness-raising, education and community engagement. We involve families, religious leaders, teachers and local authorities in challenging discriminatory social norms, while providing protection and support services to women and girls affected by these harmful practices.



Supported projects in 2025

“Accelerating Youth Empowerment for Improved Livelihood”

In 2025, the Daester Schild Foundation approved funding for the Accelerating Youth Empowerment for Improved Livelihood project in The Gambia, an initiative that forms part of ActionAid's broader commitment to strengthening food security, enhancing the economic resilience of rural communities, and creating employment opportunities for young people.

The project supports vulnerable young people, including young women and persons with disabilities, through vocational training in agroecology and climate-resilient agriculture.

Training activities take place at the Dalaba Climate Resilient Sustainable Agriculture (CRSA) Training Centre and focus on horticulture, small livestock farming and poultry production, combining classroom learning with practical, hands-on experience.

Upon completing the training, participants receive start-up kits and technical support to help them establish their own income-generating agricultural activities. The project also strengthens the Training Centre itself by providing agricultural materials, seeds, equipment and other resources needed for practical training.

The project will continue throughout 2026. Its expected outcomes include training 20 young people, supporting the creation of sustainable livelihoods in horticulture, livestock farming and poultry production, and further strengthening the Dalaba CRSA Training Centre as a hub for learning, innovation and entrepreneurship for young people from the surrounding communities.

Myanmar earthquake emergency response

In 2025, the NAK Humanitas Foundation approved funding to support ActionAid's emergency response following the devastating earthquake that struck Myanmar on 28 March 2025, worsening an already fragile context marked by ongoing conflict, widespread displacement and limited access to essential services.

ActionAid's response focused on the areas most severely affected, adopting a community-led approach designed to support the transition from emergency relief to long-term recovery and resilience building. Activities included the construction of sanitation facilities, the development of safe water systems, support for safer and more resilient shelter solutions, and protection and psychosocial support services, particularly for women, young people and other vulnerable groups.

Special attention was given to strengthening the leadership of women and young people within affected communities. In several locations, training was provided on psychological first aid, gender-based violence prevention, and protection from exploitation and abuse, alongside the establishment and support of safe spaces for women. In urban areas, the response also included livelihood assistance for displaced women street vendors who were unable to return to damaged or unsafe homes.

The contribution from NAK Humanitas enabled ActionAid to respond rapidly during the most critical phase of the emergency. Overall, between April and July 2025, the response reached more than 25,000 people through food assistance, WASH services, shelter and non-food item distribution, capacity-building activities and multi-purpose cash assistance. The emergency intervention was completed during 2025.

“Play for Protection: Child-Centered Sports for Safety and Belonging”

In 2025, the UEFA Foundation for Children approved funding for the project Play for Protection: Child-Centred Sports for Safety and Belonging, implemented in the Rohingya refugee camps in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

The project aims to strengthen the protection, resilience and psychosocial wellbeing of refugee children and young people through sport by creating safe, inclusive and gender-sensitive spaces. It recognises sport and play as powerful tools for protection, social inclusion, life skills development and stronger community connections within the world's largest refugee camp.

Activities include training young refugees as sports coaches, maintaining temporary sports facilities and organising inclusive sports programmes for 300 direct beneficiaries. Particular attention is given to the participation of girls and children with disabilities, promoting equal opportunities, challenging discriminatory social norms and strengthening community-based protection mechanisms.

The project is currently ongoing and will continue throughout 2026. Expected outcomes include improved psychosocial wellbeing among participating children and young people, increased participation of girls and children with disabilities in safe and inclusive sports activities, and stronger youth leadership within refugee communities.

“SLASH- Strengthening Leadership of Acid and Burn Violence Survivors Through Holistic Interventions”

In 2025, the Sustainable Future Foundation supported the scale-up of the SLASH – Strengthening Leadership of Acid and Burn Violence Survivors Through Holistic Interventions project in Nepal, implemented by ActionAid International Nepal in partnership with Astitwa Nepal.

The project builds on previous work supporting women and survivors of acid attacks and burn violence, with the aim of strengthening their wellbeing, independence and access to essential services.

It adopts a survivor-centred, holistic approach that combines advocacy, medical assistance, psychosocial support, referral to essential services, and economic empowerment. Activities were implemented in Kathmandu, Janakpur and Nepalgunj, engaging survivors, family members, local authorities, healthcare providers, shelters and other key actors within the protection system.

Key activities included survivor-led advocacy and awareness campaigns, engagement with local stakeholders and service providers, guidance on accessing public services and available funding, medical support to ensure continuity of care, psychosocial counselling, vocational training, and assistance to establish or strengthen small income-generating businesses.

The project improved survivors' access to healthcare, psychological support, information about their rights and opportunities for economic independence. It also strengthened coordination among institutions and service providers, promoting a more informed, inclusive and survivor-centred approach. The intervention was successfully completed during 2025, contributing to greater dignity, leadership and resilience among the women involved.

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We would like to thank all our generous individual supporters and foundations whose commitment has helped to make our projects around the world possible.

Special thanks go to:

Daester Schild Foundation
UEFA Foundation For Children
NAK Humanitas Foundation
Sustainable Future Foundation



Use of resources

In 2025, ActionAid Switzerland allocated 100% of the funds received from individual supporters, foundations, major donors and companies to institutional activities, as outlined below:

- » **Projects and awareness:** 72% of the annual budget was invested in ActionAid International programmes around the world, including restricted funding for projects supporting women in Brazil, Cambodia, Kenya, India and Myanmar. This allocation also covered awareness-raising, communication and positioning activities in Switzerland aimed at increasing public understanding of ActionAid's programme priorities and expanding the organisation's network of partners. In addition, it includes funds provided by major donors for the previous mentioned projects implemented in the Arab Region, The Gambia, Nepal and Myanmar, as well as donations from individual supporters specifically earmarked for the Myanmar emergency appeal.
- » **Fundraising:** these costs are related to the activities aimed at maintaining ActionAid Switzerland's existing donor base and acquiring new supporters, primarily through face-to-face fundraising;
- » **Administrative, financial and exceptional costs:** support costs (CHF 53,000) cover the expenses required for the day-to-day operation of the organisation, including accounting services, statutory audit, IT support, taxes and administrative costs. Financial and extraordinary costs (CHF 8,000) mainly consist of bank charges associated with direct debit and credit card donations, as well as exchange rate differences arising from financial transactions with other ActionAid members.

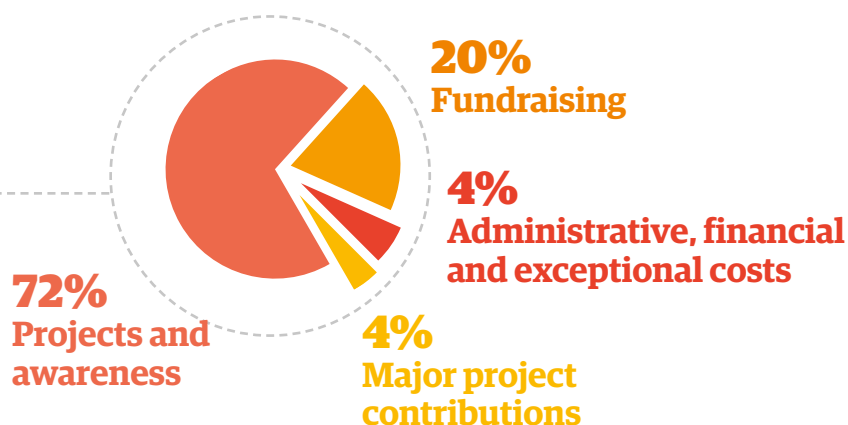
The financial year closed with a **positive operating result of CHF 10,233**, which will be fully reinvested to support the institutional activities of ActionAid Switzerland.

Infographic 5 - Use of resources

(data as 31/12/2025)

Total costs

1.273.264 CHF

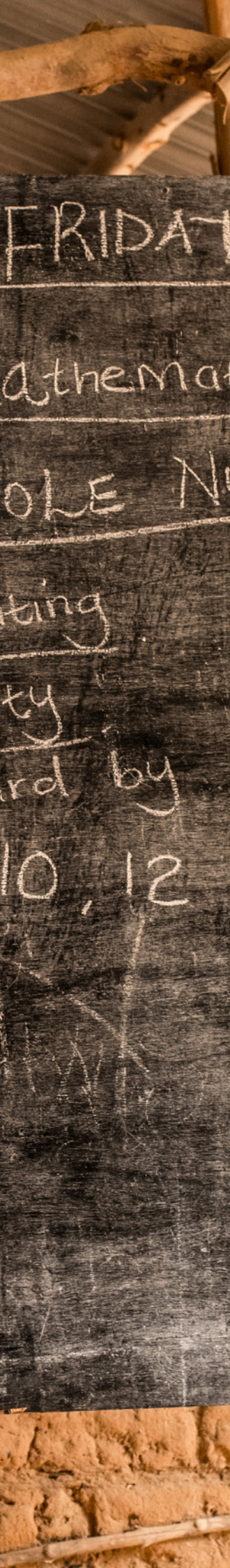


Infographic 6 - Annual Counts

(data as of 31/12/2025, in CHF)

BALANCE SHEET	2025	2024
ASSETS	946.158	934.076
FIXED ASSETS	1	1
Electronic office equipment	1.892	1.892
Depreciation on machinery	-1.891	-1.891
CURRENT ASSETS	80.014	72.548
Tax receivables	0	0
Other receivables	7.500	34
Prepaid expenses	72.514	72.514
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	866.144	861.527
PostFinance account	199.254	258.079
State Bank account	661.471	598.425
State Bank account	5.419	5.022
TOTAL LIABILITIES	935.926	859.565
LIABILITIES	232.730	153.962
Trade payables	208.947	129.461
Tax payables	10.939	10.943
Accrued liabilities	0	0
Other accrued liabilities	12.843	13.558
EQUITY	345.406	269.885
Membership contributions	100	100
Retained earnings from prior years	345.306	269.785
FUNDS DESIGNATED FOR PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS	357.790	435.719
Restricted project funds	7.790	25.104
Unrestricted project funds	350.000	410.615
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	10.233	74.511
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE	2025	2024
INCOME	1.283.497	1.344.167
Donations from individuals and HV	1.283.497	1.344.167
Donations from individuals	1.232.439	1.307.685
Donations from High Value Fundraising	51.058	36.482
Exceptional Income	-	-
EXPENDITURE	851.587	798.885
Expenditure related to High Value Fundraising activities	49.766	48.230
Expenditure on communication, awareness-raising and fundraising	747.009	704.465
Administrative expenses	45.968	44.138
Financial and exceptional expenses	8.844	2.022
INTERIM RESULT FOR THE YEAR	431.910	545.312
Allocation to projects and programmes	421.678	470.801
Allocation to restricted projects	71.678	60.186
Allocation to unrestricted projects	350.000	410.615
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	10.233	74.511





Conclusions

For ActionAid Switzerland, 2025 was a year of consolidation and of laying the foundations for future growth.

Against a global backdrop of conflict, climate crises and widening inequalities, we continued to work alongside women, girls and communities to help them understand, defend and claim their rights. We remained true to our approach: not replacing people but supporting them in strengthening their own capacities and creating conditions for lasting change.

Throughout the year, we strengthened our relationship with our supporters, invested in clearer and more transparent communication, consolidated our work with the Swiss philanthropic sector and launched our fundraising activities in French-speaking Switzerland for the first time. Although different in nature, each of these achievements contributes to the same goal: making ActionAid Switzerland an organisation that is increasingly able to engage individuals, partners and institutions in building a more just and equitable society.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who has chosen to stand alongside us: our donors, philanthropic foundations, partners and all those who have placed their trust in our work. Every contribution represents not only support for our programmes, but also a tangible commitment to advancing human rights, justice and equality.

Looking ahead, we are fully aware that the challenges we face will not diminish. We will continue to place women and girls at the centre of our work, promoting their right to live free from violence and discrimination, while supporting the world's most vulnerable communities in their path towards becoming active agents of their own development.

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