

ACTIONAID'S HUMANITARIAN WORK

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*Empowering women,
transforming communities*

THE NEED FOR A DIFFERENT APPROACH

The international humanitarian system concentrates power and funding in the hands of a small group of actors, largely based in the Global North. Actors with relevant local knowledge and networks, especially women, are excluded from decision-making. This is despite the fact that women and girls often suffer the most in emergencies, as a direct result of the gender inequality and discrimination they face in their daily lives. In fact, women are typically 14 times more likely to die in climate disasters than men. And violence against women and girls increases in all emergencies.

WOMEN-LED HUMANITARIAN WORK

ActionAid acts on the need to **shift power to local and national responders**. This will increase the effectiveness and fairness of humanitarian work, and **improve accountability to disaster-affected communities**. Women bring critical skills, local knowledge and extensive networks that are vital in times of crisis. That is why we **promote women's leadership** by training women to take charge of crisis preparedness and response in their communities. ActionAid works directly with partners who are embedded in the community and have a deep understanding of local needs.

LEADING THE CHARGE

Dikshya (23) took part in one of ActionAid's women's leadership programmes. Now she is teaching her community in Nepal how to respond to climate-induced flooding, which affects them on a yearly basis.



Dikshya:

After receiving search and support training, I returned to my community and helped form the community disaster management committee. I taught them how to wear life jackets, ring the siren, and how to use the equipment they have with them. We also taught people how to provide first aid and supported them during their monthly meetings. We taught people how to make life jackets too.



Why is women's leadership in emergency preparedness and response so important?



More lives are saved



When women lead crisis response, communities are better prepared and have greater resilience to increasing hazards and shocks



Women's position in society is transformed



Women are seen and respected as capable leaders, which contributes significantly to gender equality



Women and girls are better protected from violence



Women in charge are better able to ensure their rights and families are protected and respected in emergencies

THE ARISE COMMUNITY

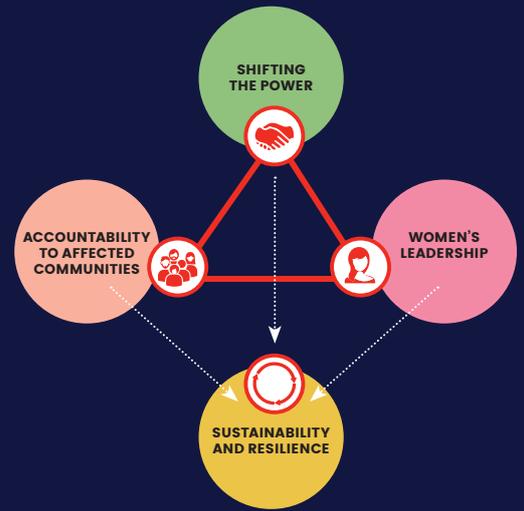
ActionAid has established Arise to drive its pioneering women-led humanitarian work. The Arise Community is a global network that empowers women to lead crisis preparedness and response in their communities. Together we:

- **Prepare women before disaster strikes** through support in emergency preparedness, conflict resolution training, and community-based protection programs.
- **Provide rapid response funding** in times of crisis to ensure that women and their organisations have resources when they need them most.

OUR AMBITION

Over the next 10 years, we aim to expand this global network and train millions of women around the world. Because empowered women can transform their communities and take charge in times of crisis.

ActionAid's humanitarian signature



THE IMPACT OF ARISE:

Since 2017



22 countries
we've worked in



3.881 million
people reached



36,081 women
trained to prepare
for and lead disaster
response



€ 6 million
funds raised



Roselyn:

There are many factors adding to the vulnerability of women during crises; for example, in evacuation centres, there were no safe spaces for women, children, or persons with disability.

Training and seminars on gender [equality] and [disaster risk reduction management] helped me a lot to expand my knowledge, especially working in an emergency situation, and I am happy that I am able to share that with other women in my community.



Roselyn is a young rural women leader and chairperson of PKKK Negros Occidental – a coalition of 29 local women's organisations.

Women rebuilding the world

FATIMA-ZAHRA IN MOROCCO

Fatima-Zahra (second woman on the right) has participated in workshops for young women leaders to become active in community initiatives in Morocco. Together with other volunteers she has been leading the distribution of humanitarian aid after the earthquake in 2023.



TAPOSHI IN BANGLADESH

Taposhi from Bangladesh has learnt how to be a leader in emergencies and is campaigning for other women in her community to do the same. She states: 'If one woman comes forward from every house during an emergency then nothing can cause us serious damage.'

ZANDI IN DR CONGO

Zandi and her community in DR Congo face landslides, floods and changing weather patterns. She explains: 'These rains are destroying everything for us. They destroy our fields and cause hunger.' To mitigate the effects of climate change, she has learned about agroecological practices.



LOVENESS IN MALAWI

Right after Cyclone Freddy devastated much of Malawi in 2023, Loveness, the director of ActionAid's partner organisation Chigwirizano Women's Movement, said: 'I just want to appreciate ActionAid as an organisation, because they assist us in such times of disasters. Because a friend in need, is a friend indeed.'

Become part of the Arise Community

The Arise Community receives updates on the progress and successes of ActionAid's humanitarian projects. Members get invited to ActionAid and Arise events. And when disasters strike, they are alerted to the immediate needs and response, and we let them know what they can do to help.

To ensure that we can have significant impact, Arise Community members support the programme financially with a minimum donation of € 500 per year or € 42 per month. Please enquire about the options for a five-year membership with tax benefits.

SUPPORT OUR HUMANITARIAN WORK:

€ 500

could provide 40 women with dignity kits containing soap, sanitary pads and other hygiene items.

€ 1,000

could help train 70 women to prepare for and respond to future emergencies, including first aid training and procurement of relief items.

€ 5,000

could be used to set up 2 safe spaces where women can access supplies and support, learn about their rights and receive training.

€ 10,000

could support 5 local disaster management committees to set up disaster early warning systems.

€ 30,000

could support women to lead an emergency response and ensure that women's rights are protected from the outset.

Every time you donate to Arise, you empower women to transform their communities in times of crisis.

Thank you!

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