

ActionAid South Africa (established in 2006) is a South African organisation that is a member of the international ActionAid federation - a global movement of people working together to further human rights and defeat poverty. ActionAid applies the Human Rights Based Approach in all its work in partnership with poor communities, community based organisations, social movements, civil society and other development actors. ActionAid South Africa is part of an international campaign, Safe Cities for Women which aims to build cities in which women and girls enjoy their rights to city living, free from violence and the fear of violence. Many of the Young Urban Women partners and participants are involved in this campaign.

In the context of globalisation and the growing interconnectedness of the world, ActionAid also works with international players in an effort to influence pro-poor policies to help create an enabling environment in solidarity with the struggles of poor communities. ActionAid focusses on the fighting the causes of poverty (not just the effects); it does not impose solutions, but works with and in support of people living in poverty, empowering them with the tools to lead efforts for change and their own development; and it works to bring about long-term sustainable change to end poverty.

ActionAid International, the global federation, was established in 1972 and has 45 member countries the majority of which are based in Africa, Asia and Latin America. It is driven by the needs of people living in poverty and the marginalised around the world. Its headquarters is based in South Africa.