



**ActionAid works  
alongside poor  
and vulnerable  
people to end  
poverty and the  
injustices that  
cause it.**

ActionAid was on the ground for 2007's most critical moments, as we have been since 1972. Our work with poor and excluded people to attack the root causes of poverty put us front and center, alongside the people most affected by these events.

ActionAid was there with food, water and supplies after Haiti's floods and in the wake of Cyclone Sidr in Bangladesh. And we are there still, reclaiming rice paddies flooded with salt water and teaching people how to make the next disaster less devastating.

ActionAid was there, pushing for Congressional approval of local purchase of food aid, helping more food get more quickly to the people who need it most. When food purchases occur closer to the place of need, local markets and local producers grow stronger. And we are still there, pressing for passage and funding of this measure.

ActionAid was there when a mining company laid claim to the lands of thousands of indigenous people in India. We are still there, as displaced families fight for their rights in India's court system. We are there in India and we act here as well, pressuring the conglomerate that owns the mine to do the right thing.

That is the power of ActionAid. We work on the ground and in the halls of power to fight the root causes of poverty. We provide for basic needs when necessary. But ActionAid's lasting impact comes from our work alongside poor and excluded people to help individuals and communities understand and claim their rights.

We work with these communities to empower themselves and hold their own governments accountable. We bring their voices to powerful countries, like the United States, to demand effective, evidence-based policies.

ActionAid tackles these issues head-on. But we need you to strengthen this work. We need your voice and your power to join with the voices of poor people as they claim the rights we all deserve. In the coming year, you will be hearing more from us and about us. I hope it will inspire you to join us by adding your voice to this chorus.

As you read this, please think about how you can make a difference. Whether it is through financial support or through activism, you can help us—and the communities we work with—to put an end to poverty and hunger once and for all.

Make 2008 the year you join ActionAid in the fight.

Peter O'Driscoll



# ActionAid in the Halls of Power >>>

## FOOD RIGHTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

854 million people go hungry every day and climate change is swelling their ranks. ActionAid and our partners held an international conference on climate change and hunger in April 2007. We outlined fair policies for helping poor people, who face the worst impacts of climate change, to adapt to a problem for which the industrialized countries are most responsible. Our report on funding adaptation to global warming received broad support at the United Nations Conference on climate in December in Bali, Indonesia. ActionAid's work with small farmers and faith-based groups prompted Senate leadership to support local and regional purchase of food aid in the Farm Bill. And we continued to link farmers in developing countries to their counterparts in the US to demand reform of the global food system.

## EMERGENCIES

ActionAid brought Tsunami survivors from South India together with Katrina survivors from New Orleans to share lessons learned and to promote the rights and perspectives of poor people to better inform future disaster response and recovery efforts.

## GOVERNANCE

ActionAid trained 95 people from 40 organizations about policies that will put more doctors, nurses and teachers on the ground in developing countries. Participants learned about alternatives to the International Monetary Fund's unnecessarily low inflation targets. These practices prevent developing countries from using their money to hire teachers, nurses and doctors. We supported similar training and advocacy programs in Kenya, Malawi and Sierra Leone to help citizens hold their governments accountable for spending decisions on public health and education.

## WOMEN'S RIGHTS

ActionAid pressed presidential candidates to support a five-year, \$50 billion commitment to the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and supported the Microbicide Development Act, a critical tool for helping women threatened by violence to protect themselves from HIV&AIDS. ActionAid links networks of women affected by violence and HIV&AIDS in the United States and in developing countries to demand more effective prevention policies.

**ActionAid fights poverty by helping the world's poorest people speak to the world's most powerful. ActionAid helps people take control of their own lives. So they can tell their leaders what needs to change, and see it happen. This is the most effective way to end their poverty for good.**

[ BANGLADESH ]



[ BRAZIL ]



# ActionAid on the Ground >>>

## BANGLADESH

ActionAid trained 600 families in ten communities to build water systems and latrines so they can manage and maintain the systems on their own. Now, collecting water takes only minutes instead of the six hours it averaged before. Girls who used to spend their days carrying water now attend school.

## BRAZIL

ActionAid campaigned for better oversight of local governments' use of tax dollars. A group of 300 community members working with the campaign uncovered nearly \$150,000 in wasteful spending. That money will now go to much-needed public services.

## DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

ActionAid worked with community leaders to end "bleusaille," the practice of hazing new students — usually girls. The violence from this hazing sent many girls to the hospital and many more dropped out of school out of fear. Now, girls attend school without fear of violence.

## HAITI

Together with local partners, ActionAid pushed the Haitian government to sign a treaty ending the arms trade, a major cause of the violence, poverty and human rights violations in Haiti.

## INDIA

ActionAid began working to protect the rights of the disabled in India since 1998. Our work in Delhi resulted in the construction of 190 bus shelters accessible to disabled people. Several low-floor buses now run in Delhi and the state transportation department will replace all existing buses with the accessible, low-floor models by 2010. ActionAid also brought community leaders from Tsunami-affected areas of Southern India to New Orleans to meet with organizers from the Hurricane Katrina disaster.

## MALAWI

ActionAid formed an AIDS support network in Nsanje, the district with the highest rate of infection in Malawi. The network provides education, counseling, and testing at two centers serving thousands of people.

## THAILAND

Developers tried to force Tsunami survivors off their traditional lands. Poor families typically lacked formal title to the lands they lived on for generations. ActionAid provided legal assistance to the residents and, to date, 500 court cases in six provinces have been resolved in favor of poor, Tsunami-affected families.

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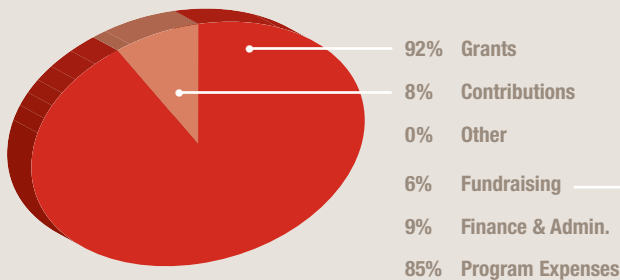
# ActionAid Financial Summary >>>

For the year ended December 31, 2007  
With comparative totals for 2006

Current year operating revenues and expenses:	2007	2006
<b>Revenues</b>		
Grants	4,242,005	12,053,289
Contributions	390,518	410,747
Other Income	13,556	15,000
<b>Total Revenues and Other Support</b>	<b>4,646,079</b>	<b>12,479,036</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Program Expenses	3,833,843	3,153,320
Fundraising	287,441	89,641
General and Administrative	387,906	271,173
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>4,509,190</b>	<b>3,514,134</b>
Increase in net assets	136,889	8,964,902
Net Assets at the beginning of year	9,307,187	342,285
Net assets at end of year	9,444,076	9,307,187

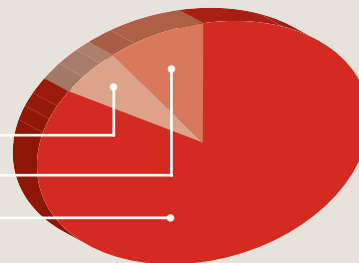
These numbers reflect a \$12 million grant which was recorded as income in 2006 but which will be paid annually over a period of five years.

2007 Revenue



[ MALAWI ]

2007 Expenses



[ THAILAND ]



## Looking Ahead >>>

- > In the coming year, ActionAid will be conducting research on the impacts of biofuels on small-scale farmers and food supply in Africa and Brazil.
- > We will support communities affected by climate change in Bangladesh, Nepal, Kenya, Malawi and Brazil and push for new funding to help them adapt.
- > We will empower women's organizations in India, Nepal, Haiti, Sierra Leone and Malawi to monitor foreign aid and government spending on HIV&AIDS prevention.
- > We will continue to demand that international loans to poor countries not include conditions that prevent governments from meeting their obligation to provide public health and education services.
- > And ActionAid will stand ready to raise and channel urgently-needed relief funds when disasters strike vulnerable communities.
- > Poor people have rights. We have stood with them since 1972 as they discover and demand their rights. And we will continue now to amplify their voices and to work with them to end poverty. **Together.**



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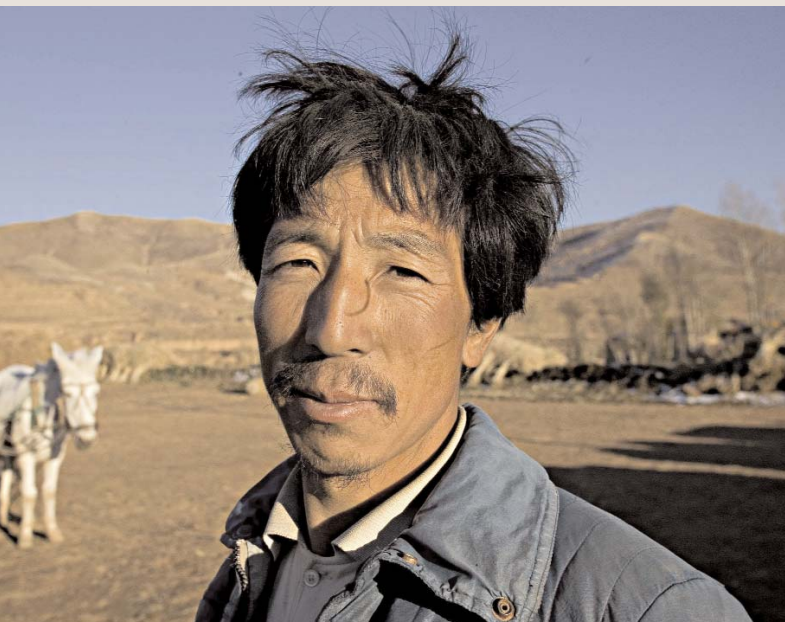
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**ActionAid** fights to end poverty and the injustices that cause it by helping poor and excluded people secure and exercise their rights.