



ActionAid Ethiopia's **Protection** Programming

ActionAid's protection programming works mainly on general protection and on protection mainstreaming, particularly on **Gender-Based Violences**. It follows women-led and community-based protection approach because it aims to:

- Support women to take a **leadership** role in preparing for and responding to humanitarian crises. Women are the worst affected in emergencies and are also often the first responders.
- It **recognizes** the importance of **everyone** in the community working together to bring about change.
- It recognizes that some groups of women and girls are more at risk than others due to their race, class, age, disability, sexuality, or education level, among others.

In addition to ActionAid's protection programming, the prevention & response modalities are directly related with the meta **Theory of Change** of the organization. Its aim is to achieve **social justice, gender equality, and poverty eradication** through purposeful individual and collective action to shift unequal and unjust power, whether it is hidden, visible or invisible. So, the root causes of gender-based violences are **power imbalance, gender inequality, and the violations of human dignity**.

Thus, working on the **root causes of GBV through community-based protection** approach with the high engagements of the communities through strengthening & empowering of their knowledge & skills via continuous capacity building training can have a significant advantage to sustain the project activities.

ActionAid works with professionals and experts with high engagements of national & regional level protection clusters & strengthening partnership with local partners/CSOs to brand itself in protection sectors of child protection & gender-based violences.

ActionAid Ethiopia's Protection Program intervention areas:

- Amhara region-North Wollo (Lasta, Gazo & Angot Woredas), South Wollo zone (Tehuledere & Worebabu Woredas), North Shewa zone (Efratana Giden Woreda) & Wag Himra zone (Sekota town)
- Tigray region- (Wajirat Woreda)
- Oromia region- Borena zone (Dillo, Wachile, Arero, Guchi & Moyale Woredas)
- Afar region-Zone 3 (Gewanie & Amibara Woredas)
- Somali Region- (Bokolmayu & Awubare refugee camps)

Protection Project Local Partners:

- PADet (Amhara region),
- NMWEO (Amhara region),
- Rohi Weddu (Afar region), and
- RaDO (Somali region)

Main Program Implementing activities

- **Capacity building** trainings for the government stakeholders, frontline workers & community-based structures focusing on **GBV** case management, **PFA**, and **psycho-social support**,
- Protection mainstreaming trainings for partners & government stakeholders
- Rapid, **multi-sectoral assessments** & PDMs
- Mass Awareness creation
- Community dialogue & conversations
- Women & girls **safe space** establishment & furnishing
- **Establishing** a community-based structure like **Women Protection Groups**, committees & watch groups
- Psycho-social support
- GBV case management & individual **cash assistance**
- Service mapping & **referral linkage**
- Supporting & strengthening the **protection clusters**



Capacity Building Training to Women Protection Groups



Dignity Kit Distribution to crises-affected women.

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