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# REBUILD PROJECT

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# about **REBUILD** PROJECT

REBUILD is an EU-funded project through which EU volunteers are deployed to support the work of local organisations in four countries: Colombia, Kenya, Palestine, and Uganda. The project is aligned with the goals of Alianza and ActionAid Denmark (AADK) as the sending organisations.

This booklet describes the project's work with ActionAid International Kenya (AAIK).

*Working with international volunteers through the Rebuild project has been transformative. We started in 2023 with seven volunteers and have grown to over seventeen today. Our focus on strengthening youth leadership and civic engagement, especially for women, in a post-COVID-19 reality has been incredibly rewarding. The most powerful moment is always watching volunteers arrive in a foreign country and grow into confident, skilled young professionals. It's been an amazing learning journey for all of us.*

**-Elizabeth Kamola, Voluntary Project Coordinator AAIK**



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# OBJECTIVES

To enhance the engagement of young people, particularly young women and organisations in accessible, high-quality solidarity activities that strengthen the resilience of vulnerable communities in the Global South against the impacts of humanitarian crises, while also supporting rebuilding efforts in the wake of COVID-19.

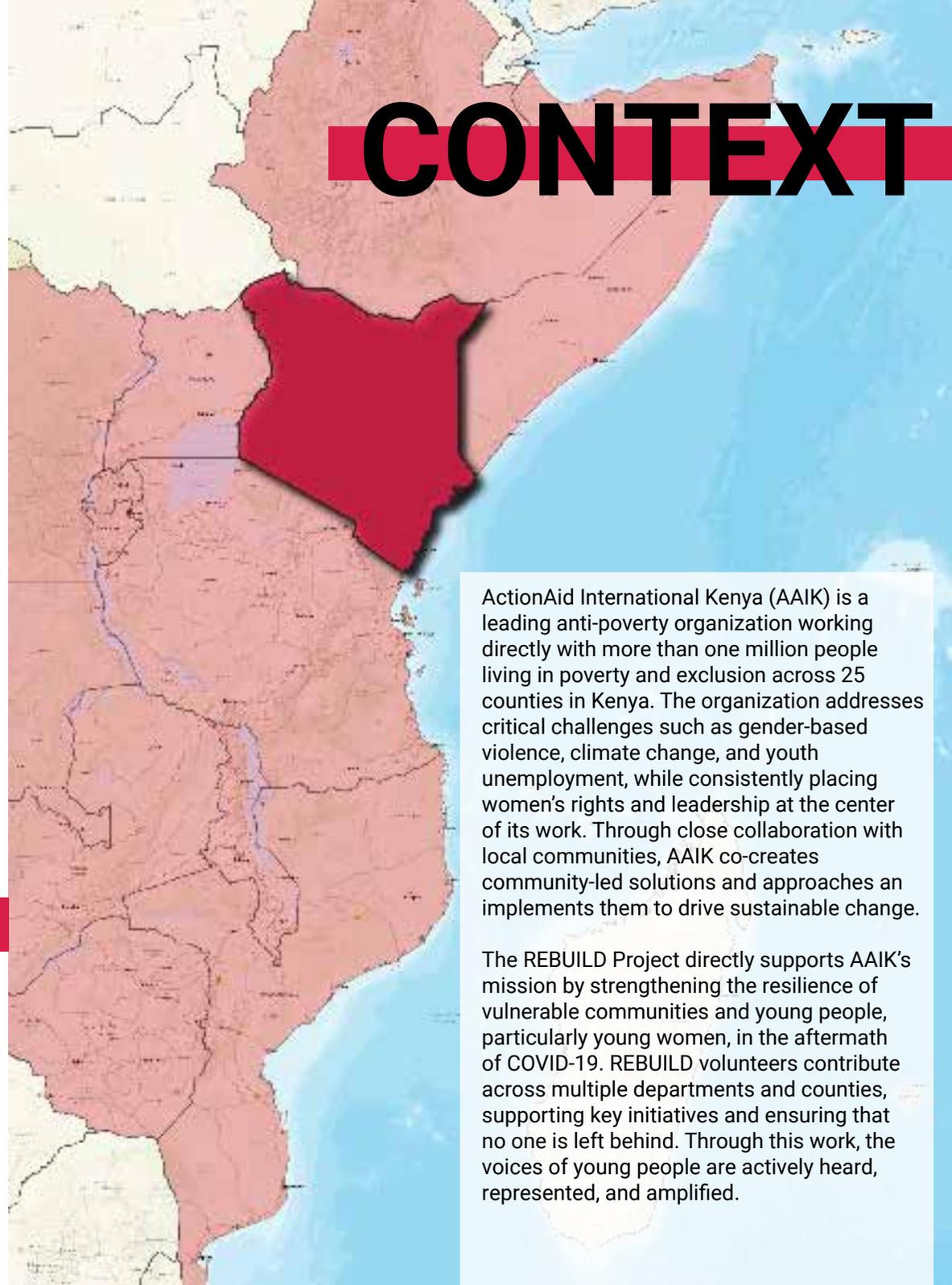
**1** Strengthen cross-consortium learning, project coordination, and ensure compliance with EU Solidarity Corps standards.

Support youth-led humanitarian programming and engagement, particularly by young women in host organisations across Kenya, Uganda, Palestine, and Colombia.

**3** Build the capacity of host organizations through needs-based, well-managed, and inclusive volunteer deployments that provide meaningful learning and solidarity opportunities.

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# CONTEXT



ActionAid International Kenya (AAIK) is a leading anti-poverty organization working directly with more than one million people living in poverty and exclusion across 25 counties in Kenya. The organization addresses critical challenges such as gender-based violence, climate change, and youth unemployment, while consistently placing women's rights and leadership at the center of its work. Through close collaboration with local communities, AAIK co-creates community-led solutions and approaches and implements them to drive sustainable change.

The REBUILD Project directly supports AAIK's mission by strengthening the resilience of vulnerable communities and young people, particularly young women, in the aftermath of COVID-19. REBUILD volunteers contribute across multiple departments and counties, supporting key initiatives and ensuring that no one is left behind. Through this work, the voices of young people are actively heard, represented, and amplified.

# meet the **TEAM**



**Ninni**  
Volunteer - Monitoring & Evaluation

Ninni monitors the performance of ActionAid Kenya's projects and programmes.



**Nils**  
Volunteer - Climate Justice & Resilient Livelihoods

Nils contributes to projects focused on community resilience, disaster preparedness, and agroecology.



**Elena**  
Volunteer - Project Assistant, Innovation & Communication

Elena supports the communications team by collecting field documentation and creating written and visual content.



**Gio**  
Volunteer - Monitoring & Evaluation

Gio supports the Monitoring and Evaluation unit and documents project impacts in the field.



**Gemma**  
Volunteer - Creativite Activism & Organizing, & Child Sponsorship

Gemma works across projects through facilitation, creative methodologies, and community engagement.



**Becky**  
Volunteer - Youth Empowerment & Inclusion

Becky supports youth programming at the Global Platform, with a particular focus on the Inclusion Project.



**Vladislav**  
Volunteer Support & Learning Volunteer

Vladislav supports fellow volunteers while working on documentation and visibility for the REBUILD Project.

## Training of Trainers (ToT) on Youth Leadership in Humanitarian Crisis

In August 2025, **Nils** and **Gio** facilitated a four-day Training of Trainers on Youth Leadership in Humanitarian Crises.

The training brought together **26 young Kenyans** and sought to cultivate a transformative shift in how young, displaced people are perceived, from vulnerable individuals awaiting assistance to capable leaders and active stakeholders in humanitarian response and resilience-building.

# TRAININGS & capacity building

Volunteers supported more than 10 trainings, gaining skills in leadership and facilitation.



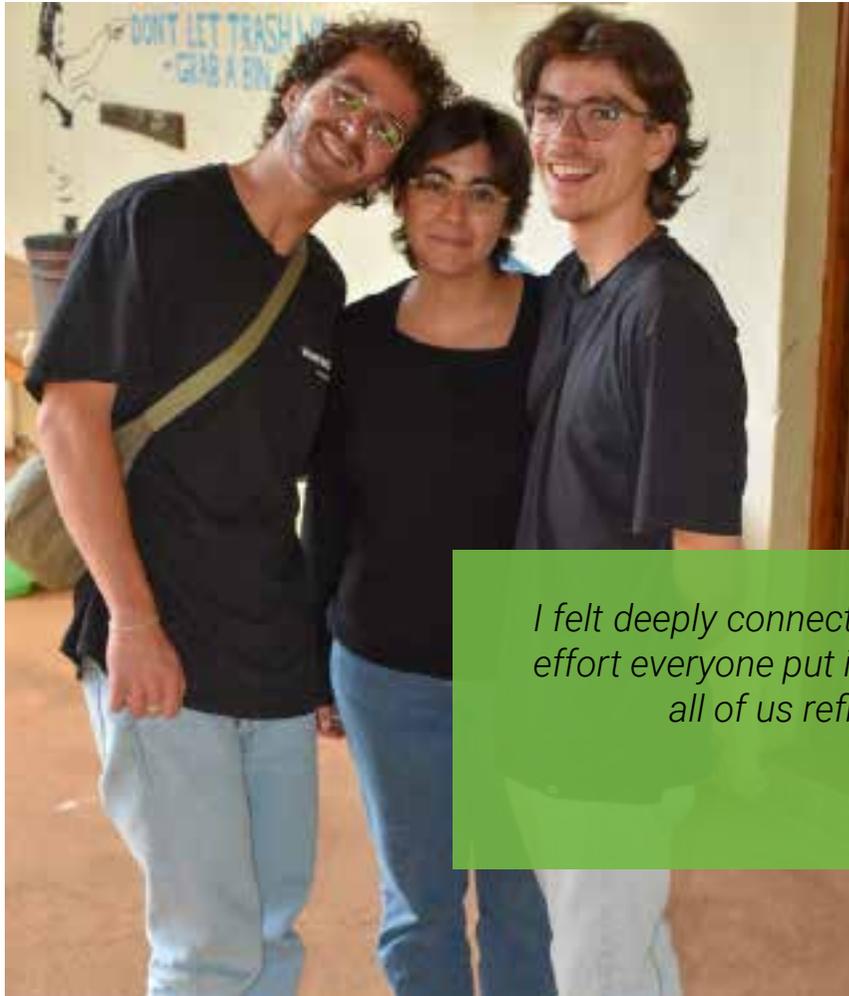
*I am grateful for the many interactions with the participants and for hearing their stories and experiences. It is inspiring to see their dedication, willingness to learn, and commitment to improving their communities.*

-Nils

## Leadership Training of Trainers

In July, volunteers participated in a five-day Leadership Training, "Facilitating Impactful Training," at Global Platforms in Nanyuki.

They acquired practical knowledge, skills, and tools to deliver inclusive, engaging, and learner-centered sessions, which they later applied in community trainings

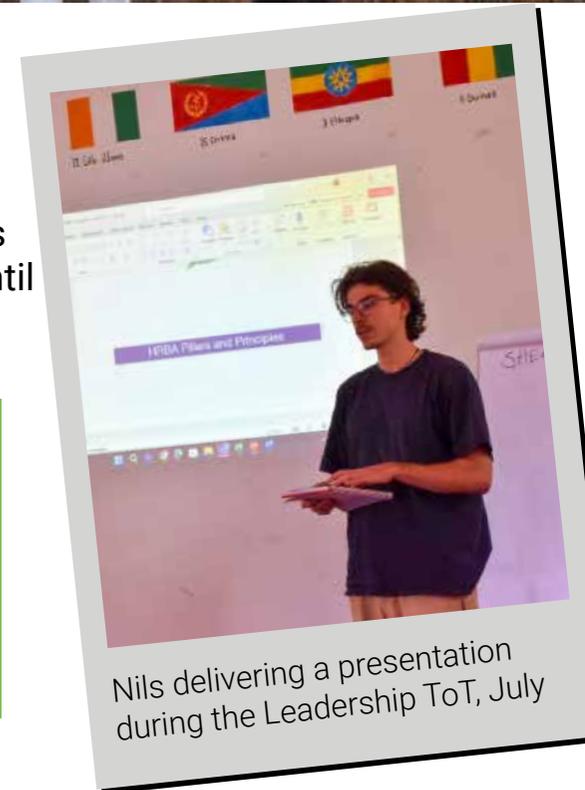


*I felt deeply connected to the group and was impressed by the effort everyone put into the activity. I believe the activity helped all of us reflect on real-world power dynamics*

**-Gemma**



During this training, volunteers also organised activities. **Gemma** delivered a Theatre of the Oppressed session, where participants acted out scenarios of oppression and re-did the scenes until they found ways to address them.



Nils delivering a presentation during the Leadership ToT, July

## Capacity Building of Komesha Grantees on Monitoring and Evaluation

Vlad supported the MEL department in training 14 partners of the Komesha Sasa Project on integrating M&E practices, thereby strengthening their capacity to monitor, evaluate, and learn from the activities they implement.



Becky delivering a presentation during the staff meeting in October 2025



*What struck me the most was how matter of fact and light-hearted the women were while sharing these experiences*

-Becky

## Women's Leadership in Community Early Warning & Early Action Training

Becky facilitated the training on Women's Leadership in Community Early Warning & Early Action in Makueni, Kajiado and Baringo counties.



# stories from the **FIELD**



Ninni in Isiolo county, August 2025

In the past months, the volunteers joined field-work in 19 counties (Siaya, Kisumu, Homa Bay, Kajiado, Kitui, Tharaka Nithi, Laikipia, Nakuru, Taita Taveta, Kilifi, Turkana, Garissa, Bungoma, Baringo, Mombasa, Isiolo, Makueni, Embu, and Marsabit) documenting programs, facilitating workshops and trainings, and engaging with communities.

These visits included projects on disaster preparedness, agroecology, community organizing, and youth engagement.



Elena in Kajiado county, June 2025



Gio in Baringo county, August 2025



*What I love most about my work is visiting the field to collect data from these projects and programs. I get to hear how the community has benefited from the projects and how they have touched people's lives.*

-Ninni

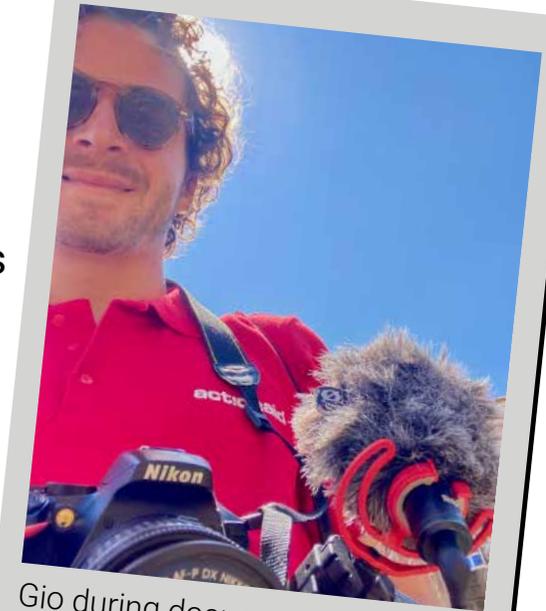


**Ninni** participated in several field trips across different counties, which included conducting trainings, collecting data, and facilitating focus group discussions with community members. During one of these trips, she traveled to Isiolo, where she spoke with women and girls about ActionAid's project and how it supports their efforts to end Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).



Part of field-based work involves documenting the impact of ActionAid's programmes.

**Elena** and **Gio** visited several locations to take photographs, record videos, and collect interviews.



Gio during documentation, Baringo county

*Going into the field and engaging with communities is by far the best part of this job. I feel incredibly grateful to witness their stories firsthand and to contribute to ActionAid's mission.*

-Elena

# behind the SCENES

In addition to fieldwork, Elena contributed behind the scenes by attending multiple events to document them. She captured photos and videos and worked on designing materials for their promotion.

Vlad worked on internal reports, consolidating information on the activities done by other volunteers.

Both activities amplified community voices and project results.

*While these activities often take place in the office, that does not make them any less important. Reporting is about learning, understanding what was done, how it was done, and identifying areas for improvement in the future.*

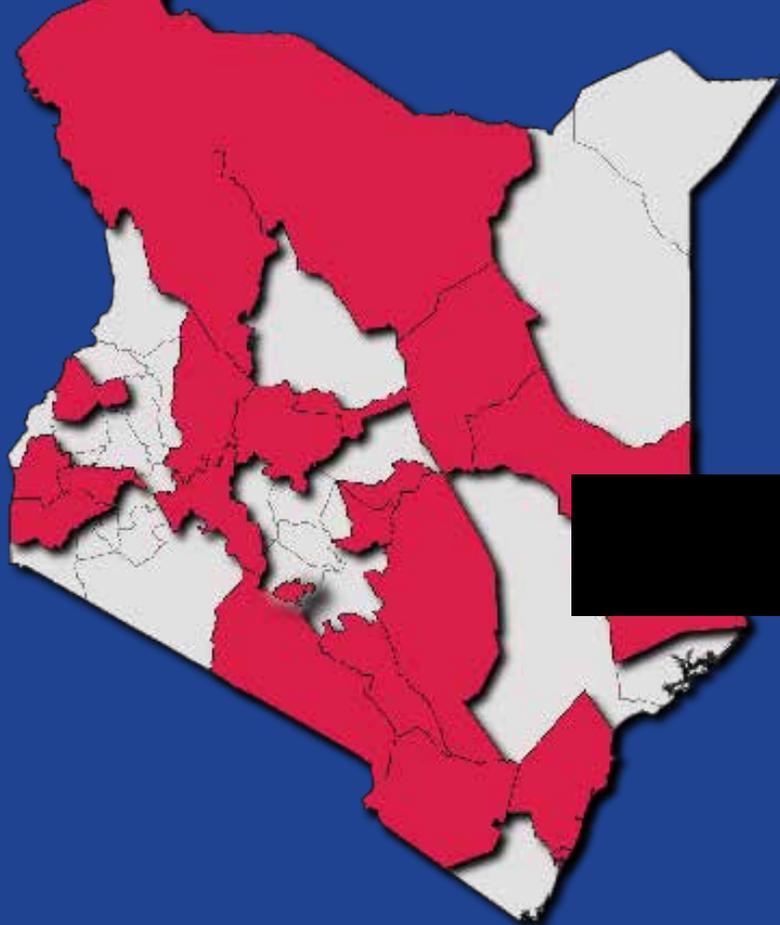
-Vlad



Elena covering the African Women Voices for Peace ToT, October 2025



# let's talk NUMBERS



**19**

counties reached  
by the volunteers only this year

**2023**

beginning of the project

**17+**

projects  
supported

AAIK  
departments supported

**6**

**17**

EU volunteers recruited since the start of  
the project

# & OTHERS

Volunteers contributed to advocacy initiatives, supported internal reporting and research, and helped organise a range of events.

They promoted the **BigMe** Campaign and mentored children on future career pathways during school visits.

Volunteers also played a key role in supporting the organisation of the **Good Governance Festival** held in November.



Nils attending a conference, July 2025



Elena mentoring kids during Career Day, June 2025



Vlad promoting the BigMe campaign, November 2025



Becky during the Staff Retreat, October 2025

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