

At-A-Glance



Who is africa action?

Africa action / Deutschland e.V (aa/D), previously called Ghana Action is a registered and recognised association by German Central Institute for Social Affairs as an association that provides public service by supporting the blind and persons with other disabilities in African countries.

Founded in 1983 at Bergheim (a suburb of Cologne) where the head office is located, aa/D e.V is managed and supported by an association of volunteers.

Demands of africa action?

The main focus of the co-operation and partnership with its African partners is in following areas:

- Prevention of blindness
- Eye care and basic health services
- Provision of health care equipment and tools
- Rehabilitation of persons with disabilities and support to their education
- Human resource development
- Fight against poverty.

Activities of africa action?

We support preventive disposition against cataract, blindness and other disabilities and also donations of rehabilitation for persons with blindness / visual impairment, those with disabilities and their families.

We develop in collaboration with our African partners, optical centres and health clinics and support them with equipment and medicines.

We equip optical workshops with machines and tools for the production of spectacles.

We support training for local collaborators in projects in order to help them achieve social and economic independence and autonomy.

We organise in collaboration with German volunteer doctors surgical operations for the blind and finance these operations for those who cannot afford the cost.

We act as mediators by creating conducive working relations between the German and African partners

How does africa action function?

aa/D works in close collaboration with local partner NGOs, Churches and governmental agencies all over Africa.

We support self-help projects. Projects identified by our African partners are developed, monitored, supervised and evaluated in collaboration with members of the association and the African partners. Judicious use of funds and efficient accounting systems are adhered to.

We consider project applications from partners who are personally known to us or recommendations from people, we have established acquaintance to ensure some degree of trust, confidence and integrity in the pursuance of our aims and objectives for durable and lasting relations.

Who supports africa action?

Majority of our members are volunteers from action groups, parishes, institutions, clubs and retirees with diverse professional backgrounds and disciplines

Opticians and other collectors provide us glasses, frames for spectacles and work tools for optical workshops. Medical and optic tool manufacturers help with their donations.

Doctors, opticians, technicians and teachers for the disabled provide voluntary services in Africa to help establish clinics, schools and workshops.

Through working, interacting and sharing of knowledge and skills volunteers help to build the human resource base of health and education service within the countries they serve.

How can you help africa action?

- By providing voluntary service in projects in Africa or in the office at Bergheim, or in any of the numerous German associations of action group projects.
- By gathering goods and items donated by firms or individuals.
- By becoming a member and making regular payment of membership dues of your choice at the time you want. Each Euro helps to make a step forward.
- By contributing financially to the foundation WEITER SEHEN (looking ahead), you will assure then in long term the work of aa/D.

Donation Seal – Sign of trust

Since 1994 the German Central Institute for Social Affairs (DZI) re-affirms every year its trust in aa/D for its efficiency, trustworthiness and judicious use of donations received as regard to the benefits achieved compared to the investment in other countries.



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