



We support partners in Africa who are deeply committed to enhancing the wellbeing and resilience of communities.

Our partnerships prioritise the most vulnerable, with a focus on rural communities and people in poor urban areas. In Sub-Saharan Africa, a region where more than half the population faces extreme poverty and disadvantage, we work in countries where our impact can be the most significant and transformative. This is in Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.



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About us

We invest in people, places and culture to strengthen communities in Australia and Africa. We forge partnerships with organisations that understand the diverse and interconnected challenges experienced by disadvantaged and marginalised communities, delivering locally-led solutions to social, economic and resource inequities.

As part of our commitment to supporting the wider development sector's localisation and decolonisation efforts, we collaborate with international, local, and locally led organisations, as well as individuals and innovative initiatives. Through these partnerships, our programs are scalable, addressing needs at individual, family, community, and systemic levels, and across the development continuum from response to long-term development.

We work across five related themes /

Health

In Sub-Saharan Africa, less than half of the population has access to essential healthcare services, highlighting the unmet need for quality health services and family planning. We invest in partnerships that prioritise maternal and newborn health, sexual and reproductive health, and address nutritional and diarrheal diseases.

Economic equity

We recognise the critical connection between education, active societal participation, and the economic prosperity of communities. With an equity-focused approach, we support education and vocational training, and invest in empowering women's and girls' voice and leadership to ensure representation and participation. Additionally, our partnerships aim to enhance livelihoods and job creation through financial inclusion, value chain development, and agricultural innovation.

Peace & protection

We support community development programs that work to prevent violence and foster peace, both within and between communities. We place emphasis on addressing the challenges faced by women and girls, who are disproportionately affected by gender-based violence and often subjected to conflict-related sexual violence in many parts of Africa.

Environmental stewardship

We champion the effective management of land and water resources, along with the provision of clean energy, for their many benefits such as health improvements and income-generating opportunities. These initiatives also play a crucial role in alleviating conflicts over scarce resources through joint management. We are dedicated to promoting climate-smart strategies to build resilience against climate shocks and disasters.

Education

We partner to improve access and quality of education and vocational training to foster lifelong learning where education exclusion rates are the highest globally. This approach further stimulates economic growth, helps to reduce child marriage, and improves reproductive health. Additionally, through partnerships in the arts, sports, and cultural activities, we aim to build stronger social ties, enhance educational outcomes, mental health, and resilience in communities.

Priority focus areas in Africa

Ensuring a targeted and effective approach to our work in Africa, we have identified three initial focus areas.

Tackling critical health challenges in Sub-Saharan Africa

We are committed to addressing the most critical health concerns in Sub-Saharan Africa by improving access to and the quality of maternal and newborn care, sexual and reproductive health, and treatment for nutritional deficiencies and diarrheal diseases and allied services.

Advancing educational & economic equity

Our goal is to enable equitable access to education, leadership, and economic opportunities for the most vulnerable. This includes primary and secondary education and vocational training, encompassing the arts and sports, as well as fostering sustainable enterprise development and financial inclusion, utilising innovation and agricultural technology where possible.

Community development & environmental stewardship

We invest in programs that support peace building, social cohesion, and initiatives to prevent violence against women and girls, thereby strengthening community bonds. Additionally, we support joint environmental stewardship initiatives aimed at preserving and sustaining natural resources.

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