

2022 PARTICIPATORY REVIEW AND REFLECTION PROCESS REPORT



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1.0 BACKGROUND

ActionAid International The Gambia as a member of the ActionAid Federation is committed to fight for a world free of poverty and injustice. The multiple and dynamic causes of poverty and injustice make this task very challenging. Furthermore, successful attainment of this ambition requires the application of many different approaches, which similarly requires regular assessment. The assessment of impacts and weaknesses provides crucial information that can be useful for programmes and projects implementation to improve lives and livelihoods. A key methodology employed to conduct this crucial exercise is the Participatory Review and Reflection Process (PRRP).

In hindsight of this, ActionAid International The Gambia (AAITG) conducts PRRP annually. This avails AAITG the opportunity to engage partners, right holders, government institutions and other NGOs to critically evaluate its development efforts in ensuring a world free of poverty and injustice. Participatory Review and Reflection Process is also an assessment tool used in enhancing AAITG and partners to determine strengths and weaknesses and determining the way forward in the implementation of programmes and projects, meant to improve lives and livelihoods.

From 18th to 25th September 2022, AAITG will be conducting its 2022 Annual PRRP. The LRP/Cozones/Apexes and other project intervention areas are the targeted areas.

1.1 AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The aim of this activity was to intensely evaluate programme implementation and performance to enhance informed decision making for future programme planning that seeks to enhance the fight against poverty and injustice. The objectives were to:

- Assess the relevance of AAITG work in the fight against poverty and injustice
- Determine the partners and right holders' perception on AAITG's programmes and projects planning, implementation and monitoring and evaluation
- Establish appropriate means of improving programme planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation and reporting.
- Increase AAITG accountability to partners, public, and other NGOs.
- Determine the strengths and weaknesses of our interventions and come up with key recommendations for programme quality enhancement.

2.0 METHODOLOGY

2.1 Establishment of PRRP Committee

An eleven-member committee was formed and tasked with the responsibility of putting up preparatory stage of the PRRP. Its tasks included the following:

- Identify at least three venues to host the meetings and submit to Procurement Team.
- Develop data collection and analysis tools
- Establishment of data collection teams
- Develop programme guide
- Prepare a budget for the PRRP
- Vehicle allocation
- Identification of stakeholders
- Develop questionnaires
- Facilitate meeting sessions

The committee members were;

1. Amie Jobe
2. Katim Touray
3. Yorro Cham
4. Amadou Barry
5. Sulayman Kinteh
6. Ousman O. Gaye
7. Saikou Darboe
8. Saidina Alieu Jarju
9. Tabu Sarr
10. Fafa O. Cham
11. Jerreh Dibba

2.2 Orientation

A day's orientation session was held at the Sindola Hotel, Kanilia Village, West Coast Region. During this period, action points of the 2021 PRRP was done, and participants were oriented on the data collection tools and on SHEA and Safeguarding policy.



Staff orientation

2.3 Data Collection and Analysis

Five teams were dispatched to the field for two days to collect data, using the ODK App that was installed on tablets. Face-to-face individual interviews and focused group discussions (FGDs) were held, and the data analyzed using SPSS.

Questionnaires were designed, reviewed, and use for the face-to-face interviews and focused grouped discussions. The questionnaires were designed to determine the concept of communities and partners on the following issues.

- Working with People Living in Poverty (PLIP)
- AAITG work confronts injustice and unequal power
- Working to empower women
- Poverty eradication
- Partnership level
- Transparency level

There were 16 Key Informant interviews and 12 Focused Group Discussions conducted to collect the data.

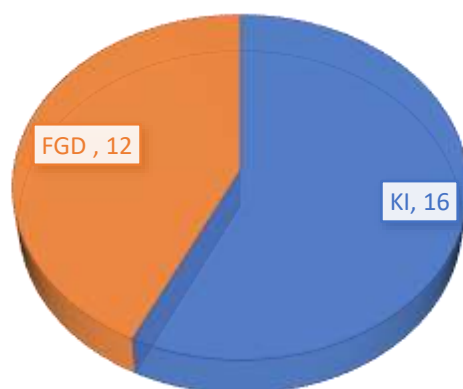


Figure 1: Interview types

2.4 Report Writing and Presentation

All the teams spent a day to write a report on word document and PowerPoint that were presented during the plenary.

3.0 PRRP FINDINGS

3.1 2021 PRRP ACTION PLAN REVIEW

During the orientation, the Executive Director delivered a touching statement, describing this PRRP as the last during his tenure as Executive Director of AAITG. ED Badji advised all to create the enabling environment for the respondents to enable the collection of facts from respondents. Following ED's statement, the 2021 PRRP recommendation were reviewed, and this indicated that all recommendations were accomplished.

3.2. Respondents' Perceptions

The collected data in ODK were exported in excel sheet and analyzed using the Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS). The frequency of responses was determined, and age, sex and location were crosstab with the afore mentioned questionnaires.



AAITG partners at the orientation

3.2.1 Respondents' Perception on AAITG Working with PLIP

Responding to the statement; AAITG is working with PLIP, 96.4 % agreed and 3.6 % disagreed. This is an indication that AAITG is working with PLIP.

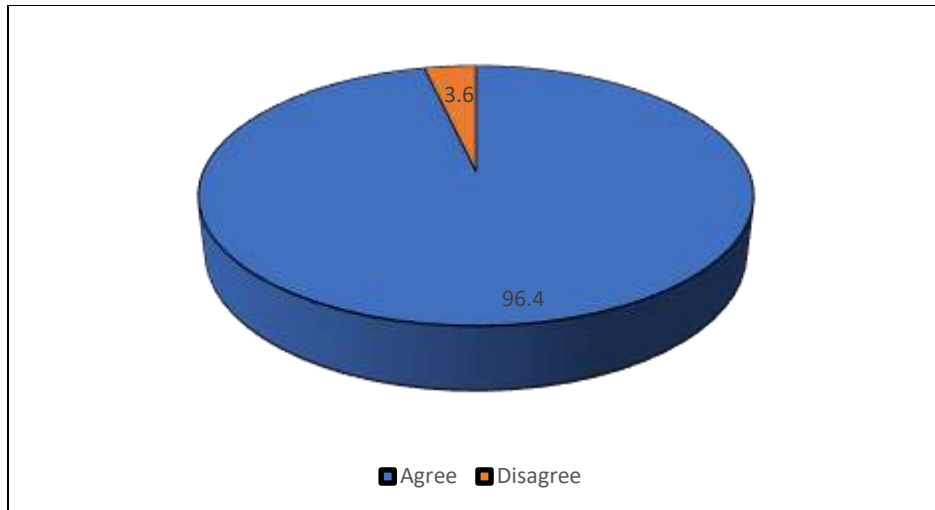


Figure 2: Response Perception on AAITG Working with PLIP

3.2.2. AAITG Work Confronts Injustice and Unequal Power

As shown in Figure 3, 89.3 % of the respondents believed that AAITG work is confronting injustice and unequal power. However, there were 3.6 % who neither agree nor disagree with the statement and 7.1 % that claimed to have no idea. Of the number that agreed, 19 come from the LRPs and 6 are from outside the LRPs. The only respondent that claimed to neither agree nor disagree with the statement comes from the LRPs and the two that claimed to have no idea come from outside the LRPs.

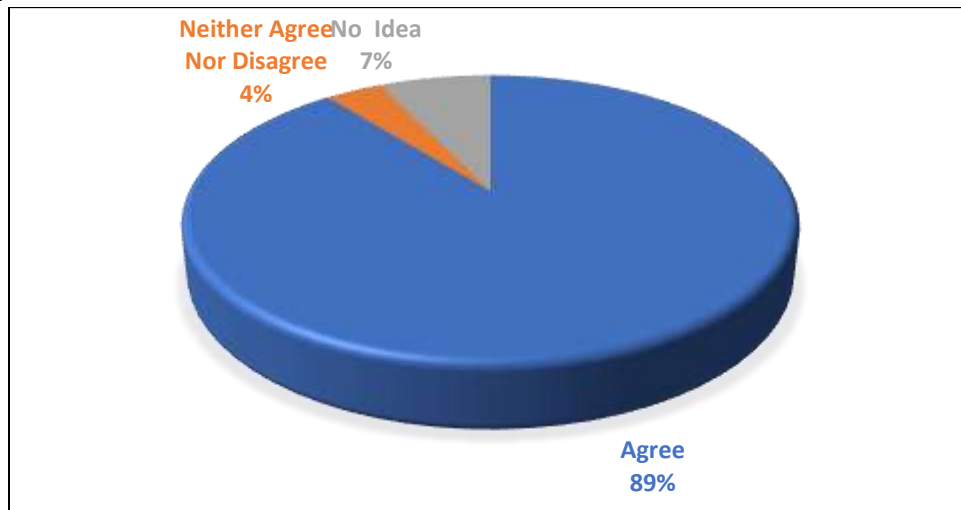


Figure 3: Respondents' Perception on AAITG Working to Confront Injustice and unequal Power



Interview during the field findings

3.2.3 Empowering Women

Out of the 28 respondents, 27 agreed to the statement that AAITG work is empowering women and only 1 has no idea. The respondent that has no idea is between the ages of 81 and 35 years and comes from outside the LRPs.

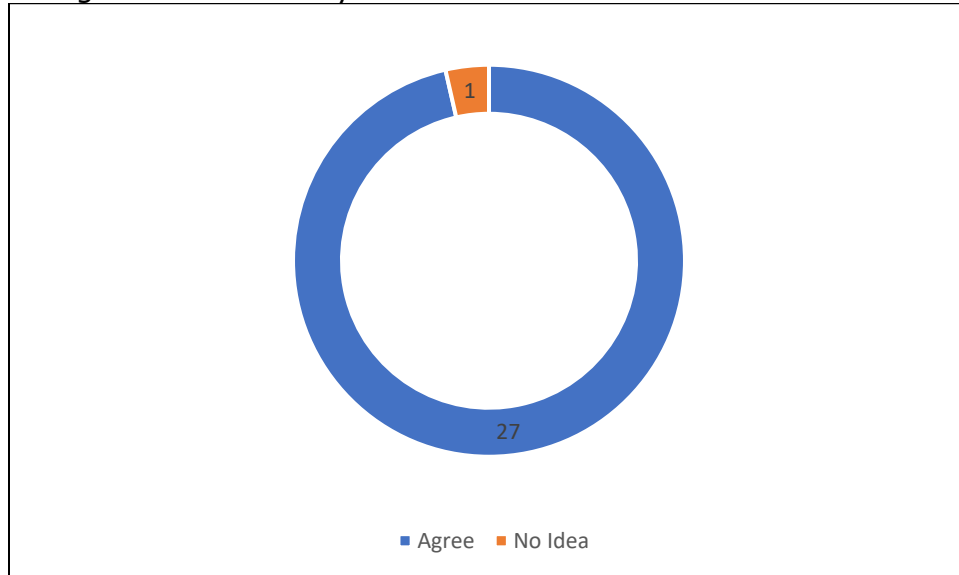


Figure 4: Respondents' Perception of AAITG Work Empowering Women

3.2.4 AAITG Work Fights Poverty

Figure 5 depicted that 96.4 % of the respondents agreed to the statement that AAITG work is fighting poverty. However, there are 3.6 % that claimed to have no idea and is female between in the age category of between 18 and 35 years and come from outside the LRPs.

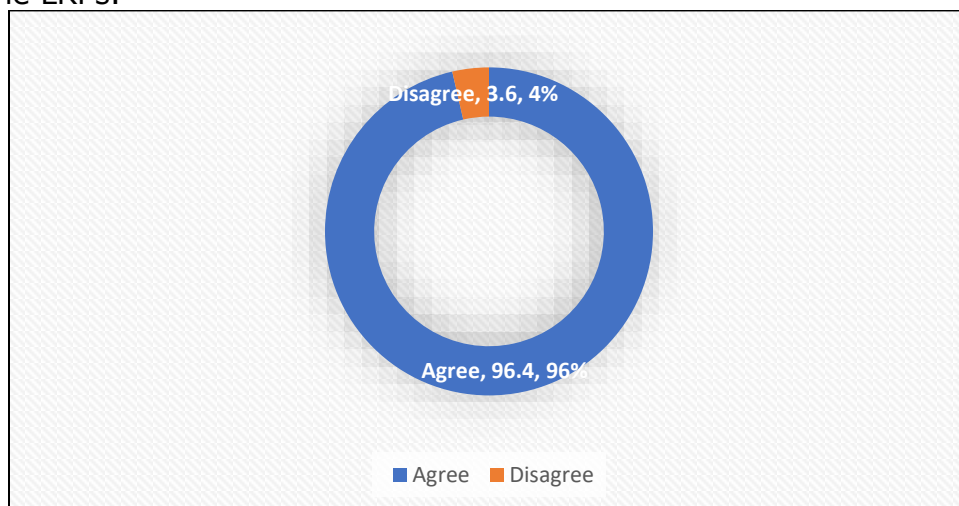


Figure 5: Respondents' Perception on AAITG Work Fighting Poverty

3.2.5 AAITG is Transparent

Communities and partners' perception on AAITG transparency level was gauged. As shown in Table 1, 78.6 % of the respondents agreed to the statement that AAITG is transparent in its programme/project implementation, 3.6 % disagreed, 14.2 % neither agree nor disagree with the statement and 3.6 % has no idea. All those who disagree or neither agree nor disagree come from the LRPs. Those without idea come from outside the LRPs.

Table 1: Participants' Perception on AAITG Transparency

VARIABLE	PERCENTAGE
<i>Agree</i>	78.6
<i>Disagree</i>	3.6
<i>Neither Agree nor Disagree</i>	14.2
<i>No Idea</i>	3.6

3.2.6. Respondents' Perception on AAITG Partnership

As portrayed in Table 2, 75 % of the respondents described the AAITG partnership as very strong (39.3 %) or strong (35.7 %). The other quarter believed that AAITG partnership is either very weak (7.1 %) or weak (17.9 %). All respondents who described the partnership as either very weak or weak come from the LRPs and are those in the age categories of above 35 years and between 18 and 35 years

Table 2: Respondents' Perception on AAITG Partnership

VARIABLE	PERCENTAGE
<i>Very Strong</i>	39.3
<i>Strong</i>	35.7
<i>Weak</i>	17.9
<i>Very Weak</i>	7.1

3.2.7 Program Ambitions Ranking

While ranking the Program Ambitions, 50 % of the respondents ranked PA 3 (Resilience building) number 1, whilst 28.6 % and 21.4 % ranked PA 1 (Rights) and PA 2 (Redistribution) as 2nd and 3rd, respectively. Twelve of the 14 respondents that ranked PA 3 as first choice come from the LRPs whilst the other 2 are from outside the LRPs but not within the Greater Banjul Area.

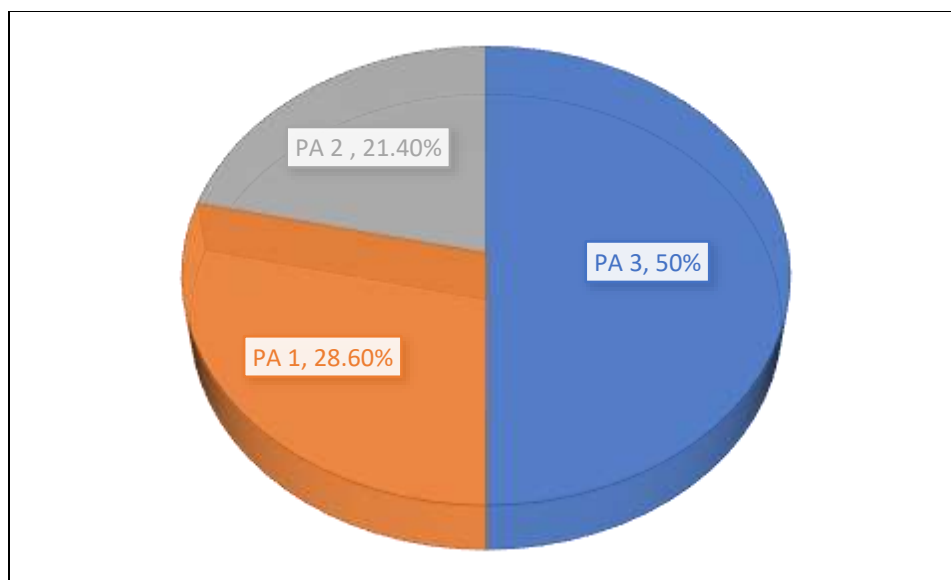


Figure 6: PA Rankings

4.0 CHALLENGES

Respondents identified some challenges that confront them whilst working with AAITG. Some of them include the following.

- Delay in getting feedback to determine strengths and weaknesses in the immunization process. This challenge is highlighted by health staff involve in the My Child Project implementation.
- Information on My Child Project activities and information limited to few staff of the health facilities
- Low salaries complained by Apexes.
- Inadequate fuel supply and mega bytes were also mentioned

The respondents also talked about challenges that affect their lives and livelihoods. Key among them are:

- Climate change that is characterized by long dry spells, floods, etc.
- Inadequate and poor infrastructures in schools.
- Inadequate portable water in some communities

5.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Conclusion

It is evident that AAITG works with PLIP, confront injustices and unequal power, empower women and is fighting poverty. However, there are some concerns on the transparency of project/programme activity implementation. Furthermore, the study indicated that there are reasonable concerns about AAITG partnership.

This is manifested by the fact that at least a quarter of the respondents described AAITG partnership as either very weak or weak. Moreover, it is deduced that majority of the respondents want AAITG to focus more on resilience building. Finally, it is observed that some of the key stakeholders in the My Child Project do not know that ActionAid was implementing the project.

5.2 Recommendations

With respect the mentioned observations and conclusion the following recommendations are made.

- AAITG to improve on the partnership with its partners.
- To be more transparent especially when implementing projects/programmes activity at the Apexes.
- Focus more on PA 3, which is resilience building
- Ensure that adequate sensitization on projects is done.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1: PROVISIONAL LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

SN	Participants for Orientation	Participants for Field Exercise	Names of invitees from partners and project beneficiaries for the plenary
1.	Omar Badji		NGBV-1
2.	Amie Jobe		ACTIVISTA- (1 rep)
3.		Katim Touray	GFPA-1
4.	Katim Touray	Fafa O. Cham	Kudang Apex -1
5.	Mam Kumba Ndow Ceesay	Ousman Camara	Jareng Apex -1
6.	Saidina Alieu Jarju	Famara Conteh	Kawral Kafoo-1
7.	Mamie Ceesay	Saikou F. Bah	Yiriwa Kafo-1
8.	Famara Conteh	Saidina Alieu Jarju	Rural Women Assembly
9.	Saikou F. Bah	Sarjo Camara	Sponsorship Field Assistants 2
10.	Ousman Camara	Yorro Cham	Albreda Eco zone 1
11.	Sulayman Kinteh	Amadou Barry	Kerr Chernon Eco zone 1
12.	Sarjo Camara	Musa Jobe	Jimhana Eco zone 1
13.	Yorro Cham	Saiba T. Suso	Omar Badji
14.	Amadou Barry	Omar Jawara	Amie Jobe
15.	Musa Jobe	Binta Kalleh Njie	
16.	Saiba T. Suso		Katim Touray
17.	Binta Kalleh Njie	Sulayman Kinteh	Mam Kumba Ndow Ceesay

18.	Ousman O. Gaye	Mam Kumba Ndow Sise	Saidina Alieu Jarju
19.	Ndey Jarju	Ousman O. Gaye	
20.	Mohamed L. Touray	Ndey Jarju	Famara Conteh
21.	Lamin Fatty	Bintou Jah	Saikou F. Bah
22.	Omar Jawara	Mohamed Lamin Touray	Ousman Camara
23.	Lamin Fatty	Jerreh S M Dibba	Sulayman Kinteh
24.	Musa Kambi	Molifa Bajo	Sarjo Camara
25.	Jerreh S M Dibba	Sainey Trawalleh	Yorro Cham
26.	Molifa Bajo	Lamin Fatty	Amadou Barry
27.	Sainey Trawalleh	Musa Kambi	Musa Jobe
28.	Fafa O. Cham	Musa Kambi	Saiba T. Suso
29.	Musa Kambi	Ousman Camara	Binta Kalleh Njie
30.	Ousman Camara		Ousman O. Gaye
31.			Ndey Jarju
32.			Mohamed L. Touray
33.			Bintou Jah
34.			Omar Jawara
35.			Lamin Fatty
36.			Musa Kambi
37.			Jerreh S M Dibba
38.			Molifa Bajo
39.			Sainey Trawalleh
40.			Fafa O. Cham
41.			Musa Kambi
			Ousman Camara

APPENDIX 2: QUESTIONNAIRES

No.	Questions	Codes	Responses	Remarks
1	Respondent's Name	Write Name		
2	Gender	Male = 1, Female = 2		
3	Telephone Number	Write Number		
4	Village	Write Name		
5	LRP	LRP 8 = 1, LRP 9 = 2, LRP 11 = 3		
6	APEX/ECOZONE	Kudang = 1 Jarreng = 2 Yiriwa = 3 Kawral = 4 Jimbana = 5 Kerr Chernon = 6 Albreda = 7		

7	Have you or your household member directly received support from ActionAid?	Yes = 1, No = 2		
8	AA is working with people living in poverty	Strongly Agreed = 1 Agreed = 2 Not Agree = 3		
9	AA work confronts unjust and unequal power	Strongly Agreed = 1 Agreed = 2 Not Agree = 3		
10	AA work advances women's rights	Strongly Agreed = 1 Agreed = 2 Not Agree = 3		
11	AA is accountable and transparent	Strongly Agreed = 1 Agreed = 2 Not Agree = 3		
12	Are you being visited by AA Staff?	Yes = 1 No = 2		
13	If yes, how often?	Monthly = 1, Quarterly 2, bi-annual = 3, Annual = 4, Others = 5 (Specify)		
14	Did you participant in any AA/Partners Project/programme planning process	Yes = 1 No = 2		
15	Did you participant in any AA/Partners Project/programme Implementation process	Yes = 1 No = 2		
16	Did you participant in any AA/Partners Project/programme M&E process	Yes = 1 No = 2		
17	Which PA should AA give more attention?	PA 1 = 1 PA 2 = 2 PA 3 = 3		

APPENDIX 3: PHOTO GALLERY













