



Advocating for Grandmothers, Vulnerable Children and Youth in Africa  
Soutien aux grands-mères, enfants et jeunes vulnérables en Afrique

## **GRAN'S ADVOCACY NARRATIVE**

The mission of GRAN is to advocate in meaningful and strategic ways for the human rights of grandmothers, vulnerable children and youth of sub-Saharan Africa.

We focus our efforts on the grandmothers and children of sub-Saharan Africa because they are among the poorest and most vulnerable women and children in the world.

We will achieve our mission by:

- advocating for policies that support the vital work of the grandmothers of Africa in improving the lives of their families and communities
- supporting and encouraging the Canadian government in its efforts to meet the Sustainable Development Goals set by the United Nations in 2015, in particular
  - Goal 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere
  - Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
  - Goal 4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
  - Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
  - Goal 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels
- influencing global policy by partnering with and supporting the efforts of organizations such as Médecins sans Frontières, Girls Not Brides, and the Global Partnership for Education.

. Our actions are informed by our work in:

- reducing the spread of HIV/AIDS and improving access to life-saving medications
- reducing violence against women and girls
- ensuring all children receive a good education and promoting lifelong learning

As global citizens, Canadians are called upon to address the growing challenges around security and environmental sustainability. We will do our part to create a healthy world, a safe world and a peaceful world which will benefit us all.

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