



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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