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PLEDGE NUMBER 1: At the 75th anniversary of the People’s Declaration, we acknowledge the pivotal role that ordinary citizens play in implementing it. This is especially true at this historical juncture, where we face unprecedented conflicts and crises, and our institutions are struggling to implement - and in some cases deliberately undermine - human rights. Every day, we witness people on the front lines of human rights struggles showing the courage it takes to rise up in the face of injustice. The change they create is often long-lasting - because it is rooted in the people. We now pledge to scale up our support to movements so they can train and mentor thousands of citizens to become the next generation of movement leaders to take forward the fight for human rights globally. ActionAid will continue to convene movement leaders, civil society, member states, donors and the UN for conversations on how we can protect and expand the space for social movements in their promotion of human rights: to include movements in decision making; to find flexible ways to support them; to develop mechanisms to protect them; and to stand by their side in solidarity when they face crackdowns. There will be no rights for people without people’s power.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 11, 2023