

This volume is an informal guidebook. It has no universal steps or formulas for success. But in telling the story of the Y4P movement in Zambia, it offers a reference point for your movement. As it reveals the decisions, struggles, and innovations of Y4P, it provides the opportunity for you to think critically about your own planning, decision-making, and leadership structures. It pushes you to conceive a vision of tomorrow, formulate values, design a theory of change, and determine actions to make a better world.

This is the first book in the Research-in-Action (REACT) Series, a partnership between ActionAid Denmark and ICNC. Much writing about movements is written from the outside. Success stories are documented in NGO reporting or academic journals. These are important channels of learning, but the insights are often slow to reach the activists who would benefit most. This series lifts the voices of activists as they write for other activists, tell their own stories, and share their first-hand experiences. We trust that you will value their words as much as we do.

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