

Policy for Fietsen voor Africa Foundation (FvA)

Policy Plan – Stichting Fietsen voor Afrika (FvA), July 2025

1. General Information

- **Name:** Stichting Fietsen voor Afrika (FvA)
- **Date of Establishment:** 3 June 2014
- **Registration:** Chamber of Commerce No. 0800488
- **ANBI Status:** 8540 65 106 (renewal pending)
- **Website:** www.bikesforzim.nl

Main Goal

To improve the livelihoods of African families, particularly in Zimbabwe, by enhancing mobility through the use of bicycles.

Sub-Goals

- Providing bicycles to vulnerable groups (school children, small entrepreneurs, healthcare workers, laborers).
- Training in bicycle safety, maintenance, and repair.
- Establishing workshops for bicycle repairs.
- Facilitating the establishment of a lobby group for bicycle mechanics/retailers: the Zimbabwean Entrepreneurs Bicycle Repairers Association (ZEBRA).
- Promoting bicycle use for commuting and education.
- Encouraging road safety and advocating for cycling infrastructure.

3. Method of Operation

FvA collects, inspects, and ships sturdy second-hand bicycles from Europe to Zimbabwe. This is done in collaboration with Zimbabwean partners such as:

- BikesforZim
- RESCU
- Rotary Dawn Harare
- City Council of Harare

- Roadsafes Harare; 'Bike Addicts', 'Tree Planters & Growers'

The bicycles are prepared for distribution in a secure storage and workshop facility. Additionally, the organization focuses on training bicycle mechanics and providing education on safe bicycle use.

4. Target Groups

The bicycles are intended for:

- School children from selected schools
- Small self-employed entrepreneurs
- Healthcare workers and employees
- Workers in charitable organizations, health/rehabilitation, and reforestation projects
- Individuals involved in the distribution, repair, and maintenance of bicycles ('Roadside Mechanics')

Each shipment of bicycles (per container) has a specific destination and target group, determined in consultation with local partners.

5. Vision and Motivation

FvA believes that mobility is an essential key to poverty reduction and economic progress. In Zimbabwe, transportation is costly and limited, making studying and working difficult. A bicycle saves time, provides access to education, and creates more economic opportunities.

Moreover, the project contributes to a **circular economy** in the Netherlands by providing a sustainable solution for second-hand bicycles that would otherwise end up as waste.

6. Future Plans

- Finding a more sustainable source of orphan and decommissioned bicycles in the Netherlands or Belgium.
- Organizing fundraising and volunteer recruitment campaigns.
- Expanding the network of Zimbabwean partner organizations.
- Further professionalizing distribution and training programs in Zimbabwe.
- Establishing a lobby group for small bicycle entrepreneurs.