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FROM HUNGER AND INEQUALITY TO FOOD AND OPPORTUNITY

A number of poor countries are developing tremendously these days. They produce and export, the middleclass is growing, the number of extremely poor is decreasing and millions of people have improved living conditions. More children go to school, fewer mothers and babies die during pregnancy and birth, and more have access to clean water and health services. But despite the positive development, hunger among the poorest has not been significantly reduced correspondingly. Every seventh person on earth still goes to bed hungry. Overall, this is due to the fact that the poorest lack opportunities to change their own lives.

Since 1922 it has been a core concern for DanChurchAid to combat hunger and to work to give all people the opportunity and the right to create a dignified life for themselves. DanChurchAid works in various ways. We stand ready with humanitarian assistance when war or natural disaster strikes. We work on the long-term activities to generate development and ensure improved living conditions. We help rural populations to adapt to climate change and mitigate disasters. We help people to organise themselves and insist on their rights, so they can fight for the right to food, to equality, to health, to education and to justice for themselves.

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HOPE DESPITE CRISES

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CHAOS AND FEAR For many people all over the world 2013 was a year of crisis. The conflicts continued in Syria, where eight million civilians have been forced to flee. In November, typhoon Haiyan hit the Philippines and made millions of people homeless. And in South Sudan just before Christmas, events occurred that all had worked so hard to avoid – conflict broke out creating a great need for humanitarian assistance.

DanChurchAid and its partners were ready with humanitarian assistance in Syria, Philippines and South Sudan thanks to extraordinary fundraising and a great willingness to make contributions in Denmark.

MILLIONS NEEDED HELP Through our partners we distributed food and other lifesaving items inside Syria, where six million people are internally displaced. Two million Syrians have fled to neighbouring countries where they live in refugee camps, abandoned buildings, in garages or with local families who have opened their homes to them. Here we helped with, among other things, food and clothing. Together with the supermarkets Netto, Føtex and Bilka we collected money for Syria's refugees.

Pictures of the chaos in the Philippines after typhoon Haiyan were shown all around the world and documented that the situation was desperate. Via our ACT partners we were ready with humanitarian assistance right after the disaster. Y's Men Region Denmark raised an extraordinary 350,000 kroner for the work. In South Sudan the insecurity became so great during the internal conflicts that we had to send our local staff home and evacuate our international staff and carry on work from the neighbouring country, Kenya, for some time into the New Year.

IT'S WORTH HELPING Despite the year's violent crises that have cost all too many peoples' lives and displaced families from their homes, there is also a reason to be proud. Our long-term development work is doing well. We are still working on combating hunger, reducing HIV and AIDS and promoting people's health. We are also supporting local partners in building active citizenship and in fighting corruption.

The Danish business community believes, as we do, that it is worthwhile to help the world's poorest. Together with Bilka we took another step in the prevention of HIV and AIDS when we opened four new health clinics in Malawi with maternity facilities, so women can get help to avoid transmitting HIV to their newborn babies.

In the spring I visited, together with the Director of Grundfoss Niels Due Jensen, one of the nine irrigation systems with Grundfoss pumps, also in Malawi, that Poul Due Jensen's Fond has supported.

In Denmark 2013 was a record year for collections and as we have strengthened our communications efforts, Dan-ChurchAid and our activities are increasingly visible in the media and on Twitter and Facebook.

FIGHTING FOR 1% In 2013 we also started work on some of the major tasks that will shape our work in future. In 2014, Danida will evaluate, among others, DanChurchAid's work and the evaluation will determine the amount of our Danida funds in the coming four years. We are still participating in the debate to get Denmark to give the promised 1% of GNI to development aid. We believe that the proposal from the political party Venstre to reduce development aid by 2.5 billion kroner is the wrong way to go. Such a reduction would have disastrous consequences for the many poor in the world who need our help. For that reason we are doing everything we can to gather popular support for Denmark's efforts to help the world's poorest.



ABOUT DANCHURCH

RESPECT FOR EVERY PERSON Dan-

ChurchAid's mission is to empower the world's poorest in their struggle for a dignified life. The work is based on a Christian outlook as well as respect for every individual's human rights and the equality of all people.

DanChurchAid has its roots in the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church but works wherever the need is greatest, irrespective of religion, gender, political conviction, race, national or ethnic origin, disability or sexual orientation.

DanChurchAid provides humanitarian aid, development assistance and mine clearance in close cooperation with churches and popular organisations and local partners.

DanChurchAid is an independent organisation. The work is financed by collections, donations from private persons, companies, funds and with grants from Danida, EU, UN organisations and international funds.

DanChurchAid's highest authority is the Council of 44 members, elected for four years at a time with representatives of the organisation's popular and church constituency, volunteers and staff.

The Council is chaired by Bishop Emeritus Erik Norman Svendsen. The Council appoints seven members to the Board which is responsible for day-to-day political and financial management. The Board comprises a maximum of 11 members.

Kirsten Lund Larsen was Chairperson of the Board until the end of 2013 when Paul Mollerup, for several years a member of DanChurchAid's Board and Managing Director of the Association of Danish Law Firms, assumed responsibility.

Henrik Stubkjær has been Secretary General of DanChurchAid since 2005.

VOLUNTEERS AND POPULAR SUPPERT In Denmark DanChurchAid works on strengthening popular support to help the poorest and create options for action for everyone who wants to help fight hunger and poverty. This happens through information, fundraising and advocacy.

In order to undertake this effort DanChurchAid is extremely dependent on the widespread popular support and commitment of the many volunteers; parish collection fundraising coordinators, volunteers, workers in second hand shops as well as volunteers in the youth and senior networks and collaborating organisations.

In the larger towns in Denmark, DanChurchAid's Face2Facers work to recruit regular contributors. Similarly, a large number of new contributors are found through telemarketing. Several cooperative ventures with businesses as well as the "ambassador" program also contribute to supporting work among the world's poorest.

GLOBAL AND LOCAL WORK BULDS ON PARTNERSHIPS

DanChurchAid works with five themes: combatting hunger, active citizenship in order to strengthen democracy and hu-





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man rights, prevention/health in relation to HIV/AIDS, humanitarian mine action and humanitarian assistance.

DanChurchAid is part of ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together) which is among the largest international relief and development agencies with more than 25,000 staff in more than 120 countries. ACT Alliance has its headquarters in Geneva in Switzerland and received in 2013 the coveted HAP certification which is a quality seal for humanitarian and development organisations.

Together with ACT Alliance partners DanChurchAid has joint offices in 11 focus countries. In addition there are joint programs in Cambodia, Honduras, Kyrgyzstan and Zambia. The cooperation in ACT Alliance means better and more effective coordination of development, disaster and advocacy work.

Churches and progressive popular organisations play an important role, not least when it comes to speaking up on behalf of the oppressed and marginalised.

DanChurchAid works through local partners, church and popular organisations, human rights groups, organisations that work with HIV/AIDS and farmers organisations. Partnerships ensure that the help is embedded locally and reaches the poorest.

We work, both in Denmark and internationally, on influencing politicians and decision-makers for the benefit of the poorest and their rights, and on providing information about the causes of need and inequality in order to involve popular and political efforts to change the structures and policies that are so often the background for hunger, poverty and exclusion. DanChurchAid's head office is in Copenhagen, Denmark with nearly 150 staff members and volunteers.

In the offices in Aarhus, Odense, Aalborg and Kolding the local consultants, volunteers and street canvassers work.

DanChurchAid has regional offices in 11 countries.

News about the DCA's work is distributed daily via danchurchaid.dk, actalliance.org and Facebook.

Every second month nearly 70,000 contributors receive "The Magazine" that covers development themes and DanChurchAid's work at home and abroad.

DENMARK

GREAT SUPPORT Danes have once again shown a willingness to help people in need. That is shown by the many manifestations, new supporters and major campaigns that DanChurchAid had in 2013. Well-known figures from the ambassador program supported the work by travelling abroad to see for themselves and came home to tell about it; Rasmus Botoft and Martin Buch from Rytteriet visited Uganda, and the actresses Kirsten and Mille Lehfeldt were in Myanmar.

The brother and sister pair, actors Nicolas and Laura Bro were on the street together with 19,000 other volunteers from Nørrebro to Nørre Nebel where they collected 13 million kroner during the parish collection in March. Prior to the collection young volunteers travelled around the country with the Hunger Caravan to involve candidates from confirmation classes and scouts in the campaign against hunger.

Pupils from Nørre Nissum boarding school put the spotlight on the Palestinians' conditions when a class travelled to the West Bank and planted 400 olive trees on Palestinian fields. And a group of older volunteers from the second hand shops travelled to Kyrgyzstan to visit self-help groups that receive support from "Operation Help Granny".

VOLUNTEERS FIGHT HUNGER Danes have made cash contributions to the work for the world's poorest many times during the year. 76 million kroner was given during "The Denmark Collection". Of that, DanChurchAid received about 7 million kroner to fight hunger in Uganda. At the Roskilde Festival, DanChurchAid-Youth organised 170 volunteers at a refund stand that collected 100,000 kroner for DanChurchAid's work to fight hunger. Dan-

prices and recruit helpers. Together with Caritas, Kristeligt Dagblad (The Christian Daily) and Danmission, DanChurchAid collected more than three million kroner for refugees from the war in Syria. And when typhoon Haiyan hit the Philippines in the beginning of November, Danes were ready again to help the thousands of people who had lost everything.

DanChurchAid's business network – "Disaster Preparedness 365", that was set up precisely to help people who suddenly lose everything, has grown steadily; from 250 firms at the beginning of the year to 1,100 by the end of 2013

SEVERAL KINDS OF DIALOGUE Dan-ChurchAid works with dialogue on several fronts. In June we participated in "The People's Meeting" on Bornholm with a campaign called "Enough food – your responsibility and mine" to highlight hunger. Later in the summer we presented – as a contribution to the debate prior to the Danish government's climate initiative – a report "The Story of Sadness", that tells how climate change affects the poorest countries.

DanChurchAid was responsible in November, in cooperation with the development

DANCHURCHAID HAD 4,000 FACEBOOK FRIENDS AT THE BEGINNING OF 2013. IN THE COURSE OF THE YEAR, TENS OF THOUSANDS JOINED THEM, SO BY THE END OF THE YEAR THERE WERE OVER 80,000.

ChurchAidYouth was also active at Skovrock in Aalborg and the profit from the refunds was shared between the DanChurchSocial and DanChurchAid. Café Nutid in Nørregade in Copenhagen, adjacent to the headquarters, celebrated its first birthday and now has a monthly turnover of 100,000 kroner.

Nearly 3,100 volunteers in DanChurchAid's 126 second hand shops have set a new record with a surplus of 21.6 million kroner. And volunteers in 40 of the shops participated in 2013 in a course about among other things how to display goods, set

organisation IBIS, for a visit of partners and a debate about democracy prior to the presidential election in Honduras. During the Christmas month we arranged, together with Copenhagen's Cathedral and South Africa's embassy a moving memorial service for South Africa's former president Nelson Mandela, where all of Denmark had an opportunity to say farewell.



WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR HAVING TAUGHT US TO SURVIVE



CENTRAL ASIA

LEADER OF A SELF-HELP GROUP ABOUT "GRANNY AID"

MIGRANTS GET HELP It is a year since DanChurchAid and ACT Alliance member ICCO Cooperation launched a comprehensive regional program, "Asia on the Move", to help the many poor and disadvantaged migrant workers in the region to improved living conditions and additional rights. The program involves 25 civil society organisations from grass roots to political level, 74,672 migrants and their families in four countries, 34 towns and <u>418 villages</u>.

To promote the migrant problem, Dan-ChurchAid supported the first regional forum on migration for Russia, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. Both civil society organisations and representatives of government institutions in the three countries participated in the forum.

OPERATION HELP GRANNY FOR VULNERABLE ELDERLY Not only the migrant workers and their spouses and children struggle for a dignified life in Central Asia. Also elderly people are a vulnerable group. So DanChurchAid continues its work "Granny Aid" with vulnerable elderly in Kyrgyzstan, who have to live on a monthly pension of about 300 kroner. DanChurchAid's partners also work to ensure elderly people's rights. That is done by, among other things, teaching the elderly about what rights they have and by organising the elderly in groups so they have more influence. The rights work also provides activities that can give some of the elderly an extra income. One of DanChurchAid's partners has taken the initiative to provide nursing care at home for more than 300 elderly people who are unable to leave their houses.

MORE PEACE – FEWER CONFLICTS The big TASK Consortium, which is a cooperative venture between seven international NGO's and eight local partners, was created following the violent conflicts in the region in 2010, has now come to an end. In 2013, DanChurchAid started to implement the part of the project that will reduce conflicts and build peace in Kyrgyzstan. A pilot project to provide psychosocial help to groups of people in 14 smaller local communities was also set up in 2013.



AFRICA

STRONG CROPS AND IRRIGATION In several countries on the continent, poor families in rural districts have been given improved chances of supporting themselves. That is because, among other things, DanChurchAid has helped to develop agriculture.

In Malawi, the farmers have solar powered irrigation systems, so they now can sow and harvest both better crops and larger quantities two to three times a year. Other families have received special crops, so-called hybrid corn, sorghum and millet that all ensure good nutrition. Storage facilities have been built here, so the many crops can be stored longer.

Also in Ethiopia there have been experiments with new crops. The South American seeds quinoa and amaranth, and apple trees that are so familiar in Denmark have been a great success. Amaranth is now included in the daily diet of many local communities, quinoa is on the way to being recognised as a commercial crop and the local government has opened a plant nursery that cultivates seedlings for apple trees.

Water tanks and ponds for cattle breeders and new irrigation systems for farmers have also helped to improve conditions for the rural population.

In South Sudan, many have built dikes to protect crops from floods. The dikes also reduce the risk of water-borne diseases.

RIGHTS THROUGH COMMUNITIES Rights were entirely or partially the focal point of several projects that Dan-ChurchAid and its partners carried out in Africa in 2013. In Uganda, dialogue with local authorities and the national

government led to the possibility of talking about corruption and working on fighting it locally. Dialogue has also created a national land policy that is focussed on distribution of land, on environment, on protection of pastoralists grazing rights and on ensuring women's rights to own land. In addition there has been such great emphasis on children's rights that the number of girls that are circumcised in the north-eastern Karamoja region has fallen, and in the south western part of the country local laws on child protection have been adopted.

OTO PETER HØVRING

In the work to include women and create economic, social and political equality, DanChurchAid's partner in Zambia has used local radio and theatre at the markets to start a dialogue between the population and local women politicians. The politicians have, in that way, learned more about women's special problems and ideas about how to solve them. The work has also led to a plan for legislation about equality between the sexes. In the churches, where there has been work on equality for some years, the number of women in decision-making bodies is rising.

In Malawi, DanChurchAid organised a conference about the election process



IT IS NOT A SERVICE WE ARE ASKING FOR WHEN WE WANT TO HAVE ACCESS TO POLI-TICS. IT IS OUR RIGHT THAT WE DEMAND. GLADYS MUTUKWA, ZAMBIA NATIONAL WOMEN'S LOBBY



that will take place during the election in 2014, and through 300 savings and loan associations that were established in villages in 2013, DanChurchAid and its partners are in contact with local communities where we work with information about human rights.

In Ethiopia, dialogue and partnership between civil society and the local government has led, very practically, to the extension of a newly-built irrigation system that the local community needed.

The world's newest state, South Sudan, was until December making progress. Here too, active citizenship was a major component of DanChurchAid's work. There was work on peace and reconciliation between local communities, and together with a partner, The South Sudan Law Society, a project on the abolition of the death penalty was started with great success. But in December, brutal fighting broke out all over the country. What in July appeared to be a government re-shuffle had turned into a struggle between government supporters and opposition factions and between tribes. The conflict led to the flight of tens of thousands of people from their homes.

PEOPLE FLEEING DanChurchAid was ready to help refugees several places in Africa in 2013. More than 60,000 refugees from DR Congo received aid, and in the refugee camp at Kakuma in Kenya the cattle have been vaccinated, 125,000 people have access to clean water and food security has thus been improved. In the refugee camps in South Sudan where several thousand internally displaced persons live who have been victims of cattle thieves and floods, DanChurchAid has helped with cash and tools, for example fish hooks, so the refugees can have their basic requirements covered. In addition, 17,500 children from the camps have got improved access to education.

ASIA

DEMOCRATIC HOPE AND THE RIGHT TO VOTE 2013 was election year in several countries in Asia. In Nepal, Bangladesh, India and Cambodia DanChurchAid worked to ensure particularly vulnerable groups – among others women and dalits – the right to vote in free and fair elections.

In Nepal there was a re-election in order to write a new constitution. Bangladesh had a presidential election, India elected its legislative assembly and in Cambodia there was a national election that went more peacefully than expected and thus created new hope that Cambodia can be changed democratically.

In India many years of persistent lobbying to ensure the very poorest the right to food produced results. The Indian government passed, in 2013, the landmark "Right to food" law that will benefit 82 million poor Indians. DanChurchAid's partner, Center for Equity Studies, participated in drafting the law.

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CENTRAL AMERICA

FEAR OF CONFLICT 2013 was election year in Honduras. The election was the first after the coup d'état in 2009 when the democratically elected president, Zelaya, was deposed. Since the coup d'état the start-up of democracy and human rights has been under pressure. So there was fear of conflicts in the run-up to - and after – the election. But the election process proceeded more or less calmly. During and after the election DanChurchAid carried out some much needed work to reduce polarisation among rival groups.

MORE RESOURCES IN FARMING At the national level, Dan-ChurchAid and its partners spent a lot of time and effort on the election process. But at the local level, families from the most vulnerable groups in western Honduras succeeded in developing strategies so they could feed themselves better. Among other things the local people set up – with support from Dan-ChurchAid's partner in Intibucá Province – 63 family farms so they could develop agriculture together. Through the family farms it has been possible to create sustainable production, to ensure that the families get bigger and better yields from their farms and thus also a better economy.

WOMEN AGAINST VIOLENCE Many women in Honduras experience being exposed either to violence in their homes or casual violence on the street. In 2013 a group of women decided to create awareness about the widespread problem. They organised a series of campaigns that among other things reminded the authorities of their obligation to prevent violence against

women and to punish the perpetrators. The campaign was supported by cooperation between the development organisation IBIS and DanChurchAid's partner "Las Hormigas", Center for Women's Rights and Forum for Women's Life. Several media were also partners in the project and carried features about the campaigns for women's rights, among others the popular radio station Radio Progreso, and the research and analysis centre ERIC.

PREPARED FOR DISASTER Every year the people of Honduras suffer from challenging weather conditions when the country is hit by hurricanes, heavy rainfall and floods. DanChurchAid works on several levels to mitigate the consequences of the recurrent natural disasters. In 2013, families from 23 local communities and two townships got new knowledge, new competences and new procedures for how to prevent disasters and how to cope with them when they hit. Among other things the local communities built storage for food and other supplies that the families need in an emergency. The families were also taught how to use their resources better during a disaster.



IT IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AND BIGGEST STEPS THAT HAS EVER BEEN TAKEN IN INDIA DANCHURCHAID'S INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR BIRGITTE OVIST-SØRENSEN ABOUT THE NEW LAW IN INDIA THAT ENSURES THE POOREST ACCESS TO CHEAP FOOD.

In Myanmar the road to democracy is under continuous development. Peace negotiations are taking place and the possibility of, in due course, changing the constitution is being discussed, and by the end of the year all political prisoners had been released. Racial and religious disputes have however arisen on and off. A new NGO law that has been drafted in cooperation between the government and NGO's is a milestone that can promote a lively and free civil society.

As democracy starts to grow in Myanmar, DanChurchAid's work among the thousands of refugees who live in refugee camps on the Thai-Myanmarese border focuses more and more on preparing the Myanmarese to return home. Dan-ChurchAid completed registration of all refugees in 2013, which will facilitate the work in future.

DISASTER AID AFTER VIOLENT WEATHER Immediately after typhoon Haiyan hit the Philippines in November, Dan-ChurchAid's partners were ready with food, water, blankets, shelter and other humanitarian assistance to some of the thousands of people who had their homes destroyed and who lost their means of support when fishing boats, fields and coconut trees were demolished. In the wake of the typhoon a great need arose for means to support the victims to survive until there was more order in the chaos. DanChurchAid sent therefore an expert to the Philippines to help establish cash transfer systems so the families concerned could be paid to help with the cleanup work.

Also Cambodia was hit by extreme weather. Two thirds of the country was under water after violent rainfall in the autumn and DanChurchAid helped more than 9,000 families in five provinces.

In recent years the climate has created major problems for the country's rice farmers. Therefore, weather stations are being set up that warn the farmers so they can protect themselves from extreme weather.

In Pakistan it is the ongoing conflicts in the tribal areas between Afghanistan and Pakistan that create the need for help. DanChurchAid works here to ensure medical help for the people who have fled the conflicts. The help has contributed to preventing large scale epidemics.



THE FUTURE LOOKS LIKE INCREASED DETERIORATION OF THE DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE STILL UNDER THE PO-LITICAL CONTROL OF THE POWERFUL AND ECONOMIC ELITE.





SYRIAN REFUCEES HELPED THROUGH THE WINTER In 2013, DanChurchAid opened an office in Lebanon to increase the aid to the many victims of the ongoing war in Syria. The aid consisted, among other things, of blankets, warm clothes and stoves for 3,000 Syrian families who have fled to the Bekaa Valley in Lebanon and to Jordan. 1,500 Palestinian families from Syria and many local hosts who live in refugee camps in southern Lebanon received food coupons and psychosocial help.

PALESTINIANS LACK RIGHTS In Gaza the destruction of the tunnels between Egypt and Gaza has meant that everyday life for families has become considerably more difficult. Therefore DanChurchAid is working on projects that create jobs for the unemployed, give psychosocial help to children and ensure better nutrition for the many undernourished

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MIDDLE EAST

PHOTO PAUL JEFFREY

small children. In 2013 DanChurchAid also put extra focus on speaking out about the Palestinians' cause to the international community and to giving people the opportunity to move between Gaza and Egypt and sell goods to one another.

On the West Bank DanChurchAid and its partners continued to draw attention to the ongoing demolition of Palestinian homes. Here we also supported a newly established cooperative in the Jordan Valley to increase the farmer's food production, improve the quality of their products and ensure them access to markets.

In order to also ensure the Bedouin community in Bethlehem and the southern part of the West Bank better conditions they have been given household and agricultural water reservoirs and some have got electricity for the first time in their lives from solar panels.

DanChurchAid is also working specifically to strengthen women's rights in Palestine. The second phase of "Women's Inheritance Denied Project" has started in Gaza and on the West Bank with emphasis on involving men as so-called agents of change. Among other things the men also participate in workshops on women's rights.

LIBYA'S WOMEN HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE INVOL-VED Women in Libya do not have much access to knowledge about politics nor do they participate in the country's political life. To find out why that is so, in 2013 DanChurchAid carried out a comprehensive study about Libyan women's participation in politics and has published the findings in a report "Building a better Libya together? – Perspectives of men and women on the political engagement of women". The report will, inter alia, help eight local partners that all work on improving women's rights and increasing the general public awareness about women's situation in Libya.



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AFTER THE RAINY SEASON, WHEN THE GRASS IS HIGH, WE HAVE EXPERIENCED EXPLOSIONS THAT KILLED PEOPLE. MACHAR JOKUC, VILLAGE LEADER IN SOUTH SUDAN

MINE CLEARANCE

HELP TO CIVILIANS AFTER WAR Even though clearing of dangerous war remnants is still a very important task for DanChurchAid, 2013 was the year when the mine clearance unit got seriously involved in the job of helping civilians with the repercussions of war and conflict. This was done through a project called "Safer Communities" that teaches about how to manage the danger of war remnants and how to reduce armed violence.

SAFER COMMUNITIES WITHOUT ARMED VIOLENCE In Libya DanChurchAid works, among other things, on reducing the violence that occurs with the use of firearms. That is why gun safes are distributed. In a political reality where disarming civilians cannot be done, the gun safes will ensure that the many weapons in circulation are stored responsibly and are inaccessible to children. DanChurchAid has also successfully continued its psychosocial work with war-trauma-

tised school children. **CHILDREN RECOGNISE DANGEROUS MINES** 2013 was also the year when mine clearance activities were scaled up in DR Congo and South Sudan. In both countries actual clearance and education about the danger of mines was carried out so the residents can avoid accidents. There are many specific examples that show that the teaching works. A 12 year old boy, Ebengo Chamulongo from DR Congo is one of them. He found a grenade on his mother's field, recognised it from the teaching and knew that it was dangerous. Instead of picking the grenade up he told staff from Dan-ChurchAid what he had found, and it was then demolished. At the end of the year a new conflict in South Sudan unfortunately put a temporary stop to the work in that country, but DanChurchAid is ready to help the civilian population again in 2014.

MINE CLEARANCE IN MALI AND LEG PROS-

THESIS IN MYANMAR DanChurchAid stepped in with expertise about mines, clearance and help to victims several other places in the world. When the UN in 2013 asked for help to clear up after the conflict in Mali, DanChurchAid responded quickly. The local people from the inaccessible Kidal Region now get help to investigate the degree of contamination with war remnants and to carry out training in how to avoid accidents.

Via the EU, financing has been found to resume mine clearance work in Laos. And in neighbouring Myanmar money from the "Give a leg" campaign at Christmas 2012 has equipped many mine victims with leg prostheses.

The inhabitants in Moxico Province in eastern Angola have experienced more basic improvements in everyday life as DanChurchAid has completed the mine clearance work in a large area where the local population has now built houses. In Lebanon mine clearers have cleared mines from six million square metre of land since 2007.

A ROBUST ORGANISATION

In recent years DanChurchAid has made a serious effort to become an economically more robust organisation. That is partly because several of our major donors, among others the EU, have made new demands on NGO's for greater equity and partly that the donors release grants in smaller portions so NGO's themselves must have the resources to advance funds until the money arrives from the donor. The wish for greater robustness is also due to just plain good housekeeping: Dan-ChurchAid wants to save up so we can face hard times, and so we can launch new and important projects when they are needed.

THE YEAR'S SURPLUS OF 15.5 MILLION KRONER CON-TRIBUTES TO INCREASING DANCHURCHAID'S ROBUST-NESS AS AN ORGANISATION AND AS A PARTNER

2013 was a good year. Income reached 572.5 million kroner which is 12.1 million kroner more than the year before. We have maintained the record high 2012 expenditure of 446 million kroner on development and humanitarian assistance. At the same time we succeeded in using less money than budgeted to run the secretariat, regional offices and on communication and fundraising activities in Denmark, so the administration percent fell from 9% in 2012 to 8.7% in 2013. That means that the year's surplus is 15.5 million kroner.

The major increase in DanChurchAid's total income in 2013 is due, among other things, to increased grants from international donors. Furthermore, the non-earmarked funds increased, including income from second hand shops, and more Danes have given legacies to DanChurchAid.

Geographically, Africa is still the continent where DanChurchAid has greatest activity. 44% of DCA turnover for humanitarian assistance was spent in Africa. Activities increased slightly in the Middle East and fell correspondingly in Asia. We used 7.8 million kroner more on development projects in 2013 than the year before, we increased the humanitarian mine clearance program by 1.1 million kroner and we used 9.7 million kroner less on humanitarian disasters. The reduction in humanitarian assistance is mainly due to fewer grants from the EU.

KEY FIGURES

TURNOVER AND ADMINISTRATION

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