

ADVERTISEMENT OF BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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Subject: Supply of certified carbon offset credits

Contracting Authority: DanChurchAid

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The effects of climate change are a growing challenge for everybody, particularly for people in poor and vulnerable countries affected by increasingly frequent and intense droughts, floods and other extreme weather events. DanChurchAid (DCA) programmes are increasingly affected by climate change, hence, there is a need to consider how activities can adapt to become more resilient and withstand the threats. Climate change is a global challenge, and long-term solutions must be found at national, regional and international levels. DCA is committed to addressing climate change in our programmes, our engagement work in Denmark, our advocacy work, and our internal practices. DCA is a member of the Action by Churches Together (ACT) global alliance.

All DCA activities are carried out in support of one or more of these goals: save lives, build resilient communities and fight extreme inequality. DanChurchAid has a vision of a world without hunger, poverty and oppression, in which popular and political powers constantly work strongly and actively for a just and sustainable distribution and use of the earth's resources. DCA mainstreams the Human Rights-Based Approach (HRBA) through participation, accountability, non-discrimination including gender equality and empowerment while linking up to legal frameworks and international commitments. DCA supports capacity development and empowerment of individuals, local leaders and communities so they can claim their rights and hold authorities accountable to ensuring just transition and building resilient communities. Community members are the most important agents of change when it comes to implementing climate resilient solutions. DCA facilitates change by identifying and empowering "drivers of change" in the countries of operation, and globally. In Denmark, DCA has a strong brand recognition and high credibility among the Danish public and key stakeholders, including both public and private partners and private sector alliances. DCA promotes value-based partnerships and is a well-known advocate for climate justice in Danish and international context.

As demonstrated in DCA's policies on travel compensation and internal climate action, we have committed to reducing the organisation's emissions. Our long-term aim is to align with the global commitment to limiting global warming to below 1.5 degrees and to contribute to more green, resilient, and sustainable development. International DCA operations are decentralized and implemented at country level, reducing international transport, however, the fulfilment of DCA's objectives to support development in its focus countries often requires international transport. According to DCA's carbon footprint, international travel is the largest source of GHG emissions (Scope 3) of our operations, it accounted for approximately 1,000 TCO₂e in 2019 (before COVID restrictions). Therefore, it is an objective of DCA's climate policy to compensate for flight-related emissions via off-setting projects in partner countries.

DCA is currently assessing the opportunities for compensating for the total emissions made by DCA activities throughout the 100 years of existence. If this proves viable, compensation will increase substantially from the amount estimated above. In addition to compensation of our own GHG emissions, DCA has received requests from private sector actors, for 'added value' solutions for offsetting that not only deliver on CO₂ uptake, but also ensure local development effects and climate adaptation solutions, to deliver on their climate commitments and policies. Therefore, DCA has developed a product, which is managed by DCA and purchased by private companies as third parties. The product is sold to companies who commit to first and foremost ensure reduction of emissions, and then compensate. This product includes carbon offset and an additional contribution to DCA's

climate adaptation projects creating local development impacts on the ground. DCA is not yet in a position to make an estimate on the volume of credits to be sold through this scheme, but we expect that the demand from private sector for this type of 'added value' compensation will rise. DCA envisages a stair-step pricing model to determine price per ton based on volume.

DCA invites qualified service providers of the following services to respond to this advertisement. Service providers who have responded to this advertisement and provide the required information may be invited to participate in the Procurement Procedure for the service(s).

1. Carbon credits to be used for:
 - a. DCA's own compensation of its flight-related emissions, and
 - b. for third-party commercial product

It is a requirement that the credits to be purchased are certified through an international carbon market standard. This is to ensure that carbon savings are tradable, permanent, additional and not vulnerable to leakage or double counting. We further expect that the service provider relates to the decisions about carbon trading, agreed upon during the United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP26.

Further, DCA wish to select offsets generated by projects that not only have an impact on climate but also have positive benefits for local communities and biodiversity in countries where DCA is present and has the capacity to follow up on the implementation. DCA prefers Uganda and alternatively Kenya, Ethiopia or Zimbabwe.

The interested supplier shall provide the following information to the Contracting Authority using the contact details below:

- The company's name and contact details,
- Contact person,
- Brief description of the company's background and main line of work; and
- Experience with this kind of service including
 - Description of company or organisations' business model and governance of project
 - Description of offsetting scheme including geographical location and mechanisms to avoid leakage and double counting of carbon credits (climate integrity)
 - Description of the market standard used for verification of offsets
 - Description of long-term project(s) viability and compatibility with UNFCCC and jurisdictional approaches
 - Description of how the project(s) delivers on local development and what mechanisms are in place to ensure local ownership (human and community rights, stakeholder participation and sustainable community development)
 - Description of the projects' contribution to biodiversity conservation

This is purely information on business opportunities and does not constitute a commitment to purchase or any other form of contractual commitment with the Contracting Authority.

For more information about DanChurchAid visit: <https://www.danchurchaid.org/>

Read more about DCA's existing model for climate compensation here: <https://www.danchurchaid.org/how-we-work/climate-compensation>

Please submit your interest by email to:

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