



## FACTS:

- **Beneficiaries reached:** More than 190,000 people in 2020
- **Annual turnover:** More than EUR 2,026,000 (2020)
- **Partners:** Amel Association International (Amel); Arab Centre for Popular Art (AL JANA); Association Najdeh; and Fraternity Association
- **Donors in 2021:** DANIDA, US State Department, and the Government of Japan and The Novo Nordisk Foundation
- **Number of employees:** 69
- **Experience:** DCA has operated in Lebanon since 2007

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## CONTEXT:



Poverty levels and vulnerability are increasing drastically in Lebanon, 74% of the Lebanese population live below the poverty line compared to 55% in 2020. This is set alongside the political and economic situation, which has rapidly deteriorated since October 2019.



Since October 2019, protests against the government and corruption have taken place. While largely peaceful, at times violence has erupted. The Coronavirus pandemic and the Beirut Blast on the 4th of August 2020 have added to Lebanon's woes and contributed to a sharp devaluation of the Lebanese lira, driving more people into poverty.



Monday 15 March 2021 marked 10-years since the onset of the Syrian conflict. This decade of conflict risks leaving an irreversible impact on millions of displaced civilians. More than 1.7 million Syrian and Palestinian refugees currently residing in Lebanon which globally makes it the country hosting the largest number of refugees per capita. It is estimated by the UNHCR that 88 % of the Syrian refugees live below the extreme poverty line.



Mines, cluster munition remnants and other unexploded ordnances continue to pose a danger and restrict access to land, exacerbating the country's economic challenges. At the end of 2019, 41 km<sup>2</sup> remained contaminated.

## HOW AND WHERE WE WORK:

- DCA works in **Beirut, Saida, Tyre, Mount Lebanon, Blue Line** and **Khiam** but has the capacity to expand activities to other geographical areas. Our operations in Lebanon support DCA's three international goals: Save Lives, Build Resilient Communities and Fight Extreme Inequity..
- DCA directly implements **mine, cluster munition clearance** and **non-technical survey** and have worked with local partners in clearance and victim assistance. DCA collaborates with three local partners to deliver **protection, education** and **income generating activities** to refugee and host communities.
- **Partnership** is a core principle of DCA and in Lebanon we have a strong focus on community involvement. DCA works with **affected populations** including local organisations, landowners, and refugees, who are supported to build self-reliance and resilience. Cooperation enables DCA to provide relevant support for vulnerable communities and ensure a **conflict sensitive** and **do no harm approach**.
- DCA supports victims of mine and unexploded ordnance accidents to cope with the ongoing financial hardship they and their families face by setting up **income generating activities**. Such activities include tertiary education, small business development and vocational trainings, enabling people to provide for themselves and their families
- In response to the devastating **Beirut blast**, DCA responded through its partner NCA to provide immediate **emergency food and hygiene items** as well as **shelter rehabilitation** to affected homes and small businesses

## WHAT WE DO?

**Mine action:** DCA has worked in Lebanon since 2007. In addition to reducing the harm from explosion, clearance activities release contaminated land for socio-economic development in the context of rising demands from the local and refugee population. DCA has cleared over eight square kilometres of residential and agricultural land contaminated by landmines and unexploded ordinance. DCA undertakes survey activities in Mount Lebanon to gather data on the remaining contamination and its socio-economic impact.

**Humanitarian assistance to vulnerable populations:** in line with the Lebanon Crisis Response Plan, DCA provides **livelihoods, education, youth empowerment, protection** and **immediate assistance** for refugees and host communities through local partners. This includes **psychosocial support** to improve the well-being of affected populations, reduce violence in camps and enhance the ability of individuals to cope with psychosocial stress. DCA works through its local partners to provide sustainable solutions while promoting **well-being, resilience** and **social cohesion** among host and refugee populations, especially children and youth.

**Agricultural Restoration:** DCA is designing a holistic approach linking the clearance of land contaminated by landmines and cluster munitions to sustainable agricultural management for local communities. This includes supporting with coping strategies for tackling the local impacts of climate change and linking communities to existing and new markets. A key focus area is the empowerment of women and youth.



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