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DCA-NCA has provided humanitarian and development support to Myanmar since the 1990s and in 2020 DCA-NCA reached **281,576** beneficiaries (35% were male, 65% female).



Currently, Myanmar is experiencing increased political and economic crisis since the events in February 2021 and subsequent covid pandemic, with unprecedented levels of conflict and instability. This has resulted in significant increases in existing humanitarian and development needs across the country.



Myanmar's economy largely depends on natural resources and agriculture. According to FAO, agriculture accounts for more than one third of the country's GDP and employs approx. 70% of the work force.



Myanmar is one of three countries most affected by climate change in the period 1999-2018 according to the 2020 Global Climate Risk Index and 19th out of 191 countries on the INFORM Index for Risk Management. Children, women, and the poor are particularly vulnerable to the risks induced by climate change (UNDP).



Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, economic growth in Myanmar was projected to pick up to 6.3% in FY2019/20 and 6.4% in FY2020/21. Myanmar's economy is estimated to have grown by only 1.7% in FY19/20, due to COVID-19 (World Bank). The events since February 2021, have only further exacerbated this downward trajectory.

WE FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES

Through a joint office and country programme, Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) and DanChurchAid (DCA), our work aims to contribute to DCA's three global goals

- **Save** lives through humanitarian action
- **Build** strong and resilient communities
- **Fight inequality:** tackling gender inequality and countering of gender-based violence (GBV) and injustice

More specifically the DCA-NCA joint country programme supports local and national civil society in their work to support the most vulnerable in society by providing humanitarian assistance and the development of sustainable livelihoods to building resilient communities. All our activities are aimed at supporting the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and that no one is left behind in Myanmar's national development process.

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WHAT WE DO AND HOW WE WORK:

In Myanmar as across both DCA and NCA generally, our operations are conducted based on a human-rights based approach and with a strong focus on gender equality and the participation of affected stakeholders.

Saving lives and building resilient communities:

Natural disasters and conflict threaten the lives and dignity of people in Myanmar. We help people recover from disasters through timely humanitarian assistance. We assist people in generating resilient livelihoods and manage natural resources in a sustainable way. We also work to build safer communities free of violence through our community safety methodologies and mine risk education. We support our partners' emergency preparedness response by developing contingency and risk management plans.

Strengthening a diverse and capable civil society:

We work with a range of stakeholders at grassroot level and help to engage community leaders, faith-based and secular civil society organisations (CSOs) to come together to work on mutual goals to support communities. We help our local partners through capacity building, networking and accompaniment. Many of our partners continue to be the first responders in times of crisis and often provide important social services addressing the concerns of their communities.

Fighting inequalities: gender equality and countering gender-based violence (GBV):

We work with communities and local actors to promote gender equality and the prevention of gender-based violence and all other forms of discrimination. We focus on actions that simultaneously reduce the GBV threats faced by women and girls, as well as increasing their resilience and empowerment by tackling imbalances in power relationships and enhancing women economic empowerment, ultimately striving for more equitable and inclusive societies.



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