



## OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:



**18.7% of the Nepalese population lives below the poverty line** (Economic Survey 2018-19) and the estimated GNI per capita is US\$1,034. In 2020, due to COVID, the country's GDP shrank by 1.99%.



**Women** and women-headed households are the poorest of the poor, and **caste-based discrimination** is still prevalent in the country.



**68% of the population are employed in the agricultural sector** which accounts for **34% of the GDP** (ILO, 2016).



Nepal is one of the **most vulnerable countries to climate change** with **high exposure and vulnerability to multiple and recurrent hazards**, including earthquakes and floods, resulting in enormous socio-economic damages.

## DCA IS FOCUSING ON THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

### **Inclusive Citizenship and Accountable Governance:**

DCA's works to eradicate discrimination and exclusion of women, Dalits and marginalised communities in social and institutional structures and encourage inclusion and justice for all. DCA Nepal also supports building capacity of local government to improve inclusive and effective delivery of services to rights holders.

### **Resilience and Livelihoods:**

DCA focuses on sustainable agriculture development, strengthening market systems and value chains establishing/ scaling up green enterprises, and building capacity of poor farmers to improve food and nutritional security and income. The Humanitarian Response and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Programme has been very prominent in the recent years with significant interventions in urban DRR, WASH, cash voucher assistance, shock responsive social protection and engagement with the private sector on preparedness and risk reduction

### **Innovation:**

In Nepal, DCA works to digitally empower local governments and beneficiaries to establish an e-governance system, shock responsive social protection system, and strengthen value chains through mobile based applications. Furthermore, DCA Nepal Office explores opportunities to develop model villages with agro-ecological practices and promote sustainable energies in agriculture sector. In the post COVID-19 context, DCA is working with the government to provide innovative income generation activities targeting returnee migrants, daily wage labours and urban poor.

## FACTS:

- DCA has worked in Nepal since 2008.
- **Offices in Country:** DCA operates from its country office based in Kathmandu. Fieldwork is organised through cooperation with the partners, and hence field staff work at the offices of partners.
- In total, DCA reached **97,127 beneficiaries** in 2020.
- **Turnover in 2020:** EUR 3,2 million
- **Donors:** DANIDA, EuropeAid, Mott MacDonald, UKAID, Nordic Climate Facility, and Danmarks Indsamling
- **Employees in 2020:** 27 Nepali and 1 expat (Country Director)
- **Partners in 2020:** DWO, FEDO, DWRF, Jagaran, INSEC, Action Nepal, NNSWA, EDC, LI-BIRD, MDO, SOSEC, Unification Nepal, TWUC, KVS, Build up Nepal, Women SelfHelp Centre.

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## HOW AND WHERE WE WORK:

DCA Nepal focuses its activities in Provinces 5, 6, and 7 in Mid and Far Western Nepal; and Province 3 which is an earthquake affected area. In the Western Region, DCA focuses on value chain strengthening, economic empowerment of poor and marginalised communities, local governance strengthening, citizens' empowerment, e-governance, youth employment and SMART Cooperatives.

**Active citizenship projects** focus on empowering right holders' on advocacy knowledge and skills, leadership, legal and policy provisions regarding their rights and entitlements; social inclusion to enhance their participation in decision-making and local level planning processes and increase their access to resources and services.

**DCA's climate change projects** are focused in the mid-hills and lowlands of Mid and Far Western Region. They promote low-cost and climate-resilient on and off-farm indigenous and modern technologies and increase investments of private sector actors in market, finance, and value chain development to ensure increased income and sustained year-round food security.

As part of **earthquake reconstruction**, DCA works through economic empowerment, WASH, urban DRR, climate change and capacity building projects. This includes Kathmandu Valley and 14 other earthquake affected districts through the funding support from FCDO, Nordic Climate Facility and Mott Macdonald.

**DCA Nepal is supporting 6 rural municipalities**, Palikas, to establish e-governance systems. From their smart phones, community people can access information about major events, profiles, policies, act and provisions about the Palika and file for vital registration.

As part of its **innovation programmes**, DCA has come up with a digital-based market solution for its lead farmers through "SMART COOP" mobile application that provides information on agriculture, crops suitability, land soil PH level and fertilizer requirements for specific crops. Similarly, it supports to measure the productivity, investment and profit of the product through collective marketing managed by the cooperatives.

**DCA's innovation** under the Humanitarian Response and DRR theme has been in the sector of Shock Responsive Social Protection, where DCA is working with Koshi Victims Society in Eastern Nepal. DCA is capacitating the local government in digitising the database of vulnerable communities in the flood affected areas, which can be utilised to disburse cash assistance during emergency situations. Various guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures have also been developed as part of the project.



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