



FACTS:

- **Year of entry:** 1950's (office established in 2008)
- **Turnover in 2020:** More than EUR 6,47 million
- **Employees:** 15 DCA staff
- **Partners:** 19 partners
- **Projects:** DCA had 38 active projects in Palestine in 2020
- **Beneficiaries in 2020:** 266,334 people in need

WHAT WE DO:

Through 19 Palestinian and Israeli civil society and faith-based partners, DCA supports Palestinian communities in Gaza and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem to be economically and socially resilient and active participants in decision-making processes affecting their lives. This includes advocating for respect for international humanitarian law (IHL), human rights and just peace.

Fight Extreme Inequality: Local communities, especially youth and women, are empowered to claim their rights and achieve social and gender equality and together with local partners influence local and international duty bearers through documentation of IHL and international human rights law (IHRL) violations, and provision of protective presence to vulnerable communities.

Build Resilient Communities: With a focus on youth unemployment, vocational training centers certify youth in market-relevant skills like climate-friendly urban agriculture, solar panel maintenance, web development and community-based tourism.

Save Lives: Provision of electronic vouchers for green vegetables, protein sources and needed grocery items. Urban gardens supplement daily nutritional intake and income. Working with vulnerable people in Area C through prepay electricity vouchers, sustainably accessing renewable energy for milk churning, school lighting, clothes washing and refrigeration.

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OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:



The situation in Palestine is shaped by the longstanding occupation by Israel. This has various negative humanitarian, developmental and security implications for Palestinians.



Many Palestinians living in the West Bank (including East Jerusalem) and Gaza have experienced infringements of their basic human rights, including the right to self-determination, expression, assembly, and freedom of movement.



High level of unemployment among Palestinians (28%) in the different parts of Palestine and poverty has been increasing.



The Covid-19 pandemic has severely affected Palestinian livelihoods and access to basic services. It has put the resilience of Palestinians and Palestinian society under increased pressure.

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HOW AND WHERE WE WORK:

Fight Extreme Inequality

- Advocacy and legal action against demolition of Palestinian houses and livelihood structures and the confiscation of humanitarian aid by Israel. **(West Bank)**
- Initiatives to document IHL and IHRL violations by all parties continue to ensure the basis for evidence-based advocacy for duty bearer accountability. **(Across Palestine)**
- Youth led initiatives to promote awareness of Palestinian culture and human rights through online media platforms and by engaging duty-bearers to promote IHL accountability. **(East Jerusalem)**
- Challenging legal and cultural practices and have equal socioeconomic rights for women by providing awareness, legal aid, and counselling for women and for survivors of Gender Based Violence. **(West Bank)**

Build Resilient Communities

- Investments in Community Led Action has provided the opportunity to support inclusive and representative self-organised community groups that plan and implement collective priority initiatives improving access to basic services, as well as empowering local communities to address everyday challenges and risks. **(Across Palestine)**
- Through market-based vocational training, Palestinian youth is provided with the skills and opportunities for gainful employment. **(Across Palestine)**
- DCA has led the establishment of innovation hub in East Jerusalem to enhance youth economic resilience. **(East Jerusalem)**
- Support to youth to gain employment skills or start businesses meeting local and global (online) demands while engaging the private sector at a national and intranational level to provide young men and women with much needed income and hope in the future. **(Gaza and East Jerusalem)**

Save Lives

- E-voucher programme implemented across all the governorates of Gaza provides vulnerable households with choice of fresh, nutritious vegetables and protein, while urban gardens provide daily vitamin and economic input. **(Gaza)**
- An integrated multisectoral WASH-GBV project aiming at improving the access to safe and equitable WASH services and appropriate GBV response mechanisms in accordance with the dignity of the underserved and most vulnerable communities. **(Gaza)**
- Provision of unconditional multipurpose cash and immediate relief in times of acute crisis and disaster. Focusing on vulnerable communities whose livelihoods and wellbeing are threatened. **(Gaza)**
- In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, awareness-raising campaigns and relief packages have been distributed to vulnerable households. **(Across Palestine)**



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