



OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:



Uganda has done well in halving the proportion of the population living below the poverty line. However, trends show that **poverty levels increased** from 19.7% in 2013 to 21.4% in 2018

Public corruption is a major concern



Gender inequality is high



Vulnerable populations are predominantly small-scale, subsistence farmers who suffer from low farm production, limited access to agricultural inputs and markets, environmental degradation and extreme climatic conditions



Despite constraints, **opportunities for collaboration between government, NGOs and the private sector** exist



Uganda is the biggest host of refugees in Africa causing a strain on the country's resources. In 2021 1,52 million refugees are hosted in Uganda

FACTS:

- **DCA has operated in Uganda since 1979.** The first DCA office was established in 2004.
- **Turnover in 2020:** EUR 5,79 million
- **Beneficiaries:** In 2020, DCA reached 79,551 people in need
- **Offices in Country:** The Country Office is located in Kampala. Additionally, DCA has 2 major field offices located in Yumbe and Arua (see map)
- **Employees:** 95 DCA staff
- **Projects:** In 2020, DCA had 33 active projects in Uganda
- **Partners:** 22 local partners, faith based and secular as well as private companies
- DCA operations in Uganda are supported by DANIDA, UNHCR, the European Commission (EuropeAid and ECHO), ACT Alliance, the Open Society Initiative for Eastern Africa, the Permanent Mission of Denmark to the UN and the Danish population.

WHAT WE DO:

Primarily, DCA Uganda works with three activities: Humanitarian Response/Nexus, Building Resilience and Fighting Extreme Inequality. All the programmes focus on youth and women.

The **Humanitarian Response/Nexus** programme supports refugees, displaced persons and refugee hosting communities to access life-saving and socio-economic services for self-reliance, sustainable livelihoods and fulfilment of their rights. Interventions fall within the humanitarian-development-peace nexus and include cash transfers, Voluntary Savings and Loans Associations, income generating activities, agricultural produce, access to markets and energy and environment adaptation and conservation.

DCA Uganda's **Building Resilience** programme supports sustainable livelihoods and resilience building. This includes ensuring that marginalised communities have secure access to land and are producing adequate food for household consumption and income, and moreover that they are resilient to conflict as well as environmental and climate change challenges.

Under the **Fighting Extreme Inequality** programme, DCA Uganda works with partners to ensure that more women and young people participate in decision-making processes and hold their leaders accountable for improved delivery of services and that there is increased protection of human rights for equitable development. To achieve this, DCA supports advocacy at all levels, and aims to enhance the capacity of communities in social accountability.

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HOW AND WHERE WE WORK:

DCA Uganda operates predominantly in the West Nile and Karamoja sub regions in Northern Uganda as well as Teso sub region in Eastern Uganda. Some of DCA's current interventions include:

Resilience Building: Supporting farmers in crop and livestock production, value addition, market access, income generation, and in preparing and implementing disaster contingency plans.

Fresh Fruits Nexus: Supporting host and refugee farmers to produce fresh fruits, orange-fleshed sweet potatoes and other value chains for the export market.

Catalysing Inclusive Access to Market: Supporting refugee and refugee-hosting farmers to grow sunflower for the market in partnership with Mukwano, a private sector company.

Youth Empowerment: Equipping youth with vocational and entrepreneurial skills such as brick-laying, carpentry, tailoring, motor vehicle mechanics, etc., for both self-and formal employment.

Energy and Environment Conservation: Protection and restoration of the environment & promotion of safe access to sustainable energy and green livelihoods in refugee and host community districts.

Cash Based Interventions: Providing cash to refugees with different and innovative modalities such as the use of mobile and bank agents, e-vouchers etc.

Disaster Preparedness and Response: Increasing resilience of refugee and host community districts through a more effective and coordinated response by first responders during emergencies such as natural disasters, influx of refugees or epidemics.

Strengthening Social Accountability: Building the capacities of structures and individuals to raise awareness on the rights and responsibilities of marginalised groups. The focus is on promoting the participation of women and youth in decision making processes as well as demanding for open, accountable and gender equitable governance.

Gender Justice: Strengthening the role of the religious leaders as champions of gender equality.

Business and Human Rights: Promoting responsible business conduct as well as supporting a multi-stakeholder approach to the implementation of the national action plan for business and human rights.

Innovation: Promoting new technologies such as digital data gathering, cash-based interventions, energy-conservation technologies (such as briquettes and energy-saving stoves), and digitisation of Village Savings and Loans Associations to provide easier access to credit.

Peaceful Co-existence: Supporting a national dialogue that involves all sectors of Uganda society in an inclusive process.



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