



WHO WE ARE:

DanChurchAid (DCA) is a Danish humanitarian, not for profit NGO based in Copenhagen. Established in 1922 the organization has its roots in the Danish Evangelical-Lutheran Church, which still today serves as a central pillar of DCA's constituency, providing the organization with the foundation and moral obligation to operate across the humanitarian-development-peace nexus.

DCA envisions a world without hunger, poverty, or oppression where political and popular powers work for a just and sustainable use and distribution of resources. We strive to fulfil this vision by achieving three overarching goals: **Saving lives, Building resilient communities, and Fighting extreme inequality.**

STRATEGIC COMMITMENTS AND CLIMATE POLICY:

- DCA's commitment to climate action and environmental protection is a **cross-cutting** priority and a **focus area** of engagement.
- DCA supports climate resilient and low carbon development through solid **risk management** frameworks, **mitigation and adaptation** initiatives and supporting people facing climate induced **loss and damage**.
- DCA is a strong advocate for localization and signatory to **the Locally Led Adaptation** principles.
- DCA adopted an internal policy to address climate change in our programmes, engagement work in Denmark, advocacy and internal practices. DCA measures its **carbon footprint** and while we work on **reducing** our emissions, we **compensate** our emissions through certified community-based forest restoration projects.

OVERVIEW OF CLIMATE MAINSTREAMING IN DCA PROJECTS (2021):



WHAT WE DO:

DCA takes a **climate risk informed approach** to programming across the HDP nexus, ensuring fast humanitarian and emergency response to climate induced disasters and **bridging early recovery to long term climate adaptation and resilience building**. Building on solid experience on community-based Disaster Risk Reduction, we integrate climate risk analysis and ensure links with Early Warning Systems.

DCA strengthens resilience to climate-related risks, stresses, and shocks and promotes a sustainable use of natural resources in the communities that we work with to **deliver integrated mitigation and adaptation benefits in both development and humanitarian settings**. DCA has expertise on working with small-holder producers and entrepreneurs to enhance their capacity to adopt **sustainable agroecology** practices, **restore ecosystems** for carbon sequestration and engage in **green, inclusive and sustainable value chains and market and food systems**. DCA's work to promote climate resilience and DRR is important to reduce violent conflicts and prevent food insecurity, famines, and displacements in a nexus context. DCA also addresses climate mitigation by integrating **clean sustainable and affordable energy** in development and humanitarian contexts to support community safety, health and environmental protection. DCA promotes **multistakeholder partnerships** and mobilize finance **so that sustainable and fair food systems and innovative green solutions** are developed and scaled up.

Our deep commitment to the Human Rights Based Approach and gender equality is also evident in our work to address climate change. We engage in **integrating rights and gender analysis and action**, supporting inclusive decision-making processes on environment and climate related issues as well as institutional capacity building for strong, accountable, and responsible institutions. At the global level, through the ACT Alliance, we are strong advocates on climate justice.

Climate action is a focus area for DCA's campaign and media work in Denmark. Danish climate related activities include **advocacy for sustainable consumption and reduced food waste** through WeFood shops and second-hand shops, which actively contribute to reducing emissions and raise awareness on climate change. Climate change is also a prioritized theme for national allies, including DanChurchAid Youth and "Grøn Kirke", an ecumenical working group for greening Danish churches and faith-based organizations.

CLIMATE CHANGE



HOW AND WHERE WE WORK:

In **Uganda**, the **sustainable energy and environmental management** interventions are combined to improve self-reliance and livelihoods for conflict affected refugees and host communities. DCA delivers results on climate adaptation, nature conservation and creation of **green jobs** and **sustainable livelihood solutions for youth** by strengthening **local entrepreneurship** and **value chain development** for **sustainable energy technologies** such as briquettes for energy efficient stoves and cooking baskets, enhancing institutional capacities on **community led governance of natural resources** and providing **cash for work** and capacity development in reforestation and sustainable forest management to reduce conflict over scarce forest resources.

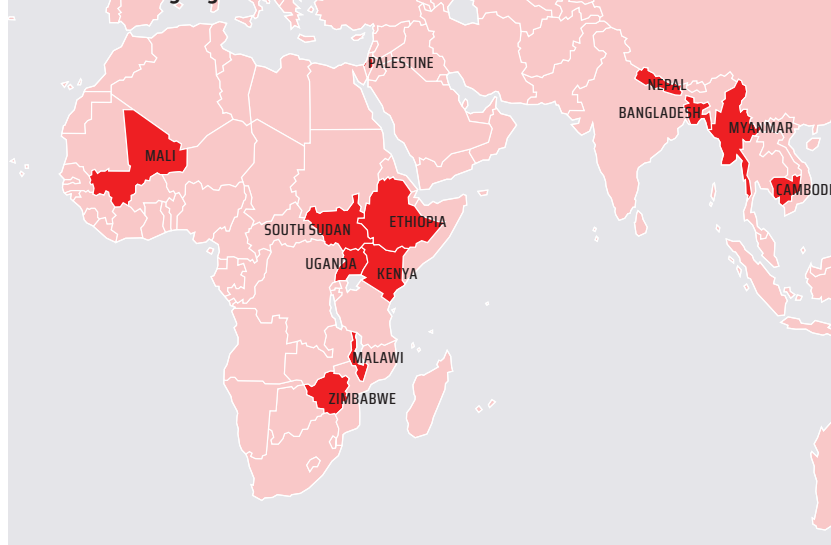
In **Cambodia**, DCA has partnered with UNDP to establish provincial **drought information hubs** and train local communities in **climate resilient agriculture**. DCA has also participated in the development of the EU-funded **Khmer Smart Farming app**, helping farmers to **adapt to climate change** by linking them with information on climate resilient crop varieties, agronomic advice, and weather forecasts. At the same time, DCA offices in Cambodia and Uganda are collaborating with FAO to promote agroecology approaches and strengthen the evidence base.

In **Zimbabwe**, DCA has built **capacity for resilience** in rural districts highly exposed to increasingly frequent and intense droughts. Under the **Zimbabwe Resilience Building Fund**, DCA and partners build capacity of local government authorities and communities to monitor multiple hazards, including climate risks to trigger interventions for preparedness well before a crisis happens and to improve crisis management, when a crisis hits. The capacity building for **disaster risk reduction and resilience planning** is combined with support for climate resilient agricultural production and value chains.

In **Nepal**, DCA and local partners funded by NCF, introduced a new **eco-friendly, interlocking brick technology**. This technology is cheap, easy to use and reduces emissions from construction of buildings by up to 60% (compared to traditional burnt bricks or cement). It also delivers a resilient building design in a country, very exposed to earthquakes – and by using local materials and supporting local micro enterprises, the brick technology contributes to local employment and income-generating option for poor and marginalized families.

In Northern **Kenya**, pastoralists experience loss of pastoral livelihoods and lifestyle due to increasingly frequent droughts. This has made communities migrate to urban centres and the areas surrounding refugee camps. DCA and local partner, with funding from Danida, work with communities to **adapt and minimize loss and damage risks by adopting alternative agricultural livelihoods systems or starting up enterprises**, such as fish selling businesses within the Kakuma Refugee camp.

DCA has a strong focus on climate action in the highlighted countries:



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