



OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:

The eastern part of DR Congo (DRC) is subject to a complex protracted crisis following decades of armed conflict, natural disasters, epidemics, and rising food prices. As a result, 27 million people need humanitarian assistance and protection in 2022. Additionally, the DRC remains home to the largest IDP population in Africa, where almost 6 million people are currently internally displaced and 990,000 are housed in neighbouring countries as refugees.

The provinces of Ituri, North Kivu, South Kivu, and Tanganyika, where DCA is currently active, are particularly characterized by an overlay of crisis drivers and deepening humanitarian needs. Thus, these provinces are now hosting the majority of the millions of people, who have fled their homes.

DCA is currently assisting the most vulnerable internally displaced people, host communities, and refugees through integrated humanitarian assistance, clearance of mines and Explosive Remnants of War, and provision of explosive ordnance risk education.

WHAT DO WE DO:



We provide **lifesaving humanitarian assistance** to the most vulnerable people who have been displaced due to the conflict, with a particular focus on women and children.



We provide **shelters and essential goods to internally displaced people** and provide **assistance to victims of gender-based violence**. We create groups to discuss and create awareness of the negative consequences of gender-based violence and harmful gender norms.



DCA is the only international NGO in the DR Congo doing **mine action**. By removing mines and explosive remnants of war and conducting **mine risk education**, we save lives and ensure that people can use the fields and roads that have been contaminated by mines and other explosive remnants of war.

FACTS:

- **DCA has operated in DR Congo since 2004.**
- **People supported in 2021:** 95,000 people.
- **Annual turnover in 2021:** 4.296.000 EUR.
- **Employees:** 81 national and 6 international employees
- **National Partner:** Action pour le Développement Intégral par la Conservation Communautaire (ADIC) and Village d'Espoir.

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HOW AND WHERE WE WORK:

DCA's programme in DR Congo is focused on saving lives and building resilience, mainly through the following activities:

Clearance: DCA conducts **Manual Mine Clearance (MMC)**, **Technical Survey (TS)**, **Non-Technical Survey (NTS)**, and **Battle Area Clearance (BAC)** in eight provinces of the DRC. This increases access to roads, rivers, schools and agricultural land, enabling local populations to resume their economic activities and enjoy freedom of movement.

Protection: DCA conducts **training and education in prevention of Gender Based Violence (GBV)** and supports survivors of GBV. Additionally, DCA is implementing **Psychosocial Support (PSS)** activities, including the establishment of **Child Friendly Spaces**, **recreational activities**, and **training of PSS focal points**.

Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFI): DCA provides **shelter and NFIs** such as blankets, hygiene items and cooking equipment to vulnerable populations, including IDPs and host communities.

Cash and Livelihoods: Through **cash and income generating activities (IGA)**, DCA supports the most vulnerable in meeting their **essential needs**.

Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding: DCA works to **prevent violent conflicts**, **foster social cohesion** and **facilitating peaceful dialogue**. As such, **Conflict Sensitivity** is an integral part of DCA's programme.

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