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FACTS:

- DCA has **supported relief projects in Ethiopia since 1970**. It **operated through local partners since 1982** and **in 2004, the country office in Addis Ababa was established**.
- DCA has **field offices** in Semera and Aysaita (Afar Region) and Gambella City (Gambella Region); and satellite offices in Sekota Town (Waghimra, Amhara Region) and Robe Town (Bale, Oromia Region).
- **Employees:** DCA Ethiopia currently employs **108 staff**.
- **Beneficiaries:** **129,166 people** directly benefited from DCA interventions in 2021.
- **Turnover in 2021:** More than EUR 6.076.873
- **Projects:** During 2021 DCA implemented 22 projects across Ethiopia.

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:



Ethiopia is the **second most populous country in Africa** with about 60% of the total population below the age of 24. Up to 2 million youth enter the workforce each year and the rate of job creation is not meeting the demand.



Ethiopia faces many **humanitarian difficulties: conflict-induced displacement** (2.06 million) and related protection needs, widespread food insecurity and malnutrition due to the recurrent droughts as well as disease outbreaks. The country is the **2nd largest host country in Africa for refugees**; most live in camps requiring humanitarian assistance.



Due to **climate change**, Ethiopia is exposed to recurrent droughts, famines, flooding, expansion of desertification, loss of wetlands, loss of biodiversity, decline in agricultural production and productivity, shortage of water, and increased incidence of pests and diseases.

WHAT WE DO:

Saving Lives (Emergency Response) by responding to the emergent humanitarian needs of disaster affected households with a timely and appropriate response. DCA responds to the humanitarian needs of refugees, IDPs and their hosting communities mainly through multi-purpose cash distribution.

Building Resilient Communities (Food systems) by improving the natural, financial, social and human capital of target households. The main interventions include climate smart agriculture, productivity focused land treatment and natural resource management; enhancing market linkage and value-chain development; promoting livelihood diversification; and strengthening youth employment.

Fighting Inequality by emphasising women's socio-economic empowerment and transformation of community norms in favour of vulnerable groups. This includes enhancing the capacity of local actors (including government) for increased responsiveness to the needs of vulnerable groups; improving the capacity of community and faith-based organisations and their leaders to serve as change agents and to fight HTPs; and promoting accountability throughout our work.

In overall terms, DCA Ethiopia's programme interventions target **rural and peri-urban poor** and the **refugees and their hosting communities** as direct beneficiaries.

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HOW AND WHERE WE WORK:

Starting July 2021, DCA-Ethiopia and partners operate in five regions:

- **Oromia region (Guji, Borena, Bale zone):** livelihood food security, disaster risk reduction, emergency response, quinoa crop promotion, women socio-economic empowerment.
- **Amhara region (Waghimra zone and North Wollo Zone):** Livelihood food security, disaster risk reduction, emergency response, quinoa crop promotion, women Socio-economic empowerment and fighting harmful traditional practices (HTPs) and gender inequality.
- **Gambella region:** Support for South Sudanese refugees and their hosting communities in Itang and Abol districts, fresh food and cash transfer using e-voucher, livelihood, emergency supports.
- **Afar region:** Support for Eritrean refugees, IDPs, and their host communities (in Asayita and Berhale refugee camps and surrounding areas), livelihood, energy, fresh food and multi-purpose cash transfer using e-voucher, emergency supports to flood affected communities including NFIs, WASH, and protection.

DCA works across the **humanitarian-development-peace triple nexus** for sustainable change and implements mechanisms that integrate the mitigation and adaptation of climate change.

Moreover, DCA introduces **innovative and appropriate technologies to address vulnerability**, fill in knowledge and skill gaps, build local capacity, and when applicable, works closely with the private sector.



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