



OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:



18.7% of the Nepalese population lives below the poverty line (Economic Survey 2018-19) and the estimated GNI per capita is US\$1,034. In 2020, due to COVID, the country's GDP shrank by 1.99%.



Women and women-headed households are the poorest of the poor, and **caste-based discrimination** is still prevalent in the country.



68% of the population are employed in the agricultural sector which accounts for **34% of the GDP** (ILO, 2016).



Nepal is one of the **most vulnerable countries to climate change** with **high exposure and vulnerability to multiple and recurrent hazards**, including earthquakes and floods, resulting in enormous socio-economic damages.

DCA IS FOCUSING ON THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

Fight Extreme Inequality: DCA works to reduce discrimination and encourages inclusion and justice for all. DCA's Country Office in Nepal supports to build capacity of local government to improve inclusive and effective service delivery to rights holders, while empowering right holders to understand and claim their rights. Similarly, Nepal Office works to promote, and protect rights of human rights defenders (HRDs) to function safely and effectively.

Build Resilient Communities: DCA focuses on sustainable agriculture development, strengthening market systems and value chains and building capacity of poor farmers to improve food, nutritional security, and income. DCA supports to create an enabling environment for scaling up/out value chains approach, adopt agro-ecological farming and green enterprises including promotion of climate resilient agriculture technologies and practices. Similarly, Nepal Programme strengthens capacity of local cooperatives to develop financial products and use digital platforms to access information on traders, suppliers, and market actors.

Save Lives: DCA strengthens the capacity of local government, communities and CSOs on risk informed preparedness and response to deal with risk and consequence of disasters and climate change with strong institutional basis for implementation. Strengthening our expertise under urban disaster risk reduction/resilience; anticipatory humanitarian action and cash-based programming are our niche areas.

FACTS:

- DCA has worked in Nepal **since 2008**.
- **Offices in Country:** DCA operates from its country office based in Kathmandu. Fieldwork is organized through cooperation with the partners, and hence field staff work at the offices of partners.
- In total, DCA **reached 84,157** (female 59973, male 24184) beneficiaries in 2021.
- **Turnover in 2021:** DKK 21,075,668.35.
- **Donors:** DANIDA, European Union (EU), Civil Society in Development (CISU), Mott MacDonald, ECHO, UKAID, Nordic Climate Facility (NCF), and Danmarks Indsamling, Global Innovation Fund.
- **Employees in 2021:** 24 Nepali and 1 expat (Country Director).
- **Partners in 2021:** DWO, FEDO, DWRP, INSEC, Action Nepal, NNSWA, EDC, LI-BIRD, MDO, INLOGOS, ISET, SOSEC, TWUC.

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HOW AND WHERE WE WORK:

Nepal programme focuses its activities in four provinces: **Lumbini, Karnali, and Sudurpaschim Provinces of Mid and Far Western Nepal; and Bagmati Province in central Nepal.** Our cross-cutting commitments, Gender Equality and Climate Action is mainstreamed strongly across all the projects to be designed and implemented by DCA together with its partners.

DCA supports 12 to 15 local civil society partners including organizations with expertise and experience on various sectors: (i) issue-based and women-led; (ii) climate change, agro-ecology, and research; and (iii) human rights. Additionally, women groups, farmers associations, food coalition, women-led campaigns, and loose forums, women-humanitarian platform are some of the organizations that Nepal Office works with

To reach out to more informal groups at the field level, DCA prioritizes working through **groups/networks/CBOs (Community-based organizations)**, so that the voice of targeted rightsholders become stronger. It also works to strengthen these CBOs so that they grow to become stronger CSOs, are able to advocate and raise funds from government, non-government and private sector and become financially sustainable in the longer run.

Similarly, DCA **collaborates with private sector entities** such as Nepalese Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FNCCI), agro- traders, insurance companies, and financial institutions (Banks), etc. and maintains good relations with the government bodies at all levels.

DCA's climate change projects are focused in the mid-hills and lowlands of Mid and Far Western Region. They promote low-cost and climate-resilient on and off-farm indigenous and modern technologies and increase investments of private sector actors in market, finance, and value chain development to ensure increased income and sustained year-round food security.

In the Western Region, DCA focuses on economic empowerment of poor and marginalized communities, local governance strengthening, citizens' empowerment, e-governance, youth employment and SMART Cooperatives.

As part of COVID-19 response, DCA in the year 2021 reached out to 104122 beneficiaries (55681 female and 48441 male) through a range of assistance.



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