



FACTS:

- **DCA has had a presence in Syria since 2015.**
- **People supported in 2021:** 224,045 people.
- **Annual turnover 2021:** 12.009.000 EUR
- **Employees:** 216 staff (200 national and 16 international staff), across 5 offices.
- **DCA Syria's operations are funded by:** DANIDA, the U.S. Agency for International Development – Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID-BHA), the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Church of Sweden.

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OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:

11 years of conflict have resulted in widespread destruction of civilian infrastructure, explosive ordnance contamination and the worlds largest number of internally displaced people.

Further, communities trying to recover from conflict are seeing record levels of explosive hazard contamination and demolished buildings restricting access to safe housing and essential infrastructure. It is estimated that one in three communities are contaminated with Explosive Ordnance (EO), putting one in two people at risk of death and injury, rendering agricultural land, private properties and public infrastructure inaccessible, and preventing displaced families from safely returning home.

WHAT WE DO:



Humanitarian Mine Action: DCA Syria works to clear explosive hazards, paving the way for rehabilitation and other humanitarian interventions, while educating communities on how to mitigate the risk of living in contaminated areas.



Market-Based Humanitarian Response: Most Syrians struggle to meet their basic needs. DCA provides market-based (cash) support to vulnerable households.



Rehabilitation of private shelter and key infrastructure: DCA provides vulnerable households support to improve living conditions and protect against harsh weather conditions. Additionally, DCA conducts rehabilitation works on key infrastructure, including schools, after these have been surveyed and cleared by DCA for explosive hazards.



Psychosocial Support: DCA Syria provides specialized Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (PSS) and referral services to children and caregivers as well as mobile awareness sessions to communities on mental wellbeing and Gender Based Violence.

HOW AND WHERE WE WORK:

In Syria, DCA focuses on two of the global goals in DCA's International Strategy: **Save lives and build resilient communities**. DCA implements the following activities:

Risk Education: Through a local partner, DCA supports the delivery of Risk Education to boys, girls, men and women. This education enables them to make safer decisions and better protect themselves and their families from injuries and death related to explosive hazard contamination.

Survey & Clearance: Survey of contaminated areas and the clearance of explosive hazards saves lives. It is an essential first step before any rehabilitation or reconstruction work can take place. This includes sustainable rubble management.

Market-Based Humanitarian Response: DCA provides cash to households unable to meet their most essential needs, including the distribution of monthly Cash for Food, the use of Multipurpose Cash as an emergency response, distribution of Cash to meet Shelter needs (see below), and community-based Cash for Work schemes.

Psychosocial Support: DCA provides psychosocial wellbeing activities for community members in Community Safe Spaces to improve the wellbeing of children, youth, and adults. The purpose of these activities is to increase psychological resilience and communities' ability to heal following trauma and conflict.

Private Shelter Support: In urban settings, DCA supports the rehabilitation of private housing through a mix of Cash for Shelter grants and through sub-contracting. In rural settings, DCA provides displaced families with tents that will better protect them against the harsh weather conditions.

Public Infrastructure Rehabilitation: DCA conducts rehabilitation of damaged buildings that have been cleared from explosive hazards by DCA Clearance teams, focusing on designing safe and inclusive spaces. Public buildings that have been rehabilitated include schools and water processing plants.



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