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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.

FACTS:

- **Headquarter:** Copenhagen, Denmark
- **General secretary:** Birgitte Qvist-Sørensen
- **Turnover (2021):** EUR 123,8 million
- **Total expenditure (2021):** EUR 104,6 million. EUR 34,5 million was spend on development aid and EUR 69,9 million on humanitarian aid.
- **People reached:** 4,9 million individuals in need.
- **Partners:** 195 professional local partners, 143 sister agencies from the global network ACT Alliance and an SPA with the Danish MFA
- **Locations:** DCA has country offices in 20 of the poorest and most vulnerable countries in Africa, Asia and The Middle East
- **Employees:** 1,325 staff members and more than 20,000 volunteers.

WHAT WE DO:

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 the following goals:

Save lives: DCA is committed to intervene when individuals and communities are affected by crises and natural disasters. We work to ensure timely humanitarian and emergency response, distribute aid esp. through cash-based intervention, assist local disaster risk reduction and emergency preparedness, and educate on and engage in mine action. The goal is embraced in our humanitarian response and mine assistance programme.

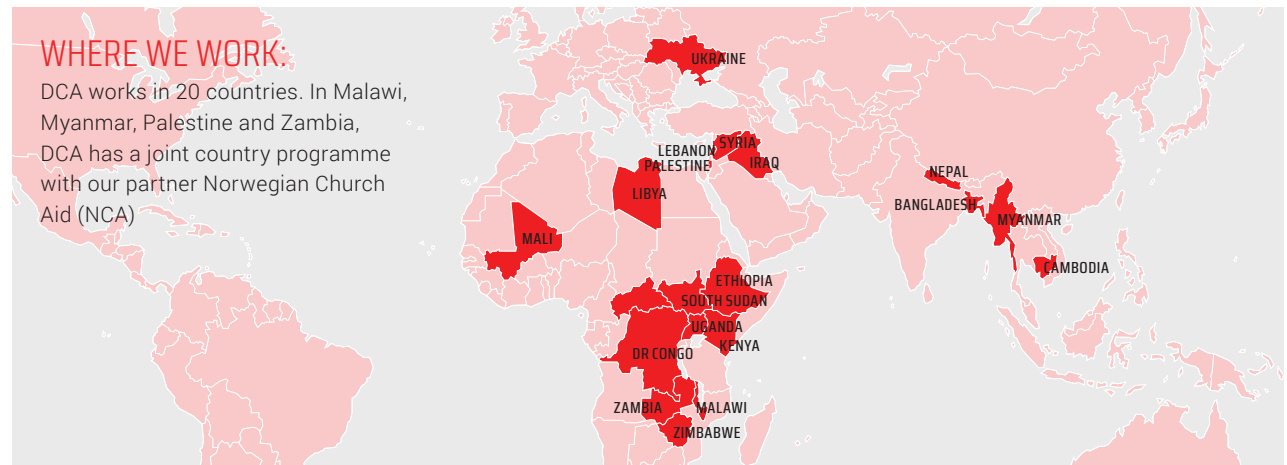
Build resilient communities: DCA assists sustainable development and resilient livelihoods for communities across the globe. We focus on global advocacy, local disaster risk reduction and building the resilience of vulnerable communities by facilitating sustainable livelihoods, job opportunities and empowerment of local stakeholders. Particularly, our right to food programme and sustainable livelihoods framework reflects this goal.

Fight extreme inequality: Within this goal, DCA aims to build the capacities of civil societies, CSO and human rights defenders, promote human rights and support inclusive decision-making processes as well as strong, accountable, and responsible institutions. Moreover, we fight the discrimination and marginalization of the most vulnerable groups in society and advocate at the global level.

DCA engagement work in Denmark: Despite our increasing international presence, DCA remains deeply anchored in the Danish public and is one of the best known and most respected humanitarian organizations in Denmark. Our engagement with the Danes is reflected in 47,789 private donors who supported our work with EUR 78,037 in 2021. In 2021, our 20,000 volunteers, helped us collect over EUR 3,5 million through our 114 secondhand shops and 6 We food supermarkets, and with a digital fundraising campaign replacing the annual Parish Collection that was cancelled due to Covid-19.

WHERE WE WORK:

DCA works in 20 countries. In Malawi, Myanmar, Palestine and Zambia, DCA has a joint country programme with our partner Norwegian Church Aid (NCA)



HOW WE WORK:

As key drivers for change, **individuals and their communities** are located at the center of DCA programming and advocacy efforts. We aim to empower the poorest and most marginalized people and build the capacities of civil societies to become **agents of change**. In doing so we collaborate with civil-society organizations, human rights defenders, and local organizations as well as with private sector actors, governments, and the Danish public. Additionally, as a faith-based organization **religion and development** is a crosscutting commitment of DCA, and we recognize the importance of religious leaders and moral duty bearers as key actors for change.

Grand Bargain and Localisation: DCA is signatory to the Grand Bargain Initiative, which aims to put more means into the hands of people in need and attend to the financing gap in humanitarian action. Moreover, DCA is committed to localisation which has become strongly embedded into our actions and objectives, as evident in our many projects that strengthens capacities of local organisations and CSOs.

Human Rights Based Approach (HRBA) and Gender Equality: In practice, our commitment to a HRBA to development and gender equality means that **DCA and partners advocate human rights and gender equality**, amongst others by supporting poor women and men to equally participate in decision-making processes; engaging government authorities and businesses on their obligations to civil society; reducing gender inequalities and addressing discriminatory policies, norms and practices; and educating women and girls on their rights.

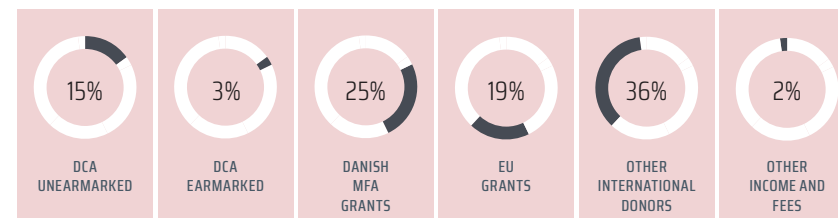
Innovation: DCA believes that the most effective ways of bringing about change might not be known to us yet. For us, innovation is new or improved products, services, programmes or processes that create new value for stakeholders and contribute to delivering higher impacts for the people we support. **The DCA Innovation Fund**, supported by our SPA with Danida, funds innovative initiatives, ranging from digitally based innovations supporting easy assessable learning for partner organizations globally, empowerment of youth through a collaborative music making append youth building their own resilience through co-learning and co-creation. **12 countries in DCA now engages systematically in innovation.**

Climate change: DCA recognizes the **urgent need for action on climate change**. We focus on three intervention areas: disaster preparedness and risk reduction, long term development and innovation, and global advocacy, while working systematically to reduce our own carbon footprint. A strategic objective of DCA is that **all projects by 2022 should consider the possible effects of climate change** on project activities and the possible emissions emerging from implementation. From 2020 onwards, DCA is active part of a Danish NGO collaboration on developing a climate and environment mainstreaming self-assessment tool to support NGOs in assessing the extent to which climate change and environmental risks are considered and mitigated in programming and projects.

The Sustainable Development Goals: DCA supports the UN's 17 SDGs, and **we incorporate the goals into all our actions**. For example, we reduce inequalities by promoting human rights and strengthening the capacities of HRDs, CSOs and individuals (SDG 10), we empower women and combat GBV (SDG 5), and we engage in **multi-stakeholder partnerships for the goals** (SDG17) through cooperation with our local partners, research institutes, and private sector actors to fulfil the SDGs and our vision.

OVERVIEW OF DCA'S FUNDING IN 2021

SOURCE: DCA INTERNATIONAL REPORT 2021



PARTNERSHIPS:

We work in strong accountable, collaborative, and trusted partnerships with more than **200 partners** constituted of a diverse group of local and national CSOs, FBOs activist groups, private sector entities, networks, social movements, alliances, private and public knowledge institutions, and government authorities. DCA is a member of part of the largest international faith-based coalition **ACT Alliance**, from whose members DCA received EUR 8 million in financial support in 2020.

The Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs is an important partner and financial supporter for DCA, providing EUR 31 million in 2021. DCA will have a new **strategic partnership agreement (SPA)** with the MFA for the period 2022-2025, which enables DCA to engage in a strategic dialogue with the MFA and ensures a predictable funding stream. The SPA allows us to be innovative, flexible, accountable, and transparent and to focus on strategic outcomes and leverage external financing, as DCA can transfer funds to partners if it falls within the agreement's objectives.

DCA is thankful for the support we receive. In addition to the support from ACT and the MFA, our major donors' global partners and donors include the EU (EUR 23 million), various UN Agencies (EUR 10 million), and the US Government (EUR 15 million).

DCA'S TOP 10 INTERNATIONAL DONORS (EUR MILLION IN 2021):

1. Danish MFA	31.74	6. Norwegian Church Aid	3.63
2. EuropeAid	17.88	7. WFP	3.63
3. USAid	11.03	8. PMWRA (U.S. DOS)	2.42
4. Echo	5.24	9. UNOPS	2.02
5. DKH	3.77	10. Church of Sweden	1.61