

WHO WE ARE:

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 (2022):** EUR 131,75 million
- **Total expenditure (2022):** EUR 131,6. EUR 113 million was spend on aid work. EUR 9,81 million was spend on information and fundraising etc.
- **People reached:** Approximately 4 million directly reached, and 30 million indirectly reached.
- **Partners:** 204 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, Europe, and The Middle East
- **Employees:** 1,250 staff members and more than 16,450 volunteers.

WHAT WE DO:

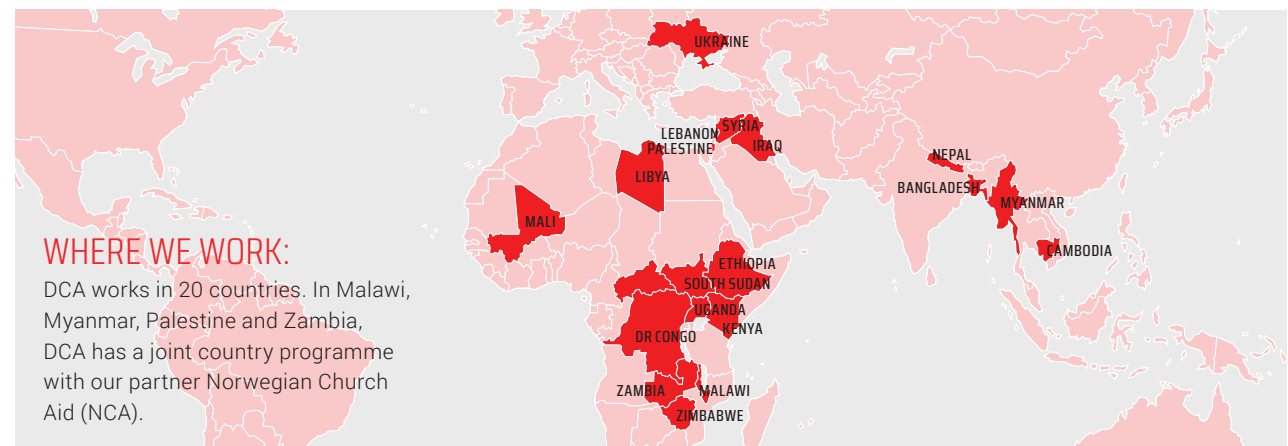
DCA envisions a world without hunger, poverty, or oppression where political and popular powers work for a just and sustainable use and distribution of resources. We strive to fulfil this vision by achieving the following goals:

Save lives: DCA is committed to strengthen our protection work. This work includes mainstreaming as well as specific protection interventions designed and delivered based on the specific constraints faced by women, men, boys and girls, and the opportunities that are available to them. We will align and incorporate protection approaches and human rights principles of diversity and inclusion to support communities in improving their protection and psychosocial wellbeing.

Build resilient communities: We will strengthen innovative green solutions and mobilize resources to develop pro-poor food and market systems. We will do this through dynamic multistakeholder partnerships and blended finance models promoting locally led solutions and working in favor of the poorest, the climate and the environment. To underpin these initiatives, we will promote responsible business conduct through human rights and environmental due diligence in the design of project and business models as well as through local and global advocacy efforts.

Fight extreme inequality: Intersectional minority-based discrimination is driving exclusion from economic and social participation and political influence. We will scale up our focus on women's civic and political rights. This includes support to organizations and movements who work for women's participation in decision-making at all levels, efforts to improve equal and gender-sensitive policies and service distribution, and the protection of women's rights defenders and their democratic participation online and offline.

Create engagement: We will further develop our existing work with Danish church-based and popular partners and volunteers to increase relations with them and strengthen ties to our constituency and the link between our engagement activities and our international work. This focus will include development of new types of partnerships and more flexible activities for volunteers to engage new segments of the Danish public.



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, faith actors, human rights defenders, and local organizations as well as with private sector actors, governments, and the Danish public. Particularly, as a faith-based organization religion and development is a crosscutting commitment of DCA, and we recognize the importance of engaging with religious actors and leaders 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 localization which has become strongly embedded into our actions and objectives, as evident in our many projects that strengthens capacities of local organizations and CSOs.

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

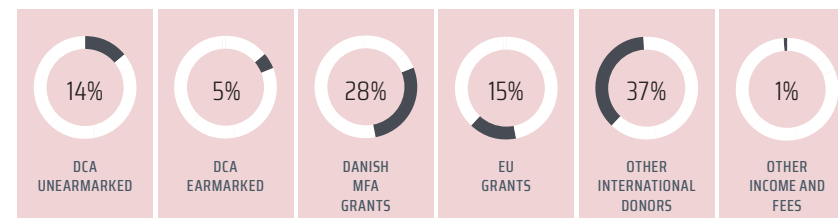
Innovation: DCA believes that the most effective ways of bringing about change might not be known to us yet. For us rights-based innovation is new or improved products, services, programmes or processes that create new value for stakeholders and contribute to delivering higher impacts for the people 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: Climate change and environment: DCA recognizes the **urgent need for action to address the climate, environment, and biodiversity crises**. DCA's commitment to climate and environmental sustainability is both a cross-cutting priority and a focus of our work. DCA aims at addressing climate change, fragility, and conflict with integrated responses, to integrate climate-related risks analysis in our interventions, and to systematically assess and mitigate our impact to the environment. DCA also mobilises and engages communities to design and implement locally climate mitigation and adaptation measures and increasingly supports recovery from climate-related loss and damage. DCA successfully links on-the-ground experiences to its global advocacy efforts and through multi-stakeholder collaboration promote climate resilient food systems. Moreover, DCA measures its carbon footprint and while we work on reducing our emissions, we compensate emissions from HQ flights through certified community-based forest restoration and agroforestry 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 2022



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 11.5 million in financial support in 2022.

The Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs is an important strategic partner and is supporting DCA financially providing EUR 36 million in 2022. DCA got a new **strategic partnership agreement** 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 19 million), various UN Agencies (EUR 11 million), and the US (EUR 19 million).

DCA'S TOP 10 INTERNATIONAL DONORS (EUR MILLION IN 2022):

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| 1. Danish MFA | 36.57 | 6. Norwegian Church Aid | 3.71 |
| 2. USAID, USA | 13.85 | 7. UNOPS | 3.03 |
| 3. INTPA | 13.08 | 8. FCDO | 2.61 |
| 4. ECHO | 6.08 | 9. UNDP | 2.59 |
| 5. Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe | 4.71 | 10. PMWRA | 2.52 |