



FACTS:

- **DCA has supported relief projects in Ethiopia since the 1970s.** It operated through local partners since 1982 and in 2004 the **country office in Addis Ababa** was established.
- DCA has **field offices** in Sekota-Waghimra (Amhara Region), Semera and Berhale (Afar Region), Robe Town (Bale, Oromia Region) and Gambella city (Gambella Region).
- **Employees:** DCA Ethiopia currently employs around 75 staff.
- **Beneficiaries:** **266,009 (152,202 F)** people directly benefited from DCA interventions in 2022.
- **Turnover in 2022:** More than EUR 7,278,171.
- **Projects:** During 2022 DCA implemented 26 projects.

! OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:



Ethiopia faces many humanitarian difficulties. Amongst others, intercommunal violence-induced displacement and related protection needs, **widespread food insecurity and malnutrition due to the recurrent droughts** affecting up to 20 million people, and disease outbreaks due to poor WASH facilities in IDP sites and in communities impacted by droughts and floods.



Ethiopia is the **second largest refugee-hosting country in Africa** with close to 1 million refugees from South Sudan, Sudan, Eritrea and Somalia. Furthermore, more than 3 million individuals, IDP and returnees are in need of assistance.



Due to **climate change**, Ethiopia has been experiencing recurrent droughts and 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. Responding to the humanitarian needs of refugees, IDPs and returnees and their hosting communities is the other main component of this thematic area.

Building Resilient Communities (Food systems) by improving the natural, financial, social and human capital of target households. The main interventions include organic enhancement of land productivity and natural resource management; enhancing market linkage and value-chain development; promoting livelihood diversification; enhancing resilience through mainstreaming community-based Disaster Risk Reduction; 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 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; supporting establishment of self-help groups of women as economic and social agents; and promoting accountability throughout our work.

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HOW AND WHERE WE WORK:

DCA and its partners work across 4 regions:

- **Oromia region:** Livelihood food security, emergency food security, multipurpose cash assistance, private sector and value chain development, disaster risk reduction, restocking, climate smart agriculture, women socio-economic empowerment, natural resource management, green jobs.
- **Amhara region:** Livelihood food security, emergency food security, multipurpose cash, supporting conflict affected IDPs, host communities and Sudanese refugees, WASH, disaster risk reduction, climate smart agriculture, women Socio-economic empowerment and fighting harmful traditional practices (HTPs) and gender inequality, natural resource management, green jobs.
- **Gambella region:** support for South Sudanese refugees and their hosting communities, fresh food e-voucher, livelihood, and emergency support including NFIs, energy, peacebuilding and social cohesion, civil society capacity building.
- **Afar region (zone 1 & 2):** Support for Eritrean refugees and their host communities, livelihood, energy, peacebuilding and social cohesion, women economic empowerment, disaster risk reduction, multi-purpose cash transfer, emergency supports including NFIs, and protection.

DCA works across the **humanitarian-development-peace nexus** to bring about sustainability and social cohesion. Additionally, DCA introduces innovative and appropriate technologies to address vulnerability, fill in knowledge and skills gaps, and build local capacity.



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