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FACTS:

- **DCA has operated in Kenya since 1997** and registered as an INGO in 2016.
- **Projects:** In 2022, DCA had 22 active projects in Kenya.
- In 2022, DCA **directly reached 54,905 people** in need
- **Turnover in 2022:** EUR 5,286,529.70
- **Employees:** 49 DCA staff (including 1 international)
- **Partners:** DCA works with a dual modality – implementing directly and together with partner organizations, thereby supporting locally led solutions and sustainability. Civil Society partners: Sustainable approaches for Community Empowerment (SAPCONE), Anglican Development Services North Rift Region (ADS - NRR), National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCK), Pamoja Trust, Turkana Christian Development Mission (TCDM), and Women's Empowerment Link (WEL)
- **Private sector & social enterprise partners:** Juhudi Kilimo, SMEP Kenya, College of Career Guidance and Development (CCGD), Quercus Group, Growth Africa, Kentegra Pyrethrum Limited, and Mwangaza Light

WHAT WE DO:

At individual level, DCA provides **life-saving humanitarian response** and **protection for refugees and vulnerable local communities** in crises, empowers young men and women by supporting them with education, life skills, entrepreneurship/employability training, technical knowledge, rights awareness, entrepreneurship skills, inputs and linkages to markets, value chains and financial services to enhance their self-reliance and resilience and talent building so they can become resourceful, dignified, and proactive agents of change.

To **build resilient communities**, DCA supports the creation of awareness on village savings & loans associations (VSLAs), movement building amongst small holder farmers, community & business groups, community managed disaster risk reduction (CMDRR) committees, and peace building & conflict mitigation groups. In the past two years, DCA has worked with smallholder farmers to **strengthen food and market systems**. In times of natural disaster such as prolonged drought, in Turkana County especially, DCA implements cash-based interventions (CBI), and particularly multi-purpose cash transfers (MPCT), supplemented by group cash under the Survivor and Community Led Response (SCLR).

Cognizant of the inequality between men, women, boys, and girls in Kenya, DCA **strengthens the capacity of implementing and project partners** and local civil society to respond effectively to needs and vulnerabilities and to represent their members, to document and voice community concerns, and to address the root causes of injustice and inequality. Through various interventions, the Kenya Programme supports Human Rights Defenders (HRDs) and community group formation to facilitate networks for meaningful and equal participation.

The country program is aligned to the SDGs and founded on a rights-based approach in the humanitarian-development-peace nexus **covering immediate needs assistance, resilience, self-reliance and socioeconomic integration between refugees and host communities**.

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OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:



Kenya hosts over **600,000 refugees and asylum seekers** of which **approx. 265,000** live in Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei Refugee Settlement in Turkana County.



77% of individuals in the refugee camps targeted by DCA are women and children.



The ASAL region is a **high-risk area for natural disasters** including droughts and floods, and the most food insecure area in Kenya.



Turkana and West Pokot Counties have some of Kenya's lowest **Human Development Indexes of 0,37 and 0,45** against the national average of 0,59.



In 2021, Kenya's GDP grew by 7.5%. However, Kenya faces an **unsustainable debt distress**, not to mention a high rate of unemployment. Unemployment skyrocketed to 10.4% from the previous 5.2% during the pandemic, with **70% of youth aged 20-29 years unemployed**. As of June 2022, the annual inflation rate in Kenya peaked at 7.9% accredited to rising oil prices, the Covid-19 pandemic, and the war in Ukraine.

WHERE WE WORK:

- **Country Office (Nairobi):** Organisational capacity building support to partners; Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning; programme strategy & business development; operational support.
- **Kakuma Field Office / Kakuma and Kalobeyei camps:** Office serves the greater Turkana County and host/resident communities. DCA and partners work on livelihoods and resilience, financial inclusion, youth empowerment and conflict mitigation, with a strong focus on women and youth as well as enhancing the humanitarian development-peace nexus. DCA and partners work on livelihoods and resilience, financial inclusion and youth empowerment and entrepreneurship.
- **Nakuru Field Office:** Office serves the Nyandarua, West Pokot, Elgeyo Marakwet and Nakuru Busia, Siaya and Baringo Counties. DCA and partners work in the aforementioned counties focuses on agricultural production, value chain & market development, access to financing for smallholder farmers, green growth, job creation for youth and natural resource management.

HOW WE WORK:

Livelihoods for Resilience and Self-reliance: Promoting climate-resilient agricultural production and value chain development, financial inclusion, cash-based programming, non-agricultural production, business and market development, fishing and livestock health and value chains, water provision and management.

Private Sector Engagement: We promote, and support creative partnerships with various private sector actors on youth employment, green growth, and value chain development.

Youth Empowerment and Gender: Entrepreneurship and skills development, inclusion, and equality as well as work with national faith actors on gender justice and a women-led local organization that advocates for women's human and social justice rights.

Peace Building & Conflict Resolution: Between refugees and host community, and between host community and cross border communities in Uganda/South Sudan/Ethiopia.

Local Leadership & Localization: Strengthening civil society and local grassroots actors that support and stand up for vulnerable communities and refugees including women and youth and address root causes of vulnerability (land rights & gender/climate injustice).

Disasters & Emergency Response: DCA provides emergency funding to support local partners in multipurpose cash assistance (MPCA) and group cash using the Survivor & Community-Led Response (SCLR) approach in disaster-affected areas.

INNOVATION:

We aim at mainstreaming innovation into everything we do through researching and testing innovative sustainable solutions. Among these are:

- **The DCA Youth Enterprise Fund (YEF)** – a credit facility aiming to finance youth entrepreneurs to grow and expand their enterprises;
- **Multi Storey Gardens** – a kitchen garden bag designed to produce more crops with less water and taking up less space;
- **Insect Farming (BSF & crickets)** – an innovative solution to secure higher nutritional diet with less impact on the climate;
- **Digital Learning and Accountability** – digitalization of entrepreneurship and business training for refugee youth;
- **Use of the Listen Learn Act (LLA)** tool which, through digital data collection and feedback meetings with affected populations, helps us to better capture perceptions and feedback and systematically consider it in our activities;
- **Testing a gaming app** to train Village Savings & Loan Association (VSLA) facilitators.



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