



## FACTS:

- **DCA has operated in Lebanon since 2007**
- **Beneficiaries reached:** 43.575 people
- **Annual turnover:** 23.2 million DKK
- **Partners:** Lebanese Mine Action Centre (LMAC), Amel Association International (Amel); Fraternity Association; Borderless Association, Union of Relief and Development Associations (URDA), AgriMovement, Ghassan Kanafani Cultural Foundation and Fairtrade Lebanon.
- **Donors in 2023:** DANIDA, US State Department, NOVO NORDISK Foundation and the Government of Japan.
- **Number of employees:** 83

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## OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:

- Landmines and cluster munitions continue to pose a danger to the Lebanese people. DCA supports the Lebanese effort to be free of cluster munitions by 2026 and free of landmines by 2028. DCA does that with our own de-mining teams. Still there is around 30 KM2 of contaminated areas in the country, which have to be cleared.
- Poverty is still increasing; more than 75% of the Lebanese population do not have access to enough food, clean water and stable electricity. The provision of services like healthcare and education is not taking place by the state and the country is facing its worst economic crisis in history.
- This has badly affected Palestinian and Syrian refugees (some 1,5 million are still in Lebanon), who are the most vulnerable.
- More and more people in Lebanon face structural poverty and desperation. Many have lost hope for the future and are leaving the country towards Europe.
- Political deadlock and ineffective government responses have worsened the crises. As witnessed in the past, in a volatile region, internal conflicts and conflicts with neighbouring countries are easy to escalate and become violent.

## WHAT WE DO:



DCA's operations in Lebanon support DCA's three international goals: **Save Lives, Build Resilient Communities and Fight Extreme Inequity.**



DCA's own demining teams save lives in Mt. Lebanon and the Blue Line on the border with Israel by **clearing dangerous landmines and cluster munitions, providing risk education** and starting **socio-economic development** of the community after the cleared land has been handed back. To achieve the national goals set by the Lebanese Mine Action Centre, more funds are needed to finish the work, but the end is in sight.



With the support of national partners, DCA is **building more resilient communities**, provides **improved livelihoods, youth empowerment, protection and immediate lifesaving assistance** - both towards refugees and host communities. This includes **psychosocial and legal support, reduction of violence** and the enhancement of the ability of individuals to cope with psychosocial stress. DCA provides sustainable solutions while **promoting well-being, resilience and social cohesion.**

## HOW AND WHERE WE WORK:

**Partnership and localisation** are a core principle of DCA and in Lebanon we have a strong focus on **community involvement**. DCA works with affected populations including governments, local community organisations, landowners and refugees, who are supported to **build self-reliance and improve resilience**.

This cooperation enables DCA to provide relevant **support for vulnerable communities** and ensure a **conflict sensitive and do-no harm approach**. By doing this through partners, DCA ensures the relevance and sustainability of the support given.

DCA has offices in **Beirut and Mt. Lebanon** and its partners **work in Beirut, Saida, Tyre, Zahle, Mount Lebanon, and the Blue Line**, but has the capacity to expand activities to other geographical areas.



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