Mali continued to face a complex emergency whereby around 8.8 million are estimated to be in need of humanitarian assistance, of which 2 million are in acute need, the majority being women (51%) and children (54%).

Since the beginning of the crisis in 2012, cycles of violence and conflict, weak governance, the increasing pressure from non-state armed groups and community self-defense mechanisms have exacerbated intra- and inter-community conflicts and erode local resilience-building opportunities.

The increasing risks associated with explosive ordnance threats and the proliferation of improvised explosive devices and small arms, and light weapons significantly impact vulnerable populations — in terms of their access to livelihoods, basic social services, and humanitarian assistance.

The frequency of climate change-induced shocks has led to a deterioration in the population’s livelihoods, an increase in prices, and displacement.

DCA Mali seeks to save lives and build safer and more resilient communities in Central Mali, by providing urgent humanitarian assistance and contributing to creating sustainable socio-economic opportunities, also conducive to greater social cohesion.

DCA aims to achieve this at:

- **Individual level**, by supporting vulnerable individuals through the provision of explosive ordnance risk education, holistic assistance to victims of explosive devices, livelihood projects and multipurpose cash assistance/microgrants to improve their ability to cope with the effects of armed violence and climate change, mitigate food insecurity and losses and damages induced by climate change, and enhance their economic resilience.

- **Community level**, by strengthening the capacity of community groups and local civil society organizations, to empower them to effectively represent their members, identify and prevent risks and protection issues, and engage with local authorities.

- **Regional and national levels**, by advancing the localization agenda and supporting locally led humanitarian and development responses, and CSOs’ involvement in decision-making processes and implementation of policies and activities tackling protection and safety.

**FACTS:**
- **Operational presence:** in Mali since 2013.
- **Offices:** coordination in Bamako, field Office in Sévaré, bases in Bankass, Douentza and Niafunke.
- **People reached in 2022:** 69,293 people.
- **Turnover in 2022:** 2,666,000 EUR.
- **Projects 2023:** 12
- **Employees:** 36 (30 nationals, 6 internationals)
- **Strong national partnerships with:** AAPPOR, AMSODE, FEJEDECOM, SOLIDEV (Burkina Faso), SANUVA, TASSAGHT

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HOW WE WORK:

DCA in Mali applies a holistic and multi-sectoral approach linking 3 programmatic pillars with cross-cutting themes to work towards a coherent, integrated, impact-focused, and cross-border response. DCA works directly with affected communities and vulnerable populations, by supporting: Local partners; CSOs and community groups; local authorities; community leaders/ focal points; host and internally displaced communities including children, youth, vulnerable households; victims of explosive ordnance and small arms/light weapons related accidents; rural farmers and herders; youth-led and women-led cooperatives and businesses.

Humanitarian Mine Action projects focus on strengthen national NGOs on HMA activities, improve people’s safety, provide life-saving and integrated protection assistance, prevent risks of injury or death and enable socioeconomic development. This pillar encompasses activities such as: capacity building and training on explosive ordnance risk education and first aid; non-technical surveys; psychosocial support; medical referrals and emergency assistance (medical costs), individualised socioeconomic support.

Food Security and Livelihoods, climate change adaptation and community-led early-action and emergency response: Strengthen national NGOs on FSL activities, improve people’s basic rights and socioeconomic development, build community resilience, provide rapid response assistance, support community preparedness and climate-resilient action planning and reduction of climate-induced losses and damages. This is done through activities such as: capacity building and provision of training on climate change adaptation techniques (agroecology); circular economy, sustainable waste management and natural resource management; resilient agropastoral livelihoods and businesses; multipurpose cash distributions and group cash transfers; community loans.

Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding: Promote community “multidimensional” resilience by fostering inter- and intra-community collaboration and identifying sustainable peace dividends and common ground for peaceful coexistence, whilst supporting equitable access to resources, inclusive decision-making processes, and participatory local conflict resolution mechanisms. This is done by placing an emphasis on the positive role of women and youth as peace enablers, and through capacity building and provision of training on conflict and gender sensitivity analysis; community action planning; conflict prevention; non-violent communication; dialogue facilitation; advocacy.

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