



OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:



15.1% of the Nepalese population lives below the poverty line (Economic Survey 2022), with an estimated GNI per capita of US\$1,220.



66% of the population is employed in the agricultural sector, which accounts for **23.95% of the GDP** (Nepal economic forum 2022).



Nepal is **highly vulnerable to climate change, ranked fourth in the world** (UNDRR 2022), facing multiple recurrent hazards such as earthquakes, droughts, landslides, and floods, leading to significant socio-economic damages.

DCA IS FOCUSING ON THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

Fight Extreme Inequality: DCA works to improve access of right holders including women, Dalits and youths to legal, state, and non-state services and resources. DCA supports them to have increased meaningful participation and empowers them to influence decision making platforms. Similarly, Nepal Office works to promote, and protect rights of human rights defenders (HRDs) and environmental defenders to function safely and effectively.

Build Resilient Communities: DCA focuses on sustainable agriculture development, strengthening market systems and value chains. It builds the capacity of women, youth and small holder farmers for economic empowerment and increase resilience capacity with diversified livelihood options to mitigate/adapt to disaster and climate risks. It supports to create an enabling environment for scaling up value chains approach, adopt agro-ecological farming and green enterprises including promotion of climate resilient agriculture technologies and practices.

Save Lives: DCA strengthens the capacity of local government, communities and CSOs to cope with disaster and respond effectively to save lives and properties. Nepal Office supports them with risk informed preparedness and response to deal with risk and consequence of disasters and climate change with strong institutional basis for implementation using its expertise on urban disaster risk reduction/resilience; anticipatory humanitarian action and cash-based programming.

FACTS:

- DCA has worked in Nepal **since 2008**.
- **Offices in Country:** DCA operates from its country office based in Kathmandu. Fieldwork is organized through cooperation with the partners, and hence field staff work at the offices of partners.
- In total, DCA **reached 40,832** (28,756 female and 12,076 male) beneficiaries in 2022.
- **Turnover in 2022:** DKK 20.11 million.
- **Donors:** DANIDA, European Union (EU), Civil Society in Development (CISU), and Danmarks Indsamling.
- **Employees in 2022:** 25 Nepali.
- **Partners in 2022:** Action Nepal, DWRF, EDC, FEDO, INLOGOS, INSEC, ISET-N, LI-BIRD, MDO, NNSWA, TWUC and SOSEC.

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HOW AND WHERE WE WORK:

Nepal programme focuses its activities in four provinces: **Lumbini, Karnali, and Sudurpaschim Provinces of Mid and Far Western Nepal; and Bagmati Province in Central Nepal.** Our cross-cutting commitments, Gender Equality and Climate Action is mainstreamed strongly across all the projects to be designed and implemented by DCA together with its partners.

DCA supports 12 local civil society partners including organisations with expertise and experience on various sectors: (i) issue-based and women-led; (ii) climate change, agro-ecology, and research; and (iii) human rights. Additionally, women groups, farmers associations, food coalition, women-led campaigns, and loose forums, women-humanitarian platform are some of the organisations that Nepal Office works with.

To reach out to more informal groups at the field level, DCA prioritises working through **groups/networks/CBOs (Community-based organisations)**, so that the voice of targeted rightsholders become stronger. It also works to strengthen these CBOs so that they are able to advocate and raise funds from government, nongovernment and private sector and become financially sustainable in the longer run.

Similarly, DCA **collaborates with private sector entities** such as Federation of Nepalese Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FNCCI), agro- traders, insurance companies, and financial institutions (Banks), etc. and maintains good relations with the government bodies at all levels-national, provincial, and local.

DCA's climate change projects are focused on the mid-hills and lowlands of Mid and Far Western Region. They promote low-cost and climate-resilient on and off-farm indigenous and modern technologies and increase investments of private sector actors in market, finance, and value chain development to ensure increased income and sustained year-round food security.

In the Western Region, DCA focuses on economic empowerment of poor and marginalised communities, local governance strengthening, citizens' empowerment, e-governance, youth employment and SMART Cooperatives.

As part of COVID-19 response, DCA in the year 2022 reached out to 94,904 beneficiaries (35,131 female and 59,773 male) through a range of assistance.



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