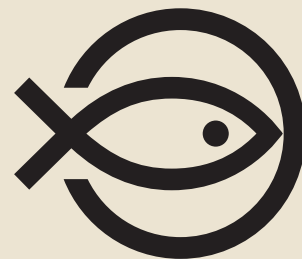


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VISIONS, VALUES, AND GOALS



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DANCHURCHAID

Who We Are

DanChurchAid supports the poorest of the world in their struggle for a dignified life and helps those whose lives are threatened. We provide humanitarian aid in disaster-stricken areas, long-term development assistance in poor regions and promote peace in fragile situations – to create a more equitable and sustainable world.

Our work derives from Christian values. We show active compassion, share with the world's poorest, and empower those in need. We act courageously when injustice is committed against people and when human rights are violated.

The situation of each individual is the starting point for our work, with respect for human rights and equality. We engage with popular and political forces and seek to influence decision makers to improve conditions for poor and marginalised. We work closely with faith-based and other partners to advance local leadership and break new ground in our partnerships to make the greatest possible difference in the world.

We show leadership and maintain our 100 years of tradition for hope and action. By innovating and testing new ways of engaging with volunteers, donors, and partners, we support and work with people in poverty and distress to realise a just world and a better life.

Our History

DanChurchAid is a Danish faith-based civil society organisation. It is one of the largest and oldest humanitarian organisations in Denmark and has a track record of more than 100 years of working in the nexus between humanitarian, development and peace work.

DanChurchAid was founded in 1922 by representatives of the Danish Evangelical Church, which continues to be a key constituency. DanChurchAid is also comprised of volunteers, supporters, and staff working hard to save lives and fight injustice. .

Our Vision

Our vision is a world without hunger, poverty, and oppression, in which popular and political powers constantly work strongly and actively for a just and sustainable distribution and use of the earth's resources.

We support the poorest people of the world in their struggle for a dignified life and help those whose lives are threatened. We provide emergency relief in disaster-stricken areas and long-term development assistance in poor regions to create a more equitable and sustainable world.

Our Values

"We believe in life before death!" is DanChurchAid's motto. Therefore, we show active compassion, share with the world's poorest, and empower those in need. For DanChurchAid it also implies an obligation to work towards a world with peace, justice and care for human beings. In Christian terms, the social and practical care for humans in need is called 'diakonia' (service) and DanChurchAid's work is a part of the Church's international diakonia for and with people living in distress and oppression in the poorest countries of the world.

In Denmark we connect and inspire to action to support the world's poorest and people in need. DanChurchAid works to increase the understanding of the sustainable development goals (SDG) and by connecting communication and action, we believe a stronger commitment and sense of responsibility is developed. This means that DanChurchAid engages with popular and political forces and influences decision-makers to improve conditions for the world's poorest populations. Our activities are at local, national and global levels.

DanChurchAid supports the world's poorest populations and helps people in need irrespective of their religion or political conviction, ethnicity and socio-economic status, gender and sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, age or physical or mental functional impairment. We work to ensure equal rights and dignity for all human beings.

In DanChurchAid, we live through our four values, which are our compass at all levels of the organisation and guide the priorities, decisions and daily actions and behaviour of both management and staff.

Compassionate: We respect and welcome differences and are obligated to help others. We walk that extra mile with people in need and encourage dialogue whenever possible. We work hard to ensure that people have equal rights and are treated equally.

Proactive: We create positive change by taking action when needed. We create space for innovation and are constantly curious about new ways of working. We seek engagement with others to break new ground.

Responsible: We are transparent and accountable in all actions and create sustainable solutions. We inspire trust by leading by example with integrity. We consider the bigger picture and develop solutions that will provide sustainable and effective aid work.

Respectful: We respect the wishes and preferences of the people we help and act with fairness in all activities. We learn from our colleagues and partners to strengthen our organisation.

[Ethiopia / Bax Lindhardt]



FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

DanChurchAid is a multi-mandated, faith-based, human rights-based, and partner-based organisation. It constitutes our fundamental principles which we build our work upon. The fundamental principles are part of the statutes and define the core identity and legal mandate of DanChurchAid. They guide our work and provide DanChurchAid with a unique position to respond to multiple needs and create systemic and sustainable change at local, national, and international level.

Multi-Mandated – for Lasting Change

DanChurchAid's multi-mandate allows us to move beyond traditional silos and integrate immediate humanitarian assistance, long-term development, peacebuilding, and advocacy efforts to create sustainable and lasting change. We create coherence, synergies and meet people's short and long-term needs as they evolve.

Our multi-mandated approach enables us to effectively navigate in and respond to shifting contexts and situations i.e. from acute crisis to sustainable development, or the reverse moving from development programming into crisis response. It allows us to act with more flexibility and agility to crisis and fragility, and to integrate resilience building into humanitarian mine action and humanitarian response while supporting the transformation to more just and peaceful societies through advocacy.

Human Rights-Based – for Just Change

Human rights are the foundation for all our work, and the human rights-based approach (HRBA) shapes all programme work. We implement HRBA through the PANEL principles: Participation, Accountability, Non-Discrimination, Empowerment and Linking to Human Rights Law. In our humanitarian response we are guided by four humanitarian principles: humanity, neutrality, impartiality, and independence. Attention to non-discrimination and inclusion of minority groups and those most at risk is also a key aspect of mainstreaming the protection principles.

The promotion and protection of human rights and humanitarian principles is supported by national, regional, and global advocacy and

by extensive stakeholder engagement and leadership. DanChurchAid focuses on women's rights, climate justice and securing space for civil society through our Danish stakeholder engagement and media work, through the ACT Alliance, and through relevant human rights mechanisms. We have been assessed, and certified, in accordance with the Core Humanitarian Standards (CHS) which also incorporates Humanitarian- and Human Rights Principles.

Faith-Based – for Systemic Change

Where DanChurchAid works, most people have religious world views. Consequently, faith actors are key for creation of hope, formation of values, mobilisation, and behavioural change - not least in fragile contexts where religious actors are often the first responders. They have essential roles and can be both drivers of conflict and human rights violations as well as key actors in conflict prevention and peace building.

Our faith-based foundation and constituency gives DanChurchAid legitimacy, moral weight - and a responsibility to engage in public and political conversations about international humanitarian and development issues. Our faith-based foundation also implies an obligation to work with people of all religious and non-religious

backgrounds for a world with peace and justice – led by hope in action for comprehensive transformation. DanChurchAid recognises the responsibility to understand and engage with religious actors and the strength of connecting faith actors in our programme work with faith actors in our Danish constituency – for mutual learning, sharing and engagement.

Partnerships – for Global Change

Since DanChurchAid was established, working in partnerships with civil society organisations, faith-based organisations and churches has been at the core of our way of working. Today, we work together with a variety of local, international, and Danish partners. We act as a bridge builder and facilitator between stakeholders and across sectors – connecting the dots to ensure engagement in Denmark and greater impact in our programme countries. We perceive partnerships as a key driver of sustainable change when based on shared values and trust, accountability and respect, and on mutual learning.

DanChurchAid places a strong focus on ensuring locally led solutions through equal partnerships with local civil society actors. We recognize the need for addressing power imbalances in our own partnerships and

in the global aid architecture in general. Through our active membership of ACT Alliance and national ACT Forums, we coordinate and promote joint action and solutions from the local to the global level. We facilitate access for our local partners to engage in international coordination and advocacy. DanChurchAid is increasingly engaged in innovative multi-stakeholder partnerships where we bring together civil society, research institutions, private sector actors, donors and investors in developing joint solutions to address humanitarian needs, promote inclusive development and advance the Sustainable Development Goals.

DanChurchAid's work is firmly rooted in our strong partnerships with Danish church-based and popular partners, which ensures the engagement of thousands of Danes across the country. Building on a sense of global citizenship brought about by the global climate and justice movements, we strengthen relations between partners in our programme countries and our Danish constituency, particularly youth. And we develop relations with Danish private sector partners to mobilise consumers in local action for global change.

CIVIL SOCIETY PARTNERSHIPS

DanChurchAid partners with a range of civil society actors. We seek partners representing communities, groups of rights-holders and constituencies and who are practicing empowerment, participation, inclusion, representation of rights-holders. We place a specific focus on women-led-, youth-led-, and faith-based organisations.

DanChurchAid also partners with informal social movements, groups of activists and human rights defenders, and informal community groups, who increasingly play a role as change agents. In Denmark, our church-based and popular civil society partners form the core of our work to engage the Danish public in promoting positive change.

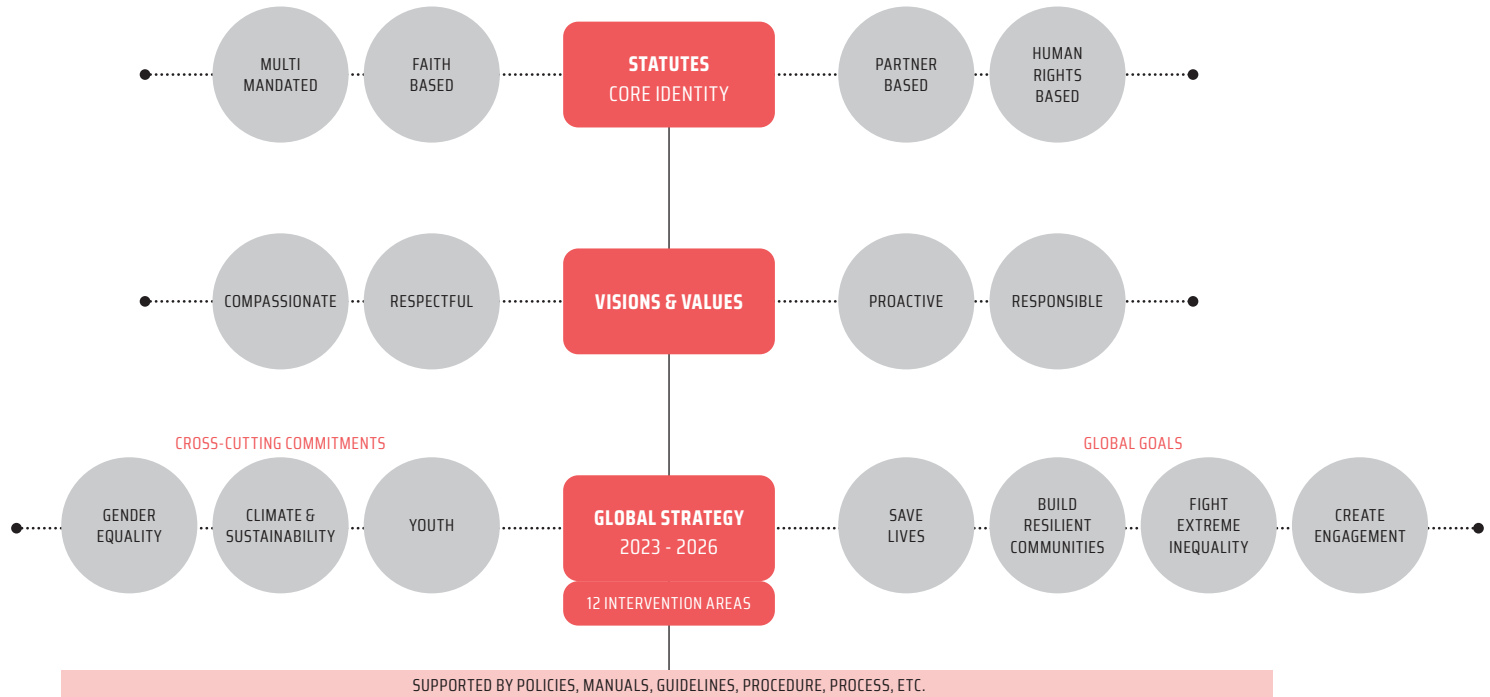
MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS

DanChurchAid promotes inclusive, multi-stakeholder engagement and global green partnerships across civil society, the private sector, research institutions, donors and investors, especially in relation to food systems, value chain development, climate adaptation, and sustainable energy. We connect our global and Danish work to promote ethical trade and responsible business conduct in local and global value chains from farm to fork.

THE ACT ALLIANCE AND GLOBAL CONNECTEDNESS

DanChurchAid is an active ACT Alliance member and continue to support national ACT Forums and ACT globally. These form unique global platforms for members with shared values, beliefs and visions. DanChurchAid is also engaged in networks and alliances and committed to including local partners in relevant and influential networks and alliances.

DanChurchAid's Strategic Hierarchy



[Ethiopia / Bax Lindhardt]

GLOBAL STRATEGY

2023 - 2026

GLOBAL GOALS

We live in disruptive times. Fragility and displacement are on the rise and a rules-based global order and civil society space are under pressure. The climate, environment, and biodiversity crises are escalating, and poverty and inequality are worsening. At the same time, digitalisation, innovation, people's movements, and new types of partnerships bring enormous potential for change.

In DanChurchAid we work with these challenges to achieve the following four global goals:

- Save Lives
- Build Resilient Communities
- Fight Extreme Inequality
- Create Engagement

Our four global goals are mutually supportive and reinforcing, addressing and fulfilling the rights and needs of the people we work with while enhancing sustainable and positive change for the world's poorest and people in need. We work across the Humanitarian-Development-Peace nexus while bringing people, diverse partners, and other actors together to realise our goals. We do this by promoting long-term solutions from the earliest stages of a humanitarian crisis, introducing prevention measures in development contexts, and supporting emergency response when needed. We address structural barriers and advocate with policy makers for sustainable and just change. In Denmark, we work to engage Danes and private sector partners in achieving the SDGs.

Save Lives

Violent conflicts and protracted crises drive 80% of all humanitarian needs today. Many disasters and conflicts over natural resources are caused or exacerbated by climate changes resulting in the displacement of a record high number of people.

There is a need for integrated approaches that embrace humanitarian action, longer-term development, and community aspirations for durable peace. Linking protection approaches with livelihood and employment opportunities for communities affected by crisis and displacement is crucial. DanChurchAid's innovative livelihood and food security interventions, responsible business conduct and market-based solutions support early recovery and long-term resilience in communities, with a particular focus on women. Likewise, we link humanitarian mine action with land rights and livelihood interventions turning mine fields into agricultural fields. New opportunities for reaching the most marginalised through diverse tech and mobile solutions is a key priority in this.

Goal

Individuals and communities affected by conflict, crisis, and displacement are protected, have the resilience to prevent, withstand and recover from shocks, and live dignified and peaceful lives.

Intervention Areas and Long-Term Changes (LTC) of DanChurchAid's Work

- Humanitarian response and protection: *Vulnerable and displaced people are safe and withstand shocks and crisis (LTC 1)*
- Early recovery and conflict prevention: *Communities in fragile contexts are self-reliant and enjoy peaceful co-existence (LTC 2)*
- Advocacy on crisis and humanitarian issues: *Government institutions, non-state actors, international organisations, private sector, and civil society organisations promote and adhere to localisation commitments and international law in conflict and crisis (LTC 3)*

Build Resilient Communities

The climate, environment and biodiversity crises are exacerbating fragility, and risk triggering large-scale displacement and migration. At the same time, food insecurity is one of the biggest challenges of today.

Solutions to secure food for a growing population are needed without negatively impacting the climate, environment, and human rights in local and global supply chains. With innovative multistakeholder partnerships, we scale up locally led solutions to increase productivity and address food insecurity and other consequences of climate change. We see great potential in market-based agroecology solutions. Combining support to youth entrepreneurship with financial inclusion and digital literacy generates new and exciting opportunities in both urban and rural settings. DanChurchAid will continue advocating for and facilitating innovative collaborations between partners and across sectors to ensure local ownership and locally grown solutions. The growing public and political awareness of the need for climate action, both in Denmark and globally, is creating new avenues for DanChurchAid to influence the climate agenda.

Goal

Individuals and communities have adapted to climate change and enjoy resilient livelihoods, are included in green and sustainable food and market systems and benefit from policies in favour of climate justice and environmental protection.

Intervention Areas and Long-Term Changes (LTC) of DanChurchAid's Work

- Humanitarian response and protection: *Vulnerable and displaced people are safe and withstand shocks and crisis (LTC 4)*
- Early recovery and conflict prevention: *Communities in fragile contexts are self-reliant and enjoy peaceful co-existence (LTC 5)*
- Advocacy on crisis and humanitarian issues: *Government institutions, non-state actors, international organisations, private sector, and civil society organisations promote and adhere to localisation commitments and international law in conflict and crisis (LTC 6)*

Fight Extreme Inequality

Democratic backsliding, shrinking civic space and polarisation have been global trends for decades while the COVID-19 pandemic exposed and exacerbated existing inequalities, impacting women and youth the hardest. Intersectional discrimination based on gender, race, age, and sexual orientation is driving exclusion from economic participation and political influence.

DanChurchAid has learned that addressing and changing power structures require systemic and transformative change by addressing the norms, practices, policies, and legal frameworks that underpin extreme inequality. We support empowerment of vulnerable and marginalised groups to claim their rights and demand accountability from authorities. This is also closely linked to improving access to income and protection from serious threats and risks.

DanChurchAid will also enhance digital literacy for vulnerable and marginalised groups and promote the use of technology to foster democratic participation and improve access to safe digital tools and platforms which enhance rights promotion, protection, and accountability.

Goal

All individuals know, recognise, and claim human rights and basic freedoms, have the space and safety to organise and influence decisions affecting their everyday lives and enjoy democratic, accountable governance in just and equitable societies.

Intervention Areas and Long-Term Changes (LTC) of DanChurchAid's Work

- Inclusive participation in decision-making: *Marginalised and vulnerable individuals, households, and communities know, own, and claim their rights and the rights of others, and influence decisions to respond to their needs and protect their rights (LTC 7).*
- Space for civil society: *A diverse and strong civil society represents marginalised, vulnerable, and displaced people and holds moral and legal duty bearers to account (LTC 8).*
- Advocacy on human rights: *Government institutions, international organisations, private sector, and moral duty bearers protect civic space and safe digital participation and adhere to human rights (LTC 9).*

Create Engagement

Danish public, popular and church-based organisations and companies are highly motivated to act for people in need and support positive change for the world's poorest. The support for survivors of the war in Ukraine is the latest example.

Danes actively seek ways to support a green transition, at home and abroad. Younger generations are highly motivated by the global climate justice and global equal rights movements, such as women's rights and anti-discrimination.

DanChurchAid builds on 100 years of engaging the Danish public and our church-based constituency in joint action to support the world's poorest. As a result, DanChurchAid speaks with authority, legitimacy, and moral weight due to our long history of global action, broad-based popular engagement and our faith-based foundation. DanChurchAid engages thousands of volunteers of all ages in tangible action in support of our global efforts to fight poverty, extreme inequality, and climate change. Speedy and flexible opportunities for engagement will continue to be important.

Goal

Danish individuals, partners, and stakeholders engage in meaningful action, sharing values and supporting DanChurchAid's global efforts to save lives, build resilient communities and fight extreme inequality.

Intervention Areas and Long-Term Changes (LTC) of DanChurchAid's Work

- Action through donations, time, and voice: *Individuals, partners, and political stakeholders in Denmark act together with DanChurchAid and contribute donations, time, and voice in solidarity with the world's poorest and the realisation of DanChurchAid's international goals (LTC 10)*
- Sustainable consumption and global climate action: *Individuals and partners engage in sustainable consumption and global climate action together with DanChurchAid in Denmark (LTC 11)*
- Influence on political decisions and priorities in Denmark: *DanChurchAid engages with Danish stakeholders and partners to influence political decisions, priorities, and action in Denmark in support of our engagement work, a rules-based global order, the Sustainable Development Goals, and the realisation of the Paris Agreement (LTC 12).*

Cross-cutting Commitments

DanChurchAid will strengthen gender equality, youth engagement, and climate and environmental sustainability as cross-cutting commitments across our work in both Denmark and globally. These are important commitments in reaching our global goals and the SDGs.

Gender Equality

We have in recent years seen a pushback on women's rights and further marginalisation of youth and women globally. Despite positive developments in some areas, women remain economically and socially marginalised where DanChurchAid works internationally.

DanChurchAid will challenge harmful social norms, traditional practices, and discriminatory legal frameworks while supporting women to be socially and economically empowered and in control of their own lives and bodies. DanChurchAid's approach is gender transformative, and central to this is engaging with local faith actors as agents of change and facilitating alliances and dialogue between faith actors and secular stakeholders, such as feminist organisations. Furthermore, our gender programming includes a strong focus on working with men as essential change-agents and applying a gender responsive approach to our work in conflicts and fragile contexts. In this strategy period we will:

- scale up our focus on women's economic empowerment.
- empower local women-led and women's rights organisations and women's rights defenders.
- promote female role models.

Youth Engagement

Youth movements across the world mobilise and unite in calling for gender justice, anti-racism, climate justice and sustainable development. Young people possess enormous potentials for advancing sustainable economic growth and resilience and – given the right possibilities – play a decisive role in creating positive societal change.

DanChurchAid engages youth at various levels in Denmark and globally. We mobilise young people as drivers of change and support them in influencing decision-makers. Internationally we work to link youth, particularly young women, to markets, business development services, employment and income opportunities and seek to build youth agency as well as their coping mechanisms and self-reliance. In this strategy period we will:

- increase our focus on creating sustainable jobs and livelihoods for young women and men.
- strengthen youth participation in conflict resolution and peacebuilding.
- strengthen partnerships with youth organisations and social movements – in Denmark as well as in the countries where we work. We will continue to promote peer exchange between youth in Denmark and the countries, where we work.

Climate and Environmental Sustainability

Climate change, biodiversity loss and environmental degradation have increasing and devastating effects on vulnerable and poor communities – and are increasingly recognised as a threat multiplier for international peace and security.

DanChurchAid has been pioneering climate adaptation and greening efforts in the countries where we work. This is done by supporting poor and vulnerable communities to adapt to the negative impact of climate change, e.g. emergency response to climate induced disasters, disaster risk reduction and establishing links to long-term climate change adaptation. DanChurchAid integrates mitigation measures focusing on sustainable energy and carbon sequestration for example through tree planting and other nature-based solutions. DanChurchAid engages the Danish public, private sector, and political stakeholders in supporting the fight for climate justice and promoting sustainable consumption. This includes ambitious climate partnerships with Danish companies. In this way, we link local and global action. In this strategy period we will:

- advance our climate and environmental sustainability work – including in fragile contexts and crisis.
- strengthen and scale-up global green partnerships.
- position ourselves as a key partner for Danes who are seeking solutions and ways to act on sustainability and climate change.



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