



OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:



Uganda has done well in reducing the population living below the poverty line, but poverty is still a concern. The Uganda National Household Survey 2019/2020 states that the **total population in poverty is 8.3 million, which is 20.3% of the Ugandan population. Public corruption is a major concern.**



Gender inequality is high.



Vulnerable populations are predominantly small-scale, subsistence farmers who suffer from low farm production, limited access to agricultural inputs and markets, environmental degradation, and extreme climatic conditions. Displaced people who flood their countries due to conflict, violation of rights, climate change induced food insecurity is also among the highly vulnerable groups.



Despite constraints, **opportunities for collaboration between government, NGOs and the private sector** exist.



Uganda is the **biggest host of refugees in Africa** causing a strain on the country's resources. By Dec. 2022 1.4 million refugees were hosted in Uganda.

FACTS:

- **DCA has operated in Uganda since 1979.** The first DCA office was established in 2004.
- **Turnover in 2021:** EUR 6,741,107.
- **Beneficiaries:** In 2021, DCA reached 3,147,231 people in need (108,760 directly and 3,038,471 indirectly).
- **Offices in Country:** The Country Office is located in Kampala. Additionally, DCA has 2 major field offices located in Yumbe and Arua in the West Nile sub-region (see map). DCA also has smaller satellite offices in West Nile covering Koboko, Obongi and in the refugee settlements of Imvepi and Rhino Camp.
- **Employees:** 97 staff
- **Projects:** In 2022, DCA had 19 active projects in Uganda.
- **Partners:** 24 local partners (6 faith based, 15 secular, and 3 private sector partners)
- DCA operations in Uganda are supported by DANIDA, UNHCR, The European Union (EU), European Commission Humanitarian Aid & Civil Protection (ECHO), ACT Alliance, JPA Espersen Foundation, Det Nyttter Foundation, World Resources Institute, and the Danish population.

WHAT WE DO:

DCA Uganda works with three programs: Save Lives, Build Resilient Communities, and Fight Extreme Inequality. With a particular focus on youth, women, people affected by displacement, and marginalized groups.

The **Save Lives** program supports refugees, displaced persons, and refugee hosting communities to access basic life-saving and socio-economic services for self-reliance, sustainable livelihoods, and fulfilment of their rights. Interventions fall within the humanitarian-development-peace nexus and include disaster preparation and response through early warning and early action, multi-purpose cash transfers, village savings and loans associations (VSLAs), income generating activities, agricultural produce, access to markets, access to clean and affordable cooking energy as well as environmental conservation and restoration.

DCA Uganda's **Build Resilient Communities** program supports social, economic, and environmental resilience building (sustainable livelihoods). This includes ensuring that marginalized communities have secure access to land, are producing adequate food for their household consumptions and income and have access to vocational and entrepreneurial skill training, to increase their income. This area also supports communities to increase their resilience to conflict as well as environmental and climate change challenges.

Under the **Fight Extreme Inequality** program, DCA Uganda works with partners to ensure that more women and youth participate in decision-making processes and hold their leaders accountable for improved delivery of services and that there is increased protection of human rights for equitable development. To achieve this, DCA supports advocacy at all levels, and aims to enhance the capacity of communities in social accountability.

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HOW AND WHERE WE WORK:

DCA Uganda operates predominantly in the West Nile and Karamoja sub regions in Northern Uganda, Teso sub-region in Eastern Uganda, and the Southwest region. Some of DCA's current interventions include:

Resilience Building: Supporting farmers in crop and livestock production, value addition, market access, income generation, business and financial literacy trainings. In addition to ensuring access to land for marginalized communities through increasing the security of land tenure.

Fresh Fruits Nexus: Supporting host and refugee farmers to produce fresh vegetables and fruits (e.g., orange-fleshed sweet potatoes) for local consumption and export.

Catalyzing Inclusive Access to Market: Supporting refugee and refugee-hosting farmers to grow sunflower for oil production in partnership with the private sector company, Mukwano

Youth Empowerment: Equipping youth with vocational and entrepreneurial skills such as bricklaying, carpentry, tailoring, motor vehicle mechanics, etc., for both self-and formal employment.

Energy and Environment Conservation: Protection and restoration of the environment & promotion of safe access to sustainable energy and green livelihoods in refugee and host community districts.

Cash Based Interventions: Providing cash to refugees with different and innovative transfer mechanisms modalities such as the use of mobile and bank agents, e-vouchers etc., alongside financial literacy trainings for financial inclusion.

Disaster Preparedness and Response: Increasing resilience of refugee and host community districts through a more effective and coordinated response by first responders during emergencies. A multi-hazard approach (natural disasters, the demographic/population movement, or epidemics) through early warning and early action strategies.

Strengthening Social Accountability: Building the capacities of community structures and individuals to raise awareness on the rights and responsibilities of marginalized groups. The focus is on promoting the participation of women and youth in decision making processes as well as demanding for open, accountable and gender-equitable governance.

Gender Justice: Strengthening the role of the religious, community and national leaders as champions of gender equality.

Business and Human Rights: Promoting responsible business conduct as well as supporting a multi-stakeholder approach to the implementation of the national action plan for business and human rights.

Innovation: Promoting new technologies such as digital data gathering, cash-based interventions, energy-conservation technologies (i.e., briquettes and energy-saving stoves), and digitization of VSLAs to provide for easier access to credit.

Peaceful Co-existence: Supporting a national dialogue that involves all sectors of Uganda society in an inclusive process, and pursuing conflict-sensitive programming.



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