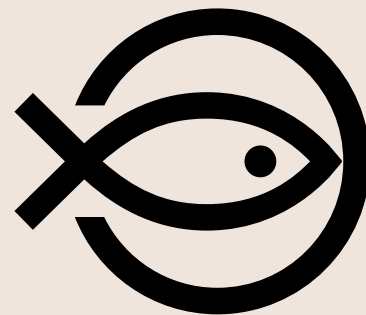


# RESULTS & HIGH- LIGHTS



# 2022

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## 2022: A year of crises and solutions

In the year of DanChurchAid's 100th anniversary, the world was on fire and the need for our international engagement reached unprecedented levels.

The number of refugees rose to a historic high. Climate change, wars and food crises pushed hundreds of thousands into extreme poverty and hunger. Human rights and democracy came under the most severe pressure in decades. And with Russia's invasion of Ukraine, war broke out again in Europe, leading to a need for humanitarian aid on the European continent.

Support for our work was greater than ever. With almost DKK 1 billion from the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, international donors, and the Danish population, we were able to support 4 million people through projects in 20 countries that reached an additional 30 million.

In Denmark, people shopped more than ever at Wefood and our second-hand shops, where 3,520 volunteers put in no less than 890,000 hours. The collaboration with partners and church organisations in Denmark and abroad was strong.

Thus, 2022 was a record-breaking year for better – and unfortunately also – for worse.

When DanChurchAid was founded 100 years ago we were given the task of helping people in need. To address the world's problems. To find solutions no matter how hopeless the situation seemed. Those are still our tasks today.

In the following pages, we will describe our approach to addressing our planet's challenges through innovative solutions, collaborative efforts with strong partnerships, and unwavering belief in a better future.

**Birgitte Qvist-Sørensen**

General Secretary, DanChurchAid

In 2022, DanChurchAid helped nearly **4 million people** in need and generated an income of **DKK 981.6 million** for disaster and aid work.

The money came from Danida, the EU, USAID, the UN, other international donors, foundations and individuals, and **48,187 regular donors**.

**3,170 second-hand shop volunteers** and **350 Wefood volunteers** spent **890,000 hours on volunteer work**.

Our humanitarian and development work was carried out by **1,250 employees**, together with over **200 partners**. The work was conducted in **20 of the worlds hotspots**.

[ **Agriculture in Ukraine** / Sofia Busk ]



## About DanChurchAid

DanChurchAid supports people in their struggle for a dignified life and helps those whose lives are threatened.

We provide emergency relief in disaster-stricken area and work towards long-term development where possible.

We help refugees and host communities in conflict-ridden countries and work to create peace in fragile situations for a just and sustainable world.

We work from a Christian perspective of humanity, with respect for the rights of each individual and for the equal worth of all human beings. We show active compassion. We act courageously when injustices are committed against people.

We engage with, promote local ownership and influence decision-makers to improve the conditions for people in the world. We show leadership and continue our 100-year tradition of action and innovation.

We do this in collaboration with partners in Denmark and around the world across sectors, with civil society, faith-based organisations, volunteers, donors, companies, knowledge institutions and social movements.

The goal of DanChurchAid is to

- Save lives
- Build resilient communities
- Fight extreme inequality
- Create engagement and action in Denmark

## Reaching 4 million people had a ripple effect

In 2022, DanChurchAid provided support to 4 million people who were directly involved in or received services from one or more project activities financed by DanChurchAid.

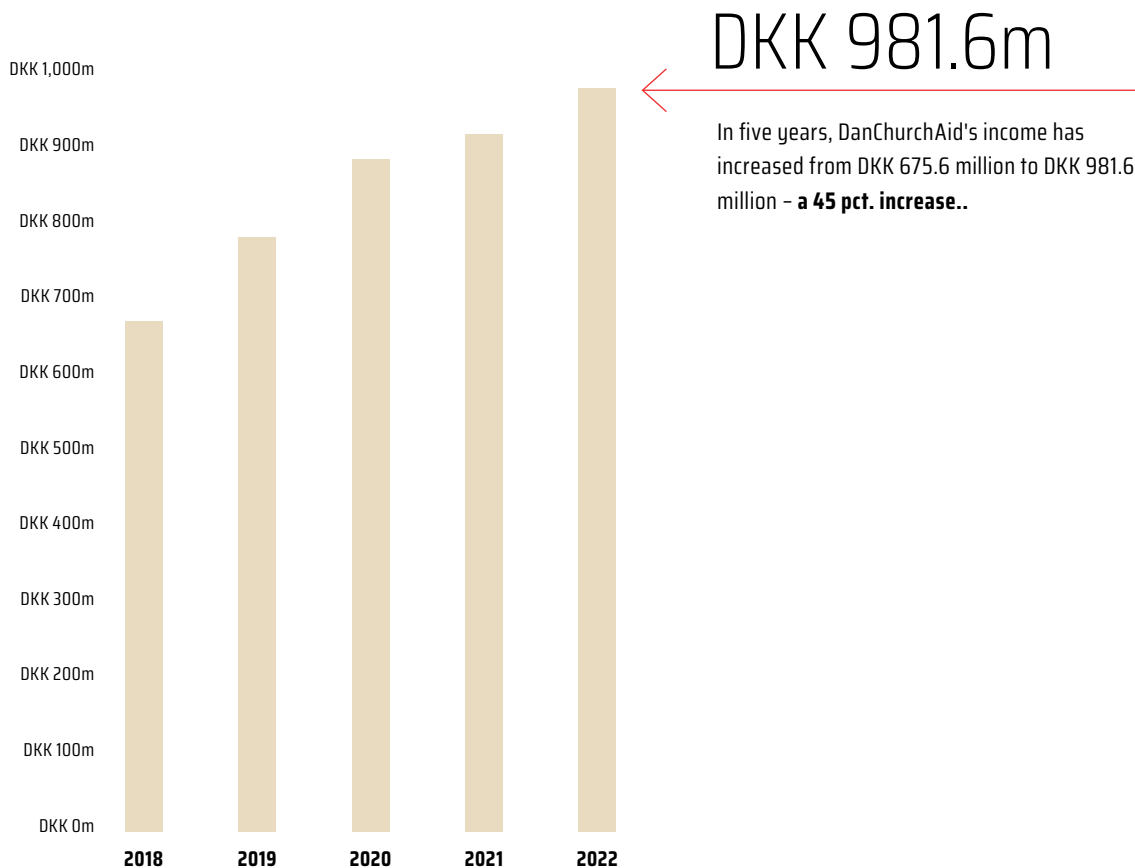
A further approximately 30 million people benefited from DanChurchAid's efforts: family members and people who were positively affected by the changes we initiated with our direct support.

Just under half – **48 percent** – of those we supported were women and **25 percent** were young people.



## Record income of almost DKK 1 Billion

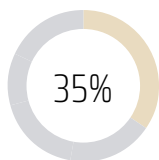
In 2022, DanChurchAid collected income of **DKK 981.6 million**, and that is a record in our 100-year history. The increase in income in 2022 comes from both institutional and private donors and is a continuation of a steadily increasing income development.



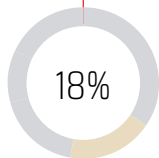
## Income from institutions

# DKK 785.6m

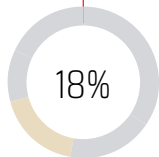
DanChurchAid's income from institutional donors was **DKK 785.6 million**. This is an increase of 6 pct. - from 2021-2022.



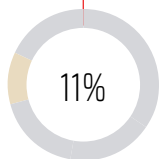
The largest donor in 2022 was **Danida with a total of DKK 272.5 million**. In 2022, we signed a new four-year framework agreement (2022-2025). With a donation of DKK 200 million per year, Danida becomes the largest Danish NGO donor. In addition, we received supplementary appropriations for the humanitarian crises in Syria, Ukraine and the Horn of Africa.



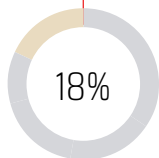
The **European institutions** are still DanChurchAid's second largest donor, with a total donation of **DKK 142.8 million**. However, income from the European institutions decreased in 2022 in comparison with 2021.



In recent years, there has been a large increase in income from **American institutions**, from DKK 114.8 million in 2021 to **DKK 141.6 million in 2022**, for humanitarian work in Ethiopia, and the Democratic Republic of Congo, among other things.



**United Nations** (UNDP, UNDEF, and others) in the amount of **DKK 87.9 million**.

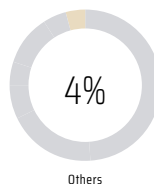
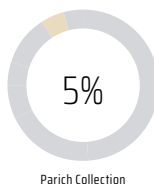
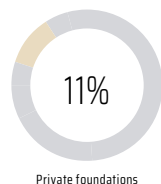
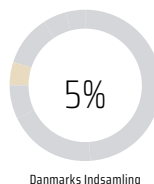
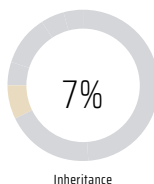
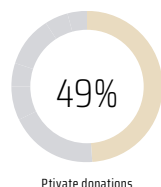


**Other institutions and private companies** donated **DKK 140.8 million in 2022**.



## Income from private donors

# DKK 188.5m



The increase in income from individuals in Denmark was 14 pct. from 2021 to 2022, from DKK 165.0 million in 2021 to **DKK 188.5 million in 2022**. This is partly due to strong public support and from Danish foundations to Ukraine and other hotspots. Also **DanChurchAid's second-hand shops and Wefood broke turnover and income records, with a profit of DKK 35.8 million**, and the income from the Parish Collection also increased after Covid-impacted 2021 fundraising.

Danish foundations such as the **Augustinus Foundation** and the Salling Foundations generously supported our work in Ukraine and in other parts of the world.

The **Augustinus Foundation** also supported food aid in Ethiopia's Afar region. The **Novo Nordisk Foundation** granted funds to prevent gender-based violence against women in DR Congo, and the **Det Nyttre Foundation** supported the work of DanChurchAid's work in the West Nile region of Uganda, which houses one of the world's largest refugee populations. .

## Support for countries with enormous needs

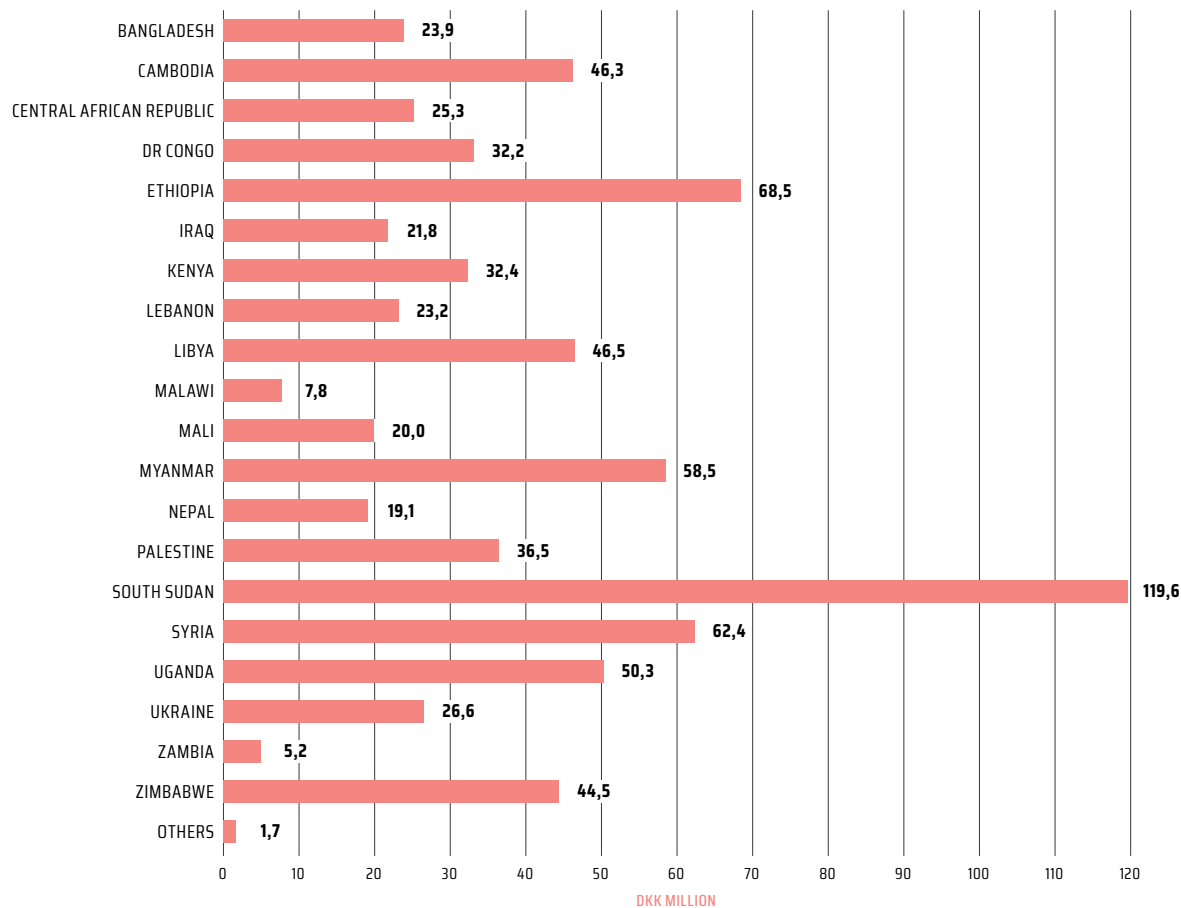
48 percent of DanChurchAid's aid work in 2022 went to Africa, 23 pct. to North Africa and the Middle East, 18 pct. to Asia, and the remaining 11 pct. to other regions including Ukraine.

In 2022, war broke out in Europe, and **DanChurchAid opened its country programme number 20 in Ukraine.**

Our largest country programme is still **South Sudan. In 2022 DKK 118.9 million was spent on helping South Sudan**, one of the World's poorest societies, with an enormous need of humanitarian aid and development.

The country programmes in Ethiopia and Kenya – hard hit by drought and food crises – have also increased activities and donor income. The same applies to Uganda, the Central African Republic (CAR), DR Congo, Mali, Lebanon and Cambodia.

It has been a difficult year, however, for Syria and other country programmes where income has fallen, in part because the eyes of the world are on Ukraine.



## Largest increase in humanitarian activities

**2022 was another year of ever more and massive global crises and disasters at the same time** which intensified and worsened the humanitarian situation of millions of people around the world. The many crises were reflected in the donors' and thus DanChurchAid's greater focus on humanitarian work.

In 2022, DanChurchAid spent **DKK 568.4 million on humanitarian work** and **DKK 273.6 million on development aid**. Since 2018, support for humanitarian work has increased by 85 pct., while support for long-term development work has increased by 9 pct.

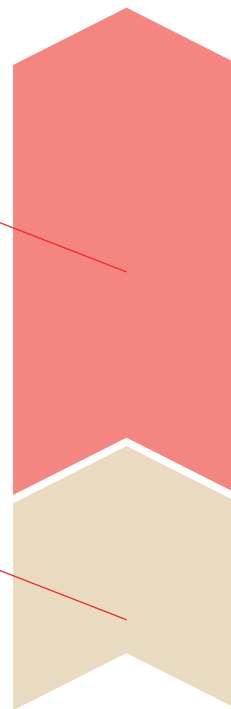
The figures reflect that the humanitarian work of DanChurchAid also has a development focus to the extent possible.

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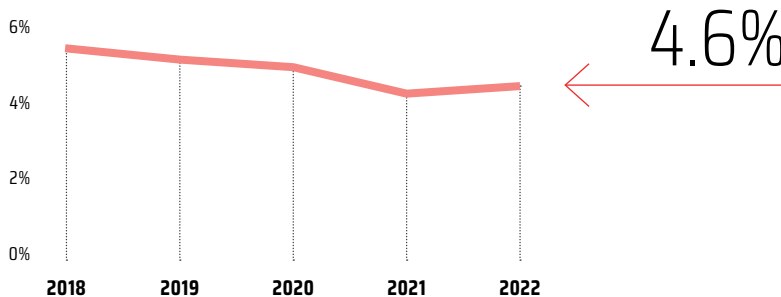
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## Administration

**In 2022, DanChurchAid's administration percentage was 4.6.** From 2018 to 2022, the administration percentage was on a downward trend, from **5.6 in 2018 to 4.6 in 2022**. The administration percentage was affected by inflation, energy prices and additional expenses for staff and operations.





[ Ethiopia / Bax Lindhardt ]





[ Clearing mines in Iraq / Rasmus Emil Gravesen ]







## WE SAVE LIVES

Conflicts, disasters, and climate change are destroying the livelihoods of entire communities in the poorest parts of the world. That is why families – adults and children – are fleeing war, hunger, drought, extreme temperatures, and floods. All in all, 100 million people have been displaced, the highest number ever.

Refugee crises tend to last a long time, and refugees and internally displaced persons often get stranded for years in refugee camps or in already vulnerable host communities.

DanChurchAid provides emergency humanitarian life-saving responses, combining them with long-term development projects that offer renewed hope and new opportunities for refugees. We attempt to help as many refugees as possible obtain employment while waiting to return to their homes. This is one way that we combine humanitarian responses to save lives with long-term development and local prevention of conflict.

A major part of our humanitarian work in the world's hot spots involves clearing land mines and unexploded ammunition. Clearing is a prerequisite to allow people to return to their homes and communities.

We base our work on the international and cross cutting pledge of the SDGs of “leaving no one behind”.

We do this through

- Rapid humanitarian response and emergency preparedness
- Distribution of emergency assistance and sustainable recovery
- Support in preparing local emergency response plans
- Humanitarian mine clearing and training regarding the danger of land mines and unexploded ammunition



## Supporting **110,000 Ukrainians**

24 February 2022, Russia invaded the neighbouring country Ukraine. The following day, DanChurchAid held collections at Danish churches and Salling Group's shops.

The first few days, the support went through our church-based partner, Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA). HIA set up soup kitchens for internally displaced people in Ukraine and refugees on the border with Hungary. They also distributed SIM cards for families, enabling them to communicate with each other. Furthermore, HIA transformed schools and sports centres into refugee centres where families, children and the elderly were offered a bed, three meals a day, help to visit a doctor, contact with authorities, social activities, playtime for children and legal help.

To meet the growing need for aid, we distributed cash to refugees and to the host communities that received them. Our local partners developed creative ideas that would work during constant drone attacks in the icy cold winter months. Among other things, they designed and brought mobile generators to residents, allowing them to cook, charge mobile phones, and access information from the internet via Starlink satellites. Winter assistance also included more and better shelters for

internally displaced persons, repairing heating systems and purchasing generators.

During the first few months, DanChurchAid's activities were concentrated in and around the metropolis Lviv in western Ukraine. However, during the year the efforts moved further east, first to the capital Kyiv where we opened our headquarters, and then to liberated areas in Kherson, Kharkiv, Bucha, Zaporizhzhia, and Mykolaiv. In parallel with the humanitarian efforts and the massive winter aid, DanChurchAid began to prepare large-scale mine-clearance efforts financed by, among other sources, a special grant from the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Our work included educating adults and children about the dangers of unexploded ordnance, the dangers of mines in fields and roadsides, and the dangers of booby traps hidden in playgrounds and private homes.

We also initiated a collaboration with the Ukrainian Emergency Response Board on materiel and mine-clearance equipment – this collaboration will be extended in 2023 with the training of mine-clearance personnel. In the summer of 2022, female Ukrainian mine-clearance personnel participated in DanChurchAid mine-clearance training at Skive barracks.

**In total, we helped 110,269 Ukrainians in 2022 -**

internally displaced and host communities:

- **61,498** received food, cash, shelter, water, blankets, hygiene items, heating of homes and generators to produce electricity.
- **47,122** received information about the dangers of mines and unexploded ordnance. We supported the Ukrainian Emergency Response Board with mine-clearance equipment.
- **1,649** were given legal assistance.



Photo: Sofia Busk

**TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY CONVERTED INTO A REFUGEE CENTRE**

The technical university in Lviv, in western Ukraine, was converted into a refugee centre for 600 internally displaced persons from eastern Ukraine after the invasion. Here, families and many elderly people, slept in rows on narrow but warm camp beds that served as their dining tables, wardrobes, playrooms, and kitchens.

With the help of DanChurchAid's local partner Hungarian Interchurch Aid, the residents received three daily meals as well as medicine, and the children could participate in sports activities.





Photo: Sofia Busk

## A DANISH FOUNDATION ENSURED FOOD AND WARMTH FOR UKRAINIAN FAMILIES

Before the war, the Bugoyevsky family – father, mother and three children – lived in the small village of Horodnia 50 kilometres from the Russian border north of Kyiv. They fled under heavy fire.

“We attached white flags everywhere on the car. We even wrote ‘children’ on the side of the car hoping to signal to soldiers our civilian status. Unfortunately, it was of little use,” Andriy Bugoyevsky says. He was wounded during the escape.

The family arrived safely in the city of Chernihiv and was supported by the local volunteer organisation Palianytsia, which DanChurchAid supported with money from the Augustinus Foundation. The organisation distributed warm clothes, food, and small heaters to internally displaced persons and local host families in Chernihiv.

*In addition to the Augustinus Foundation, several other foundations contributed to DanChurchAid's humanitarian aid in Ukraine: The Salling Foundation, the Bygma Foundation, the Færch Foundation, the C.A.C. Foundation, the Hannibal Sanders Foundation, the Faberske Foundation, the Enid Ingemanns Foundation, the NOJ Foundation, the Marius Pedersen Foundation, the Bechgaards Foundation, the Olga and Esper Boels Foundation, the Arnstedt Family Foundation and the Hoffmann og Husmans Foundation.*

## Support for forgotten crises

While the world's attention and donor support turned to Ukraine in 2022, there was less attention and funding for people in other severe crises. This included Syrians who also had enormous humanitarian needs in 2022 after 12 years of civil war: 6.8 million Syrians are internally displaced with just as many displaced in Europe and Syria's neighbouring countries – out of a population of 22 million.

In 2022, DanChurchAid was still working in north-eastern Syria. This included distribution of cash, protection and psychosocial assistance and mine clearance.

Photo: Thomas Borberg/Politiken







In 2022, DanChurchAid renovated the Muhammadyje school on the outskirts of Raqqa, which had been destroyed during the war against the Islamic State. The renovation of the school, accommodating 275 students, was carried out in close collaboration with the local school council. Furthermore, our deminers ensured the safety of the building by clearing it of unexploded ammunition.

Photo: Thomas Borberg/Politiken



The war in Ukraine resulted in worldwide inflation, and a substantial rise in wheat and cooking oil prices – the cost of food for Syrian families increased by 87 percent. DanChurchAid distributed cash for food.

Photo: Thomas Borberg/Politiken

Fajer Seido, a 23-year-old mine-clearing officer at work for DanChurchAid in downtown Raqqa in north-eastern Syria. The Islamic State planned to make Raqqa the capital of the caliphate until the Islamists were defeated by the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), supported by air strikes by the coalition of countries against Islamic State, including Denmark.

Photo: Thomas Borberg/Politiken







[ Planting trees in Uganda / Rasmus Emil Gravesen ]





## WE BUILD RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

DanChurchAid works with vulnerable populations, local partners, businesses, and government agencies to strengthen local communities. We support financially sustainable organic agriculture, food production, and market access for local farmers in order to support food production systems from farm to table.

We help with climate adaptation for crops, new cultivation methods, and access to water. We are also working on how to reduce CO2 emissions. And we help when people are affected by climate-related disasters and land access conflicts.

In several countries, we support partners in their advocacy efforts to influence governments and authorities to fulfil their responsibilities and to end conflicts, and, above all, to help the poorest sections of the population.

We are working to educate and provide financial support for entrepreneurs – especially women – so that they can start their own businesses. We are focused on young people taking part in shaping the future of the local community so that they do not choose to migrate and end up as easy targets for human traffickers, rebel groups, and extremists.

We do this by focusing on

- Local climate adaptation and disaster preparedness
- Conflict prevention and peacebuilding activities
- Developing sustainable living conditions and job creation, especially for young people
- Local influence on decisions that build resilience





DanChurchAid sets new standards for climate responsibility by taking unprecedented climate responsibility. We in rich countries have a responsibility to help the world's poorest to mitigate the consequences of climate change.

Mattias Söderberg,  
Chief Adviser, DanChurchAid

## The **biggest** climate effort in 100 years

In 2022, DanChurchAid became the first major development and humanitarian organisation in the world to calculate its historical climate footprint as part of a completely new and ambitious climate effort.

In the year of our 100th anniversary, we calculated our CO2 emissions over 100 years and targeted initiatives that can capture a corresponding amount of greenhouse gases. We did this through planting trees and investing massively in climate adaptation and sustainable agriculture in some of the countries most affected by climate change.

At the same time, we set ambitious targets to reduce future emissions in Denmark and in the 20 countries where we work.

In doing so, we took the lead with completely new standards for lifelong climate responsibility.

Tree planting and climate adaptation were initiated through collaborations with, among others, the Ugandan non-profit organisation Ecotrust that over the last 10 years has planted trees, carried out climate adaptation and restored agricultural and natural areas in Uganda through the so-called Mixed Native Woodlot Tech Spec, which is a recognised method for measuring climate impact.

To both address the climate and biodiversity crises and create economic development in Uganda, we mobilised farmers and local communities and introduced climate adaptation, new crops and trees as an income opportunity and long-term survival strategy. In addition, we worked with local communities and authorities on access and right to land.

Specifically, in 2022 DanChurchAid and Ecotrust entered into a collaboration with 1,750 farmers and local organisations to create a long-term sustainable agriculture model that grows climate-resistant crops that can withstand drought and extreme rainfall and thereby feed the local population – even when the weather is not as usual.

Farmers are paid for planting trees on their own land and on the land to which they have access. The trees provide income in terms of fruits, oils, ingredients for natural medicine etc. Farmers also sign local environmental contracts to protect the trees.

Trees are continuously planted as windbreaks and green corridors, in gardens and in fields as an integral part of our development work, agricultural development and climate adaptation in climate-affected areas of Uganda.

## **TREE PLANTING AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION IN UGANDA ARE VALIDATED THROUGH SOLID COLLABORATION**

**Ecotrust** (Environmental Conservation Trust of Uganda) is responsible for monitoring trees and forest areas and is in contact with the smallholders who plant the trees.

**SOCADIDO** (Soroti Catholic Diocese Integrated Development Organization) educates smallholders on, among other things, switching to climate-resistant crops and organic fertilisers.

**Plan Vivo** certifies projects based on several criteria, including the socio-economy, the improvement of ecosystems and protection of biodiversity.

**Rainforest Alliance** is an independent third party that has verified the project.



### **100 YEARS OF CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS – 280,000 TREES**

With over 100 years of flights and mine clearance, and operating offices and recycling shops, we have emitted approximately 165,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>. In order to absorb a corresponding amount of CO<sub>2</sub>, experts calculated that we would need to plant 280,000 trees.

These 280,000 tropical and fruit trees will capture greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, prevent landslides, bind water, and provide shade to crops.

*DanChurchAid has allocated DKK 8 million over four years for planting the 280,000 trees and related climate adaptation.*

Photo: Ecotrust











[ Vegetable production in Cambodia / Erika Piñeros ]



## WE FIGHT EXTREME INEQUALITY

Global cooperation and common international rules are necessary to combat poverty and inequality.

However, we cannot take democracy and human rights for granted, and we cannot take for granted that civil society can freely advocate for the rights of the individual and combat inequality. That is the battle we are fighting. It is most often the rural poor, women, children, youth, people with disabilities, indigenous people, migrants, refugees, and LGBTQ+ people who systematically pay the highest price. Who have their rights violated. Who experience poverty first hand.

We fight extreme inequality in collaboration with strong, value-based partners and religious leaders and we are committed to international law and gender equality. Through our ACT network and faith-based partners, we have gained unique access to decision-makers and religious leaders locally. This gives us the opportunity to change cultural and religious norms and correct false perceptions via meetings, media, and information.

We do this by focusing on

- The scope of civil society
- Inclusive political processes
- Protecting human rights campaigners
- Equitable distribution of resources through local institutions
- Fighting discrimination against marginalised groups
- Global advocacy



## We tackled the hunger crisis through **innovative solutions**

2022 was an annus horribilis for people's right to food. Following the Covid-19 pandemic, the worst global food crisis ever occurred – triggered and exacerbated by the war in Ukraine, global inflation, droughts, floods, unrest and conflicts, and pressures on human rights and democracy.

The food crisis hit the already most vulnerable and exposed people on the planet hardest and therefore contributed to increasing inequality globally and locally in many of the countries where DanChurchAid operates. Our 20 country offices in Africa, the Middle East and Asia unanimously reported serious food shortages and consequences such as hunger, insecurity and conflict that hit women hardest.

The country offices pointed to acute and urgent need for innovation in food production and food systems to reduce the impact of the food crisis and the need for even greater focus on climate-resistant crops and local food systems.

We shared the recommendations with donors and partners and immediately started development work. Read five concrete examples here of how in 2022 we addressed the global hunger crisis with new crops, new business collaborations, new development methods, new financing, and new ways of creating income.





### NEW CROPS:

#### **Muhammad and the magic mung beans**

After a decade of extreme drought and miserable harvests, farmer Muhammad Aliyy was desperate and ready to try anything to feed his family. Together with other farmers in the village of Berbere in south-eastern Ethiopia, he entered a collaboration with DanChurchAid to try out new climate-resistant crops, including mung beans.

It went so well that it is now regarded as part of the solution to improve food security in the drought-stricken area.

Mung beans are rich in protein and oil and require little water, so three months later, the 18 kg of beans Muhammad received and sowed in his field yielded a harvest of 300 kg.

That was far more than his family's own consumption. So, Muhammad sold beans on the market and bought a small piece of land for more mung beans with the surplus – and in the long term also peanuts that also do not require much water.

“I never imagined I would be able to afford to grow anything other than wheat and corn, because seeds are expensive. I hope now I can give my children a better life, so they don't have to be farmers like me,” he says.

### NEW BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS: “Green” Food Partnerships with Danfoss and Salling Group

In 2022, DanChurchAid entered two new partnership projects under the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs' new programme, Danida's Green Business Partnerships (DGBP).

In Palestine, in collaboration with Salling Group, Ethical Trading Initiative, Denmark and others, we will work to ensure responsible and sustainable value chains in the date industry in the West Bank, helping farmers to convert to sustainable solar cell-driven irrigation systems that increase efficiency in water consumption while making farmers less dependent on animals and CO<sub>2</sub>-emitting diesel.

In Kenya, in collaboration with Danfoss and others, we will strengthen business models and market access for smallholders. The focus will be on green and energy-efficient cooling solutions to reduce food waste between producer and customer.



Photo: Erika Piñeros

### NEW FINANCING MODEL: Interest-free popular loans help farmers access the world market

In 2022, DanChurchAid launched crowd lending as a funding model. Through crowd lending, individuals, organisations, and companies are given the opportunity to support smallholders and small businesses with an interest-free loan. This enabled the loan recipients to develop their business even though they cannot borrow in the traditional way through a bank.

Using this model organic rice farmers in the agricultural cooperative Krakn Leav Samkie in Cambodia managed to obtain capital – a total of DKK 200,000 – to develop their business. Over 20 years, supported by DanChurchAid, they transformed their small subsistence farms into a robust, well-managed and business-oriented agricultural cooperative. They started cultivating and trading organic rice in collaboration with Danish Nordic Food partners for exporting products to Danish consumers through Salling Group's stores. The farmers no longer needed classic development aid.

The loan was offered as the first crowd-lending project in collaboration with the Dutch platform PlusPlus, the first NGO-led crowd-lending platform in Europe.

## NEW OPPORTUNITIES OF INCOME:

### **Cash encouraged farmers to convert to agroecology**

When the global food crisis hit Zimbabwe's smallholders particularly hard in 2022, DanChurchAid's Innovation Fund provided money for new thinking.

For the first time ever, we used cash distribution as a method in a development project. Until then, cash had only been a tool in humanitarian efforts.

We offered 30 farmers intensive capacity building and cash transfers during the test period to motivate them to switch their conventional farming to more future-proof agroecology.

Experience has shown that agroecology provides a more stable production that is resistant to climate change and natural disasters. However, smallholders were concerned about their finances during the transition period.

But with the DanChurchAid's support during the transitional period, the farmers adopted the agroecological principles.

The project, supported by the DanChurchAid Innovation Fund and implemented in close cooperation with our Zimbabwean partner Organization of Rural Association for Progress (ORAP), can also be used to advocate for national initiatives for a more climate and environmentally friendly direction for agriculture in Zimbabwe.

Agroecology is an agricultural method that, in addition to the farmers' production, focuses on climate, biodiversity, sustainability, equality between men and women, access to markets, and strong collaboration with authorities and other relevant actors.





Photo: Patrick Wanyiri

### NEW BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES:

#### **Stronger value chains between fishermen and consumers**

The fishing communities at Lake Turkana in northern Kenya experienced positive economic development in 2022 when DanChurchAid and its partners, including SAPCONE, and local communities expanded and developed several links in the local value chain between fisherman and consumer from scratch.

Fishermen gained better access to the local markets without expensive intermediaries and as a result gained more profit. Better transport and solar-powered cooling ensured a selection of fresh fish directly from the lake, so fishermen did not have to sell only smoked and dried fish. Close contact was established between the fishing communities and many in the refugee camps of Kakuma and Kalobeyei, where entrepreneurial women in particular became part of the value chain by setting up small shops.

The fishermen are former shepherds who, due to climate change and droughts and increased pressure on natural resources, have had to forge a new livelihood as fishermen.



The year 2022 reinforced our belief in the importance of strengthening local communities and local food production that respects the climate and the environment, avoiding negative impacts on the global market. It requires a willingness to invest in new ideas and to engage in more partnerships between States, civil society, private companies, and universities, enabling us to create the necessary sustainable, green food solutions.

Jonas Nøddekær, International Director, DanChurchAid



Second-hand shop volunteers in Roskilde / Kristian Skårhøj Andersen ]





## WE CREATE ENGAGEMENT AND ACTION IN DENMARK

The overall goal of DanChurchAid's work in Denmark is to engage and inspire Danes in general to act for the benefit of the world's poorest.

We engage Danes through community and church-based groups in Denmark, and we create opportunities for volunteering through parishes, FDF youth groups, scouting clubs, folk high schools, boarding schools, and through our second-hand shops and Wefood stores.

An integral part of our mandate, our vision, and our identity as a Danish civil society organisation is that we also make our voices heard in the larger political debate as advocates for people in the the world's poorest countries.

We are working to influence political decisions that affect Denmark's global development efforts and the efforts to achieve the SDGs.

We work on issues of democracy and common international rules, climate change, women's rights, innovative partnerships, and humanitarian efforts.

We do this by focusing on

- Involving thousands of volunteers in community and faith-based groups in Denmark
- Strong communication and comprehensive presence in the media and through our own channels
- Political dialogue and defence of humanitarian values both in Denmark and abroad



## 100th anniversary caused goosebumps and echoes

Vor Frue Kirke (The Church of Our Lady) in Copenhagen was fully packed on Sunday 6 March 2022, when DanChurchAid's 100th anniversary kicked off with a celebratory church service, titled "100 Years of Hope and Action".

And hope and action were urgently needed, as at the time Europe was facing a completely new agenda, just after the invasion of Ukraine on 24 February. The suffering of the Ukrainian people left its mark on the whole anniversary year.

The more than 200 anniversary celebrations nevertheless helped to confirm the importance of DanChurchAid's operations, spread the word about our work around the world and try out new activities closer to home with new and old partners.

DanChurchAid was celebrated throughout Denmark. The country's ten dioceses held church services and subsequent receptions. There were a national song contest, communal dinners and song nights, a political conference at Christiansborg, lectures and talks at festivals, FDF's National camp "Sletten" and the Scouts' National Camp. There was also a whole anniversary programme at Himmelske Dage (Heavenly Days) and at the Folkemødet (Democracy Festival of Denmark).

We established new partnerships with various organisations, including KORLIV, the nationwide choir organisation of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Denmark (The church of Denmark), as well as KFUM's Sociale Arbejdes Familieklubber (YMCA Family Clubs), Diakonhøjskolen in Aarhus (Deaconal University College of Aarhus) and the restaurant chain GRØD, which sold a unique chia porridge with the profits allocated to DanChurchAid.

We marked the anniversary in the country offices around the world with women's runs, tree planting and receptions for employees, collaboration partners, donors, and authorities, as well as a visit to Cambodia by Princess Marie of Denmark. In Malawi, Zambia, and Palestine, our anniversary celebration took place alongside Norwegian Church Aid which marked its 75th anniversary in 2022.

About 30,000 people actively participated in the anniversary celebrations, and more than 1 million Danes experienced the anniversary via the press, social media, anniversary films and television – including DR1's (Danish Broadcasting Corp.) Fællessang and New Year's Mass with the anniversary song *Du spør mig om håbet* (You ask me about hope).





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### **SECOND-HAND SHOP ANNIVERSARY A WITH RECORD TURNOVER**

The 100th anniversary coincided with another historical event – the 50th anniversary of DanChurchAid's secondhand shops.

The 111 stores and many hard-working volunteers celebrated the anniversary throughout the country with a focus on upcycling. All stores offered 50 percent off all items for three days in September, and the anniversary year saw a record turnover of no less than DKK 53 million.

The wonderful story of our secondhand shops was captured in a book published during the anniversary year. The book is titled *"Et liv med genbrug og kantareller"* (A Life of Recycling and Chanterelles) by Ruth Andersen.). Ruth Andersen founded the first store in Aarhus in 1972 together with her late husband, Pastor Herluf Andersen. Ruth Andersen's work and book was celebrated with a reception in the Aarhus store where it all started and where Ruth Andersen is still active.

## WEFOOD AND SALLING GROUP SAVED 154 TONNES OF FOOD

Many inflation-stricken Danes visited DanChurchAid's Wefood shops in 2022 to find inexpensive food. At times this resulted in a shortage of goods in the stores, but also a record turnover of DKK 10.4 million.

Wefood's largest food supplier, Salling Group's retail chains Netto, Føtex and Bilka, saved 154 tonnes of food from waste and being thrown out in 2022.

On Danish National Food Waste Day on 29 September, Wefood attracted customers with big discounts, free organic crisps, and tastings. The day also highlighted the importance of balanced food distribution around the world. The profits from Wefood go to people in need.

Among the major food suppliers are Salling Group, nemlig.com, Arla Foods, Mikkeller, Bisca A/S, Nordthy A/S, Danone, Dr. Oetker, Nordic Food partners A/S and Frode Laursen.



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## 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.



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