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## OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:

The **longstanding Israeli occupation** continues to negatively impact the humanitarian, developmental, and security situation for Palestinians.

Palestinians live under a **discriminatory legal and administrative regime**, with Israeli settlement expansions, forced displacements, home demolitions, and violence from extremist settlers.

In 2023, **492 Palestinians, including 120 children, were killed in the West Bank**, marking the highest number since 2005. Settler violence resulted in 1,227 incidents of casualties or property damage.

Increased violence by Israeli forces and settlers, access restrictions, and house demolitions create a **'coercive environment'** as described by the UN.

Following the 7th of October, the Israeli war in Gaza resulted in **over 21,600 deaths, more than 56,165 injuries, and the displacement of around 1.9 million people** by December 31st.

Israeli airstrikes in Gaza have **destroyed essential civilian infrastructure, schools, and hospitals**, worsening the humanitarian crisis.

**Unemployment** is 32% in the West Bank (up from 13% in 2022) and 75% in Gaza (up from 46%). According to the World Bank, these rates are steadily increasing.

In **Gaza, the poverty rate stood at close to 64%**. In the **West Bank, it was around 12%**. At the end of 2023, nearly every Gazan lives in poverty.

The **humanitarian and civil society sectors face severe attacks and restrictions**, hampering their ability to promote human rights and International Humanitarian Law.

## FACTS:

- **Year of entry:** 1954 (Country office established 2008)
- **Employees:** 14
- **Partners:** 17
- **Projects:** 29 active projects in 2023
- **Number of people reached directly in 2023:** 2,224,221
- **Number of people reached indirectly in 2023:** 42,022,324
- **Turnover in 2023:** DKK 35.2 m (EUR 4.72 m)

## WHAT WE DO:

Through 17 Palestinian and Israeli civil society partners, DCA/NCA supports Palestinian communities in Gaza and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem to be economically and socially resilient and active participants in decision making processes affecting their lives. This includes advocacy to promote respect for human rights and International Humanitarian Law (IHL).

**Save Lives:** We provide effective support to the most vulnerable communities affected by conflict while seeking to bridge the gap between humanitarian support and longer-term sustainable resilience building by empowering and strengthening individuals' and communities' capabilities to protect themselves in crisis situations and proactively address challenges and pursue goals that they define as important for their livelihoods and future.

**Fight Extreme Inequality:** Local communities, especially youth and women, are empowered to claim their rights and achieve social and gender equality. DCA/NCA supports local partners in providing protective presence to vulnerable communities and influencing local and international duty bearers through documentation of international human rights law (IHRL) violations.

**Build Resilient Communities:** With a focus on youth and women unemployment, vocational training centres certify youth and women in market relevant skills like climate-friendly urban agriculture, solar panel maintenance, web development and community-based tourism.

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## HOW AND WHERE WE WORK:

### Save Lives

- **Gaza:** Emergency crisis response, including distributing ready-to-eat and dry food parcels, hot meals and water. Facilitating survivor- and community-led crisis response where communities plan and implement actions to reduce the negative impact of future hazards and mitigate the risks. The approach is designed to maximize the potential of local and community-led responses and to better address immediate needs.
- **West Bank and Gaza:** Providing unconditional multipurpose cash and immediate relief in times of acute crisis and disaster

### Fight Extreme Inequality

- **West Bank and Gaza:** Promoting the rights of women and girls including economic rights and addressing the underlying causes/norms which underpin Gender Based Violence.
- **East Jerusalem:** Empowering youth to defend their rights and advocate for change nationally and internationally while strengthening Palestinian voices in international public and policy conversations.
- **Nationally and Internationally:** Strengthening the links between communities and national and international advocacy, promote political action for equal rights and freedoms, securing equal access to services and to address IHL and IHRL violations.

### Build Resilient Communities

- **West Bank and Gaza:** Supporting inclusive and representative self-organized community groups that plan and implement collective priority initiatives improving access to basic services.
- **West Bank and East Jerusalem:** Strengthening links with the private sector and developing an enabling environment to increase access to markets, innovation and entrepreneurship.



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