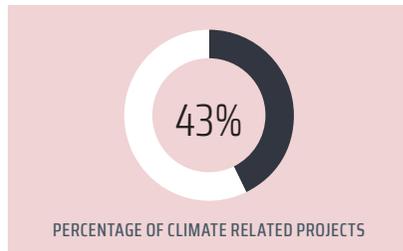
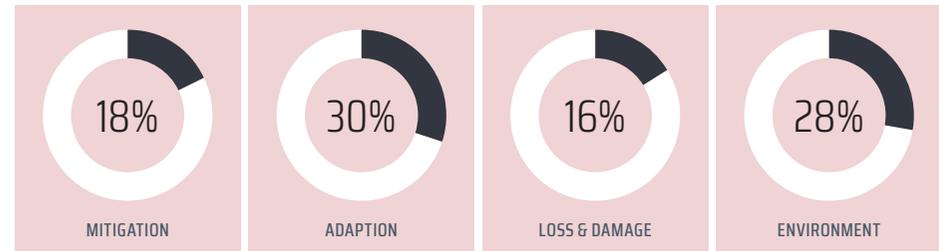


OVERVIEW OF CLIMATE MAINSTREAMING IN DCA PROJECTS (2023):



PERCENTAGE OF CLIMATE RELATED PROJECTS PER ACTIVE CATEGORY

The analysis is based on 416 projects included in the 2023 annual report, funded by own funds and all donors. Please note that a project may address one or more dimensions, therefore the percentages reflect overlap.



WHO WE ARE:

DanChurchAid (DCA) is a Danish humanitarian, not for profit NGO based in Copenhagen. Established in 1922 the organization has its roots in the Danish Evangelical-Lutheran Church, providing the organisation with the foundation and partnerships to operate across the humanitarian-development-peace nexus.

DCA envisions a world without hunger, poverty or oppression where political and popular powers work for a just and sustainable use and distribution of resources. We strive to fulfil this vision by achieving four overarching goals: **Saving lives, Building resilient communities, Fighting extreme inequality and Creating engagement and action in Denmark.** As part of ACT Alliance we work for climate justice, for the communities affected the most by the climate emergency.

STRATEGIC COMMITMENTS AND CLIMATE POLICY:

- DCA's commitment to climate action and environmental protection is a **cross-cutting** priority and a **focus** of our work.
- DCA supports climate resilient and low carbon development through **disaster risk management, adaptation** and mitigation initiatives and addresses climate induced **loss and damage** (L&D).
- DCA is a strong advocate for localization and signatory to the **Locally Led Adaptation** principles.
- DCA is a signatory to the **Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organisations** and has solid **internal policies and guidelines** to mainstream climate action and environmental sustainability within our programming, popular outreach, advocacy and organizational practices (e.g., procurement).
- DCA measures its **carbon footprint** and while we work on **reducing** our emissions, we **compensate** our emissions from HQ flights through certified community-based forest restoration and agroforestry projects.

WHAT WE DO:

DCA takes a **climate risk informed approach** to programming across the Humanitarian Development Peace nexus, ensuring fast humanitarian emergency response to climate induced disasters and **bridging response and early recovery to long term climate adaptation and resilience building.**

Building on solid experience on **community-based and locally led Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)**, we promote the integration of climate risk analysis into Early Warning Systems and Anticipatory Action. DCA's work to promote **climate and disaster risk management** is important to reduce violent conflicts and prevent food insecurity, famines, and displacements in a nexus context.

DCA strengthens resilience to climate-related risks, stresses, and shocks and promotes a sustainable use of natural resources in the communities that we work with to **deliver integrated environmental and climate mitigation and adaptation benefits in both development and humanitarian settings.** DCA works with small-holder producers and entrepreneurs to enhance their capacity to adopt **sustainable agroecological food system approaches** and other environmentally sustainable management practices that enhance ecosystem services such as carbon sequestration and increased resilience.

DCA also addresses climate mitigation by integrating **clean sustainable and affordable energy** in development and humanitarian contexts to support community safety, health and environmental protection.

To enhance the sustainability of our interventions, DCA also promotes green and inclusive market and food systems by engaging in **multistakeholder partnerships** and mobilising finance to develop and scale up innovative green solutions.

Our deep commitment to the Human Rights Based Approach and gender equality is also evident in our work to address climate change. We integrate **rights and gender analysis and action**, supporting **inclusive decision-making processes** on environment and climate related issues as well as institutional capacity building for strong, accountable, and responsible institutions and support the defence of environmental rights. At the global level, through the ACT Alliance, we are strong advocates on climate justice.

Climate action is a focus area for DCA's campaign and media work in Denmark. Danish climate related activities include **advocacy for sustainable consumption and reduced food waste** through WeFood shops and second-hand shops, which actively contribute to reducing emissions and raise awareness on climate change. Climate action is also a prioritized theme for national allies, including "Grøn Kirke", an ecumenical working group for greening Danish churches and faith-based organisations.

CLIMATE CHANGE

HOW AND WHERE WE WORK:

DCA mobilises and engages communities to design and implement locally-led climate mitigation and adaptation measures and is increasingly supporting recovery from climate-related L&D. DCA links these experiences to its global advocacy efforts.

In 2023, DCA and partners promoted **climate resilient agriculture in 16 countries**. Adopted practices varied from the use of local and climate resilient seeds, to more transformational approaches, such as **agroecology**, integrating social and ecological principles for more just, sustainable, and resilient food systems. In **Cambodia**, DCA established an Agroecology Living Lab to advance cooperative and user-centred knowledge sharing. Through this and other initiatives in **Nepal** and **Zimbabwe**, DCA engages in multistakeholder partnerships with local partners, authorities, universities, and private sector, building bridges towards the agroecological transition and contributing to **national policy dialogues**.

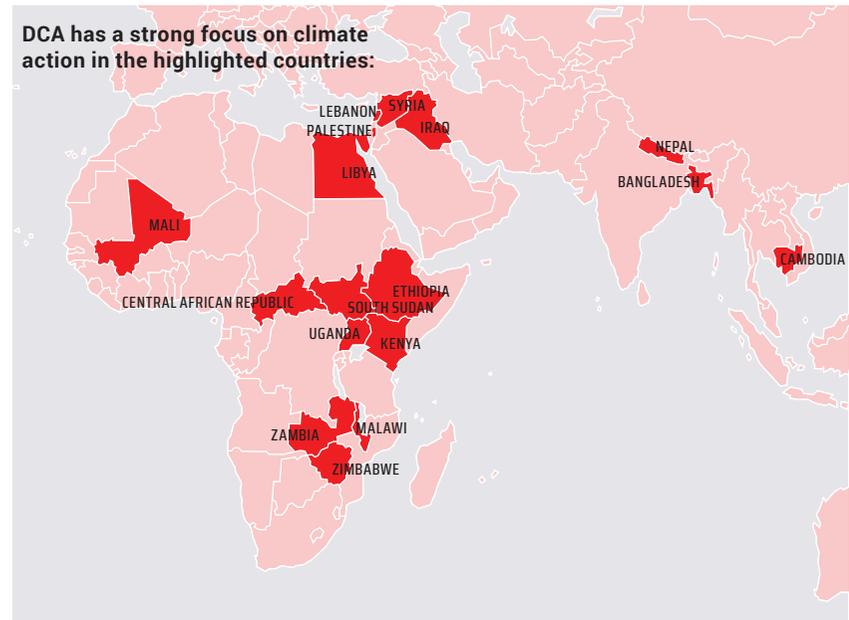
DCA promoted the **adoption of DRR practices** in communities affected by erratic rainfall, floods, landslides, drought, and human-wildlife conflict in 10 countries. In **South Sudan**, DCA equipped **community-managed DRR** groups to develop and implement early warning systems and preparedness action plans through cash-for-work schemes. In **Nepal**, DCA and partners develop **scalable models for locally led anticipatory action** and advocate for the integration of anticipatory action into policy.

DCA documented an increase in projects **addressing L&D** from 6% in 2019 to 18% in 2023. In **Mali**, DCA and partners are assessing climate-related economic and non-economic L&D in a conflict-affected context and are developing **meaningful L&D approaches** together with affected communities. DCA and partners are working with **women-led initiatives that integrate climate adaptation, peacebuilding and social cohesion**. This and other initiatives deepen DCA's understanding on how to improve our L&D approaches and inform advocacy for adequate and efficient funding mechanisms that respond to needs on the ground.

In 2023, seven country programmes, integrated **afforestation** activities as part of **agroecology and sustainable forest management** projects, addressing also biodiversity loss and ecosystem degradation. DCA and partners worked with local communities in **Zimbabwe**, creating incentives for protection of wildlife and habitats while ensuring sustainable and climate resilient livelihood options. Another way in which DCA mitigates climate change is through the promotion of **renewable energy**. In 10 countries, DCA promoted the adoption of solar energy through the distribution of solar lamps, and by integrating solar panels to power irrigation systems, street lighting, desalination plants and water borehole pumps, supporting also communities to increase their economic resilience. In **Ethiopia, Kenya, Nepal, South Sudan, Uganda, and Zimbabwe**, DCA and partners promoted **efficient cookstoves** by training women and young people to produce and distribute cooking stoves in both humanitarian and development settings, contributing to reduced need for firewood.

DCA is committed to **addressing food loss and waste** and improving **waste management, and efficient use and circulation of resources**, and implemented initiatives in 7 countries. In **Kenya**, an initiative to reduce food loss and waste through green cold chain solutions for farmers and traders is being implemented, while other innovative waste management approaches are being piloted to improve environmental protection and promote green income generating activities for young people.

DCA has a strong focus on climate action in the highlighted countries:



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