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FACTS:

- **Head Office:** Lilongwe, Malawi
- **3 field offices** (North, Central and South)
- **Country Director:** Stefan Jansen
- **20 partners**
- **25 projects** implemented
- **89 employees** (87 locals and 2 expats)
- **1,017,500 beneficiaries** in 2023
- **8,032,300 EUR turnover** in 2023
- **Total expenditure (2023):** EUR 6,540,300.

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:

- Malawi's economy is **agriculture based, accounting for 80% of the country's export earnings.**
- Rural poverty is higher than urban poverty. **Food insecurity remains persistent.** In 2023, 3 million people were food insecure; in 2021-2023 cyclones disrupted food chains.
- **Youths and women** face inadequate access to productive resources and social services.
- Only **42.1% of women (aged 15-49) owned land in 2016** and approx. **50.7% live below poverty line**, whereof **25% live in extreme poverty.**
- **Malawi has increased fiscal deficits.** Malawi has a young multiparty democracy est. in 1994 with limited meaningful youths and women participation in political decision-making processes.
- **Corruption** compromises public social services delivery.

WHAT WE DO:

The NCA-DCA joint country programme in Malawi will continue to strengthen civil society actors and spaces to contribute to an equal, respectful, and inclusive society that allows women, men, girls and boys to live healthy, dignified lives and to claim their rights.

Together with Malawian civil society organisations and other partners, the Joint Country Strategy 2021-2024 addresses the following long-term development programmes: **Gender-Based Violence (GBV), Fighting Inequality (FI), and Climate Smart Economic Empowerment (CSEE)**

Our Humanitarian work rests in having the capacity to respond to humanitarian crises with high quality services to save lives, alleviating suffering and protecting human dignity.

There is an opportunity for growth in local resilience and bridging the gap in the humanitarian-development nexus through emergency preparedness and response planning. This ensures appropriate, timely, effective, and coordinated response to crises when they occur.

Long term development: Our programmes in Malawi enables people to climb out of poverty and build community resilience by tackling the issues of inequality, lack of employment opportunities and gender-based violence.

HOW AND WHERE WE WORK:

Geographically we work in at least 16 of the country's 28 districts. We have three field offices with one in Chikwawa that is responsible for first response during humanitarian crises, one in Kasungu the central region and another one in Mzimba in the northern region. All three field offices report to the Joint Country Programme's office situated in Malawi's capital, Lilongwe. Currently the Malawi Country office is working on three main thematic focus areas namely: **Climate Smart Economic Empowerment (Food Security)**, **Gender Based Violence (Empowerment of women)** and **Fighting Inequality (Governance)**. It is also the obligation of the country office to respond to any humanitarian catastrophe. We work mainly with and through faith-based organisations but with an inclusion of secular civil society organisations. Since 2021, we have put all our resources together with the Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) to form a merger known as Norwegian Church Aid and DanChurchAid (DCA) Malawi Joint Country Programme where NCA leads.



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