



OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:



15.1% of the Nepalese population lives below the poverty line, with an estimated GNI per capita of USD 1,220.



66% of the population is employed in the agricultural sector, which accounts for 23.95% of the GDP



Nepal is **ranked fourth highly vulnerable to climate change** (UNDRR, 2023), facing multiple recurrent hazards.



The GoN expanded Social Security coverage to informal workers and marginalised groups, providing financial security and protecting their livelihoods.



Access to justice is still a challenge and the judiciary system has been influenced by political power and so-called elites



Nepal launched its first National Adaptation Plan (NAP), a comprehensive strategy aimed at bolstering the nation's resilience against climate change with an estimate of USD 47 billion extending to 2050.

FACTS:

- DCA has worked in Nepal for almost 40 years through our partners. **It established its own physical office in 2008.**
- **Country Office:** DCA operates from its country office in Kathmandu.
- In compliance with the Government of Nepal (GoN), **project implementation is done through the local partners.**
- In total, **DCA reached 20,052** (5,714 female and 14,338 male) direct and over 50,000 indirect beneficiaries in 2023.
- **Turnover in 2023:** 20.11 million DKK
- **Donors in 2023:** European Union, DANIDA, Civil Society in Development (CISU), and Danmarks Indsamling.
- **Employees in 2023:** 22
- **Partners in 2023:** Action Nepal, DWRF, EDC, FEDO, INSEC, ISET-N, LI-BIRD, NNSWA and SOSEC.

WHAT WE DO:

DCA is focusing on the following activities:

Fight Extreme Inequality: DCA works to improve access of right holders including women, Dalits and youths to legal, state, and non-state services and resources. DCA supports them to have increased meaningful participation and empowers them to influence decision making platforms.

Build Resilient Communities: DCA focuses on sustainable agriculture development applying agro-ecological approaches, strengthening market systems and value chains both in urban and rural areas. It builds the capacity of women, youth and small holder farmers for economic empowerment and increases resilience with diversified livelihood options to adapt to disaster and climate risks.

Save Lives: In Nepal, DCA continues to strengthen the capacity of local government, communities and CSOs to cope with disaster and respond effectively to save lives and properties. Nepal Office specialises on urban disaster risk reduction/ resilience; anticipatory humanitarian action and cash-based programming. Hence, supports the GoN and its partners through risk informed preparedness and response to deal with the consequence of disasters and climate change.

HOW AND WHERE WE WORK:

DCA works in four provinces of Nepal: **Karnali, Sudurpaschim, Lumbini** and **Bagmati**, which continued in 2023. Karnali and Sudurpaschim are among the least developed provinces.

DCA – along with its partners - **respond to emergencies (such as earthquakes)** with existing resources and some additional resources made available by HQ through its humanitarian responses programming.

The country also faces forms of climate induced events during 2023, such as floods and landslides. During 2023, DCA actively **participated and contributed to the development of a multi-sector risk assessment framework**, which is a joint initiative of humanitarian and development actors in Nepal, which is in the process of finalisation. To add, Nepal Office is also piloting the loss and damage framework developed by the GoN in 2024, the concept for which was initiated in 2023 and was funded under the innovation grant of DCA.

We are also part of the multi-country project funded by Novo Nordisk Foundation, which will **support the promotion of Agroecological practices** in Nepal. To systematically support the priorities of the GoN, Nepal Office adjusted its TOC to increase access to finance and business development services for youth women for green enterprises.

Similarly, DCA became visible as one of the active actors to advocate for EHRDs through its status report released in 2023. Following this, Nepal Office was awarded the project under RISE grants challenge, which is a flagship project to advocate DCA's work on EHRDs. Similarly, DCA together with the national social movement "Business and Human Rights Network", co-hosted a national event in 2023.



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