



## FACTS:

- DCA has had a **presence in Syria since 2015**.
- **People supported in 2023:** 39,296 people
- **Annual turnover 2023:** 27.5 million DKK (3.7 million EUR)
- **Employees:** 103 employees
- **DCA Syria's current operations are funded by:** DANIDA and Church of Sweden.

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## OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:

Syria continues to be one of the most complex and protracted crises in the world, with **16.7 million people in need of humanitarian assistance**.

- **In Northeast Syria (NES)**, communities face challenges linked to insecurity, economic decline, climate change and food insecurity compounding existing inadequacies in healthcare, education, protection, and shelter.
- **One in three communities face Explosive Ordnance contamination**. This hinders access to land, infrastructure and basic services, threatening the lives of host communities and displaced people.
- **Emotional distress** affects 56% of men, 52% of women, and 30% of children.
- **7.2 million people are displaced within Syria**, the vast majority living in sub-standard, inadequate and temporary shelter without access to basic services and resulting in increased vulnerability and hardship.

## WHAT WE DO:



**Humanitarian Mine Action:** Humanitarian Mine Action (HMA): DCA surveys contaminated areas and provides clearance of explosive hazards with the goal of saving lives. HMA team delivers risk education to at risk communities in areas contaminated by unexploded ordinance (UXO) and other Explosive Remnants of War (ERW).



**Market-Based Humanitarian Response:** Most Syrian households struggle to meet their basic needs. DCA provides multi-purpose cash to support the most vulnerable households to meet those needs. DCA also provides group cash transfers to community groups who then decide how to utilise the cash to meet community priorities through following Survivor and Community-Led Responses (SCLR) approach.



**Rehabilitation of private shelter and key infrastructure:** DCA provides emergency shelter support to families in post conflict affected areas to respond to a basic human need and a fundamental right. Additionally, DCA conducts rehabilitation works on key infrastructure, including schools, community centres etc after these have been surveyed and cleared of UXO by HMA team through the delivery of an integrated approach to our Programming, thus maximising the benefit to the local communities we serve



**Psychosocial Support:** DCA provides protection assistance for affected communities (adults and children) to support them with coping with the stress of living in post conflict areas.

## HOW AND WHERE WE WORK:

DCA Syria focuses on two goals in DCA's global strategy: **Save Lives** and **Build Resilient Communities** in partnership with four local organizations. DCA has ongoing interventions in Ar-Raqqa and Deir-ez-Zor governorates and implements the following activities:

**Risk Education (EORE):** DCA teams deliver EORE to boys, girls, men and women to reach as many at-risk people as possible with life-saving messages.

**Non-Technical Survey (NTS):** following community liaison and coordination with local authorities, DCA delivers NTS in contaminated areas as part of its HMA activities. This facilitates future clearance and other humanitarian interventions.

**Survey & Clearance:** The survey and clearance of explosive hazards saves lives and allows access to contaminated land and key infrastructure. It is an essential first step before any rehabilitation or reconstruction work can take place. This includes safe, sustainable rubble management using mechanical assets.

**Market-Based Humanitarian Response:** DCA provides cash to the most vulnerable households unable to meet their essential needs, including the use of Multipurpose Cash as an emergency response, and Group Cash Transfers to community groups.

**Shelter Rehabilitation/Assistance:** In urban settings, DCA supports the rehabilitation of private housing facilities by providing affected households with cash for shelter grants and/or through private contractors. In rural settings and informal settlements, DCA provides displaced families with tents and non-food items to protect them from the harsh weather conditions and improving their living conditions. DCA also rehabilitates key public infrastructure such as schools, community spaces.

**Protection Assistance:** DCA provides case management, Psychosocial support, recreational activities (music and arts) women groups (handicrafts) for women above 18 years, and information dissemination on child protection with women and men above 18 and girls and boys between 11-17 years of age. These services are delivered through static responses in DCA's Community Safe Spaces and through mobile teams utilising tents to improve the wellbeing of children, youth and adults. DCA also utilizes community-based protection approaches to strengthen the protective environment at community level.

**Women Economic Empowerment:** DCA implements activities that focus on income generation opportunities for women post and ongoing conflict affected areas. This includes providing vocational training both directly and in collaboration with a local partner.



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