



FACTS:

DCA has been operating in Cambodia since 1979. In 1997, a country office was established in Phnom Penh.

- **Beneficiaries:**
 - **Direct Beneficiaries:** 37,755
 - **Indirect beneficiaries:** 176,964
 - **People reached through social media/digital platforms:** 1,287,831
- **Annual turnover in 2024:** 18,039,909 DKK
- **Donors:** DANIDA, The European Union, Bread for the World, Irish Embassy in Vietnam, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
- **DCA Employees:** 22

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OPERATIONAL CONTEXT 2024



Post-Covid 19, Cambodia is on a **moderate upward growth trajectory** with forecasts ranging from 4% to 6.3%. Its strengths lie in low-cost manufacturing, renewing tourism, and rising digital finance, aided by infrastructure investment and policy reforms.



Cambodia is **highly vulnerable to climate change and extreme weather conditions** such as massive floods and droughts. With many Cambodians relying on agricultural production for their livelihoods, addressing extreme weather conditions and ensuring access to natural resources are critical to communities, particularly the most vulnerable.



Cambodia's **agriculture sector remains vulnerable to external shocks** due to its reliance on imported inputs, fragmented value chains, and limited local processing capacity. While the acute disruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic have eased, global price fluctuations and climate-related threats continue to expose weaknesses in the country's industrial agricultural model.

HOW AND WHERE WE WORK:

DCA works together with **24 local partners** to implement projects in all of Cambodia's 24 provinces and in the capital city of Phnom Penh.

Enabling vulnerable Cambodians: Following decades of genocide and civil war in Cambodia, the country is struggling to rebuild accountability and social protection principles. DCA focuses on empowering vulnerable Cambodians to demand for improved public service, transparent and sustainable natural resource management, and gender equality.

Climate change and disaster risk reduction: In the context of Cambodia's exposure to natural disasters and vulnerability to climate change, DCA is focusing on enhanced disaster risk reduction and working with local stakeholders to mitigate the consequences of natural disasters.

DCA promotes **sustainable livelihoods** for smallholder farmers and low-income families, helping them to improve, diversify, and increase their agricultural production and income generation through agro-ecology and innovative drought resistant farming techniques. We utilize agricultural cooperatives to open markets to farmers, equipping them with the skills to move the value chain. We partner with responsible businesses to promote innovation and best practices in sustainable development.



WHAT WE DO:

DCA prioritises actions that reach the **most vulnerable and marginalized communities**, with particular emphasis on the rural poor. In 1997, an office was established in Phnom Penh to work directly with local partners on critical issues facing the country, which is reflected through the three main pillars of DCA's work in Cambodia today.

Saving Lives: DCA works in close coordination with local governments to strengthen community resilience and preparedness for the impacts of climate change. DCA has also provided cash-based assistance during natural disaster crises and delivered emergency support to communities affected by the Cambodia-Thailand border conflict in 2025.

Building Resilient Communities: DCA promotes sustainable livelihoods for smallholder farmers by supporting increased agricultural production and income. This is achieved through the introduction of innovative drought resistant agricultural technologies and the promotion of agroecology, applying ecological principles to farm system design and management to reduce reliance on external or artificial inputs. DCA also strengthens the capacity of Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and Agricultural Cooperatives, while promoting green job diversity to create inclusive and environmentally sustainable economic opportunities.

Fighting Extreme Inequality: DCA works with civil society organizations (CSOs) to empower marginalized and poor communities by raising rights awareness, promoting accountability, advancing gender equality and fair treatment, and enhancing digital literacy and access to information.



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