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## FACTS:

**Norwegian Church Aid (NCA)** has been working in Malawi through partners for **over 23 years**. DCA has been in the country **since the 1980s**. In **2021** NCA joined forces to create a **Joint Country Programme (JCP)** with DCA.

- **Beneficiaries:** 1,661,625 direct and indirect beneficiaries
- **Turnover in 2024:** 4.421.954 USD
- **Staff number:** 42
- **Partners:** 15
- **Donors:** Danida, Norad, RNE, KFW, FORUT

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## OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:

- Malawi is a predominantly **subsistence economy** with the majority of the population (**90%**) involved in and banking on **agriculture**, which accounts for 42% of the country's GDP and over 80% of export earnings.
- Poverty in the country is still widespread, with **50.8%** of the country's population **living in poverty**, while **20.5%** is mired in **extreme poverty**.
- Social protection programmes implemented by both the government and development partners do not adequately target marginalised and vulnerable groups, such as the elderly, persons with disabilities, children, and women.
- The Corruption Perception Index of 2023 shows that Malawi is still in the **"most corrupt zone"**.

## WHAT WE DO:

NCA DCA joint country programme in Malawi works through partnerships with **15 local faith organisations and other secular organisations** to strengthen civil society actors and spaces to contribute to ending **Gender Based Violence (GBV), Fighting Inequalities, Economic Development and Food Security (EDFS)** and **Climate and Environmental Stewardship**.

Our humanitarian work involves **responding to emergencies** in humanitarian situations to save lives, alleviate suffering and protect human dignity.

We work with communities to **build resilience**, disaster preparedness and provide cash-based assistance.

Our program in Malawi seeks to enable people to climb out of poverty and to build resilient communities by tackling the issues of inequality, lack of employment opportunities and gender-based violence.

## HOW AND WHERE WE WORK:

NCA DCA works in **15 districts in the Northern, Central and Southern regions** of Malawi with the country office based in Lilongwe. Our work is brought to life through **faith-based institutions and other civil society organisations**.

### SAVE LIVES

- Southern, Central and Northern regions: Responding to emergencies and evolving humanitarian situations enabling timely and effective assistance to affected populations. We enhance preparedness, planning and investments in early warning systems, especially in disaster prone districts in the country with a ready-to-act capacity within 72 hours.
- Using community-led approaches, we empower those affected by crisis with cash-based assistance, an initiative which has proven to address their immediate and direct needs.

### BUILD RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

- Southern, Central and Northern regions: We support smallholder farmers to improve their income by strengthening their involvement in local and regional markets. Food security is enhanced through climate-resilient and sustainable approaches, including agroecology and improving the entire food value chain.

### FIGHT EXTREME INEQUALITY

- Southern, Central and Northern regions: We work to transform negative norms and provide support and services to victims of GBV. We ensure access to sexual and comprehensive sexuality education and modern family planning methods and empower girls and women to promote their rights.
- We build capacity of both rights holders and duty bearers. Moreover, we promote human rights in the extractive industry and foster equitable public finance.

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