



FACTS:

DCA has worked for almost 41 years through our partners in Nepal. **It established its own physical office in 2008.**

- **Country Office:** DCA operates from its country office in Lalitpur.
- In compliance with the Government of Nepal (GoN), project implementation is done through the local partners.
- In total, DCA reached **96,069** (57,928 female and 38,141 male) direct beneficiaries in 2024.
- **Turnover in 2024:** 15.1 million DKK
- **Donors in 2024:** DANIDA, Civil Society in Development (CISU), IUCN, Novo Nordisk Foundation, GSMA, NAXA and Danmarks Indsamling.
- **Employees in 2024:** 23 staff
- **Partners in 2024:** Action Nepal, DWRF, EDC, FEDO, INSEC, ISET-N, LI-BIRD, NIWF, Sanjeevani Nepal, KMJS, NNSWA, BW2V and SOSEC
- **Country Director:** Dr. Samjhana Bista

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:

- **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.
- **Nepal's economy improved in early 2024:** GDP growth rose to 3.3% from 1.9% in 2023.
- Despite macroeconomic improvements, the **private sector remains weak, and youth migration is rising.**
- **20.27%** (5.9 million) of people still **live below the poverty line.**
- 16th Five-Year Plan (2024–2028): Focus on **reducing inequality and climate mainstreaming.**
- **Climate-induced disasters cause ~65%** of disaster deaths in Nepal.

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, support the GoN and its partners through risk informed preparedness and response to deal with the consequences of disasters and climate change



HOW AND WHERE WE WORK:

DCA worked across four provinces of Nepal in 2024: **Karnali**, **Sudurpaschim**, **Lumbini**, and **Bagmati**. Among these, Karnali and Sudurpaschim are among the least developed provinces in the country.

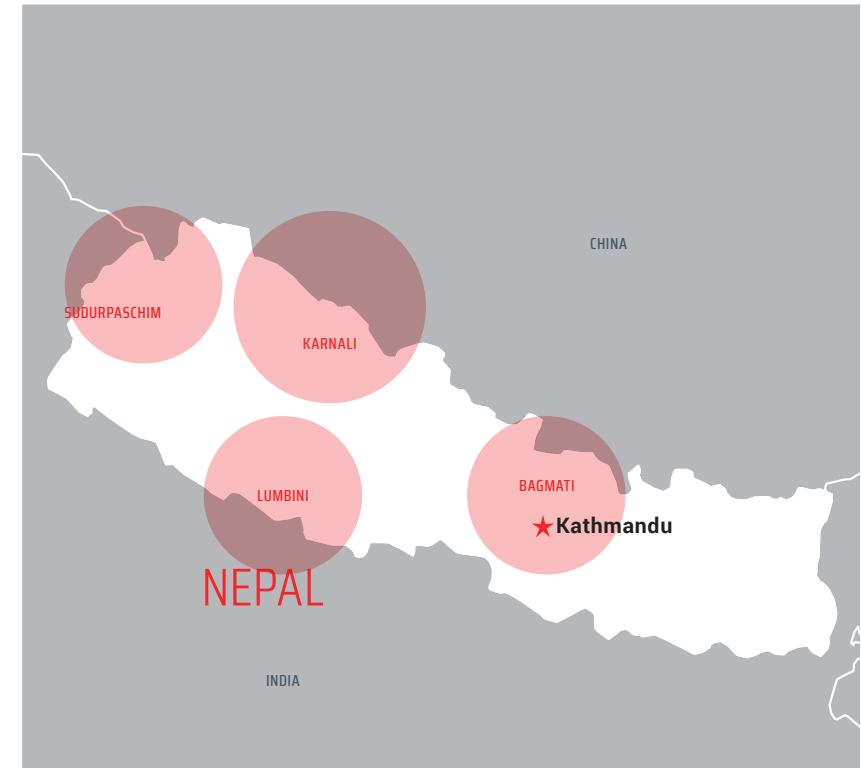
In 2024, **Nepal continued to face various climate-induced disasters, including floods and landslides**. In response, DCA and its partners mobilised existing resources and additional support from HQ through its Humanitarian Crisis Fund to address emergencies such as floods and earthquakes. **During the floods in Kanchanpur and Kathmandu, and the earthquakes in Jajarkot, DCA provided timely humanitarian aid to over 7,143 individuals.**

DCA is also part of a multi-country project funded by the Novo Nordisk Foundation, which promotes agroecological practices in Nepal. In alignment with Government of Nepal (GoN) priorities, the Nepal Office revised its Theory of Change (ToC) to enhance youth and women's access to finance and business development services for green enterprises.

Through its own Innovation Fund, DCA was awarded a Piloting Zero Waste Café project. This initiative explores ways to **minimise food waste and strengthen food security by promoting sustainable consumption** practices, particularly in urban settings. This approach contributes to responsible food use, supports circular economic efforts, and helps reduce carbon emissions.

Furthermore, **DCA gained recognition as an active advocate for Environmental Human Rights Defenders (EHRDs)** through its 2023 Status Report. Building on this momentum, the Nepal Office was awarded a project under the RISE Grants Challenge, a flagship initiative aimed at advancing DCA's advocacy efforts on EHRDs.

Additionally, DCA, in partnership with IUCN organised a national-level Community of Practice (CoP) on Nature-Based Solutions (NbS) conference in Lalitpur, Nepal.



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