DanChurchAid works with five programme types: Food security, political space, HIV/AIDS, humanitarian assistance and mine action.

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The foundation stone of DanChurchAid’s work is rights-based development. We support poor people to fight for their rights and change the power structures and barriers that keep them in poverty, hunger and oppression. In too many countries, governments neglect the poorer section of the population when it comes to securing food, health and legal rights. DanChurchAid facilitates the organisation of marginalised population groups to fight for their right to food, health, education, freedom of expression and a safe and dignified life.

Despite the promises of the world leaders to halve the number of hungry people by 2015, there is no significant reduction. Close to one billion people are still living with hunger and undernourishment. This is the kind of hunger DanChurchAid is combating. We supply humanitarian assistance when war or disaster strikes, and we also implement long-term development activities and fight hunger and poverty. We assist poor farmers, both male and female, to increase agricultural production, to prevent and adjust to climate changes, and to organise so that they are able to fight for their right to food and health. The result is less hunger and poverty and more growth and sustainable development. DanChurchAid also works with democracy and human rights, gender equality, HIV/AIDS, refugees and internally displaced persons, as well as humanitarian mine action and cluster bombs, so that the people can return to a normal life without fear of being mutilated.

DanChurchAid is a member of the ACT Alliance [Action by Churches Together], a global alliance of more than 100 church-related and humanitarian organisations. ACT Alliance is working with development, humanitarian assistance and advocacy in more than 120 countries. DanChurchAid and the ACT Alliance partners have strengthened cooperation in Haiti, Sudan, Cambodia, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Zimbabwe and Zambia through joint offices and programme development and close coordination. DanChurchAid works through local partners and development organisations, human rights groups, health and agricultural organisations. This develops local ownership and commitment, and partner organisations ensure that the assistance reaches the poorest and that projects can continue without DanChurchAid. Churches and progressive forces in civil society play a significant role, not least in advocating the cause of oppressed and marginalised groups and individuals. We also work through national and global networks to influence politicians and decision-makers for the benefit of the poorest and their rights.
Even though we have been with DanChurchAid for many years and experienced many emergencies, it is almost incomprehensible how people overcome a disaster like the earthquake in Haiti that literally destroys everything around you.

2010 will be remembered especially for two horrible natural disasters: the earthquake in Haiti and the floods in Pakistan. We were all witnesses to harrowing reports in the media or saw the reality during visits to the disaster areas, but we also saw the small seeds of hope.

LOCAL HEROES The Haitians have been unique. Most of them give a helping hand: as neighbours, as family, as relief workers, as passers-by or volunteers. They are the everyday heroes. Thank God for them, because it is always the spontaneous, local first aid that makes a difference.

The same happened when later in the year the annual monsoon created the worst floods in Pakistan in 80 years, or when hurricanes ravaged India, Guatemala, Burma/Myanmar and other countries.

The local – often unknown – heroes should be mentioned and thanked! Too often their efforts are pushed to the background; but the best appreciation we can give them is a promise of continued support and professional assistance to get on with their daily lives. They have limited resources and need us to take the load off their shoulders.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE In Denmark we also find everyday heroes. Not only when a disaster strikes. The many thousands of volunteers making contribution for the work of DanChurchAid are our everyday heroes. The 3,500 volunteers in our second-hand shops, the fundraising coordinators and the 23,000 volunteers who went from door to door at our annual parish collection in 2010, the youth collecting refundable bottles at the Roskilde and Skanderborg music festivals, the thousands of Operation Day’s Work volunteers – and many, many others. They all contributed to drawing attention to the challenges of the world’s poorest and to secure the largest fundraising result ever.

2010 was the year when, for the first time, DanChurchAid had a total income of DKK 500 million (approx. USD 95 million). Thus, we were able to transfer more money than ever before to activities around the world. We are proud of this and grateful, and we want to thank especially the many loyal donors and volunteers.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION In 2010 the ACT Alliance has become an even stronger part of DanChurchAid’s international platform. The name is now part of DanChurchAid’s logo. First of all, we experienced the advantages during the
relief operations in Haiti and Pakistan, where ACT Alliance cooperation made it possible for us and our local partners to act swiftly, efficiently and massively with life saving humanitarian assistance. ACT Alliance also means more joint regional offices resulting in administrative savings and better coordination. DanChurchAid has a seat on the board of the ACT Alliance.

SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGY In 2010 DanChurchAid began a closer and more binding cooperation with a number of Danish companies. Under the headline “Fight Hunger” we cooperate with a restaurant chain and a shopping centre, among others, to support projects in the South. DanChurchAid has also initiated cooperation with “Access to Innovation” including 16 Danish companies, The Confederation of Danish Industry and researchers from two Danish universities, to develop sustainable technology. One of the results is a green generator, running on renewable energy, which will be tested in Africa.

LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT WORKS In Denmark, our volunteers were active in the launching of the joint NGO campaign “The World’s Best News”, informing the public that the number of poor people in the world has actually been reduced; that long-term development activities are successful; and that it is possible to reach the UN 2015 goals. It was also encouraging that after two weeks of tough negotiations during COP16 in December in Mexico participants agreed on a climate statement. Our international network and partners follow the negotiations towards COP 17 in December 2011 in South Africa. At the time of writing, a wave of popular protests against tough dictators is sweeping across the North Africa. After a referendum, South Sudan has just obtained independence as proof that ordinary people’s fight for their rights can lead to incredible changes. DanChurchAid is one little piece in the large puzzle, that when put together contributes to the image of democracy and dignity for the individual. We want to thank all the everyday heroes – both staff and volunteers – who in 2010 were part of our fight for a just world without poverty and hunger. This fight continues in 2011 because we “believe in a life before death”.

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OBJECTIVES AND VALUES
The objective of DanChurchAid is to strengthen the poorest in the world in their struggle for a dignified life. Our work is based on Christian values with respect for the rights of the individual, and the equality of all human beings.
DanChurchAid is rooted in the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church, but works where the need is greatest regardless of religion, gender, political affiliation, race, nationality or ethnicity, disability or sexual orientation.
DanChurchAid works with relief and development in close cooperation with church-related and other partner organisations.
DanChurchAid mobilises popular and political groups and influences decision-makers in order to improve the conditions for the world’s poorest both at local, national and global levels.

PARTNERSHIPS AND ALLIANCES
DanChurchAid is part of the network ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together), which is among the largest international relief and development aid facilitators with over 30,000 staff members in more than 120 countries. Cooperation within the ACT Alliance means better and more efficient coordination within development, relief and advocacy work.
Our work is focused on alleviation of hunger, the strengthening of democracy and rights, health in relation to HIV/AIDS, humanitarian mine action and relief aid.
DanChurchAid’s work is grounded in partnership and our guiding principle is the rights-based approach. In Denmark and internationally, we raise awareness about the root causes of poverty and inequality, and we encourage popular and political action as a means of changing the structures and policies that often lead to poverty and marginalisation.

POPULAR SUPPORT
In Denmark, DanChurchAid works to increase popular support and create opportunities for action for all who want to join the fight against hunger and poverty. This is done through information, fundraising and advocacy.

In this work, DanChurchAid is very dependent on the solid popular support from the many volunteers: fundraising coordinators, former seconded staff, volunteers seconded to our Regional Offices abroad, second-hand shop volunteers and our youth and senior volunteer networks and partner organisations.
In the streets of the larger cities in Denmark, DanChurchAid’s young Face2Facers recruit permanent supporters for our work abroad. Similarly, many private donors are recruited every year through tele-marketing.
Every second month DanChurchAid distributes the “Magazine” to approx. 90,000 regular donors informing them about development issues as well as our work abroad and at home.

FINANCES AND ORGANISATION
DanChurchAid is an independent organisation. Our activities are financed through fundraising, private and corporate donations, foundations as well as funds from, among others, Danida, the EU and UN agencies and international foundations.
The supreme authority of DanChurchAid is the Council of 44 persons elected for a four-year period representing church and local constituencies, volunteers and staff.
The Council, headed by Bishop Erik Norman Svendsen, elects the Board of Directors who is responsible for the daily political management. The board consists of a maximum of 11 members.
Kirsten Lund Larsen, head of YMCA and YWCA Denmark, is Chairperson of the board.
Since 2005, Henrik Stubkjær is General Secretary of DanChurchAid.

IN DENMARK
DanChurchAid’s headquarter is situated in Nørregade 15 in Copenhagen with around 150 employees and volunteers.
We have smaller offices in the cities of Aarhus, Odense, Aalborg and Esbjerg with consultants, volunteers and Face2Face staff.

WWW
On a daily basis we publish news on our Danish website www.noedhjaelp.dk where you can find the DanChurchAid offices abroad. Our international website www.danchurchaid.org and the ACT Alliance website www.actalliance.org offer information about the global work.
AGRICULTURE AND CLIMATE In the eastern part of DR Congo former refugees and internally displaced persons have returned to their villages. 6,000 families have received seeds, agricultural tools and agricultural training in order to increase their harvest. In the same area, DanChurchAid is clearing mines with financial support from the annual Danish fundraising TV show and others. In June, DanChurchAid hosted a visit of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Danish parliament to Zambia and Zimbabwe. Among others, the politicians visited a village in southern Zambia where they got a good impression of our partners’ efforts to establish sustainable agriculture and local development. DanChurchAid continues to support the efforts of church-related and humanitarian organisations to make the Zambian government distribute profits from e.g. copper mines for the benefit of the poorest. In Zimbabwe, work continues to alleviate hunger in the hardest hit areas and to support the churches’ joint efforts to create peace, reconciliation and democracy with support from the Whitsun collection in the Danish churches and others. In other parts of Africa, long-term work continues to fight hunger and prepare the poorest to tackle climate change. In Uganda, DanChurchAid has supported the preparation of a report with specific recommendations on how to adjust development activities to the climate changes in the Karamoja region. In Malawi, DanChurchAid is still working on a pilot project with an irrigation system powered by solar cells that enables poor farmers to cultivate different crops and kitchen gardens and thus secure food on the table – also if the rains should fail due to the still more unpredictable climate.

PEACE, CONFLICT AND RIGHTS In Africa’s largest country, Sudan, much had to be resolved before the peace agreement between North and South expires in 2011. In April, leaders managed to hold presidential and parliamentary elections in most of the country, even if extensive election fraud took place. At the end of the year, the Southern Sudanese carried out a well organised voters’ registration for the independence referendum that took place in January 2011. The churches worked intensively to insure that everything took place in a peaceful and regular way.
The referendum showed a clear majority for an independent South Sudan. Together with ACT Alliance partners, DanChurchAid has distributed humanitarian assistance to tens of thousands of Southern Sudanese leaving the North to return home. In the Darfur region, several million of people are still stuck in miserable camps due to the ongoing conflict. DanChurchAid is still supporting the humanitarian assistance in the camps through the ACT Alliance and Caritas.

In Southern Ethiopia, DanChurchAid has contributed to reducing conflicts around access to water and grazing between different tribes by improving access to water for all. Tribes are now fetching water from the same source without problems. In the Dawe Kechen area, where the pastoralists used to migrate for water in the dry season, 80 percent now have access to water within a walking distance of six kilometres.

Large companies are showing interest in buying land in Karamoja, one of the poorest areas in Uganda. The Karamojong, who originally are nomads and pastoralists, are supported to fight for their rights. Other local communities in Uganda are also supported to plead their own cause. In Malawi, work to organise people and inform them about their rights proved successful when a number of communities managed to hold local politicians accountable for the local budget.

HIV/AIDS AND WOMEN’S RIGHTS In Tanzania, DanChurchAid and partners have terminated a six-year HIV/AIDS project. Several hundred thousand young people have been informed about safe sex, and orphans and vulnerable children have been enrolled in school. The project has resulted in increased use of condoms and a reduction in the number of sexual partners. In Uganda, partners are integrating culture and traditions in the HIV/AIDS work. In Ethiopia, women living with HIV/AIDS got on the cat walk in a beauty contest for the first time ever supported by DanChurchAid and the associations for people living with HIV/AIDS. It is a huge victory in the fight against stigmatisation for people living with HIV/AIDS.

In Malawi and Zambia, we continue to prevent HIV-infection, especially among young girls and women, and orphans and vulnerable children are supported. In Malawi, DanChurchAid’s partners have been instrumental in preventing a bill that would have criminalised people living with HIV/AIDS.

In DR Congo rebel groups, military and police are using rape of women as a weapon. Our partners have focused on this problem by advocating for human rights and strengthening the institutions where women can seek help. Also in Burundian abused women are supported, and in Uganda, women are supported to become active in politics, among others.
HUMAN RIGHTS Honduras faced tremendous challenges especially within the area of human rights and democracy. In February, a new government was elected and installed in an atmosphere of distrust and polarisation following the coup d’état against President Zelaya in 2009.

An old, unresolved conflict about the right to land flared up in the northern part of the country and 16 smallholders were killed. DanChurchAid and partners in the newly formed Platform for Human Rights sent health workers to the area to help the wounded and the families of those killed and to gather documentation on the murders and violations that the police and authorities neglected to investigate.

DanChurchAid and partners played a significant role by supporting the Platform for Human Rights, gathering documentation and helping the victims of the violations both with legal aid and practically. At the same time, through Honduran, Danish and international networks, DanChurchAid has called on the EU and UN institutions to uphold their demands on the Honduran government to respect democracy and human rights. The Danish embassy in Tegucigalpa supported part of DanChurchAid’s work to strengthen human rights and democracy in Honduras. A closer cooperation with the Danish NGO, IBIS, and the British Christian Aid has been established as well.

FOOD SECURITY After five years of advocacy, the Honduran Congress finally passed a bill on food security which partners are going to implement in the western part of the country where DanChurchAid’s work with food security is centred. Also, in Guatemala partners, with good documentation and intensive lobby and advocacy activities, have succeeded in making the government develop a national policy on food security.

Partners in both Honduras and Guatemala have been trained in advocacy and have exchanged experiences about specific food security projects in the two countries where DanChurchAid is working e.g. on micro-credit, crop storage, improved ovens and biogas systems at village level.

ASSISTANCE AFTER STORM In May, Hurricane “Agatha” brought rain, mud and floods to the western part of Guatemala, where part of DanChurchAid’s activities are concentrated. Over 2,000 victims received humanitarian assistance, e.g. sanitary kits and clean water from local partners and sister agencies in the ACT Alliance.
HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Cambodia is on the global list of countries where the food security in certain areas is alarming. That is why DanChurchAid is focusing on securing the poorest access to food – among others by working for rights to land and to resources such as clean water and support from the government. In India, we advocate on law-makers to pass a bill on the “right to food”. If passed, it will make a difference for the lives of more than 200 million poor Indians.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS Growing problems with drought and floods have made disaster preparedness an important part of DanChurchAid’s work in Asia. At the practical level by introducing more robust crops or building the capacity of partners so they can assess what is needed when disaster strikes. At the political level, partners in e.g. Cambodia advocate for a new bill to make government authorities responsible for protecting the population against disasters. In Bangladesh, we have supported poor farmers to form associations similar to cooperatives. An association may have e.g. common rice banks and a computer room, or can organise discussions about problems in the local area, such as violence against women or child marriages. And the people learn about their right to land and can join forces to demand this right from the government.

HELP TO RECONSTRUCTION In the southern part of Burma, reconstruction work continues after Cyclone Nargis hit in 2008. And living conditions are almost back to normal again. However, there is still a need for development assistance, especially in the southern-most areas. DanChurchAid has established an office in Burma/Myanmar with ten staff members and 12 partner organisations. We have obtained official permission to work in the country. We concentrate our efforts on building the capacity of partners and improving the living conditions and rights of people in central Burma and in the delta area just southeast of Yangon. In India, we have supported Dalits [casteless] and tribal people in the Indian state of Orissa after they lost houses and possessions in big fires. In Rajasthan, farmers in the desert district of Barmer lost their animals due to severe drought, and DanChurchAid’s local partner distributed goats as compensation. In April, a vicious cyclone hit the eastern part of India, and DanChurchAid and local partners were ready with humanitarian assistance such as food, medicine and shelter.

WOMEN AND RIGHTS During 2010, DanChurchAid saw a tendency in Cambodia, for government policy and the executive to increasingly challenge fundamental human rights. However, the work to further women and girls’ rights has been fruitful. Fewer and fewer girls from vulnerable population groups drop out of school. The number of women being beaten by their husbands has been reduced, and fewer girls and women are trafficked to slave-like jobs in other parts of the country or in e.g. Thailand and Malaysia.
CONFLICT AND SUPPORT In June, heavy unrest broke out between Kyrgyz and Uzbek citizens in southern Kyrgyzstan. The unrest was the worst since the April revolution that overthrew President Bakijev. Within a few days, 400,000 people fled their homes. Because we have good partners, DanChurchAid and the ACT Alliance could deliver humanitarian assistance to the many refugees. Partners in the worst affected areas informed us that food and water was most needed, and after a couple of days an agricultural partner supplied large quantities of rice, potatoes and onions. Local partners collected and distributed supplies in mini-buses and pick-ups. Because partners have a long and trusting relationship with both the Kyrgyz and the Uzbeks in the affected areas, the supplies arrived safely to the needy on both sides.

The unrest in Kyrgyzstan increased international attention on Central Asia as a politically important security and energy area. In 2010, DanChurchAid seconded the first senior volunteers to Kyrgyzstan to upgrade the capacity of partners and to increase knowledge of this region in Denmark.

HIV/AIDS Central Asia is one of the few regions in the world where there is still uncontrolled growth in HIV/AIDS. The main reason is the many migrant workers trying their luck abroad. Besides money, they also bring back HIV-infection to their home villages, where until recently HIV/AIDS was totally unknown, and where religion, politics and simple prejudice are obstructing awareness raising.

In the fight against HIV/AIDS DanChurchAid is building on the positive results from the prevention work in Russia. Here we have succeeded in reaching out to vulnerable groups such as migrant workers, drug addicts and prostitutes, who will never approach the public health system due to widespread discrimination and stigmatisation.

Among others, we have a mini-bus that goes into the rough areas in the night to distribute condoms and syringes to prostitutes, and an out-patient clinic outside a hospital where people can come anonymously in from the street and get help without being registered.

In November, DanChurchAid invited local and regional Russian authorities to a conference to tell how local partner organisations work with HIV/AIDS prevention in a user-friendly way and make information accessible to weak population groups. The partners were proud to present the positive results to the authorities, who are now both listening and learning.
In 2010, DanChurchAid gathered Israeli and Palestinian partners. Together we should try to develop the direction of DanChurchAid’s work from 2011 to 2014. The priorities for the coming years are clear. We should work in the C-area, meaning the areas on the West Bank under full Israeli control, as well as East Jerusalem and Gaza. The work should focus on improving the basic living conditions of the population.

For many years, DanChurchAid has worked together with Israeli human right groups that focus on violations of the rights of the Palestinians. A number of Bills in the Israeli parliament indicate, however, that the latitudes of these organisations may be curtailed over time.

THE WEST BANK

Since the Israeli occupation in 1967, the culture and way of life of the Bedouins have been under pressure, among others due to a chronic lack of water. In order to secure for the Bedouins the necessary water supplies, DanChurchAid and the Palestinian YMCA are cleaning and re-establishing the old Roman water cisterns. In a new cooperation with the Israeli organisation, Comet Me DanChurchAid plans to put up solar panels for power production of dairy machines and refrigerators. This will enable Bedouin women to process and store milk in their tent camp.

GAZA

The Israeli offensive in 2009 in Gaza and the year-long blockade have caused the population considerable suffering, especially children and youth. After the offensive, DanChurchAid gave acute crisis treatment to children. Since then, the work has led to the establishment of three centres in northern Gaza, where traumatised children and their families can receive support. At the same time, DanChurchAid is supporting women in forming cooperatives that can process crops cultivated in Gaza. The women preserve and cook. The products are sold in the market and used in catering for schools, family parties etc. The cooperatives assist the women to get an income and, at the same time to do something meaningful – and thus obtain a place and a voice in the local community.

According to both religious and secular laws, Palestinian women have a right to inheritance, but most of them are denied their right, especially when it comes to real estate. The EU has approved a substantial grants to DanChurchAid and three local women’s organisations. The money should be used for training, legal aid and campaigns in order to change women’s position in society and secure their legal right to inheritance.
During 2010, DanChurchAid’s work with humanitarian mine action has resulted in better living conditions for 137,000 people, because mines, unexploded ammunition and other war explosives that might explode and mutilate at the slightest touch, have been removed. More than half of the land cleared of mines by DanChurchAid has been taken over by farmers who are now cultivating the land with crops for the benefit of the population. Ten per cent of the cleared land is used for grazing of animals. On the remaining part of the cleared land, people build houses, roads, bridges and paths, while two per cent is for recreational purposes.

**EXTENSIVE DONOR SUPPORT** In 2010, DanChurchAid received DKK 54 million (USD 10.3 mill) from donors for the humanitarian mine action programme. Three new donors have joined the group, so that a total of 18 organisations, countries and the EU are now supporting the mine action programme around the world. The extensive backing has made it possible to clear 1.6 million m² and destroy 539 mines, 468 cluster bombs, 958 unexploded pieces of ammunition, 2,764 small weapons and 164 other kinds of war litter in six countries.

**CONGO** In the DR Congo the mine clearers and specially trained dogs have cleared difficult accessible areas and destroyed a number of other kinds of war litter.

**ANGOLA** In Angola in Southern Africa, the mine clearers have cleared large mine fields both manually and with a so-called Mini MineWolf, a vehicle that whips up the soil in front of it and makes the mine explode.

**SUDAN** In Sudan we have cleared areas with the help of a WADS, which is a mine detector mounted on a special vehicle.

**LEBANON** In Lebanon, DanChurchAid is clearing both mines and cluster bombs in large areas in the central and southern parts of the country.

**BURMA/MYANMAR** In Burma, we have placed special emphasis on training and assistance to the many victims of land mines.

**ALBANIA** DanChurchAid is preparing a project for the destruction of old weapons. In addition we re-educate former mine clearing staff so they can get new jobs.
KeY FIGURES 2010

MORE MONEY FOR THE POOREST IN THE WORLD
With an income of DKK 527 million in 2010, DanChurchAid’s economic growth continues and thus also our help to the poorest in the world. DKK 412 is spent on our many activities all over the world, an increase from 2009 of DKK 26 million. The rest is spent on development education and fundraising activities in Denmark and on administration.

In a year marked by the repercussions of the global...
economic crisis, we see the continuous increase of our turnover as an expression of the will of the Danish population to remember the poorest in the world. Unfortunately, it is also due to the many major and devastating disasters in 2010. The floods in Pakistan and the earthquake in Haiti mean that we spent DKK 51 million more on Asia and Central America in 2010 than in 2009, an increase of 47%. Unfortunately, we see a weakening in relation to Africa which means a decrease of DKK 23 million from 2009 to 2010 due to a reduction in humanitarian assistance to Ethiopia, Uganda and Zimbabwe, among others. DanChurchAid is still spending most of the funds in Africa, DKK 176 million, or 43%. In 2010 we spent DKK 168.5 million collected from among the Danish population. This large amount is collected through various fundraising initiatives, among them the high Parish Collection amounting to DKK 16.8 million.