The cornerstone of DanChurchAid’s work is rights-based development. In far too many countries, the government fails when it comes to providing food, health and legal protection for the poorest segment of the population. DanChurchAid helps poor people to organise and fight for their right to food, health, education and a secure and dignified life. Two out of three developing countries are on the way to halving poverty by 2015. Even so, the number of hungry hasn’t fallen significantly. That more than 800 million people still suffer from undernourishment and hunger is the greatest obstacle to development, growth, prosperity and peace in the world. Combating hunger has been a core issue for DanChurchAid since 1922. We provide relief aid when war or disaster strikes and we also work on the long-term effort to create development and ensure improved living conditions. We help poor farmers, both men and women, to get production going, to mitigate and adapt to climate change and to organise themselves so that they can fight for the right to food, health and access to resources. That means less hunger, less poverty and more growth and sustainable development.
2012 saw considerable growth in many developing countries but also, increasingly, greater inequality. A democratic opening occurred in Myanmar, but there was also political controversy between India and Denmark which led to the relocation of DanChurchAid’s regional office from India to Nepal. There was progress in achieving three of the UN’s 2015 goals about combating poverty, education and access to clean water, but once again there is the prospect of food crises and more hunger due to increasing food prices.

The negative consequences of climate change don’t take up nearly as much space on the media’s agenda as before. But they are still just as real for the world’s most vulnerable who experience worse drought, heavier rain, severe flooding, more cyclones and other extreme weather. One of the consequences is a shortage of food.

In our part of the world the crisis is about the economy. A new, harsher social reality is being felt in western countries where the economy is contracting due to downsizing. And even though it is far from the poverty people live with in developing countries, there are millions of young unemployed in Europe who feel the hopelessness and lack of faith in the future that for so long has been a fact of life in poor countries. This creates new challenges for our work. Not only when it comes to helping people to mitigate the worst effects of the climate but also when we have to maintain solidarity during the crisis and be willing to help those who are most vulnerable.

Here at home we have a new strategy for Denmark’s development cooperation that clearly emphasises the rights-based approach that we share. At the same time there was new legislation on development cooperation, in which DanChurchAid is involved. We are prepared to support the official Danish approach in the field of development assistance in the years ahead.

Internally the major event of the year was the celebration of DanChurchAid’s 90th anniversary and that it is now 40 years since we opened the first second-hand shop. DanChurchAid Youth left at least two visible traces in 2012. One was the establishment of a new volunteer café in Copenhagen and the other, at the Roskilde Festival, where they together with partners from Israel and the Palestinian Territory put renewed focus on the growing humanitarian consequences of that conflict.

In 2012 we have worked, both in Denmark and internationally, on strengthening our partnerships. A completely new Partner Group met for the first time in connection with our Annual Meeting. It consists of representatives of our local partners in all focus countries and will advise the Board with regard to the future development of our activities. We have also strengthened cooperation with Danish companies which has resulted in more money for, among other things, the establishment of four health centres and nine boreholes for irrigation in Malawi and a new ‘MineWolf’ that clears landmines in Angola. All in all an exciting and challenging year, that ended with a record turnover of more than 560 million kroner and balanced accounts. Thanks to all who have helped to make it possible in 2012.
DanChurchAid celebrated several anniversaries in 2012. The second-hand shops had their 40th birthday. The second-hand shop volunteers highlighted the event with a variety of activities and celebrations all over the country in the 124 second-hand shops. At the same time they could celebrate a record profit for the benefit of DanChurchAid’s work.

DanChurchAid marked its 90th anniversary both at the Annual Meeting, in the presence of the Royal Patron HRH Princess Marie and at a reception at the office in Copenhagen where guests from near and far celebrated the work for the world’s poorest.

The parish collection set a new record as 1,335 parishes participated. Thousands of volunteers collected nearly 15 million kroner and prior to the collection young volunteers toured around with the ‘Hunger Caravan’ in order to involve candidates for confirmation and boarding school pupils in the campaign against hunger. The Roskilde Festival marked 10 years of cooperation with DanChurchAid on the collection of refunds for used bottles and cans and raised more than 10 million kroner for charitable projects. DanChurchAid Youth made its mark on the Roskilde Festival with a copy of the Israeli separation barrier in order to set focus on its humanitarian consequences. In the fall, DanChurchAid Youth opened a café by the name of ‘Nutid’ - in the space formerly occupied by the shop called ‘Fisk’.

LARGE AND SMALL CONTRIBUTORS HRH Princess Marie was in Cambodia on her first trip as Patron for DanChurchAid which helped to attract attention to the work in Denmark. Princess Marie spoke about her experiences at an arrangement for major private donors, funds and companies. In the sphere of cooperation with business enterprises, Bilka, a retail chain, became the first Danish company that succeeded in collecting more than 13 million kroner in less than two years. The money is being used on health centres in Malawi for the benefit of pregnant women and small children.

120,000 children in poor countries were able to enjoy playing with LEGO bricks that the LEGO concern donated to DanChurchAid and ACT Alliance partners’ projects. In Denmark, the regular monthly private donations reached almost 44 million kroner. This was partly due to the work of the street canvassers who ensured that DanChurchAid got almost 11,000 new regular donors.

NEW CAMPAIGNS AND APPEAL TO THE GOVERNMENT DanChurchAid launched several new campaigns, and among other things, the selection of gifts in the ‘Give a Goat’ campaign was supplemented with ‘Give a leg’ to support work for the victims of landmine accidents in Myanmar with an artificial leg. A development calendar for adults was created that made Danes more knowledgeable about development work and Africa, based on a village in Uganda. The development calendar had its platform particularly on DanChurchAid’s Facebook page, where thousands of friends could follow it. The fight against hunger and poverty was spotlighted when DanChurchAid released a Note prior to World Food Day on October 16th with an appeal to the government to focus work, in among other places the EU, on securing the right to food in the world. DanChurchAid was present, together with ACT Alliance partners, at the global climate negotiations in Doha in order to influence the decision-makers and to support the demands of the poor countries that the rich countries must take their responsibility for global climate change.
IT IS A PROBLEM WE ALL SHARE
AND WE HAVE A JOINT RESPONSIBILITY TO ERADICATE HUNGER IN THE WORLD

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR BIRGITTE QVIST SØRENSEN
DanChurchAid’s purpose is to empower the world’s poorest in their struggle for a dignified life. The work is based on a Christian view of human nature as well as respect for the individual’s human rights and the equality of all human beings. DanChurchAid has its roots in the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church, but works wherever the need is greatest irrespective of religion, gender, political conviction, race, nationality or ethnicity, disability or sexual orientation. DanChurchAid carries out humanitarian and development aid and mine clearance in close cooperation with churches and other cooperative partners. DanChurchAid is an independent organisation. The work is financed by collections, donations from private persons, companies, funds and with grants from Danida, EU, UN organisations and international funds. DanChurchAid’s highest authority is the Council of 44 members, elected for four years at a time with representatives from the organisation’s popular and church constituency, volunteers and staff. The Council is chaired by Bishop Emeritus Erik Norman Svendsen and is the highest governing body. The Council appoints seven members to the Board which is responsible for the day-to-day political and financial management. The Board has up to 11 members. Kirsten Lund Larsen, Secretary General of YMCA/YWCA in Denmark is Chairman of the Board. Henrik Stubkjær has been Secretary General of DanChurchAid since 2005.

Volunteers and Popular Support In Denmark, DanChurchAid works on strengthening popular support to help the poorest and to create action options for all who want to help fight hunger and poverty. This is done with information, collections and advocacy, widespread popular support and the commitment of the many volunteers; collection coordinators, former overseas staff, second-hand shop workers as well as volunteers in the
youth and senior networks and collaborating organisations. In the larger towns in Denmark, DanChurchAid’s Face2Facers work to recruit regular donors. Similarly, a large number of new contributors are found through telemarketing. Several cooperative ventures with business and the "ambassador" programme also contribute to supporting work among the world’s poorest.

GLOBAL AND LOCAL WORK BUILDS ON PARTNER­SHIPS DanChurchAid works with five themes: combating hunger, active citizenship in order to strengthen democracy and human rights, prevention/health in relation to HIV/AIDS, humanitarian mine action and disaster relief. DanChurchAid is a part of ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together) which is among the largest international disaster and development agencies with altogether over 30,000 staff in more than 120 countries. Together with ACT Alliance partners we have joint offices in 11 focus countries as well as joint coordination of disaster efforts in Africa’s Horn and in the Sahel. We have joint programmes in Cambodia, Honduras, Kyrgyzstan and Zambia. The cooperation in ACT Alliance means better and more effective coordination of both development, disaster and advocacy work. Churches and progressive popular organisations play an important role, not least when it comes to speaking out on behalf of the oppressed and marginalised. DanChurchAid works through local partners, churches, popular organisations, human rights groups, organisations that work with HIV/AIDS and farmers organisations. Partnership ensures that the help is embedded locally and reaches the poorest. We work, both in Denmark and internationally, on influencing politicians and decision-makers for the benefit of the poorest and their rights and on providing information about the causes of need and inequality in order to involve popular and political impetus to change the structures and policies that are so often the background of hunger, poverty and exclusion.
I HOPE THAT MATERNAL MORTALITY WILL BE RARE NOW THAT WE CAN GIVE BIRTH IN A SAFE PLACE
CECILIA JAMES, MOTHER OF THREE AT THE INAUGURATION OF A HEALTH CENTER IN CHIRINGA, MALAWI

AFRICA

Long periods with both severe floods and drought hit Malawi. 1.6 million Malawians were affected by the poor harvest, and DanChurchAid helped with, among other things, distribution of food. As part of a food security project, eight new boreholes were made where sun-powered irrigation systems will be installed. That will enable the farmers to cultivate crops in an area that is both dry and hot. The serious political crisis continued to dominate the first part of 2012. However, with support from DanChurchAid it was possible to hold a conference about good governance. Three health centres were renovated completely for the benefit of pregnant women and small children out in the countryside in Malawi. The centres are a joint effort with Bilka’s campaign ‘Give Malawi a Lifeline’.

In the eastern part of Zambia it has been possible over several years for partners to help over 3,000 families to improve living conditions, so that in future they can get enough food to eat. The EU has provided support for several thousand families in the southern part of Zambia to get access to clean drinking water as well as training in hygiene so that they avoid water-borne diseases. At the same time farming techniques and cattle-raising have been improved and some families have been given support for income-generating activities.

ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP Several partners work on strengthening Zambian’s active citizenship. Two church partners participate in the technical commission that the country’s President has set-up and that is leading the process of preparing a new constitution for Zambia.

In Uganda, DanChurchAid’s regional office was chosen to lead a consortium consisting of seven major international organisations that are helping to strengthen Uganda’s national disaster preparedness, especially disaster prevention in regions with recurring drought and floods. The Uganda office hosted a large workshop in November about public participation for all of DanChurchAid’s regional offices. The participants also visited DanChurchAid’s village monitoring program that has for the last few years had success in combatting corruption at the local level. Partners in Uganda also hosted 15 young volunteers from Silkeborg High School who lived out in villages for six weeks. In Denmark, DanChurchAid highlighted long-term development with a development calendar for adults and with stories from a village called Kambanji in Uganda where progress will be followed closely for the next few years.

HELP FOR CONFLICT VICTIMS AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT Disturbances in DR Congo have sent a steady stream of refugees into Uganda. Here, DanChurchAid, together with the Lutheran World Federation, has provided families in one of the camps where there are 30,000 refugees access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene. In South Sudan the local population is being trained in farming and savings and loan groups are being established in several villages. In order to prevent flooding along the banks of the Nile the local population has helped to construct 36 kilometres of dikes that they are responsible for maintaining themselves. In other areas there is work to prevent conflicts between tribal and clan groups through peace meetings and sports arrangements for children and youth from rival tribes. In Sudan the conflict in Darfur has raged for 10 years and hundreds of thousands still live in refugee camps. DanChurchAid continues to support the running of the camps. In addition, relief is distributed to the civil population in other conflict affected areas along the border between South Sudan and Sudan.

THE AFTERMATH IN AFRICA’S HORN AND CRISIS IN THE SAHEL The situation in Africa’s Horn has improved since the dreadful drought in 2011. The rain has been more stable, and the harvest has generally been better. Furthermore, the Somali government succeeded, together with troops from Kenya and Ethiopia, in pushing the Islamic Al-Shaabab militia out of strategically important parts of the country. That raises hopes of a more peaceful Somalia. DanChurchAid and partners in ACT Alliance support refugee camps in Ethiopia, Somalia and Kenya. In southern Ethiopia the pastoral population has been given new goats and cattle as well as veterinarian assistance and medicine. The local people have received wages for participating in the rebuilding of wells and water tanks and help to cultivate drought-resistant crops.

In spite of a better harvest in 2012 famine still threatens the western part of the Sahel belt. According to the UN’s most recent numbers, 10 million people will live on the verge of hunger in 2013. In Mali, the conflict between Islamist rebel groups and government troops that received help from French troops forced tens of thousands to flee. DanChurchAid is providing support via partners in ACT Alliance with urgent relief in the form of water, food and hygiene articles to those hardest hit in the Sahel. In addition, DanChurchAid sent mine clearance experts to Mali to map the extent of unexploded ammunition after the war.
DEMOCRACY IS CATCHING ON

The parliamentary by-election in Myanmar in April was a landslide victory for the opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi and the opening up of the country accelerated. Politicians and businessmen from abroad poured in and DanChurchAid and local partners were able to begin to talk openly about work to alleviate the poverty that five decades of dictatorship and civil war have left behind. Focus is on active citizenship, food security and preparations for mine clearance. Myanmar is the country in the world that has the second most accidents caused by land mines. If in fact peace agreements are reached, the mine fields must be cleared, and then the 130,000 refugees who live in camps in Thailand will hopefully be able to go home to Myanmar. At present it is too soon to say when, but the work that DanChurchAid supports is preparing the refugees for it.

LAND RIGHTS AND DISASTER AID

When rich men in Cambodia seize land that legally belongs to poor farmers it isn’t enough that the farmers have the law on their side. All too often it ends with agribusiness and mining forcing the poorest out. But a long, stubborn struggle for land rights and a successful campaign resulted in the release of 13 female activists who didn’t have to go to jail for several years because of their struggle to keep the land at Boung Kak Lake. Cambodia was also host to DanChurchAid’s Patron HRH Princess Marie, who among other things visited displaced slum dwellers and disaster affected villages. Disasters happen frequently in Asia, also in Cambodia, where DanChurchAid helped 150,000 people back on their feet after the worst floods in 10 years. The distribution of cash worked particularly well among the most vulnerable families. DanChurchAid’s work on disaster prevention in Nepal has equipped villages in the flat, south-western part of the country to survive when floods rage in the area. They have for example got better houses with a second story where the they now can shelter with their food in safety during the floods.

POOR MIGRANTS PROTECTED

Every year, millions of poor Asians migrate in search of work and often end up in slave-like conditions. The duty to protect the migrants’ rights often gets lost because the sending, transit and receiving countries don’t cooperate. Poor uneducated women from the countryside are the hardest hit when they travel abroad to work as domestic servants in Asia’s emerging economies or in the countries around the Persian Gulf. They are often exploited and abused by their employers. DanChurchAid works regionally to inform migrant workers before they leave home and to put them in touch with organisations that can help them in the countries they travel to. At the same time, an effort is made to improve the relevant authorities’ understanding of their role and the migrants’ rights.

FROM INDIA TO NEPAL

DanChurchAid’s regional office has moved from Delhi in India to Kathmandu in Nepal. The protracted crisis between the Indian and the Danish governments, and the ensuing visa-stop for staff entering India has expedited DanChurchAid’s prioritization of Nepal and Bangladesh. There is still a smaller office in India.
RECONSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT FOR WOMEN

Reconstruction work after the fighting between Israel and Hamas in Gaza in November goes on. DanChurchAid continues the work among undernourished children as well and supports a series of training programs for women that can give them an income, something meaningful to do and thus a role and a voice in the local society.

Everywhere in the Palestinian Territories the women are deprived of their legal right to inherit, especially when it concerns real estate. Since 2010 DanChurchAid and three local partners have carried out a country-wide project to inform women and political and religious decision-makers about women’s right to inherit. The organisations have used information meetings and workshops, panel discussions, campaigns on Facebook as well as drama and documentary film to reach out as broadly as possible. Most recently they have succeeded in getting judges to prohibit probate during the period of mourning after a woman has lost her husband. It is often in this period that male family members put pressure on the widow to give up her inheritance.

DanChurchAid also works in Libya to strengthen women’s rights. Women’s organisations get help to form networks and to get training in making joint campaigns about women at work and domestic violence at both the national and the local level. At the same time the women are encouraged to join other women’s networks in the region in order to give them greater impact and legitimacy.

MILLIONS FLEEING

The civil war in Syria has forced several million civilians to flee from their homes. They live either in Jordan and Lebanon or have fled to neighbouring countries such as Jordan and Lebanon. DanChurchAid helps to distribute food, water, blankets and basic relief articles both to the internally displaced persons and in refugee camps in Jordan. In the camps, things like gas heaters and warm clothes have also been distributed so that the many refugees have been able to manage through the winter. DanChurchAid is following developments in Syria closely and is working to be able to strengthen its efforts with additional grants.

PRODUCTS FROM ILLEGAL SETTLEMENTS

DanChurchAid and several other international NGO’s joined forces in an attempt to prevent EU and member countries from indirectly supporting illegal settlements in the Occupied Territories. The reason is that, even though the settlements have been declared illegal by international authorities, goods from companies in the settlements are not illegal. Both EU and several European and also Danish companies, funds and public institutions invest in the settlements, and EU’s import of goods from the Israeli settlements is 15 times greater than imports from the entire Palestinian Autonomous Territory. In October DanChurchAid published, together with 21 other international NGO’s a report “Trading Away Peace”. It recommends that EU and member countries, as a minimum, ensure correct labelling of goods from the settlements and preferably forbid import of settlement products, and that EU countries and EU based companies neither operate in nor invest in the illegal settlements.
CENTRAL ASIA

POVERTY DRIVES MIGRATION

In Kyrgyzstan, poverty causes hundreds of thousands of people to leave the poor countryside and to seek their fortunes either in the capital Bishkek or in neighbouring countries. About a million people, including some who are young and well-educated, have left Kyrgyzstan to find work in Kazakhstan and Russia. DanChurchAid and ACT Alliance partners in Central Asia have started a new regional program that both works on preparing people in poor villages for what it means for the families when the youth leave, and that also seeks out migrant workers in the big cities they move to. There they have a hard struggle to get even the worst jobs as day labourers. The migrant workers are told about their rights and an important part of the work is to inform them about HIV/AIDS.

SELF HELP GROUPS IN THE SLUM

In Kyrgyzstan’s capital, Bishkek, DanChurchAid and a number of local cooperative partners work to improve conditions for the thousands of poor newcomers who end up in slummy suburbs. By supporting self-help groups in the slums and by making local politicians responsible for their obligations to the citizens it has been possible to get almost five million kroner to improve infrastructure such as roads, water and electricity in two slums with 3,340 inhabitants. At the same time it was possible to get the authorities to set money aside in the budget to build a school in one of these slums.

CONFLICT PREVENTION IS WELL UNDERWAY

The big TASK Consortium and eight local cooperating partners made a good start on conflict reduction work after the violent clashes between Uzbeks and Kyrgyz in southern Kyrgyzstan during the summer of 2010. The TASK Consortium consists of seven international NGO’s: DanChurchAid, ICCO (Holland), ACTED (France), Danish Refugee Council, Save the Children (UK), HELVETAS (Switzerland) and International Alert (UK). The main purpose of the work is to mitigate the consequences of the conflict in 2010 and to prevent new conflicts. The TASK Consortium has a major EU grant which enables it to support training of local mediators and people who can provide crisis counselling to victims of violence or assault. In many places local conflicts can be alleviated by supporting cooperation around a common local need, for example the drilling of a well or renovation of a school. In a village called Jiydelik the support has meant that the inhabitants themselves have raised the money to establish a nursery school across ethnic barriers. The nursery school has also provided single and working parents with a safe place to send their children.

40% OF KYRGYZSTAN’S FIVE MILLION INHABITANTS LIVE UNDER THE POVERTY LINE

PHOTO: THOMAS LEKFELDT
RIGHTS STRENGTHENED  
Efforts in the entire region to strengthen human rights, women’s and indigenous people’s rights as well as citizens’ active participation in building democracy got a boost when DanChurchAid, together with IBIS, got a grant of 15 million kroner from the Danish Foreign Office. This effort is badly needed in Honduras. Lawlessness, corruption, violence and unsolved murders have increased in the wake of the rapidly deteriorating security situation since the coup d’état in 2009. A pilot project run by two partners in two small towns to strengthen local organisation and cooperation with the local authorities and police to reduce crime, violence and corruption have become pioneering models for other towns in Honduras.

The Centre for Women’s Rights (CDM) which has participated in the pilot project, is now training, together with several other human rights partners, local leaders of women’s and peasant’s groups and indigenous people’s groups, so they can fight for their rights themselves and are familiar with, for example, the constitution of Honduras.

A network called ‘The Northern Human Rights Group’ gets support so it will be able, in future, to raise matters of principle about abuse of human rights at the national court in Honduras and in the Inter-American Human Rights system.

WOMEN GET A VOICE Among Lenca Indian families in Intibucá Province in Honduras, support is given especially to adult women and girls to learn to read and write, and they get help for revenue-generating activities. That way the women both get a legitimate voice in society and can participate in community development. DanChurchAid also supports the indigenous population in Guatemala. Through Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) they support the women’s organisation CODEFEM that teaches Mayan women about their rights and how to participate actively in local development and in local political work.

The grass roots movement Madre Selva gets support via NCA too, with help to isolated Mayan villages in Quiché Province so they can organise themselves around small water turbines to get electricity in the village and improve their living conditions.

READY FOR CLIMATE CHANGE As part of the work to ensure food and mitigate the consequences of climate change in Guatemala, DanChurchAid’s partner in the western part of the country has developed FEWS, ‘The Famine Early Warning System’. This gives the villagers real tools to mitigate the shortage of food, especially corn, with a log-book system and systematic registration of rainfall, drought and major climate fluctuations. At the same time the villagers learn to cooperate with the local and national authorities and to influence them to, among other things, prevent local disasters.

In poor villages in the northern part of Honduras where violent downpours, storms and floods often strike, a new EU supported project for disaster prevention has also been started. DanChurchAid’s work on disaster prevention is coordinated regionally in Central America where several partners in ACT Alliance cooperate.

IT IS AS THOUGH THE COUP D’ETAT IN 2009 HAS HELPED TO CEMENT THE PREVALENT CULTURE OF VIOLENCE IN THE COUNTRY
GILDA RIVERA SIERRA, LEADER OF CDM IN HONDURAS

PHOTO: LINDA NORDAHL JAKOBSEN

CENTRAL AMERICA
2012 WAS ONE OF THE BUSIEST YEARS ever for DanChurchAid’s humanitarian mine action. In Myanmar the government’s new open policy means that DanChurchAid’s experts can now train locals in how to avoid accidents with landmines. This has been done through a series of large seminars where 170 representatives of local authorities such as police, firemen, and schools as well as NGO’s and church organisations have participated. Focus on local awareness about the danger from mines is especially important because large groups of refugees are expected to be able to return to their villages if real peace agreements are reached in Myanmar.

In addition to teaching, DanChurchAid has set up a mobile clinic for artificial limbs that drives around through the formerly conflicted states and helps victim of landmines, who have had limbs blown off, to be fitted with artificial limbs. A new artificial limb means that the mine victim can work again and help to support his family. DanChurchAid’s Christmas campaign ‘Give a Goat’ had ‘Give a leg’ as a new present and together with a photo exhibition ‘Maimed’ at the Copenhagen City Hall helped to create awareness in Denmark about Myanmar’s landmine tragedy and the artificial limb clinic’s work.

CLEARANCE OF UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE after the civil war in Libya continues and local capacity is being trained that, in due course, can take over the work. At the same time DanChurchAid carries out psychosocial projects where children learn to forget about the war though play. Civilians are encouraged to turn in their weapons to the authorities through campaigns and information work. While the work of clearing cluster bombs and unexploded ordnance in Lebanon continues a new program has started in South Sudan. Here DanChurchAid, together with ACT partners, is clearing agricultural land, roads and other infrastructure of explosive remnants of war and thus contributes to the start of development in the world’s newest state. In Angola the deminers are close to being able to finish a targeted effort to clear a large area. It had been badly contaminated with mines after 27 years of civil war. The project is scheduled to finish in 2013, but building and cultivation on the cleared areas have already started. 2012 is also the year when DanChurchAid got approval from the authorities for a programme in Laos. Laos is one of the countries in Southeast Asia that was bombed most heavily during the Vietnam War. Millions of unexploded bombs, including cluster bombs, still create a daily threat for the local population and help to trap the Laotians in poverty and hunger. DanChurchAid plans to begin clearance in 2013. The expansion of the mine clearance program has been possible thanks, not least, to a donation of 64 million kroner from the Dutch government. The money will be spent on work in Libya, Lebanon and DR Congo, where DanChurchAid will soon start clearance of unexploded ordnance in the Kivu area in the eastern part of the country.
EVEN GREATER SUPPORT FOR THE WORK IN 2012

DanChurchAid’s overall income reached 560.8 million kroner in 2012 which is 32.1 million kroner more than in 2011. DanChurchAid has, as a result of the increased income in 2012, used 446.9 million kroner on work all over the world, which is an increase of 31.6 million kroner in relation to 2011. Our increased activities in the work abroad in 2012 can be attributed to all the various types of activities; development projects increased by 13.4 million kroner, humanitarian disaster projects by 13.7 million kroner and humanitarian mine clearance by 4.5 million kroner.

The increases in development projects and humanitarian relief are related primarily to increased activities in Africa where we have focussed even more on disaster prevention concerning food security and climate change. The increase in humanitarian mine clearance is due to increased activity in the Middle East, including Libya, which in 2012 increased to 34.1 million kroner against 22.7 million kroner in 2011. The mine clearance effort in Africa in 2012 was reduced to 29.1 million kroner in comparison with 39.7 million kroner the year before. The drop is due to the temporary cessation of activities in DR Congo and the closing of DanChurchAid’s office in Kalamie.

The increase in DanChurchAid’s total income in 2012 is due partly to increased EU grants, which grew to 120 million kroner in 2012 from 107.3 million kroner in 2011 and partly to earmarked private donations from Danes that have increased to 60 million kroner compared to 47.4 million kroner in 2011.

Africa is still the continent where DanChurchAid spends the greater part of its resources. Thus in 2012, 192.6 million kroner was used in Africa, corresponding to 43% of our total funds. In 2011 our expenditure on Africa was 45% of the total, primarily because of the drought disaster in Africa’s Horn.

The surplus was 71 million kroner which will be added to the capital and earmarked for the development and disaster fund. The positive result exceeds our expectations considerably and is due to lower costs of both fundraising in Denmark and the running of the secretariat in Denmark and internationally.

This also means that DanChurchAid’s administration per cent in 2012 has fallen to 9.0 per cent compared to an administration per cent of 9.6 per cent in 2011.
THIS IS WHERE WE WORK

- Countries where DanChurchAid has field office and/or many partners
- Countries where DanChurchAid supports individual projects and/or disaster relief
- Countries where DanChurchAid has humanitarian mine action programmes

WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM

- Private donations, collections, etc. 145.5
- Second-hand shops, profit 19.8
- Special collections 14.6
- Danida grants 197.9
- EU grants 120.0
- International donors 60.7
- Other income 2.3
- In all 560.8

WHAT THE MONEY WAS SPENT ON

- Disaster aid 240.7
- Development aid 206.1
- Information 18.3
- Fundraising 34.0
- Secretariat 54.6
- In all 553.7

EXPERIMENTATION

- Africa 43%
- Asia 23%
- Middle East 16%
- Central Asia/Europe 8%
- Central America 5%
- Global 7%