



OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:

- Despite some legal and operational constraints, **opportunities for collaboration and partnership between government, NGOs and the private sector** exist and the legislative and regulatory environment in Uganda is generally supportive to the operations of non-state actors
- **Public corruption remains a major concern** despite the government's concerted efforts to fight the vice.
- **Gender inequality is still high**, mostly due to the patriarchal nature of Ugandan society. The situation is exacerbated by the low level of awareness on rights among the citizens (especially in the rural areas).
- Uganda has done well in halving the proportion of the population living below the poverty line by 2015. Nonetheless, recent trends however show that **poverty levels have increased** from 19.7% in 2013 to 21.4% in 2018. Eastern and Northern regions where DCA has operations, experienced the highest levels of poverty (35.7% and 32.5% respectively).
- **Vulnerable populations** are predominantly small-scale, subsistence farmers who suffer from low farm production and productivity, limited access to agricultural inputs as well as markets, environmental degradation and extreme climatic conditions all together significantly constraining the agricultural sector in Uganda.
- Uganda is a key net recipient of **refugees and asylum seekers**, mainly from South Sudan and DR Congo, Somalia, Burundi and Eritrea. In 2018 **approximately 1.2 million refugees** lived in Uganda causing a strain on the country's resources. Nonetheless, Uganda's progressive Refugee Policy promotes self-reliance by the refugees through, for example, supporting them to produce their own food and to generate income to sustain themselves.

DCA IS FOCUSING ON THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

Primarily, DCA Uganda works with three activities: Active Citizenship, Right to Food, and Humanitarian Response. All the programmes have a special focus on youth and women.

Under the Active Citizenship programme, DCA Uganda is working with partners to ensure that more women and young people participate in decision-making processes and hold their leaders accountable for improved delivery of services and that there is increased protection and support for human rights for equitable development. To achieve this, DCA is involved in advocacy at international, regional, national and local levels, and aims to enhance the capacity of communities in social accountability.

DCA Uganda's Right to Food Programme supports sustainable livelihoods and resilience building by ensuring that marginalised communities have secure access to land and are producing adequate food, both for household consumption and income, and moreover that they are resilient to conflict as well as environmental and climate change challenges.

Finally, the Humanitarian Response programme supports refugees, displaced persons and refugee hosting communities to access life-saving and socio-economic services for self-reliance, sustainable livelihoods and fulfilment of their rights. Our interventions fall within the humanitarian-development-peace nexus and include cash transfers, Voluntary Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs), income generating activities (IGAs), agriculture, access to markets for the poor (M4P), and energy and environment conservation, among other innovative activities.

FACTS:

- DCA has been operational in Uganda since 1979.
- **Offices in Country:** The Country Office is located on Plot 1853, John Kiyingi Road, Nsambya, Kampala. Additionally, there are four field offices located in Yumbe, Moroto, Arua and Lamwu (see map).
- **Beneficiaries in 2018:** 185,807 individuals.
- **Turnover 2018:** 34.8 million DKK / 4.65 million €
- **Projects:** 18
- **Employees:** 95 including expats.
- **Partners:** Uganda Women's Network (UWONET); Uganda Debt Network (UDN); Inter Religious Council of Uganda; Church of Uganda- Department for Household and Community Transformation; Church of Uganda- Teso Diocese Development Organisation; Uganda Joint Christian Council; Soroti Catholic Diocese Development Organisation (SOCADIDO); Caritas Kotido; TPO Uganda; Land Equality Movement of Uganda (LEMU); Institute for Cooperation and Development (C&D); Mukwano Group of Companies (Private sector/social enterprise); Raising Gabdho (Social enterprise); Biofresh (Private sector/social enterprise).

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WHERE WE WORK AND WHAT WE DO:

DCA Uganda operates in the sub-region Teso in Eastern Uganda as well as in the sub-regions of Karamoja and West Nile sub-regions in Northern Uganda. Some of DCA's landmark interventions include:

- **Strengthening Social Accountability:** building the capacities of structures and individuals such as national and local organisations and Community Based Monitors to raise awareness on the rights and responsibilities of marginalised groups especially women and youth and promoting their participation in decision making processes as well as in demanding for open, accountable and gender equitable governance from duty bearers.
- **Gender Justice:** Strengthening the role of the religious leaders as champions of gender equality.
- **Energy and Environment conservation:** strengthening resilience to environment and climate change challenges among refugees and refugee-hosting communities in the West Nile sub region.
- **Resilience Building:** supporting farming communities in Karamoja and Teso sub regions in crop and livestock production, value addition, income generation (e.g. through Village Savings and Loans Associations), and in preparing and implementing disaster contingency plans.
- **Fresh-fruits Nexus:** supporting farmers to produce fresh fruits, orange-fleshed sweet potatoes and other value chains for the export market.
- **Catalysing Inclusive Access to Markets by Farmers:** refugees and refugee-hosting farmers supported to grow sunflower for the market in partnership with Mukwano Ltd, a Private Sector Company.
- **Youth Empowerment:** equipping youth with vocational and entrepreneurial skills such as brick-laying, carpentry, tailoring, motor vehicle mechanics, etc., for both self-and formal employment.
- **Innovation:** promoting new technologies such as digital data gathering (using Magpi, SMS), cash-based interventions, energy-conservation technologies (such as briquettes and energy-saving stoves), and digitization of Village Savings and Loans Associations.



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