Cambodia

DCA IS FOCUSING ON THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:
Both generally and in Cambodia, DCA prioritise actions that reach the most vulnerable and marginalised communities, with particular emphasis on the rural poor. Initially, DCA’s operations in Cambodia supported the reconstruction efforts and resettlement of refugees during and after the country’s devastating, decades-long civil war. In 1997 an office was established in Phnom Penh for the purpose of working directly with local partners on key issues facing the country, which reflect the three main pillars of DCA’s work in Cambodia today:

Saving lives:
Cambodia is ranked among one of the most vulnerable country to climate change and natural disasters, and its effects on people’s livelihood and survival, particularly the poorest. DCA works in coordination with local governments to build communities’ resilience and preparedness in dealing with climate change.

Fighting inequality:
Since its emergence from decades of genocide more than 20 years ago, Cambodia has had to rebuild on principles of good governance and respect for basic rights. DCA works to strengthen civil society, spreading awareness of rights and promoting accountability. We promote the rights of those most marginalized, including LGBTQI, the poorest, and fight for gender equality and the fair treatment of all.

Building resilient communities:
DCA promotes sustainable livelihoods for smallholder farmers and support increased agricultural production and income through introducing innovative drought resistant agricultural technologies, making them more resilient to climate change and improving their access to the market value chain.

FACTS:
- DCA has been operating in Cambodia since 1979 and in 1997 a country office was established in Phnom Penh, nonetheless, projects are implemented in 21 provinces in Cambodia and through nationwide advocacy work.
- Beneficiaries: 3,076,386 people were reached in 2018
- Turnover 2018: 3.1 million USD
- Projects: Currently, DCA are implementing 22 ongoing projects in Cambodia which are funded by Europe Aid, UNDP, Danmarks Indsamling, private donors and Danida (2018)
- Partners: DCA Cambodia work together with 14 local NGOs

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WHERE WE WORK AND WHAT WE DO:
Following decades of genocide and civil war in Cambodia, the country is struggling to rebuild on principles of accountability and social protection. In 2018 DCA Cambodia ensured that:

- **More than 33,000 people were empowered to participate in development planning.**

Moreover, DCA works to empower vulnerable Cambodians’ demands for improved public services as well as transparent and sustainable management of natural resources, and as a result:

- **4,887 households experienced greater income** from their agriculture production yields such as rice, vegetable and chicken.
- **3,014 farmers** began to practice climate-smart agriculture.
- **59% of local citizens in 40 communities submitted requests** to Local Authorities (LAs). An increase of 39% compared to the baseline 20% in 2016.
- **79% of the target LAs increased their involvement and collaborations** with CBOs and CSOs through joint meetings/actions to address issues in the community.

Finally, in the context of Cambodia’s exposure to natural disasters and vulnerability to climate change, DCA is also working towards enhancing disaster risk reduction and mitigating the consequences of natural disasters. In consequence:

- **140,680 people received humanitarian assistance** during DCA’s most recent emergency response efforts following the widespread flooding in 2013.
- **1,580 low-income households received clean water supply** when local water sources dried up during a severe and prolonged drought in 2016.

In addition to this, DCA continue to adapt to meet the changing need of the Cambodian people, working with vulnerable groups, local organisation, government and businesses to ensure that all Cambodians can live a life in dignit