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WHAT WE DO:

DCA envisions a world without hunger, poverty or oppression where political and popular powers work for a just and sustainable use and distribution of resources. We strive to fulfil this vision by achieving the following goals:

Save lives: DCA is committed to intervene when individuals and communities are affected by crises and natural disasters. We work to ensure timely humanitarian and emergency response, distribute aid esp. through cash-based intervention, assist local disaster risk reduction and emergency preparedness, and educate on and engage in mine action. The goal is embraced in our humanitarian response and mine assistance programme.

Build resilient communities: DCA assists sustainable development and resilient livelihoods for communities across the globe. We focus on global advocacy, local disaster risk reduction and building the resilience of vulnerable communities by facilitating sustainable livelihoods, job opportunities and empowerment of local stakeholders. Particularly, our right to food programme and sustainable livelihoods framework reflect this goal.

Fight extreme inequality: Within this goal, DCA aims to build the capacities of civil societies, CSO and human rights defenders, promote human rights and support inclusive decision-making processes as well as strong, accountable and responsible institutions. Moreover we fight the discrimination and marginalisation of the most vulnerable groups in society and advocate at the global level.

DCA engagement work in Denmark: Despite our increasing international presence, DCA remains deeply anchored in the Danish public and is one of the best known and most respected humanitarian organisations in Denmark. Our engagement with the Danes is reflected in the 47,413 private donors who supported our work with EUR 20,7 million, as well as the support we received from Danish corporations and foundations, accounting for EUR 1,5m. In 2018, the annual Parish collection raised EUR 1.5m thanks to 15,000 volunteer collections, not to mention the additional close to 4,000 people who volunteer in our 117 second hand shops and 5 Wefood supermarkets.

WHO WE ARE:

DanChurchAid (DCA) is a Danish humanitarian, not for profit NGO based in Copenhagen. The organisation was established in 1922 and has its roots in the Danish Evangelical-Lutheran Church, which still today serves as a central pillar of DCA's constituency, providing the organisation with the foundation and moral obligation to operate across the humanitarian-development-peace nexus.

FACTS:

- **Headquarter:** Copenhagen, Denmark
- **General secretary:** Birgitte Qvist-Sørensen
- **Turnover (2019):** EUR 105.6 million
- **Total expenditure (2018):** EUR 86.6 million.
EUR 32.6 million was spend on development aid and EUR 54.3 million on humanitarian aid.
- **People reached:** 3.2 million people
- **Partners:** 195 professional local partners, 138 sister agencies from the global network ACT Alliance and an SPA with Danida
- **Locations:** DCA has country offices in 19 of the poorest and most vulnerable countries in Africa, Asia and The Middle East
- **Employees:** 730 staff members and more than 20,000 volunteers

Where we work:

DCA works in 19 countries across the world. In Myanmar, Zambia and Palestine, DCA has a joint office programme with our partner Norwegian Church Aid (NCA).



HOW WE WORK:

As key drivers for change, **individuals and their communities** are located at the centre of DCA programming and advocacy efforts. We aim to empower the poorest and most marginalised people and build the capacities of civil societies to become **agents of change**. In doing so we collaborate with civil-society organisation, human rights defenders and local organisations as well as with businesses, governments and the Danish public. Additionally, as a faith-based organisation **religion and development** are crosscutting commitments of DCA and we recognise the importance of religious leaders and moral duty bearers as key actors for change.

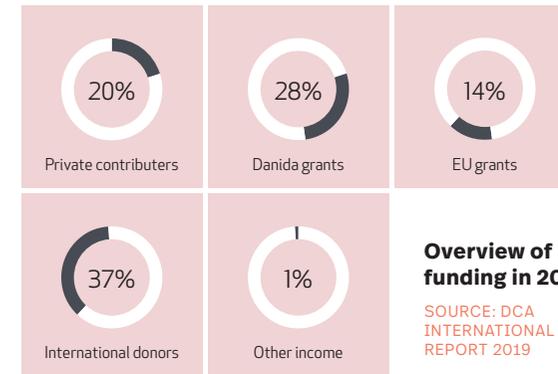
Grand bargain and Localisations: DCA are signatories to the Grand Bargain Initiative, which aims to put more means into the hands of people in need and attend to the financing gap in humanitarian action. Moreover, DCA are committed to localisation which has become strongly embedded into our actions and objectives, as evident in our many projects that aims to build capacities of local organisations and CSOs.

Human Rights Based Approach (HRBA) and Gender Equality: In practice, our commitment to a HRBA to development and gender equality means that **DCA and partners advocate human rights and gender equality**, amongst others by supporting poor women and men to equally participate in decision-making processes; engaging government authorities and businesses on their obligations to civil society; reducing gender equalities and addressing discriminatory policies, norms and practices; and educating women and girls on their rights.

Innovation: DCA believes that the most effective ways of bringing about change might not be known to us yet. For us, innovation is new or improved products, services, programmes or processes that create new value for stakeholders and contribute to delivering higher impacts for beneficiaries. In 2018 **the DCA Innovation Fund** was launched with support from our SPA with Danida. The fund finances innovative projects through flexible funds and in 2019 it supported **18 innovative projects**.

Climate change: DCA recognise the **urgent need for action on climate change**. We focus on three intervention areas: disaster preparedness and risk reduction, long term development and innovation, and global advocacy. A strategic objective of DCA is, that **all projects by 2022 should consider the possible effects of climate change** on project activities and the possible emissions emerging from implementation. An example of our global advocacy work is demonstrated in our proposal from 2019 to the Danish Government presenting a range of initiative aimed at facilitating more green investment and growth in Africa.

The Sustainable Development Goals: DCA supports the UN's 17 SDGs, and **we aim to incorporate the goals into all our actions**. For example, we reduce inequalities by promoting human rights and strengthening the capacities of HRDs, CSOs and individuals (SDG 10), we empower women and combat GBV (SDG 5), and we engage in **partnerships for the goals** (SDG17) through cooperation with our partners to fulfil the SDGs and our vision.



GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS & DONOR RELATIONS:

We work in strong accountable, collaborative and trusted partnerships with **195 local partners** and not least, as part of the largest international faith-based coalition **ACT Alliance**. Our General Secretary, Birgitte Qvist-Sørensen was elected as chair of ACT Alliance in 2018, underpinning our strong bond with the global network. In 2019, DCA received EUR 4 million in financial support from ACT members.

Danida is the greatest financial supporter for DCA, providing EUR 29.6 million in 2019. DCA has a **strategic partnership agreement (SPA)** with Danida for the period 2018-2021, which enables DCA to engage in a strategic dialogue with Danida and ensures a stable and predictable funding stream. The SPA allows us to be innovative, flexible, accountable and transparent and to focus on strategic outcomes and leverage external financing, as DCA can transfer funds to partners if it falls within the agreement's objectives.

DCA is thankful for the support we receive from all our donors. In addition to the support from ACT and Danida, our major donors incl. the EU (EUR 12,9 million), various UN Agencies (EUR 4,9 million), the US Government (EUR 6,0 million).

DCA's top 10 international donors (EUR million in 2019):

1. Danida	29.63	6. UNHCR	2.69
2. EuropeAid	8.42	7. UNDP	2.44
3. ECHO	6.53	8. Norwegian Church Aid	2.40
4. Dutch MoFA	4.58	9. PMWRA (U.S. DOS)	2.05
5. USAID	4.35	10. UNICEF	1.67