



## DCA IS FOCUSING ON THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

### **Inclusive Citizenship and Accountable Governance:**

DCA's project Inclusive Citizenship for Accountable Governance is being implemented since 2010 as an effort to eradicate discrimination and exclusion of women, Dalits and marginalised communities in the social and institutional structure and encourage inclusion and justice for all. Furthermore, with the changes in the federal governance structures in the country and devolution of power to local governments, DCA Nepal is also focusing its interventions on capacity building of local government and inclusive programming to improve access to resources and effective delivery of services to rights holders.

### **Resilience and Livelihoods:**

Under its Resilience Livelihood Programme, DCA Nepal focus on sustainable agriculture development, strengthening market systems and value chains, and building the capacity of poor farmers to improve food and nutritional security and income. In the post COVID-19 situation, sustainable production and consumption of resources will become very important, thereby demanding the need for greener enterprises run by youth returnee migrants. The Humanitarian Response and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Programme has been very prominent in recent years with significant interventions on urban DRR, urban and rural WASH, cash voucher assistance, shock responsive social protection and engagement with the private sector on preparedness and risk reduction

### **Innovation:**

In Nepal, DCA works with digital empowerment of local governments and beneficiaries to establish an e-governance system, shock responsive social protection system, and strengthening the value chains through mobile based applications. Furthermore, DCA Nepal Office is exploring opportunities to develop model villages with agro-ecological practices and promotion of renewable energies in agriculture sector. In post COVID-19 context, DCA is working very closely with the government to provide innovative income generation activities targeting the returnee migrants, daily wage labours and urban poor. DCA works in various consortiums for the purpose of implementing innovative projects and diversify donors.

## FACTS:

- DCA has worked in Nepal since 2008.
- **Offices in Country:** DCA operates from its country office based in Kathmandu. Fieldwork is organised through cooperation with the partners, and hence field staff work at the offices of partners.
- In total, DCA reached **97,130 beneficiaries** in 2020.
- **Turnover in 2020:** More than EUR 2,903,000
- **Donors:** Danida, EuropeAid, Mott MacDonald, and Nordic Climate Facility.
- **Employees in 2019:** 29 Nepali and 1 expat (Country Director)
- **Partners in 2019:** DWO, FEDO, DWRF, Jagaran, INSEC, Action Nepal, NNSWA, EDC, LI-BIRD, MDO, SOSEC, Unification Nepal, TWUC, KVS, Build up Nepal, Women SelfHelp Centre.

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## OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:



**18.7% of the Nepalese population lives below the poverty line** (Economic Survey 2018-19) and the estimated gross national income per capita is US\$1034. The latest projections, shows that the gross domestic product growth will fall sharply to 2.3 % in the fiscal year 2019-20, much lower than the government's pre-COVID-19 target of 8.5 %.



**Women** and women-headed households are the poorest among the groups most affected by poverty, and **caste-based discrimination** is still prevalent in the country.



**Agriculture is essential to Nepal** with **68% of the population being employed in the agricultural sector** which accounts for **34% of the country's GDP** (ILO, 2016).



Nepal is among the countries in the world **most vulnerable to climate change** and with the **highest exposure and vulnerability to multiple and recurrent hazards**, including natural disasters, earthquakes and floods which pose enormous threats to Nepal and has resulted in massive destructions for the country.

## HOW AND WHERE WE WORK:

DCA Nepal is focusing its activities in Provinces 5, 6, and 7 in the Mid and Far Western Region of Nepal; and Province 3 which is the earthquake affected area. In the Western Region, DCA's focus has been on value chain strengthening, economic empowerment of poor and marginalised communities, local governance strengthening, citizens' empowerment, e-governance, youth employment and SMART Cooperatives.

**Active citizenship projects** are focused on right holders' empowerment in advocacy knowledge and skills, leadership, legal and policy provisions regarding their rights and entitlements, and social inclusion to enhance their participation, decision-making and local level planning processes and have better access to resources and services. Women and Dalit communities are capacitated to advocate on elimination of all forms of discrimination and GBV. The projects are implemented in provinces 3, 6 and 7.

**DCA's climate change projects** are also focused in the Mid-hills and Lowlands of Mid and the Far Western Development Region. The project has promoted low-cost and climate-friendly on-farm and off-farm indigenous and modern technologies, and increased investment of private sector actors (individual, entrepreneurs, traders and financial institutions) in market, finance, and value chain development, to enable increased income and sustained year-round food security.

As part of its contribution to **earthquake reconstruction**, DCA is still working in earthquake hit areas through economic empowerment, WASH, Urban DRR, climate change and capacity building projects. This includes Kathmandu Valley and 14 other earthquake affected districts through the funding support from DFID, Nordic Climate Facility and Mott Macdonald.

**DCA Nepal is supporting six rural municipalities**, Palikas, to establish e-governance systems. From their smart phones community people can access information about major events, profiles, policies, act and provisions about the Palika and are able to do major vital registration.

As part of its **innovation programmes**, DCA has come up with a digital-based market solution for its leader farmers through the mobile application "SMART COOP". This application supports farmers by providing information on agriculture, crops suitability, land soil PH level and fertilizer requirements for specific crops. Similarly, it supports to measure the productivity, investment and profit of the product through collective marketing managed by the cooperatives.

**DCA's innovation under the Humanitarian Response and DRR theme** has been in the sector of Shock Responsive Social Protection, where DCA is working with Koshi Victims Society in Eastern Nepal. Through this project, DCA is capacitating the local government in digitising the database of vulnerable communities in the flood affected areas, which can be utilised to disburse cash assistance during emergency situations. Various guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures have also been developed as part of the project.



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