CAMBODIA



FACTS:

- **No. of beneficiaries:** Direct: 49,267 (50.4% women) **/** Indirect: 169,877
  People reached through social media/digital platforms: 1,442,148
- **Year since mission started:** DCA has been operating in Cambodia since 1979. In 1997, a country office was established in Phnom Penh.
- **Partners:** 24
- **Number of employees:** 22
- **Turnover 2025:** DKK 18,039,909

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OPERATIONAL CONTEXT 2025

Cambodia remains **highly vulnerable to climate change,** with increasingly **frequent floods, droughts, and extreme heat** affecting communities, livelihoods, and natural resources.

The **economy has continued to grow by an estimated 4%,** supported by manufacturing, tourism, agriculture, and services. However, many households remain dependent on climate-sensitive agriculture and informal employment.

The **long-standing, unresolved border dispute between Thailand and Cambodia** erupted into a border conflict in July and December 2025, resulting in the **displacement of over 650,000 people,** as well as the **return of close to one million economic migrant Cambodians from Thailand.** This conflict has had a significant social, economic and pyscho-social impact on Cambodia. The closure of the border has also affected the livelihoods of thousands of people living along the border.

Community participation and collaboration among civil society, local authorities, and other stakeholders continue to play an important role in addressing local development challenges.

HOW AND WHERE WE WORK:

DCA works directly with local partners on critical issues facing the country, which are reflected in our three main goals:

Saving Lives: DCA and local partners strengthen community resilience against disasters and climate change by supporting disaster preparedness, climate adaptation, and humanitarian response. In 2025, DCA and local partners responded to communities displaced during the Cambodia–Thailand border conflict, reaching 2,693 households (11,558 people), including 5,720 women and 451 persons with disabilities, through unconditional cash assistance to help them meet their immediate needs.

Building Resilient Communities: In 2025, DCA and partners supported 3,033 farmers (1,402 women) to participate in rice production and marketing activities, and 27 assessed agricultural cooperatives demonstrated improved leadership and governance capacity. Following programme support, 5,187 farmers adopted one or more organic and agroecological farming practices. Across three provinces, a total of 21 inclusive market systems were established and replicated, including farmer markets, Indigenous Peoples' markets, school feeding supply chains, community collector networks, women-led seller groups, restaurants, and online marketing platforms.

Fighting Extreme Inequality: In 2025, local partners produced 303 feature and in-depth news articles and 98 infographics, reaching more than 1.44 million people through social media and strengthening public access to reliable information, promoting informed public dialogue, and raising awareness of community and development issues. In addition, partners supported 1,698 community actions, including community engagement, policy dialogue, legal and psychosocial support, research, capacity building, and organizational development.

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WHAT WE DO:

DCA works with 24 local partners to implement development and humanitarian projects across all 24 provinces of Cambodia and in the capital, Phnom Penh. DCA prioritizes support to the most vulnerable and marginalized communities, particularly the rural poor, through a locally led approach that strengthens the capacity of CSOs, community networks, CBOs, ACs, and local authorities. By combining humanitarian action, climate resilience, sustainable livelihoods, and rights-based approaches, DCA collaborates with local stakeholders to deliver sustainable, locally owned solutions that contribute to resilient, inclusive, and equitable development.

Saving Lives

- Strengthen local disaster preparedness and climate adaptation.
- Deliver cash-based and emergency humanitarian assistance during crises.

Building Resilient Communities

- Support climate-smart agriculture, market linkages, and agroecology.
- Strengthen local institutions, women's leadership, youth engagement, and green job opportunities.

Fighting Extreme Inequality

- Promote rights awareness, social accountability, digital literacy, and inclusive participation.
- Facilitate dialogue and collaboration among communities and stakeholders to improve access to land, housing, and natural resources.



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