KENYA



OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:

- Kenya hosts over **804,594 refugees and asylum seekers** of which more than **289,861 live in Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei Refugee Settlement in Turkana County.**
- **Kenya's economy grew about 5% in 2025,** driven by construction, mining, and steady agriculture. Inflation stayed within target despite food and transport pressures, though high debt costs and living expenses remained a concern.
- 2025 included **major political shifts,** including a broad-based government, cabinet reshuffles, the death of a key opposition leader, and ongoing Gen Z-led protests over proposed digital regulation laws.
- **Social unrest and accountability demands grew** amid healthcare reforms (SHIF rollout). Meanwhile, Kenya advanced its digital push with a National AIStrategy, expanded 5G and fiber, and fast growth in GreenTech and smartphone use.
- Kenya faced **severe climate shocks including floods, landslides, and drought,** causing losses of about 2% of GDP. This triggered energy reforms, carbon market financing for conservation, and legal action on land and logging.

FACTS:

- **DCA has operated in Kenya since 1997** and registered as an INGO in 2016.
- **Projects:** In 2025, DCA had 22 active projects in Kenya.
- In 2025, DCA directly reached **28,946 people** in need with a **turnover of DKK 42,310,921.**
- **Employees:** 52 DCA staff (including 2 international)
- **Partners in 2025:** DCA works with a dual modality – implementing directly and together with partner organizations, thereby supporting locally led solutions and sustainability. Civil Society partners: Anglican Development Services North Rift Region (ADS - NR), National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCK), Pamoja Trust, Turkana Christian Development Mission (TCDM), Women's Empowerment Link (WEL), BOMA, Centre for Education Policy and Climate Justice (CEPCJ), Green Anglican Movement, Akiba Mashinani Trust, Anglican Development Services Central Rift (ADS-CR), Mt. Kenya Hub, International Centre on Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE), Financial Sector Deepening (FSD Kenya), and Coastal and Marine Resources Development (COMRED) . Private sector & social enterprise partners: SMEP Kenya, Growth Africa, Mwangaza Light, Danfoss, and Fresh Produce Exporter's Association of Kenya (FPEAK) and Aquarech.

WHAT WE DO:

At individual level, **DCA provides life-saving humanitarian response and protection for refugees and vulnerable local communities** in crises, empowering young men and women by supporting them with education, life skills, entrepreneurship/ employability training, technical knowledge, rights awareness, entrepreneurship skills, inputs and linkages to markets, value chains and financial services to enhance their self-reliance and resilience and talent building so they can become resourceful, dignified, and proactive agents of change.

In pursuit of the SAVE goal, DCA Kenya CO increased household incomes and market participation by supporting diversified on- and off-farm enterprises, strengthening MSMEs, unlocking green enterprise financing, improving fish and aquaculture value chains, and enhancing technical and entrepreneurial skills for women and youth.

Under the BUILD goal, household incomes increased through improved access to quality inputs and training in agronomic and livestock practices. Climate-smart technologies boosted resilience, sustaining production under conservation agriculture and agroecology.

The FIGHT goal saw DCA Kenya CO advance secure land tenure, social accountability, access to justice, gender equality, and responsible business conduct by empowering communities and human rights defenders to influence policy processes, engage duty bearers, and strengthen transparent and inclusive governance systems.

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WHERE WE WORK:

Country Office (Nairobi): Organisational capacity building support to partners; Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning; programme strategy & business development; operational support. Also serves project and partners in new geographic areas: **Kilifi, Nairobi Metropolitan** (Nairobi, Kajiado, Kiambu, Muranga & Machakos).

Kakuma and Lodwar Office serves **the greater Turkana County** and host/resident communities. DCA and partners work on livelihoods and resilience, financial inclusion, youth empowerment and conflict mitigation, with a strong focus on women and youth as well as enhancing the humanitarian development-peace nexus. DCA and partners work on livelihoods and resilience, financial inclusion and youth empowerment and entrepreneurship.

Nakuru Office serves the **Nyandarua, West Pokot, Elgeyo Marakwet, Nakuru, Baringo and Nandi Counties.** The office also serves other partner implemented projects in, **Kisumu, Siaya and Homabay Counties.** DCA and partners work in these counties focusing on agricultural production, value chain & market development, access to financing for smallholder farmers, green growth, job creation for youth and natural resource management.

HOW WE WORK:

Livelihoods for Resilience and Self-reliance: We promote climate-resilient agriculture, value chain development, financial inclusion, cash-based programming, non-agricultural production, business and market growth, fisheries, livestock health, and water management.
Private Sector Engagement: We foster strategic partnerships with private sector actors to enhance youth employment, green growth, and value chain development.
Youth Empowerment and Gender: Our work focuses on entrepreneurship, skills development, inclusion, and gender justice. We collaborate with national faith actors and women-led organizations advocating for women's rights and social justice.
Peace Building & Conflict Resolution: We facilitate peace initiatives between refugees and host communities, as well as across borders in Uganda, South Sudan, and Ethiopia.
Local Leadership & Localization: We strengthen civil society and grassroots organizations that support vulnerable communities, refugees, women, and youth, addressing root causes of vulnerability such as land rights and gender/climate injustice.
Disasters & Emergency Response: DCA provides emergency funding for multipurpose cash assistance (MPCA) and group cash, utilizing the Survivor & Community-Led Response (SCLR) approach in disaster-affected areas.

INNOVATION:

We aim at mainstreaming innovation into everything we do through researching and testing innovative sustainable solutions. Among these are:

- **The DCA Youth Enterprise Fund (YEF)** – a revolving credit facility aiming to finance youth entrepreneurs to grow and expand their enterprises;
- **Climate smart technologies** – cone gardens, multi-storey gardens and shade net houses, all designed to produce more crops with less water and taking up less space;
- **Novel foods & Insect Farming (Spirulina, BSF, crickets & mealworm)** – an innovative solution to secure higher nutritional diet with less impact on the climate;
- **Digital Learning and Accountability** – digitalization of entrepreneurship and business training for refugee youth;
- **Use of the Listen Learn Act (LLA**) tool which, through digital data collection and feedback meetings with affected populations, helps us to better capture perceptions and feedback and systematically consider it in our activities.

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