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PARTNERSHIPS FOR HOPE AND ACTION

– toward a safe, sustainable, and just world



About DanChurchAid (DCA):

- Founded in 1922
- Works with more than 200 local partners
- Present in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Ukraine
- Member of the ACT Alliance

DanChurchAid's Vision

DanChurchAid's vision is a safe, sustainable, and just world where every person is treated with dignity and has equal opportunities.

Our Global Goals

DCAs global goals are to Save Lives, Build Resilient Communities, Fight for Human Rights and Equality, and Create Engagement in Denmark.

Together with our partners, communities, and people, we work to improve the lives of millions of people in complex operational and political environments.

We connect across sectors and work with partners and communities in leading responses, innovation, and advocacy to address rights violations and the underlying causes of conflict, crisis, climate change, and injustice.

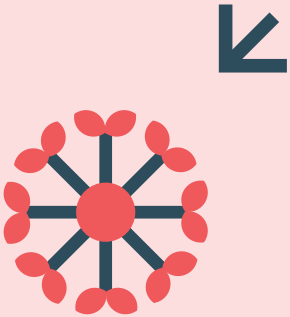
By working across the nexus between humanitarian response, long-term development, peace, and advocacy – and by linking our work in Denmark with our country programmes, we scale results and strengthen our collective impact.

Caption opposite page: "Women cannot just sit and wait for someone to help – we have to take responsibility ourselves. It gives us both pride and strength to stand up for our children and families," says 40-year-old Julia Juan Samson, who is part of DCA's women's group in Juba, South Sudan. She has lost her husband and is the sole provider for her five children, but so far, she has managed to send all of them to school.
Photo: Jesper Houborg



SAVE LIVES

Individuals and communities affected by disaster, conflict, and displacement are protected, safe, able to meet basic needs with dignity, and able to anticipate, respond to, and recover from shocks.

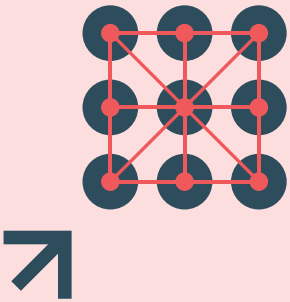


BUILD RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

Individuals and communities are socially, economically, and environmentally resilient, drive locally led climate action, and benefit from sustainable food systems, investments, and job creation on the pathway to a just, green transition.

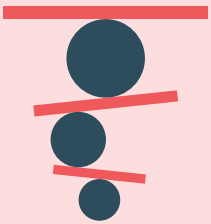
CREATE ENGAGEMENT IN DENMARK

People and partners in Denmark engage and mobilise in hopeful and meaningful action, strengthening DCA's global efforts and connecting local commitments with global change.



FIGHT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUALITY

Individuals, communities, and civil society claim and speak out for human rights and have the space and capacity to safely participate, organise, and promote democratic values, equality, and accountable governance at all levels.



Fundamental Principles and Values

DCA's Articles of Association outline four fundamental principles guiding our work across the organisation in Denmark and globally. We are human rights-based, faith-based, partner-based, and multi-mandated. These fundamental principles serve as a compass to navigate dilemmas and promote systemic change locally and globally.

Human Rights-Based – For Just Change

DCA works for a world where every individual's human rights, dignity, and equal worth are respected. Human rights are fundamental and non-negotiable. As conflict, repression, and backlash against human rights and international humanitarian law intensify, we strengthen our efforts to protect people against violations, defend civic and humanitarian space, and create dialogue as a foundation for safe, free, and democratic societies.

Faith-Based - For Rooted Change

With a foundation in Christian values, DCA believes that all human beings are equal and has the right to live a dignified life. As a faith-based organisation, we work with people of all backgrounds for a world with peace and justice. Amidst growing polarisation, we engage faith-based partners and allies in constructive dialogue to drive sustained change.

Partnerships and Local Leadership – For Systemic Change

DCA works in equal partnerships with a diverse portfolio of local, national, international, and Danish actors. We engage and connect civil society, faith actors, social movements, youth-led organisations, the private sector, academia, donors, and our Danish secular and church-based constituency. Through local leadership and equitable partnerships, we act as a convener of stakeholders across sectors and borders to reach people in need, foster innovation, and scale impact.

Multi-mandated – for lasting change

DCA's mandate is to engage in humanitarian and development work, including humanitarian mine action and conflict prevention and peacebuilding, and to influence decision makers to improve conditions for the world's poorest populations through advocacy. We do this by connecting people and partners across the local, national, regional, and global levels, as well as in Denmark. By excelling in integrated programming, we address the underlying causes and effects of conflicts, crises, climate change, and injustices.

Values

In our work and daily actions, we are guided by our four organisational values that influence our priorities, decisions, and leadership at all levels of the organisation.

COMPASSIONATE: We meet people with empathy, trust, and openness, and welcome differences. We are committed to helping others and 'walking the extra mile' with people in need. We encourage dialogue whenever possible and work hard to uphold the equal rights and dignity of all.

PROACTIVE: We create positive change by taking initiative and acting with courage and speed when needed. We create space for innovative mindsets and are constantly curious about new ways of working. We actively engage with others to explore opportunities and break new ground.

RESPONSIBLE: We are accountable, transparent, and strategic in our decisions. We lead with integrity and take responsibility for our actions. We consider the bigger picture and develop sustainable solutions that deliver lasting impact.

RESPECTFUL: We act with respect, fairness, and inclusion in all our interactions. We listen to and respect the wishes, preferences, and perspectives of the people we work with. We learn with colleagues and partners to strengthen our organisation and our collective impact.



For the people living in villages in Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia region, access to clean drinking water is often a challenge, as the local water systems has been severely damaged in the war. DCA supports the maintenance of 52 critical water points in villages close to the front line. "Having water to drink means everything to us," says one of the residents.
Photo: Rasmus Emil Gravesen



Maya Malla is president of the Women's Rights Forum in Doti district, Western Nepal. Through the PARIWARTAN project, she and other women have gained knowledge about their rights and the confidence to speak up. "We learned that we should be the ones who make decisions for ourselves, about ourselves," she explains. / Photo: Kira Petersen

Cross-cutting Commitments

Recent years have seen a growing global pushback against gender equality, diversity, and the rights of people with diverse sexual orientations and gender identities. At the same time, climate change and environmental degradation are accelerating, while young people remain excluded from decisions, opportunities, and resources in many of the contexts where DCA works.

These are major barriers to democratic societies and sustainable development – but also opportunities for change.

DCA is committed to advancing gender equality, climate and environmental sustainability, and meaningful engagement of young people as cross-cutting commitments across our work..

Gender Equality

- We strengthen women's leadership and promote space for and influence of women and gender equality advocates.
- We promote equal rights and participation for women, men, and people with diverse sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, and sex characteristics (SOGIESC) through systematic gender analysis and gender-responsive programming.

Climate and Environmental Sustainability

- We reduce DCA's carbon footprint in line with the Paris Agreement by cutting emissions and strengthening environmentally sustainable practices across our global operations.
- We drive climate-resilient humanitarian and development action by integrating climate and environmental risks and supporting locally led solutions.

Engagement of Young People

- We engage young people and youth-led organisations as agents of change by strengthening their skills, economic opportunities, and influence in decision-making.
- We connect young people in Denmark and DCA country programmes through joint action on shared issues such as human rights, sustainability, and climate change.

STRATEGIC HIGHLIGHTS

Strengthen our efforts in Denmark and globally to defend and promote civic space, human rights and international humanitarian law as a foundation for safe, free, and democratic societies.

Innovate to secure humanitarian access where it is hardest - including through community-led responses - and integrate humanitarian mine action and livelihoods work even further.

Bring private sector and civil society together to scale green solutions, strengthen livelihoods, and mobilise innovative and blended finance for humanitarian, development, and climate action - with local actors, young people, and women in the lead.

Advance localisation and local leadership through equitable partnerships, power-sharing, and joint advocacy with partner and communities.

Foster hope, meaning, and opportunities for action by bridging divides and connecting people in Denmark and around the world.

Strengthen our organisational agility to stay ahead in an increasingly complex and fast-changing political and operational landscape.

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