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## FACTS:

- DCA operated in Zimbabwe in the 1980s, providing support to refugees following the war of independence. **In 2014, DCA reopened its offices** to respond to the worsening economic and humanitarian situation in the country.
- **Offices:** The Country Office is situated in Harare, with field offices located in Bulawayo, Mbire, Kariba and Karoi.
- **Beneficiaries in 2025:** 75,701 (directly). 91,534 (indirectly).
- **Turnover in 2025:** DKK 60,561,522 (EUR 8,101,072)
- **Ongoing projects:** 8
- **Partner organisations:** 13
- **Employees:** 44
- **Country Director:** Mads Lindegård

## OPERATIONAL CONTEXT AND KEY RESULTS:

Zimbabwe currently faces worsening socio-economic challenges, and a high poverty rate. At the same time, food security is deteriorating, driven by climate-induced droughts, often hitting the most vulnerable people the hardest.

Civic space is also shrinking, and restrictive legal frameworks limit the participation of citizens in democratic and governance processes.

While external funding has been declining for the past years, development partners are increasingly promoting biodiversity and carbon markets as economic opportunities.

## WHAT WE DO:

DCA Zimbabwe focuses on three programmatic pillars:

**Saving Lives:** DCA delivers multipurpose cash assistance through mobile money and e-vouchers to vulnerable and drought-affected households in urban and rural areas of Zimbabwe, enabling them to meet basic needs and recover from climate shocks. Protection is mainstreamed through community awareness, Gender Based Violence (GBV) prevention, and child safeguarding. We also strengthen the capacity of local organisations, NGOs, and government partners to deliver quality, protection-sensitive Cash and Voucher Assistance, advancing localisation and humanitarian response.

**Building Resilient Communities:** Our programme strengthens the resilience of communities and households in the Mid-Lower Zambezi Valley through climate-smart agriculture, diversified livelihoods, and improved access to water and irrigation. It supports livestock production, entrepreneurship for women and youth, and community-owned enterprises, while promoting sustainable natural resource management, biodiversity conservation, and ecosystem restoration.

**Active Citizenship:** DCA promotes inclusive decision-making in local governance processes by supporting Residents' Associations to facilitate engagement platforms between rights holders and duty bearers. At the same time, we support social cohesion through capacity strengthening of local peace structures in conflict resolution, advocacy, good governance, and conflict resolution. DCA also promotes collaborative responses to local challenges through partnerships with traditional leaders, police, and local authorities to foster development and sustainable peace.



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## HOW AND WHERE WE WORK :

In the **Lower Zambezi Valley**, DCA works with agro-ecology and environmental conservation partners to support biodiversity, livelihoods and climate resilience projects. In partnership with the NCA-DCA joint programme in Malawi, DCA is also implementing a cash response and protection project in Binga and Tsholotsho districts (Zimbabwe) and Musanje District (Malawi).

In **Harare and Bulawayo Metropolitan Provinces**, DCA works with residents' associations and local Faith-Based Organisations to promote inclusive decision-making in local governance processes. We facilitate dialogue platforms for citizens to engage with duty bearers as well as promote social cohesion. At the same time, DCA Zimbabwe works with local partners, the private sector and relevant line ministries to build the capacity of vulnerable and marginalised communities to respond to humanitarian crises.

### Key Results in 2025:

- **DCA's humanitarian response** reached 28,620 individuals in Bulawayo and Harare through cash response and coordination.
- Our resilience projects supplied **2,061 individuals** and **5,207 households** with water access, climate-resilient agriculture, livestock protection, and livelihood development initiatives.
- **The Zimbabwe Peace Training** project reached 354 individuals who were trained through a digital platform on peace, development and advocacy



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