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FACTS:

- **No. of beneficiaries:** 36,463 direct beneficiaries reached in 2025 (70% female, 30% male); 95,217 people reached indirectly.
- **Year since mission started:** DCA has worked in Nepal since 1980 (45 years); its own physical office was established in 2008 (18 years).
- **Partners:** 12 partners in 2025: Action Nepal, DWRF-Nepal, INSEC, FEDO, NNSWA, SOSEC, LI-BIRD, EDC, KMJS, Sanjeevani Nepal, JCAN and ISET-Nepal.
- **Number of employees:** 20 staff (36% female, 64% male) plus 2 trainees, as of 31 December 2025.
- **Turnover:** Total expenditure in 2025: approx. EUR 2.263 million (NPR 328 million) - 97%+ of the annual budget.
- **Country Director:** Dr. Samjhana Bista

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:

- Nepal faced escalating climate-related shocks in 2025; recurring floods, droughts, landslides and extreme weather left thousands of families without livelihoods or shelter.
- Nepal remains among the countries most vulnerable to climate change (UNDRR), with climate-induced disasters a leading cause of humanitarian need.
- Agriculture remains the backbone of rural livelihoods, while the private sector stays weak and youth outmigration continues to rise.
- 2026 is the final year of DCA Nepal's Country Programme Strategy (2022–2026), aligned with the GoN's 16th Five-Year Plan (2024–2028) focus on reducing poverty, inequality and mainstreaming climate action.

WHAT WE DO:

DCA is focusing on the following activities:

Fight Extreme Inequality: DCA works to improve right holders' access to legal, state and non-state services, and strengthens their voice through Chalfal Chautari platforms, GBV survivor support, Human Rights Help Desks, and monitoring and legal action by Environmental Human Rights Defenders.

Build Resilient Communities: DCA promotes agroecology, green enterprises and market systems development , and piloted a sustainable finance (blended finance) approach in Nilkantha Municipality in Dhading district combining local government's derisking and targeted interest subsidy, commercial bank's finance, private sector's digital agro-met advisory and market system and DCA's technical assistance.

Save Lives: DCA strengthens local government, community and CSO capacity for disaster preparedness and response, as it is fundamental for promoting locally-led anticipatory action. It has delivered rapid humanitarian response (e-voucher support) to the affected population of October 2025 Madhesh floods.

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HOW AND WHERE WE WORK:

In 2025 DCA Country Programme worked across five provinces of Nepal: Karnali, Sudurpaschim, Lumbini, Bagmati and Madhesh (Madhesh newly added), covering 20 rural municipalities in 12 districts. DCA in Nepal operates from its country office in Lalitpur; in compliance with the Government of Nepal's regulation, and project implementation is done through local partners.

- Following the 2025 floods and drought in Madhesh Province, DCA in Nepal and JCAN delivered a rapid Flood Early Recovery Project using a e-voucher system for agricultural inputs, reaching 1,722 households (9,126 individuals).
- Through the Sudridh Project with NNSWA, a hydrological monitoring station and forecast-based early action protocols were established along the Mahakali River Basin in Dodhara Chandani Municipality in Kanchanpur district, enabling communities to evacuate ahead of floods.
- DCA in Nepal and Action Nepal piloted an innovative blended finance model in Nilkantha Municipality in Dhading district, bringing together local government, Global IME Bank, GeoKrishi and women-and youth-led enterprises, and entered a strategic partnership with One to Watch to scale sustainable finance for green SMEs.
- Café Zero, a zero-waste café in Lalitpur district supported with ISET-Nepal and Blue Waste to Value, continued to demonstrate circular-economy practices in urban food systems.
- Environmental Human Rights Defenders (EHRDs) won two landmark Public Interest Litigations; against pollution from the Mahakali Sugar Mill in Kanchanpur and from brick industries in Dang.
- DCA in Nepal supported the Government of Nepal's advocacy on Loss and Damage at COP30 and facilitated a People's Forum during Sagarmatha Sambaad (Mountain Dialogue) 2025.

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