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OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:

Uganda has been successful in reducing the number of people living below the poverty line. However, poverty remains a large concern. The Uganda National Household Survey 2025 indicates that 7 million people, representing 16.1% of the population, live in poverty.

- Public corruption is a major concern.
- Gender inequality is still a challenge.

Vulnerable populations are predominantly small-scale, subsistence farmers who suffer from low farm production, limited access to agricultural inputs and markets, environmental degradation, and extreme climatic conditions. Displaced people who have fled their countries due to conflict, human rights violations, and climate change-induced food insecurity are also among the highly vulnerable groups.

FACTS:

- DCA has operated in Uganda since 1979 and the first DCA Uganda office was established in 2004. Despite constraints, opportunities for collaboration between the government, NGOs, and the private sector remain.
- Uganda is the largest refugee-hosting country in Africa, placing a significant pressure on the country's resources. By December 2025, there were nearly 1.9 million refugees hosted in Uganda according to UNHCR.
- **Turnover in 2025:** DKK 51,154,754 (EUR 6,844,506.09).
- **Beneficiaries:** In 2025, DCA reached 620,157 people in need (98,813 directly and 521,344 indirectly).
- **Offices in the Country:** The Country Office is located in Kampala. Additionally, DCA has one major field office located in Yumbe in the West Nile sub-region.
- **Employees:** 63 staff.
- **Projects:** In 2025, DCA Uganda had 27 active projects in Uganda.
- **Partners:** 21 local partners.
- DCA operations in Uganda are supported by DANIDA, the European Union (EU), the Novo Nordisk Foundation, the Danish Refugee Council/ Royal Danish Embassy, the Augustinus Foundation, ACT Alliance, the JPA Espersen Foundation, Fonden Det Nytter, Kirsten Borger Poulsen, the Frececo Foundation, UNHCR and Andreas Tandrup - private donor.
- **Country Director:** Heleen van der Beek

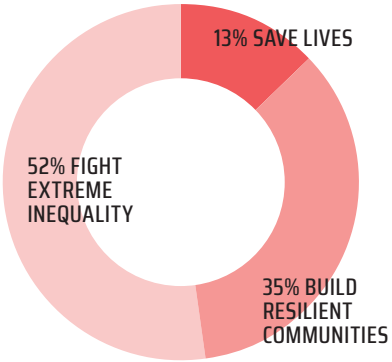
WHAT WE DO:

DCA Uganda works towards three global goals: Save Lives, Build Resilient Communities, and Fight Extreme Inequality with focus on youth, women, people affected by displacement, and other marginalized groups.

Save Lives: Supporting refugees and host communities with life-saving services, livelihoods, cash assistance, climate resilience, clean energy, and environmental restoration.

Build Resilient Communities: Strengthening sustainable livelihoods, food security, skills development, and resilience to conflict and climate-related challenges.

Fight Extreme Inequality: Empowering women and youth to participate in decision-making, promote accountability, and advance human rights and equitable development.



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HOW AND WHERE WE WORK:

DCA Uganda implements programmes across the South-Western, North-Eastern, and Mid-Western/Albertine regions through local and national partners. In the North-Western region (West Nile), DCA implements Nexus programming through a combination of partner-led and direct implementation approaches. DCA's work is guided by three strategic objectives: Saving Lives, Building Resilient Communities, and Fighting Extreme Inequality.

Building Resilient Communities-Partner implemented

Key Interventions Areas

- Food systems- promoting agricultural value chains.
- Climate change adaptation incl. Agroecology.
- Private sector engagement, incl. market linkages, financial inclusion,
- Youth empowerment (skills development and linkages to livelihood opportunities & decision-making spaces.
- Advocacy on land rights, inclusive markets, Business and Human Rights, climate and environmental policies, youth employability, etc

Saving Lives (Nexus) DCA and Partner-implemented

- Environment and Energy
- Environmental protection and restoration (tree planting within refugee settlements and host communities)
- Promotion of sustainable and affordable alternative energy (Training of young men and women in briquettes production as an income- generating activity)
- Provision of and increasing access to fuel-efficient stoves
- Promotion of peaceful coexistence between refugees and host communities: conflict sensitivity programming

Fighting Extreme Inequality- Partner Implemented

- Gender justice advocacy, especially through ACT Alliance and faith-based actors.
- Social accountability (monitoring service delivery) through Community Based Monitoring and Evaluation System/approach
- Civic space advocacy (incl. advocating for peaceful coexistence)
- Business and Human Rights Advocacy
- Contributions to legal and policy frameworks- CEDAW, UPR, UNGP on BHR, etc

Our Reach and Partnerships

DCA Uganda works with 21 national and local partner organizations and a wide range of government institutions, civil society actors, private sector companies, and community structures to deliver humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding programmes across the country.



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