



FACTS:

- DCA has supported relief projects in Ethiopia since the **1970s**. We have operated through local partners since **1982**, and in **2004**, a Country Office in Addis Ababa was established.
- **DCA Ethiopia has field offices** in Sekota-Waghimra (Amhara Region), Berhale (Afar Region), Gambella Town and Loukdong (Gambella Region), and Omorate and Ngagatom (South Ethiopia Region).
- **Beneficiaries in 2025:** 220,766 directly (including 117,245 female) and 729,030 indirectly
- **Partners:** 12
- **Employees:** 61
- **Turnover in 2025:** DKK 70,496,357 (EUR 9,430,015)

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:



Ethiopia faces several humanitarian challenges. Intercommunal violence has led to widespread internal displacement, and related protection needs are rising. Food insecurity and malnutrition persist due to recurrent droughts, while frequent disease outbreaks due to poor sanitation and hygiene affect sites for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) as well as communities impacted by droughts and floods. **This is affecting more than 21 million people.**



Ethiopia is the second largest refugee-hosting country in Africa with over **1.1 million refugees** from South Sudan, Sudan, Eritrea and Somalia. At the same time, more than **1.9 million individual IDPs** and more than **2.8 million IDP returnees** need assistance.



Due to **climate change**, Ethiopia has been experiencing recurrent droughts and famines, flooding, expansion of desertification, loss of wetlands, loss of biodiversity, decline in agricultural production and productivity, shortage of water, and increased incidences of pests and diseases.

WHAT WE DO:

Saving Lives: DCA is responding to the emerging humanitarian needs of disaster affected households with timely and appropriate emergency responses. At the same time, we respond to the humanitarian needs of refugees, IDPs and returnees and their host communities.

Building Resilient Communities: DCA works to strengthen food systems by improving the natural, financial, social and human capital of target households. The main interventions include organic enhancement of land productivity and natural resource management, enhancing market linkage and value-chain development, promoting livelihood diversification, enhancing resilience through the mainstreaming of community-based Disaster Risk Reduction, and strengthening youth employment.

Fighting Inequality: DCA promotes women's socio-economic empowerment and the transformation of community norms in favour of vulnerable groups. This includes enhancing the capacity of local actors for increased responsiveness to the needs of vulnerable groups, improving the capacity of community- and faith-based organisations and their leaders to serve as change agents to fight harmful practices, and supporting the establishment of self-help groups of women as economic and social agents.

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HOW AND WHERE WE WORK:

DCA and its partners work across 5 regions:

- In **Afar Region (Zones 2 & 4)**, DCA's projects include support for Eritrean refugees, IDPs and their host communities, livelihoods, energy, peacebuilding and social cohesion, women's economic empowerment, disaster risk reduction, multi-purpose cash transfer, emergency support including non-food items (NFIs), Anticipatory Action, as well as humanitarian mine action and protection.
- In **Amhara Region (Waghimra, North and South Wollo zones)**, we work with themes as livelihoods, food security, emergency food security, and multipurpose cash supporting conflict-affected IDPs and their host communities.
- In **Gambella region (Gambela Town, Itang Special Woreda and Luak-Dong refugee camp)**, DCA's projects centre on support for South Sudanese refugees and their host communities, fresh food e-vouchers, cash, livelihoods, economic empowerment and emergency support including NFIs, energy, peacebuilding and social cohesion, as well as civil society capacity building.
- In **Oromia region (Bale and Borena zones)**, we work on livelihoods, food security, emergency food security, multipurpose cash assistance, group cash assistance, disaster risk reduction, livestock, climate smart agriculture, women's socio-economic empowerment, natural resource management, and the creation green jobs.
- In **South Ethiopia Region (South Omo and Ari zones)**, our projects focus on livelihoods, food security, disaster risk reduction, climate smart agriculture, women socio-economic empowerment, peacebuilding and social cohesion.

In all five regions, DCA works across the humanitarian-development-peace nexus to bring about sustainability and social cohesion. Additionally, we introduce innovative and appropriate technologies to address vulnerability, fill in knowledge and skills gaps, and build local capacity.



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