



WHO IS NCA

Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) is a member of the ACT Alliance and works with local partners in over 30 countries around the world to save lives, build resilience, and seek justice. We do this by promoting peace, counteracting the climate crisis, combating violence against women, and challenging unjust structures that hinder development. We work for clean water and good sanitary conditions, food security, and economic development. Each day we fight to protect creation and human dignity, which is the mission entrusted to us by the churches in Norway. Together for a just world!

NCA IN THE WORLD

What we do

NCA works in equitable partnerships all around the world with the following programmes:

- Gender-based Violence (GBV)
- Fighting Inequality
- Climate Resilient Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)
- Economic Development and Food Security
- Climate and Environmental Stewardship
- Peacebuilding

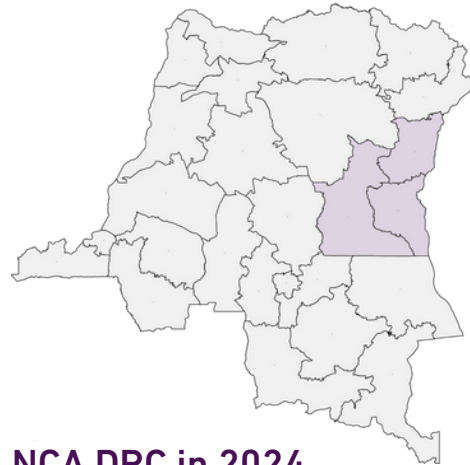
NCA in 2024

- Active in 30 countries
- Turnover: EUR 116.64 million
- Top donors: Norwegian Government, EU, UN, ACT Alliance

How we work globally

NCA is dedicated to creating holistic programmes that address both immediate and long-term needs, while tackling interconnected rights deficits. As a multi-mandated organisation, NCA implements initiatives through both direct action and in collaboration with value-driven local partners. In many instances, NCA partners with faith-based actors and religious leaders to drive change in societal norms and values. These faith-based actors often hold significant influence and can mobilise large communities, enabling impactful, large-scale change.

NCA IN DRC



NCA DRC in 2024

- Active in North and South Kivu
- Turnover: EUR 3.38 million
- 13 implementing partners

How we work in DRC

NCA established a presence in the DRC in 1994 to respond to the massive influx of people from Rwanda following the genocide. The humanitarian assistance program continues today, and a long-term development program has been added to NCA's portfolio. Through partnerships with local organizations in the DRC, NCA is currently active in North and South Kivu, where we work with:

- Gender-based Violence (GBV)
- Climate Resilient WASH
- Fighting Inequality

The challenges

NCA`s response

<p>Inadequate access to clean water & sanitation services</p>	<p>NCA promotes safe hygiene practices in schools, health facilities, and camps to prevent WASH-related diseases. We construct inclusive facilities, rehabilitate infrastructure, distribute water storage containers, and provide emergency water supplies. We build capacity for sustainable WASH management. Additionally, we promote environmental sanitation and waste management initiatives, including waste-for-value projects and income-generating activities.</p>
<p>The ongoing crisis of Gender-based Violence (GBV)</p>	<p>NCA provides lifesaving GBV prevention, risk mitigation, and response services, including Clinical Management of Rape, mental health support, and case management. We ensure that adolescents have access to emergency sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services, such as family planning and safe motherhood. Through community mobilization and engagement with leaders, we transform harmful social norms and prevent GBV risks.</p>
<p>Violations of human rights in mining areas</p>	<p>NCA advocates for better working conditions for artisanal miners by establishing safe mining zones. We build capacity for human security and legal compliance, and distribute protection kits. We create civic spaces for human rights dialogues and engage civil society, local authorities, and religious leaders. By supporting strategic alliances for just mining governance, we advocate for equitable practices, contributing to a safer environment for artisanal miners.</p>

Project Highlight: Maison Dorcas



Why

Women and girls in DRC face widespread GBV, especially sexual violence, due to the ongoing conflict. Armed groups often target them, using rape as a weapon of war. Survivors face significant barriers to justice, healthcare, and protection, and displacement and stigma further isolate them. GBV severely impacts their physical and mental health, limiting access to education and economic opportunities.

How

NCA, in partnership with the Panzi Foundation, supports Maison Dorcas (Dorcas House). Since 2008, this institution has implemented a women's empowerment programme targeting GBV survivors, pregnant adolescents, HIV-positive women, and unaccompanied children. The programme integrates medical care, psychosocial and economic support, legal assistance, child protection services, and vocational training, fostering resilience, recovery, and confidence among women and girls.

Result

Through this comprehensive approach, the programme improved the well-being and economic resilience of women and girls. In 2024, 84 women and children accessed shelter, healthcare, and psychosocial interventions. One hundred fifty-seven (157) received healthcare at the center, and 27 were referred to Panzi hospital. One hundred ninety-nine (199) gained vocational skills, and 3,264 benefited from economic initiatives. One hundred twenty-nine (129) individuals engaged in agricultural training, producing 32,181 kg of crops valued at \$14,289.50 CDF. These outcomes foster empowerment and resilience.

Local partner on this project: Panzi Foundation

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