



Drip irrigation of fields in Mchinji. Photo: Håvard Bjelland/Norwegian Church Aid

WHO IS NCA & DCA

Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) and DanChurchAid (DCA) are members of the ACT Alliance, collaborating with local partners worldwide to advocate for a more just world. Since January 2021, NCA and DCA have united to establish the Joint Country Programme (JCP) in Malawi, combining our capacities and resources to advance the rights of the country's poor and marginalised populations. Our vision and mission are to contribute to the development of a just, resilient, and inclusive Malawian society, fostering sustainable economic growth.

NCA & DCA IN THE WORLD

What we do

NCA & DCA work 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 & DCA in 2024

- Together active in 38 countries
- NCA Turnover: EUR 116.64 million
- DCA Turnover: EUR 139.22 million
- Our Top donors: Norwegian Government, Danish MFA, EU, UN, US, ACT Alliance

How we work globally

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

NCA & DCA IN MALAWI



NCA & DCA Malawi in 2024

- Active in 14 Districts
- Turnover: EUR 7.53 million
- 18 implementing partners

How we work in Malawi

NCA & DCA Malawi, together with its partners, works to strengthen civil society actors and spaces to contribute to an equal, respectful, and inclusive society that allows women, men, girls, and boys to live healthy, dignified lives and claim their rights. Today, we are active in 14 districts, where we work with:

- Gender-based Violence (GBV)
- Economic Development and Food Security
- Climate and Environmental Stewardship
- Fighting Inequality

The challenges

Our response

<p>Poverty & unemployment</p>	<p>NCA & DCA Malawi facilitates market access through private sector partnerships, connecting farmers to input and output markets. We build farmer capacity by providing training and equipment for value addition, business management, aggregation, and post-harvest handling. Additionally, we promote access to finance through Village Savings and Loans for small-scale businesses.</p>
<p>Inadequate access to clean water & sanitation services</p>	<p>NCA & DCA Malawi provides communities with clean and safe water by drilling and renovating boreholes and shallow wells. We also support early childhood development centers with child-friendly pit latrines. Additionally, we improve access to WASH services by promoting environmentally friendly corbel pit latrines and other sanitation solutions.</p>
<p>Food insecurity & malnutrition</p>	<p>NCA & DCA Malawi contributes to increased crop productivity through agro-ecological practices, small-scale irrigation, extension services, and improved livestock production. We ensure nutritious food for children under five in early childhood development centers and promote sustainable food systems through backyard gardens, orchards, and agricultural inputs for communities.</p>
<p>Womens rights are threatened</p>	<p>NCA & DCA Malawi trains faith actors and community leaders on women's rights and GBV. We also develop faith-based Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights policies, build the capacity of youth facilitators in sexuality education, establish youth clubs and resource centers, economically empower women, and strengthen GBV reporting through community structures and stakeholder collaboration.</p>

Project Highlights: Tovwirane Farmers Club in Ntchenachena



Why

Members of the Tovwirane Farmers Club in Ntchenachena EPA, Rumphi District, initially struggled to economically empower their families and diversify income sources. Although starting as a Village Savings and Loan group, their progress was hindered by a lack of technical skills and resources necessary for sustainable farming practices.

How

JCP Malawi enhanced the cooperative's skills in manure making, fruit cultivation, nutrition, poultry farming, and business management. With resources from the TRANSFORM Project and our partner organisation Find Your Feet, they built a modern chicken pen. The cooperative provided bricks, sand, food, and water. Business management training and local collaboration were key to their success.

Result

The Tovwirane Farmers Club was able to transition into livestock farming, significantly improving members' economic stability. For instance, Elina Nyirenda (pictured) now owns 10 goats and 12 pigs and has enhanced her farm's productivity. The Tovwirane Poultry Production Cooperative expanded from 50 to 750 chickens, projecting earnings of MWK 7.5 million. Their success has created a sustainable empowerment model, benefiting members and surrounding communities like Livingstonia, which now has a reliable supply of chickens.

Local partners on this project: Find Your Feet

Donors: Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) through the Royal Norwegian Embassy

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