



## 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 NIGERIA



### NCA Nigeria in 2024

- Active in 8 Local Government Areas
- 4 implementing partners
- 38 employees

### How we work in Nigeria

NCA has been operating in the north-east of Nigeria since 2017, delivering humanitarian assistance in conflict-affected areas. NCA works closely with its national partner organisations, an approach that fulfills its mandate to strengthen civil society. Today we are active in eight Local Government Areas where we work with:

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

## The challenges

## NCA Nigeria`s response

<p><b>Access to life-saving services</b></p>	<p>NCA provides access to basic services in the BAY states through integrated interventions on GBV and access to water and sanitation services. NCA also facilitates safe spaces and support networks for women and girls, funds the distribution of hygiene dignity kits, and provides access to GBV case management.</p>
<p><b>Poor response to Gender Based Violence (GBV)</b></p>	<p>NCA has developed an integrated approach to GBV providing life-saving, specialised services and a survivor-centred approach to affected women and girls. Survivors of GBV are offered counselling, case management, psychosocial support (PSS), and skills development programmes.</p>
<p><b>Inadequate access to Water, Sanitation, &amp; Hygiene (WASH)</b></p>	<p>NCA prioritises providing WASH services to vulnerable communities during emergencies. We also deliver hygiene promotion through door-to-door visits, focus group discussions, and mass awareness campaigns. We construct and rehabilitate sanitation and water infrastructure, ensuring safe use for women and girls. We also strengthen local governance and ownership of WASH facilities during and after the project.</p>
<p><b>Community resilience</b></p>	<p>NCA works to empower communities to take care of themselves and their living environment through capacity building, infrastructure sustainability, innovation, income generation, and value-adding activities. Our goal is to enhance resilience and to strengthen community structures through our Peacebuilding and Climate and Environmental Stewardship programmes.</p>

## Project Highlight: Integrated emergency response in Pulka and Borno State



### Why

The ongoing health and safety challenges in Pulka, Dikwa, and Monguno in the Borno State necessitate interventions to address WASH-related health risks such as cholera outbreaks and GBV. Vulnerable populations, particularly women, girls, and internally displaced people, are especially at risk, facing poor sanitation, lack of access to clean water, and exposure to GBV.

### How

NCA's integrated WASH and GBV programs tackled cholera, hygiene, and sanitation issues while providing safe water supplies. Key activities included hygiene awareness campaigns, new water points, distribution of menstrual hygiene kits, and support for GBV survivors. Training for community volunteers and security actors improved their ability to address GBV.

### Result

The response initiatives created a supportive environment that helped communities in Pulka and Monguno to lead healthier, safer lives. Improved hygiene practices, along with enhanced access to safe water and sanitation services, contributed to better public health outcomes. Women and girls engaged in psychosocial support interventions, fostering healing, resilience, and empowerment. Additionally, survivors of gender-based violence received timely, survivor-centered care, assisting their recovery and long-term well-being.

Local partners for this project: GREENCODE and UMWA

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