



WASH Manager Cynthia Gwisai at installed toilets and showers. Photo: Håvard Bjelland/Norwegian Church Aid

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 SOUTH SUDAN



NCA South Sudan in 2024

- Active in 5 states
- Turnover: EUR 8.16 million
- 12 implementing partners

How we work in South Sudan

NCA established its presence in Sudan in 1972 through a multisectoral program in Eastern Equatoria, which is now part of South Sudan. Since then, NCA has played a key role in humanitarian and development projects. NCA's primary approach to strengthening communities is through partnerships with civil society actors. Today, we are active in five states where we work with:

- Gender-based Violence (GBV)
- Climate Resilient WASH
- Peacebuilding
- Economic Development and Food Security

<p>Intercommunal conflict, violence against civilians</p>	<p>NCA engages religious leaders at the grassroots level to foster community dialogue and promote social cohesion. NCA strengthens the skills of women and youth in negotiation, dialogue, and trauma healing. We also support church leaders in advocating for peace and reconciliation at national and regional levels.</p>
<p>Gender-based Violence (GBV)</p>	<p>NCA engages religious leaders in transforming harmful social and cultural norms, reinforcing laws that protect women's rights. NCA also facilitates education on gender equality and sexuality, addressing harmful practices such as girl child compensation and child marriage.</p>
<p>Inadequate access to clean water & sanitation services</p>	<p>NCA facilitates the construction of water facilities, e.g., boreholes and motorised water systems. We also collaborate with the Ministry of Rural Development on the rehabilitation of water schemes destroyed by conflict or flooding.</p>
<p>Economic Development & Food Security</p>	<p>NCA supports farmers by providing agricultural inputs and capacity-building programmes to boost food production. Additionally, NCA collaborates with the private sector to connect local farmers with market opportunities.</p>

Project Highlight: Transforming harmful gender norms



Why

Kapoeta South experiences high rates of harmful practices, including gender-based and physical violence. In the traditional Toposa community, women and girls rarely speak in public gatherings, particularly in the presence of men. Much of the violence occurs at home, particularly when women and girls are accessing water and firewood. Domestic violence, especially physical abuse, is rampant and often viewed as a form of discipline for women. These practices are deeply rooted in cultural norms.

How

The Itwak Women Empowerment Organization (IWEQ), an NCA partner, initiated community dialogues to engage men in preventing violence against women and girls. Their goal was to transform norms and promote responsible behavior. Over eight weeks, women were educated on GBV, rights, and legal protections, and were encouraged to identify issues for men to address. Subsequently, 16 sessions were held with men, focusing on accountability and their attitudes towards women.

Result

The intervention led by NCA and IWEQ in Longeloya BOMA, Kapoeta South County, led to the creation of the "Resolutions of People-to-People Dialogue" bylaw, aimed at protecting women and girls from gender-based violence and ensuring accountability for its perpetrators.

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