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Distribution of life-saving assistance to internally displaced persons.
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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.

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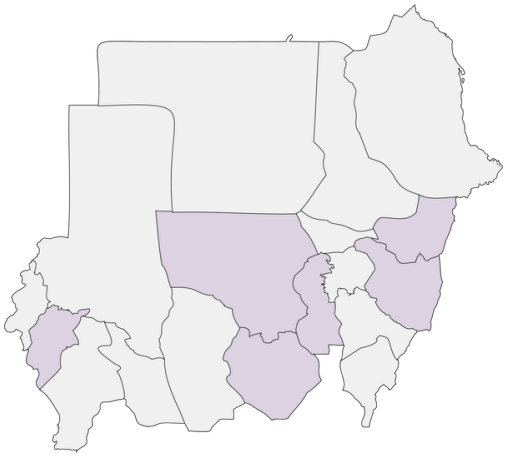

NCA Sudan in 2024

- Active in 5 regions
- Turnover: EUR 5.6 million
- 8 implementing partners

How we work in Sudan

NCA established its presence in Sudan in 1972. Its first operation in Greater Sudan (now South Sudan, following the 2011 separation) was part of a large and successful multisectoral program in Eastern Equatoria. Since then, NCA has played a key role in humanitarian and development projects across the country. Today, we are active in five regions, focusing on:

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

The challenges	NCA Sudan`s response
The ongoing Humanitarian Crisis	NCA saves lives by providing water, sanitation, and waste management services, ensuring sustainable access for host communities. We support vulnerable women and girls through GBV case management, safe spaces, dignity kits, and psychosocial support. NCA also provides multipurpose cash assistance to help families purchase life-sustaining food and essential non-food items. These services address immediate needs, alleviate suffering, and protect vulnerable communities, especially women and girls.
Conflict, Environmental Degradation, & Social Instability	NCA Sudan focuses on building resilience by providing sustainable water supply, sanitation, and hygiene promotion while strengthening WASH committees. Through livelihood training, climate-smart agriculture, and entrepreneurship, NCA enhances local capacity and economic stability. The organisation supports community-based nutrition, natural resource management, and disaster risk management, empowering communities to adapt to challenges. NCA also fosters women's empowerment through leadership training and GBV support. Additionally, peacebuilding activities, including mental health support and community-driven initiatives, promote social cohesion and long-term resilience.
Injustice: A Struggle for Rights and Freedom	NCA works to improve access to justice in Sudan by supporting grassroots capacity development in civic education, advocacy, and civil society mobilisation. We facilitate community dialogues and peace talks, enabling citizens to engage in local, national, and international peace processes. NCA Sudan strengthens the capacity of national and local civic organisations to actively participate in humanitarian response, and rebuilding a peaceful Sudan. In collaboration with the NCA Joint Africa Advocacy Programme, we address gender justice and inequality, contributing to the implementation of UN Security Council Resolutions on Women, Peace, and Security.

Project Highlight: Action to prevent famine

Why

Since April 2023, the conflict in Sudan has left approximately 30.4 million people, including nearly 16 million children, in urgent need of aid. Around 8 million people have been displaced, and most of the country is facing high levels of acute food insecurity. Half of the population (24.6 million people) is facing crisis levels of acute food insecurity or worse. Displacement, high food prices, and disrupted livelihoods are intensifying the crisis, pushing communities to rely on negative coping strategies and further deepening the threat of famine.

How

NCA and the Nuba Women for Education and Development Association (NUWEDA) supported 5,100 small-scale farmers and internally displaced people (IDPs) vulnerable to famine in White Nile State by providing vouchers for seeds, tools, fertilizers, and agricultural land leasing. We also provided on-farm training in climate-smart farming practices and pest management, along with guidance from trained extension workers.

Result

Through these interventions, 30,600 individuals in White Nile State regained their livelihoods and food security. The project promoted self-reliance, reduced aid dependency, and increased resilience. It fostered economic cooperation between internally displaced people and host communities, easing tensions and improving market access amid ongoing conflict, demonstrating impactful humanitarian efforts.

Local partner for this project: Nuba Women for Education and Development Association (NUWEDA)
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