



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 Zambia, 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 Zambian society, fostering sustainable economic growth. Together for a just world.

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

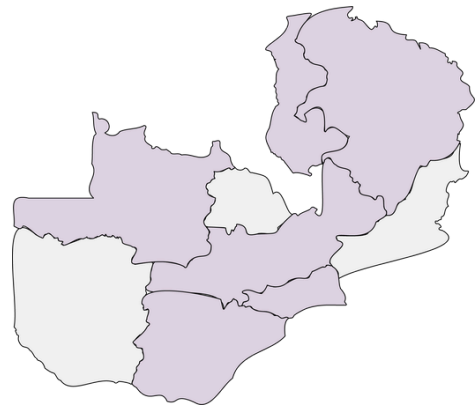
NCA & DCA in 2024

- 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 ZAMBIA



NCA & DCA Zambia in 2024

- Active in 6 regions
- Turnover: EUR 2.56 million
- 9 implementing partners

How we work in Zambia

NCA & DCA in Zambia, together with partners, work to strengthen civil society actors and spaces, contributing to an equal, respectful, and inclusive society where women, men, girls, and boys can live healthy, dignified lives and claim their rights. Today we are active in 6 regions where we work with:

- Climate Resilient WASH
- Gender-based Violence (GBV)
- Climate and Environmental Stewardship
- Economic Development and Food Security
- Humanitarian Emergency Response

The challenges

Our response

Poverty & unemployment	NCA & DCA Zambia empowers marginalised individuals, including women, girls, and people with disabilities, by providing skills and promoting income-generating ventures linked to the private sector. This grants them ownership and control of assets like land, enabling them to earn a living wage and build resilience against vulnerabilities.
Inadequate access to clean water & sanitation services	Climate change-driven floods and droughts challenge rain-fed agriculture. NCA & DCA Zambia improve access to clean water and sanitation through community-managed, solar-powered water points. These promote safe hygiene practices, ensure equitable and sustainable sanitation, and provide affordable water services for households, agriculture, and livestock, even during emergencies.
Food insecurity & malnutrition	Recognising climate change's impact on food security, NCA & DCA Zambia promotes eco-friendly, sustainable, and climate-resilient agriculture. Farmers are trained in agroecology, climate-resilient farming, crop diversification, and water management. Leveraging technology for climate adaptation, we work to enhance productivity and promote nutritious crops for balanced household diets.
Womens rights are threatened	NCA & DCA Zambia's approach combines GBV prevention through attitude and norm change with the empowerment of women and girls. This is supported by strengthened community referral systems for comprehensive GBV services. Faith and traditional leaders, along with men, will play central roles as change agents to transform social norms, prevent harmful practices, and raise awareness of sexual and reproductive health rights.

Project Highlight: Ruth's journey



Why

Ruth Machina, from Nangoma District in Central Province, Zambia, faced pervasive poverty and various challenges, including living with a physical disability and inadequate access to clean water. After her husband left her, she was forced to rely on handouts from community members to feed and clothe her three sons.

How

Ruth was enrolled in NCA-DCA's community savings group, where she received training in financial management and climate-smart agriculture. She accessed income-generating opportunities and drip-feed irrigation technology. Group members learned about civic rights, GBV referral pathways, environmental conservation, climate change, and resilience. NCA-DCA also provided safe water and sanitation, supporting climate-smart agriculture and addressing daily needs. This holistic approach empowers individuals like Ruth.

Result

Through our programme, Ruth transitioned from dependency to self-sufficiency. She now generates a sustainable income and practices climate-smart agriculture with access to safe water. Empowered with knowledge of her rights, she confidently defends them. Ruth is one of thousands of rural Zambians empowered by NCA and DCA to overcome poverty, dependency, and injustice.

Local partners on this project: Churches Health Association of Zambia (CHAZ)

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