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FACTS:

History and Collaboration

- NCA and DCA have been operating in Zambia since 2002 and 2003, respectively.
- In 2011, leveraging a strong history in the country, the two organisations merged to form a joint country programme, pooling resources for greater impact.

Impact and Operations

- **Direct beneficiaries in 2023:** 41,003
- **Turnover in 2023:** €4.4 million
- **Number of projects:** 8
- **Number of employees:** 36
- **Number of partners:** 9

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:



Zambia, a landlocked country, **relies heavily on mining, particularly copper**, as its primary economic driver. However, in 2024, economic activity has declined, largely due to ongoing power issues.



The recent discovery of critical minerals essential for the energy transition offers significant **growth and development opportunities for the country**.



Despite these prospects, Zambia ranks among the countries with the highest levels of poverty and inequality globally. The World Bank estimates that **60% of the population live in poverty**.



Zambia has a relatively young democracy with multi-party politics. However, **increasing dissent and the shrinking of civic space raise concerns** about the state of practical democracy in the country.



The nation is also **vulnerable to natural disasters and climate change-induced events**, such as droughts. The drought in 2024, considered the worst in 40 years, has affected over 6 million people.

WHAT WE DO:

DCA/NCA works to contribute to creating a just Zambia where women, men, boys, and girls - regardless of race, gender, or creed - enjoy equal civil, political, economic, social, and environmental rights.

Our work focuses on three thematic areas:

Fighting Inequality: We work to strengthen the institutional capacities of our partners. We engage in advocacy efforts to raise awareness of citizen's rights, the shrinking civic space and the mismanagement of resources and finances.

Climate-Smart Economic Empowerment: We work to ensure fair and equitable finance and resource redistribution to help people lift themselves out of poverty and build resilient communities. At the same time, we address the interlinked challenges to sustainable development, namely food insecurity, negative effects of climate change and youth unemployment.

Gender Justice: We work to empower women and girls to live lives free from gender-based violence (GBV). We fight against discrimination and exclusion, which perpetuates poverty and violation of their fundamental human rights

In addition to our thematic initiatives, we also provide emergency relief in response to humanitarian crises as they arise.

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HOW AND WHERE WE WORK:

NCA/DCA collaborate with Zambian partners, including government departments, to achieve its objectives as outlined in the current strategic plan. Our work spans five provinces - **Northwestern, Luapula, Eastern, Lusaka, and Southern** - where we implement targeted programs to create meaningful impact.

Our gender justice programme combats gender discrimination and exclusion, particularly of women and girls, and fights sexual and gender-based violence through behaviour change, awareness and support to response services.

We fight inequality by addressing corruption and mismanagement in public finance and natural resource management, while advocating for citizens' rights amidst a shrinking civil society space.

Our CSEE programme tackles food insecurity, climate change impacts, and youth unemployment, ultimately empowering communities to lift themselves out of poverty and build resilience.



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