



## FACTS:

- DCA has operated in Lebanon since **2007**
- **Beneficiaries reached in 2023:** 24,060 beneficiaries
- **Partners:** Lebanese Mine Action Centre (LMAC), Amel Association International (Amel), Fraternity Association, Borderless Association, Union of Relief and Development Associations (URDA), Agri-Movement, Ghassan Kanafani Cultural Foundation, Development for People and Nature Association (DPNA), Al Jana
- **Donors:** DANIDA, US State Department, NOVO NORDISK Foundation, UNRWA and the Government of Japan.
- **Number of Employees:** 70
- **Turnover:** 26,500,000 DKK

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## OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:

- **Economic Collapse:** Lebanon is grappling with one of the worst economic crises globally, marked by hyperinflation and poverty affecting over 80% of the population.
- **Food Security Crisis:** The nation faces severe food insecurity, with food price inflation reaching 350% due to currency depreciation, affecting vulnerable communities.
- **Refugee Population:** Lebanon hosts approximately 1.5 million Syrian refugees, adding strain on resources and public services, requiring continuous humanitarian aid.
- **Political Instability:** Ongoing political paralysis and governance challenges hinder reforms and effective crisis response, impacting international cooperation.
- **Security Concerns:** Armed clashes, especially in areas like Ein El Helwe, and tensions along the southern border contribute to instability and displacement.
- **Environmental Issues:** Lebanon faces significant environmental problems, such as waste management and water scarcity, threatening public health and safety.
- **Social Tensions:** Growing tensions between Lebanese host communities and refugee populations necessitate initiatives for social cohesion and peacebuilding.
- **Humanitarian Needs:** There is an urgent need for aid in shelter, food, education, and health, compounded by international donor fatigue and resource limitations.

## HOW AND WHERE WE WORK:

DCA Lebanon's mission is centred on partnership and localization. We collaborate closely with local organizations that have a deep-rooted presence in various communities and regions. Our Humanitarian Mine Action (HMA) team maintains strong coordination with the Lebanese Mine Action Centre (LMAC) to ensure effective operations.

Our work directly engages affected individuals, including municipalities, refugees, internally displaced persons, and landowners, focusing on three primary goals: saving lives, building resilient communities, and addressing extreme inequalities.

DCA Lebanon operates offices in Mount Lebanon and Beirut, with field operations spanning Tyre, Nabatieh, Saida, Beirut, and Mount Lebanon.

## WHAT WE DO:

### In Lebanon DCA are focused on Building Resilience and Promoting Sustainable Development

DCA plays a pivotal role in Lebanon by focusing on sustainable agriculture, mine action, emergency response, and socio-economic development. Operating under three main Global Goals—Save Lives, Build Resilient Communities, and Fight Extreme Inequality—DCA works to create lasting change and improve the livelihoods of communities in Lebanon.



**Sustainable Agriculture and the Hazard to Harvest Project:** DCA is actively involved in promoting sustainable agriculture and agroecology in Lebanon through its innovative **Hazard to Harvest Project**. This initiative connects DCA's mine action work with sustainable agriculture and livelihood enhancement. By clearing hazardous land and turning it into fertile ground, the project transforms previously unusable areas into productive agricultural spaces. This not only increases food security but also supports local farmers by providing them with safe and fertile land for cultivation, thus linking environmental recovery with economic empowerment.



**Mine Action in Mount Lebanon and the South:** DCA's demining efforts are concentrated in Mount Lebanon and the South, especially along the border with Israel. The organization works diligently to clear hazardous landmines and cluster munitions, ensuring that land is safe for community use. This process includes providing risk education to prevent accidents and initiating socio-economic development once the land is cleared and returned to the community. By restoring these areas, DCA contributes to both environmental and economic resilience, laying the groundwork for long-term development.



**Building Resilient Communities:** With the support of national partners, DCA is dedicated to building resilient communities and enhancing livelihoods. The organization prioritizes youth empowerment, protection, and immediate lifesaving assistance for both refugees and host communities. Services offered include psychosocial and legal support, violence reduction, and strengthening individuals' abilities to manage psychosocial stress. DCA's approach emphasizes sustainable solutions that foster resilience and social cohesion, enabling communities to recover and thrive despite ongoing challenges.



**Crisis Response and Humanitarian Aid:** DCA has a strong track record of responding quickly and effectively to crises. During clashes in the Ein El Helwe camp, DCA was among the first responders to address the needs of the displaced population. As conflict escalated in the South, DCA swiftly responded to the food security and basic needs of internally displaced persons and those remaining in conflict areas. The organization provided food parcels, cash assistance, and hot meals to affected households, ensuring that immediate needs were met while working towards longer-term solutions.

Through its comprehensive programs and commitment to sustainable development, DCA continues to make a significant impact in Lebanon, supporting communities in their journey towards resilience and prosperity.



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