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## Our Work in Ethiopia

Since we started our operation in Ethiopia in 1974, we have been responding to humanitarian emergencies and undertaking long-term development interventions in the country.

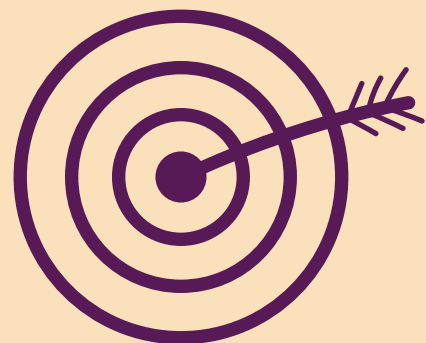
We implement our programmes together with local partners, both faith-based and resource/value-based organisations, and in close cooperation with Government structures. We build and maintain these relationships at the grassroots for continued impact.

We are a member of the ACT Alliance, a coalition of faith-based organisations working in over 100 countries.



## Our Mission

In Ethiopia, we seek to empower communities through development work, humanitarian emergency response, and advocacy, where rights-holders claim their rights and access services.



# A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR



## Eivind Aalborg

Country Director,  
Norwegian Church Aid, Ethiopia

Over the past few years, Ethiopia has faced severe humanitarian challenges due to increasing conflicts and natural disasters, notably the most severe drought in 2023, which was followed by flooding. This situation displaced thousands, killed millions of livestock, and left 31.4 million people in need of assistance, including 7.6 million children out of school. The compounded effects of climate emergencies, economic challenges, and regional conflicts exacerbated the need for basic services like clean water, health, and sanitation.

At NCA Ethiopia, we expanded our efforts to secure funding and address these needs, making humanitarian emergency response our largest budget expenditure. We actively implemented a multi-sectoral response to meet the multi-faceted. In addition to ongoing emergency responses elsewhere, we established a field office in the Somali Region and responded to a drought emergency in four districts, focusing on WASH, Nutrition, and Health, while responding to emergencies through local partners in other regions.

Through concerted efforts in joint fundraising, strategic planning, close monitoring, and targeted capacity-building initiatives, we collaborated with our local partners and stakeholders to navigate the complex landscape of humanitarian and development work.

This year, we continued to build partnerships and collaboration with the private sector, playing a crucial role in sustainable job creation. Communities actively participated in environmental protection, tree planting, and the management of water and sanitation infrastructure, promoting safe hygiene practices.

Our coordination with locally rooted civil society fostered greater community ownership while providing context-specific water, sanitation, and hygiene services, leading to sustained program efforts. Communities raised local funds and advocated for government support to manage water schemes, showcasing their capability to address issues through ownership.

Emphasis on strong local-level coordination among Faith-Based Organizations, Community-Based Organizations, and service providers helped improve women and girls' protection and access to services. Synergy among local actors facilitated awareness creation, survivor identification and referral, and provision of comprehensive support services through informal community structures.

In collaboration with ACT Forum's sister organizations, we initiated a new effort aimed at prioritizing the integration of Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) into peace initiatives within conflict-affected regions. This step will be crucial in addressing mental health and survivor support in conflict contexts for years to come.

Overall, this year, we directly assisted 1.3 million people with humanitarian emergency response and development programs. This achievement was made possible through the dedicated efforts of our staff and partners whose commitment helped build resilient communities and saved lives and livelihoods. I would like to express gratitude to our generous donors whose support enabled us to assist millions of people, and hopefully impact their lives for the better.

As we look ahead, I would like to affirm NCA's commitment to fostering innovative solutions and building upon the achievements and lessons learned from 2023 to ensure an even more impactful response in 2024. Together with you, we will continue to strive for positive change and sustainable peacebuilding efforts in Ethiopia and beyond. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership.

# A LOOK AT 2023



**1,323,375 million**  
served

We served 1,323,375 million people served directly in 2023 through long-term development and humanitarian emergency response.



**569,730**  
people we served through  
development programmes.



**753,645**  
people we served through  
emergency response.

## We were operational in

**130** Districts

**28** Zones

**9** Regions

**1** City administration

## We collaborated with

**14** implementing partners

## We received funding from

**15** institutional donors

**13** private donors

## OUR PROGRAMMES



Climate-resilient water,  
Sanitation, and Hygiene



Gender-Based Violence



Climate Resilience/Faith-  
Based Climate Action

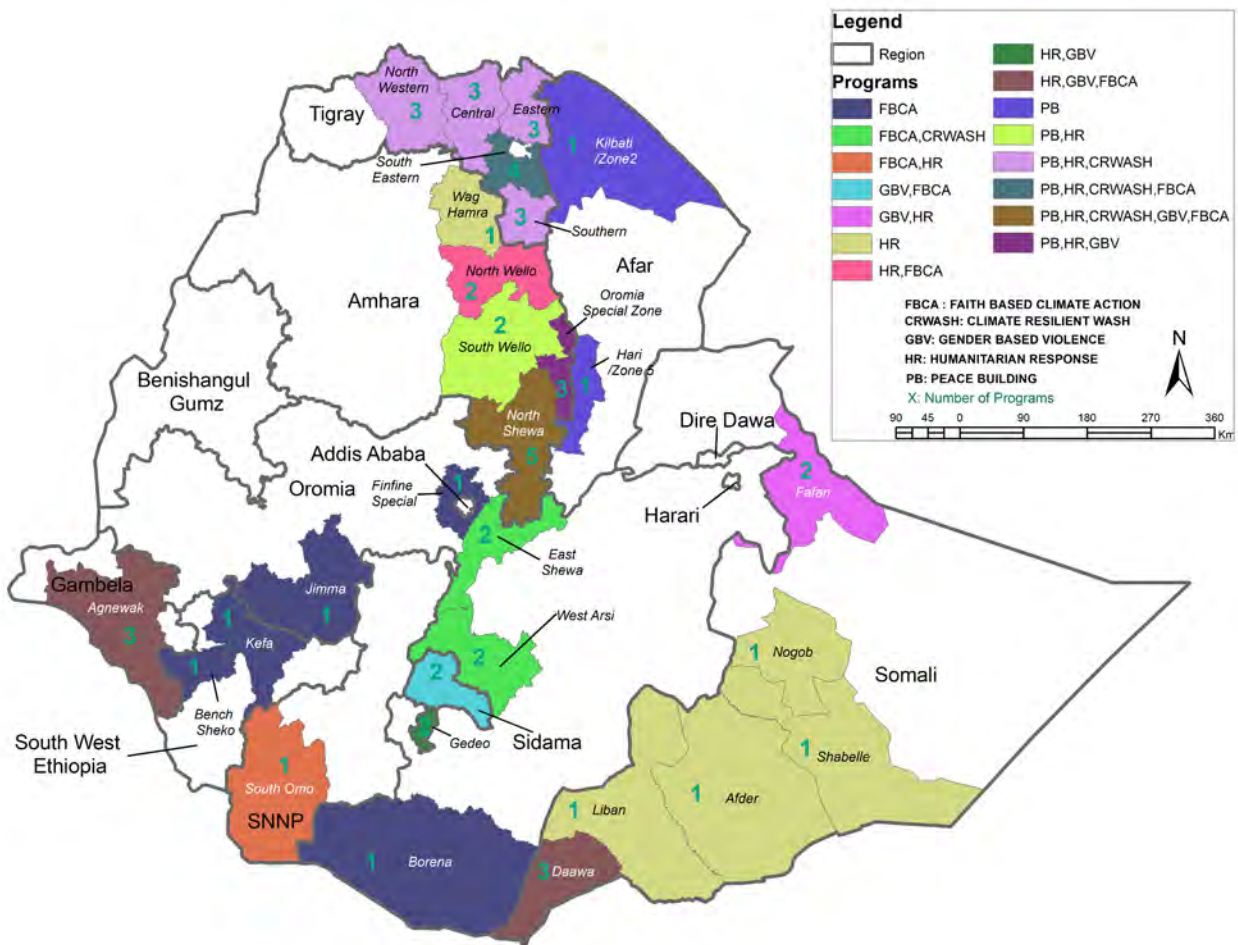


Peacebuilding



Humanitarian Emergency

# OUR 2023 GEOGRAPHIC PRESENCE



Nexus Implementation Per Region



# TIMELINE OF EVENTS 2023

## May

NCA gets selected as a technical working group member for the Re-Greening of the Globe Project implemented by World Vision International.

## Jul

Following an initial assessment phase that started in 2022, NCA Ethiopia, with funding from the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs begins the implementation of a pilot project addressing the needs of people with incontinence and non-physical impairments among refugees sheltered in the Gambella Region.

NCA with funding from UNHCR, initiates a pilot soap production project in Jewi Refugee Camp. The initiative arose in response to a critical shortage of soap distribution within the camp.

## Mar

NCA opens a field office in the Somali Region and responds to a drought emergency in four districts Hudet, Moyale, Mubarak, and Qadaduma of Dawa Zone, Somali Region focusing on WASH, Nutrition, and Health focusing on WASH, Nutrition, and Health.

## Jun

NCA signs a project agreement with a Norwegian Recycling company called BEWI for a waste-for-value scaleup project and obtains funding.

The Waste for Value project receives recognition at the CCRDA best practice competition, ranking 3rd out of 130 entries. Recognition criteria included innovativeness, sustainability, relevance, scalability, cost-effectiveness, community involvement, and overall positive impact.

As part of its climate resilient component, NCA's CR-WASH programme establishes nursery sites in two schools in South Ari District to pilot agroforestry (economic value tree plantation) linked to Menstrual Hygiene Management, where the income from coffee seedling sales goes to providing dignity kits to schoolgirls with funding from Knorr-Bremse Global Care.

NCA, together with ACT Ethiopia forum members EOC-DICAC, EECMY DASSC, and Dan Church Aid begins implementation of a second phase integrated livelihood improvement project having both humanitarian emergency and long-term development components and assisting refugees and host communities in Gambella Region.

## Nov

The country office holds a national dialogue involving faith actors from the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahdo Church, Ethiopian Catholic Church, Evangelical Churches Fellowship of Ethiopia, Ethiopian Islamic Affairs Council, and government representatives from the Ministry of Women and Social Affairs (Family and Elders' wing) to emphasize the importance of strengthening the family unit to prevent Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) and to share experiences of faith-based marriage counseling in response to IPV.

NCA receives grant from ECHO/IRC to respond to flooding in West Imi of Somali region. NCA's already established field office in Elkere enabled it to properly manage the distribution of WASH and shelter non-food items as well as multipurpose cash.

## Aug

The country office enters a new partnership with Pastoralist Concern (PC) to implement a multisectoral drought response on WASH, Agriculture, and Protection in Godgod and Moyale Woredas of Afder and Dawa Zones respectively with funding from UNOCHA.

## Dec

NCA Ethiopia, in partnership with PETCO, supports the FDRE Environmental Protection Authority in developing effective policy instruments on plastic waste management, including Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and Food Grade Plastic Recycling. Accordingly, three policy instruments i.e. a National Plastic Waste Strategy and Action Plan, regulations pertaining to the use of recycled PET (rPET) in food-grade applications, and directives related to Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) were designed.

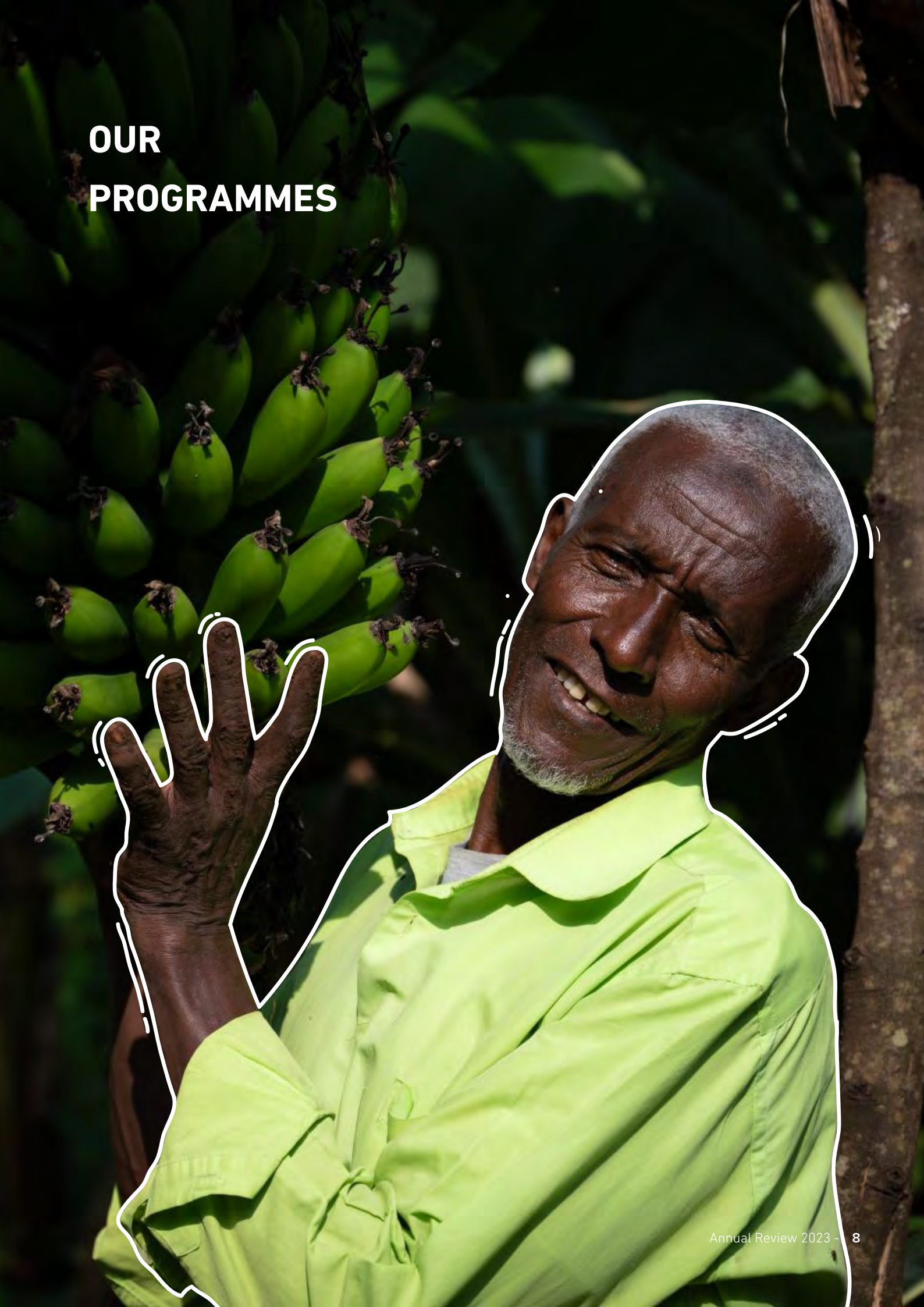
NCA Ethiopia collaborates with a street art collective called Addis Street Art and commissions a scale street mural in Sarbet, Addis Ababa, conveying responsible use of social media for peace. The initiative is the second collaboration with the art collective.

NCA Ethiopia Launches the Abronet Consortium for Sustainable Peace— a collaborative initiative by ACT Alliance member organizations to foster social unity in conflict-affected regions of Ethiopia.

The country office conducts an assessment to examine the factors contributing to forest loss and conflicts over forest resources within the intervention areas of the NICFI-funded project. The assessment aimed to identify and understand the key drivers behind these issues, providing valuable insights for developing strategies and interventions.

Phase II of the UNICEF-UNFPA global joint program to end child marriage phases out. NCA and its partner EECMY-DASSC have been implementing the project: "Accelerating Action to Ensure the Wellbeing of Adolescent Girls" in Gambella as part of the joint program.

# OUR PROGRAMMES





# Climate Resilient Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (CR-WASH)

**Empowering communities to influence decision-making on WASH services that affect them**

**Our Strategy:** Organizing communities, establishing & training WASH committees and involving community-based organizations (CBOs); training women on rights to WASH services and encouraging them to get involved and take the lead in WASH management; facilitating advocacy initiatives for policy change; mobilizing community members to contribute during the entire process of project planning and implementation to ensure ownership.

**50%** of all WASH committee members were women with some assuming leadership positions.

## What we want to see:

Healthy and resilient communities with access to equitable water, sanitation, and hygiene services



**43,372** people we served with clean drinking water and basic hygiene and sanitation services.



## Building community resilience to prepare and respond to climatic hazards affecting WASH services

**168** hectares of land were covered with soil and water conservation activities in villages through community mobilization.

**Our Strategy:** Conducting catchment rehabilitation through soil and water conservation works; tree planting and introducing multi-use water services (MUS)- using overflow water for backyard gardening and other economic activities.

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## Promoting safe hygiene measures to prevent key health risks

**Our Strategy:** Build awareness through community-based hygiene promotion campaigns at critical handwashing times.

**75%** of people in the intervention areas practiced handwashing during critical times.

## Improving access to sustainable, adequate, and equitable basic sanitation services

**25,595** People accessed basic sanitation services at the household level.

**Our Strategy:** Raising awareness and mobilizing communities through a Community-Led Total Sanitation and Hygiene approach to build their household latrines; constructing sanitation facilities in schools; promoting menstrual hygiene management to address the needs of adolescent girls in schools.



## Improving access to sustainable, safe, and affordable basic drinking water supply

**16,801** People accessed improved basic drinking water services in their vicinities.

**97** Water points constructed and rehabilitated in communities and schools.

**Our Strategy:** Developing context-specific water supply systems such as gravity springs and drilling of deep wells; construction of reservoirs and water points, laying distribution networks; training scheme caretakers; establishing scheme and financial management system for each facility to ensure the sustainability of water supply services.

# Climate Resilience/ Faith-Based Climate Action



## What we want to see:

Faith actors who are proactive on climate change; small-scale producers and service providers whose income is increased through access to value chains and markets.





**293,487**  
served

293,487 people we served directly.

### **Supporting faith actors to mobilize communities to increase climate resilience**

**Our Strategy:** Train faith communities on climate action and ecological issues and capacitate them to mobilize grassroots communities; organize community taskforces such as community care coalitions for preparedness and response to climate change-related hazards; train farmers to apply various context-specific biological and physical soil and water conservation structures such as terracing, deep trench, soil, and stone bunds; afforestation/ reforestation, watershed protection, Sustainable Land Management, Climate-Smart Agriculture.

**56,710** Tree seedlings of various species (food, fodder, fuel, timber, shade, and land sustainability species) planted by the right holders on communal and private lands.

**106** Hectares of land have been rehabilitated by physical and biological soil and water conservation structures and afforestation/ reforestation.

### **Empowering faith actors and communities to advocate for climate action**

**Our Strategy:** Organize and build the capacity of faith actors and communities to advocate towards duty-bearers; facilitate advocacy events with faith actors, government representatives, and communities at the grassroots level; this includes policy dialogue forums facilitated at the district level on policies related to climate, environment, disaster risk response, and management; publish key policy/ strategy briefs on key national policies.

**5** advocacy actions were taken by faith actors and communities towards duty bearers.





## Introducing climate-smart food production systems

**Our Strategy:** Train small-holder farming households on climate-smart farming practices; construct irrigation schemes and avail improved seeds; avail climate-smart and water-smart agricultural techniques to promote natural resources management practices.

**7,696** Community members accessed knowledge, inputs, and technology for climate-smart agricultural practices.

**3,614** Hectares of farmland were covered with irrigation and rainfed agriculture (Maize, teff, Chickpea, wheat, Haricot bean).

## Promoting diversified livelihood alternatives for asset-poor households

**Our Strategy:** Train asset-poor and landless women and men in alternative business options such as sheep/goat rearing, beekeeping, fattening, and nursery management; avail access to revolving loan scheme; train/engage them in income generation activities; facilitate market linkage for small-scale producers to increase their income.

**4,700** women and men small-scale farmers with significantly increased income through alternative livelihood opportunities (crop cultivation, beekeeping, small ruminant raising, dairy farming, and cattle fattening).

**450** Informal producers were organized under 22 cooperatives/associations.

## Project Highlights

### Ethiopia Inter-Faith Initiative for Forest Conservation and Climate Action

The Ethiopia Inter-Faith Initiative for Forest Conservation and Climate Action is a four-year initiative (2021-2025) that aims to promote the inclusion of sacred forests into Ethiopian forest policies, support the advocacy efforts of faith leaders towards duty bearers; mobilize faith leaders and communities to effectively rally the population to comply with the theological and government policy for forest conservation for the establishment of green corridors and conservation of forests; as well as improve the livelihoods of communities without increasing pressure on forest resources.

**2** sacred forests and

**20** community forests have obtained land certifications.

**5** Women of faith advocacy groups, having 138 members from different religious backgrounds, and 10 general advocacy groups were established/strengthened.

**8** advocacy actions by faith-actors and communities and 3 regional-level dialogue sessions were conducted to address legislative constraints and policy gaps related to sacred and community forests.

**16.5 Million** people were reached with environment-related programs, such as news, documentaries, panel discussions, and interviews broadcasted via mass media platforms, as well as through booklets, and leaflets.

**8,9177,310** tree seedlings of various species were planted in degraded areas, community forests, schools, churches, mosques, home gardens and degraded areas with a carbon offset capacity of

**192,670 tons** of CO2

**6,978.17** hectares of land have been dedicated to conservation efforts, while approximately 1,112 hectares have been restored through afforestation and reforestation initiatives. Furthermore, 1560 hectares have undergone rehabilitation through physical and biological soil and water conservation structures.

○ **38,885** Community members accessed knowledge, inputs, and technology on Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA).

○ **41** faith institutions and production units, and

○ **57,760** households adopted renewable energy and reduced consumption of wood by utilizing alternative and renewable energy sources such as solar panel sets, biogas, and fuel-efficient stoves.

○ **112** households have reduced their wood consumption by adopting sustainable house construction technologies (Eco-houses).





## Waste for Value Project

The Waste for Value Project, launched in 2019, is a solid waste management initiative aimed at reducing the environmental footprint of plastic, paper, and other wastes in the Jewi refugee camp and the host community in the Gambella Region of Ethiopia. In 2021, the project expanded to Hawassa, Shashemene, and Arsi. Its objectives are to mitigate the risk of solid waste pollution, raise community awareness about the value of waste as a resource, and create job and entrepreneurship opportunities for young men and women in waste collection.

**259,060** of plastic/PET, paper, and metal scrap waste was collected and recycled.

**ETB 5.2 million** generated from the collection of solid waste collected by the established and organized collectors' associations.

**10** waste collectors' associations were functioning.

# Gender-Based Violence/ Sexual Reproductive Health (GBV/SRH)



## What we want to see:

Women and girls who are empowered and living a life free from gender-based violence.



**232,871**  
served

232,871 people we served directly

## Transforming dominant social norms to protect women and girls from violence and harmful practices.

**Our Strategy:** Build the awareness of religious and traditional leaders and community-based organizations on harmful practices; mobilize faith-based structures and cascade higher-level commitments to the grassroots; facilitate community conversations and dialogues; carry out media advocacy.

**53** Faith-based and community-based organizations integrated gender-based violence, female genital mutilation (FGM), and child marriage issues to address them through their structures and by-laws.

**54** Community declarations were issued calling for an end to female genital mutilation and child marriage.



## Life-saving and specialized services for survivors of GBV and at-risk women and girls

**Our Strategy:** Build the capacity of institutions and service providers (one-stop centers, health institutions, police, prosecutors, healthcare providers) for survivor-centered and confidential services; raise community and survivors' awareness of the availability of the services; establish functional referral pathways; engage women and girls in alternative income generation.



**19** referral pathways platforms were established and strengthened for referral and coordination.

**3,625** adolescent girls participated in different structured life-skills programmes and safe spaces.

**374** adolescent girls and/or parents were engaged in small-scale income-generating programs after receiving business management skills training.

# Facilitating access to comprehensive sexuality education, family planning, and sexual reproductive health services.

**Our Strategy:** Mobilize communities on health-seeking behavior; facilitate the integration of comprehensive sexuality education in training; strengthen in-and-out of school clubs and women's/ girls' safe spaces; establish referral pathways and integrate the minimum initial service package in service provisions.

**21** health institutions accessed need-based medical equipment and supplies.

**222** women were provided with comprehensive sexuality education and modern family planning services.

**242** women received aftercare health services for FGM complications.

**1,532,209** people accessed information on female genital mutilation and child marriage through media.

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*Looking back, I think about the times I performed the practice, and it brings me great discomfort now that I fully understand that it is harmful. I say to myself: 'What if someone has died in your hands.'"*

Having abandoned the practice of FGM one year ago, Meaza, a former FGM practitioner, now actively discourages others from engaging in it. She says she informs them of its illegality and the fact that it endangers lives, particularly those of girls.

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# Peacebuilding



## What we want to see:

An Ethiopian society that advances towards sustainable peace with the inclusive participation of women and youth in peace processes.





## Key highlights of the year from the peacebuilding programme:

### Integration of Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) and Peacebuilding

In December 2023, we launched the Abronet Consortium in partnership with the Church of Sweden and Christian Aid—an initiative by ACT Alliance member organizations aimed at fostering social unity in conflict-affected regions of Ethiopia. This collaborative effort prioritizes integrating Mental Health and

Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) into peace initiatives, recognizing its vital role in achieving sustainable peace.

The approach utilizes adaptive management and community-based strategies to address well-being amidst conflict. Supported financially by the Royal Norwegian Embassy, the Abronet Consortium aims to restore social cohesion in areas plagued by violent conflicts, including Oromia, Amhara, Tigray, and Gambella in Ethiopia.





## Coordination and Networking

During the year, we have been actively participating in various coordination platforms and task forces at the national level. Our peacebuilding program serves on several key committees and groups, including the technical committee preparing the National Action Plan (NAP) on Women, Peace, and Security (WPS), coordinated by UN Women and the Ministry of Women and Social Affairs; the Nexus Accelerator Group, coordinated by the Donor Partners Group in Ethiopia with the Humanitarian Coordination Team; the Women, Peace, and Security Task Force, coordinated by UN Women and the

EU delegation; and the Youth, Peace, and Security Task Force, coordinated by UNDP and UNRCO. Additionally, we are members of the Inter-Agency Accountability Working Group (IAAWG) and co-chair the Ethiopian Peace Actors' Network alongside the UN Resident Coordinator's Office (UNRCO), IOM, and CRS.

Engagement with these diverse platforms has enhanced NCA's contribution and provided valuable lessons for delivering coordinated support to rights holders. It also fosters opportunities for collaboration with like-minded actors on joint funding applications and policy advocacy.

## An Integrated Nexus Approach

The peacebuilding program has actively collaborated with relevant actors to promote the implementation of the nexus approach. In this effort, the program represents NCA in the National Peace Actors' Network and the Nexus Accelerator Group, coordinated by the Development Partners' Group (DPG) in partnership with UNOCHA's Humanitarian

Coordination Team. The Nexus Accelerator Group has recently established a Technical Working Group (TWG) to develop national and regional frameworks for advancing the nexus approach. The peace program is leveraging key lessons from these initiatives for future implementation.

## New Geographic Location

This year, we expanded our intervention areas to include Mekelle, Hawassa, and Gambella, focusing on mental health and psychosocial support through the Abronet Consortium. All these regions have faced violent conflicts, leading to traumatic experiences and significant psychosocial issues. To address

these challenges, we have prioritized integrating mental health and psychosocial support with peacebuilding efforts. Additionally, we will connect these interventions with the development and humanitarian activities of NCA and other organizations.

# Humanitarian Emergency



## What we want to see:

Save lives, alleviate human suffering, and strengthen the resilience of crisis-affected communities.



**753,645**

served

753,645 people we served directly in emergencies (with 6.2 million people reached indirectly)

## We responded to emergencies across 46 districts in Tigray, Amhara, Somali, and Gambella Regions in 2023.

Throughout 2023, various regions of Ethiopia, including the north, south, and east, encountered prolonged drought, raising serious concerns for both human and livestock welfare. Amidst a deteriorating humanitarian situation caused by drought and food insecurity, ongoing conflicts in the Amhara Region and security concerns elsewhere escalated the humanitarian situation. This complex emergency demanded urgent, comprehensive support in food, health, nutrition, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) to mitigate the broad impact of drought and conflict, particularly on vulnerable groups such as children under five and pregnant or nursing women. In Amhara alone, internal displacement has displaced over 608,376 individuals, necessitating immediate food aid.

In Gambella, the largest refugee-hosting area in Ethiopia with 385,717 South Sudan refugees, we provided emergency WASH assistance to 178,000 refugees sheltered in Jewi and Negunyyiel camps. A notable addition to NCA's efforts is a pilot project in Jewi camp addressing the needs of people with incontinence and non-physical impairments. This project, initiated in 2023 with funding from MFA, signified a commitment to ensuring the well-being of marginalized communities in emergency settings. We believe that the issue of incontinence in a humanitarian context requires further intervention and resources, with NCA advocating for additional funding to support marginalized community groups facing entrenched challenges.

Throughout all four regions we were active, we coordinated efforts with local stakeholders to ensure that assistance reaches people in need, and when it is needed the most.

## Sectoral Priorities:

### Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

#### Our Strategy:

- Constructing/rehabilitating water schemes (hand-dug wells, shallow wells, springs); distributing water through water-trucking
- Strengthening WASH committees and supporting scheme maintenance;
- Distributing WASH non-food items (NFIs), e.g., water treatment chemicals, soaps, jerrycans, and buckets to households in need
- Constructing gender-segregated latrine blocks
- Distributing dignity kits for vulnerable women and girls
- Conducting continuous sanitation and hygiene awareness campaigns and house-to-house hygiene promotion

**129,022** affected people accessed safe/ treated drinking water

**143,662** People were informed about safe hygiene and sanitation practices

**65,246** People accessed WASH non-food items



## Gender-Based Violence/Protection

### Our Strategy:

- Facilitating community conversation sessions to raise awareness of gender-based violence
- Engaging survivor women and girls in income-generating activities
- Establishing/strengthening safe spaces for survivors and at-risk women and girls
- Training social workers on case management so that vulnerable children (separated, unaccompanied) are reunified and GBV cases are identified, registered, traced, and supported

**400** gender-based violence survivors accessed services and other food and non-food items such as dignity kits.

**70** survivors and at-risk women and girls were supported with means of income-generating activity.

**7,735** people in displaced and host communities were reached through key messages on gender-based violence.

**2,088** students from three schools were supported with school feeding for three months.

## Livelihoods

### Our Strategy:

**311,389** people accessed livelihood support through various ways (distribution of emergency seeds, small ruminants, farming tools, training)

**6500** households accessed livestock vaccinations reaching 197,500 heads of livestock.

**5371** people received food support (579.5 Qt of cereal/maize, Famix, pulse), and 1,600 liters of edible oil).

**4791** Households supported with 621 quintals of crop and vegetable seeds.

## Nutrition/ Food Support

- Distributing food grain to disaster and conflict-affected communities.
- Identifying and supporting children who require treatment for malnutrition and extended care.
- Availing supplies for targeted supplementary feeding programs and severe acute malnutrition.

**1,215** quintals of wheat flour, 4,050 liters of cooking oil, 121.5 quintals of pulse, and 225 quintals of Famix) were distributed to internally displaced persons and host communities.

**3,184** children under five and 2,304 pregnant and lactating women were part of a supplementary feeding program.



- **7,265** crisis-affected persons accessed supplementary food support, including blankets.
- **1,926** children under five received treatment for severe acute malnutrition, while 15,268 children and adults received screening for malnutrition.
- **27,110** drought-affected people accessed outpatient medical consultations.

## Refugee Response

### Our Strategy:

- Constructing household latrines fitted with hand-washing devices.
- Supporting/establishing small-scale enterprises engaged in waste collection.
- Continuous promotion of safe sanitation and hygiene practices.



**2,640** people accessed household latrines fitted with hand-washing devices at Jewi Refugee Camp through 440 constructed latrines.

**39,437** kg of discarded plastic bottles, jerrycans, and metal scraps were collected at Jewi Refugee Camp and the host community.

**68,000** bars of soap were produced by refugees organized under a small-scale enterprise- generating a profit of ETB 1.4 million from sales.

## STORY FROM THE FIELD



## How a Mobile Health Team Saved Lives in Drought-Affected Somali Region

*Ali Hajir Abdi is a team leader of a mobile health and nutrition team in Elkere District, Somali Region. Photo: Kedija Sefa*

Ali Hajir Abdi is a Health Officer and NCA's mobile health and nutrition team leader in the Afder Zone, Somali Region.

The mobile health team he leads currently reaches five localities in Elkere District namely, Bula, Elode, Jare, Warara, and Mesle localities. The team of five travels from one locality to the other daily to assist people who require primary medical care as part of an emergency response for drought-affected communities in the District.

The mobile health team, composed of a health officer, clinical nurse, midwife, and community health worker, conducts weekly outreach support at each site. The team is expected to conduct 3,600 targeted consultations for nutrition screening, antenatal care, under-five medical care, vaccination, family planning, and an outpatient therapeutic programme.





*Hussein Maelin Ahmed, a member of the mobile health and nutrition support team provides a vaccine to a child. Photo: Kedija Sefa/NCA*

*A member of the mobile health and nutrition team provides medical consultation to a client. Photo: Kedija Sefa/NCA*

“In the beginning, when we went to each site, almost everyone came to us looking for treatment. It was a big challenge for us because we couldn’t reach everyone in one day,” Ali says. “But now, as we go to each locality every week, we are seeing a significant improvement from time to time. The number of healthy people is outnumbering those who require assistance,” he explains.

Ali, who was happy to see a big change in a short period, adds, “Sometimes I say to myself, what would have happened to all those children who suffered malnutrition if we had not reached the area in time?”

“There is nothing more gratifying than seeing people who were sick and dependent on someone going about their lives healthy,” Ali notes. “Every day we travel across difficult terrains to reach these rural kebeles, but when we see very sick children saved because of our work, we forget about all the hardships,” he says.

The mobile health and nutrition support is part of a larger emergency response assisting internally displaced people and host communities affected by drought in Elkere and West Imi District of the Somali Region with funding from the EU Civil Protection & Humanitarian Aid Emergency Response Mechanism through the International Rescue Committee.

Additionally, the World Health Organization (WHO) has donated medical kits for this response.

- Nevertheless, it is important to involve rural communities in the peace process to prevent spoilers or their invisible hands from being influenced by engaging rural communities so, that the project’s peace-building endeavors can achieve sustainability.

# DONORS

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International Rescue Committee-Irish Aid

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Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus–Development and Social Service Commission (EECMY-DASSC)

Ethiopian Orthodox Church–Development and Inter-Church Aid Commission (EOC-DICAC)

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Tamra for Social Development Organization (TSD)

World Agroforestry (ICRAF)

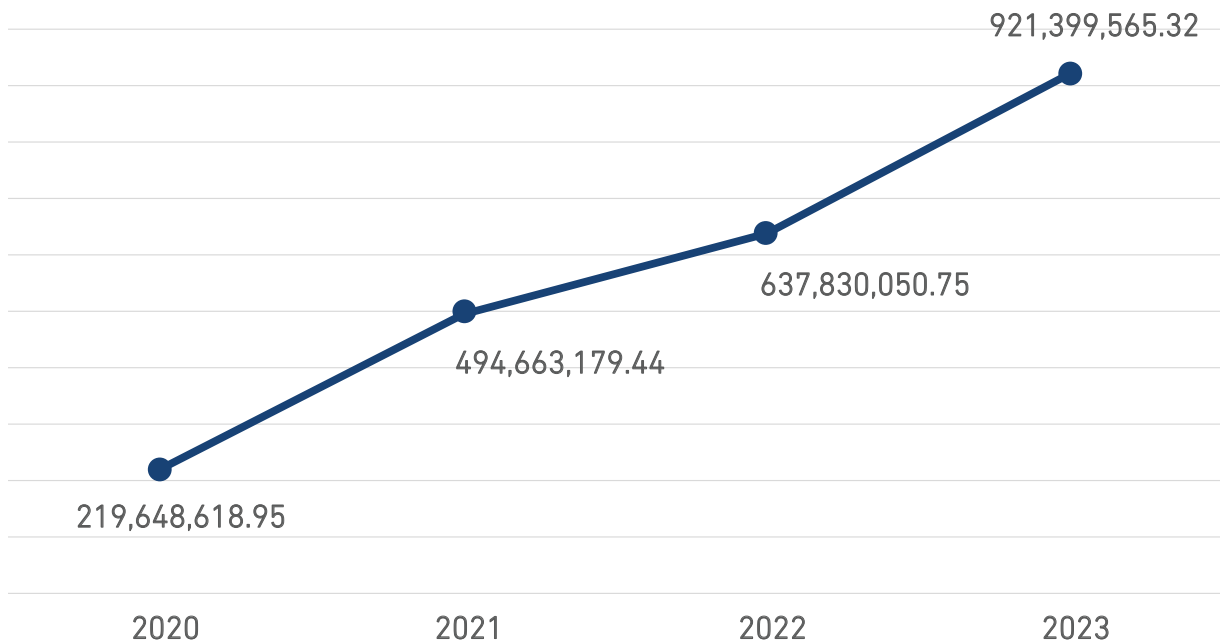
# FINANCIALS

Between 2020 and 2023, NCA Ethiopia's financial portfolio has experienced a consistent and substantial increase. In 2023, the available funding amounted to ETB 921,399,565.32, representing a notable growth compared to the preceding year (2022). Specifically, NCA's budget in 2023 increased by approximately 44.5% over the budget of 2022.

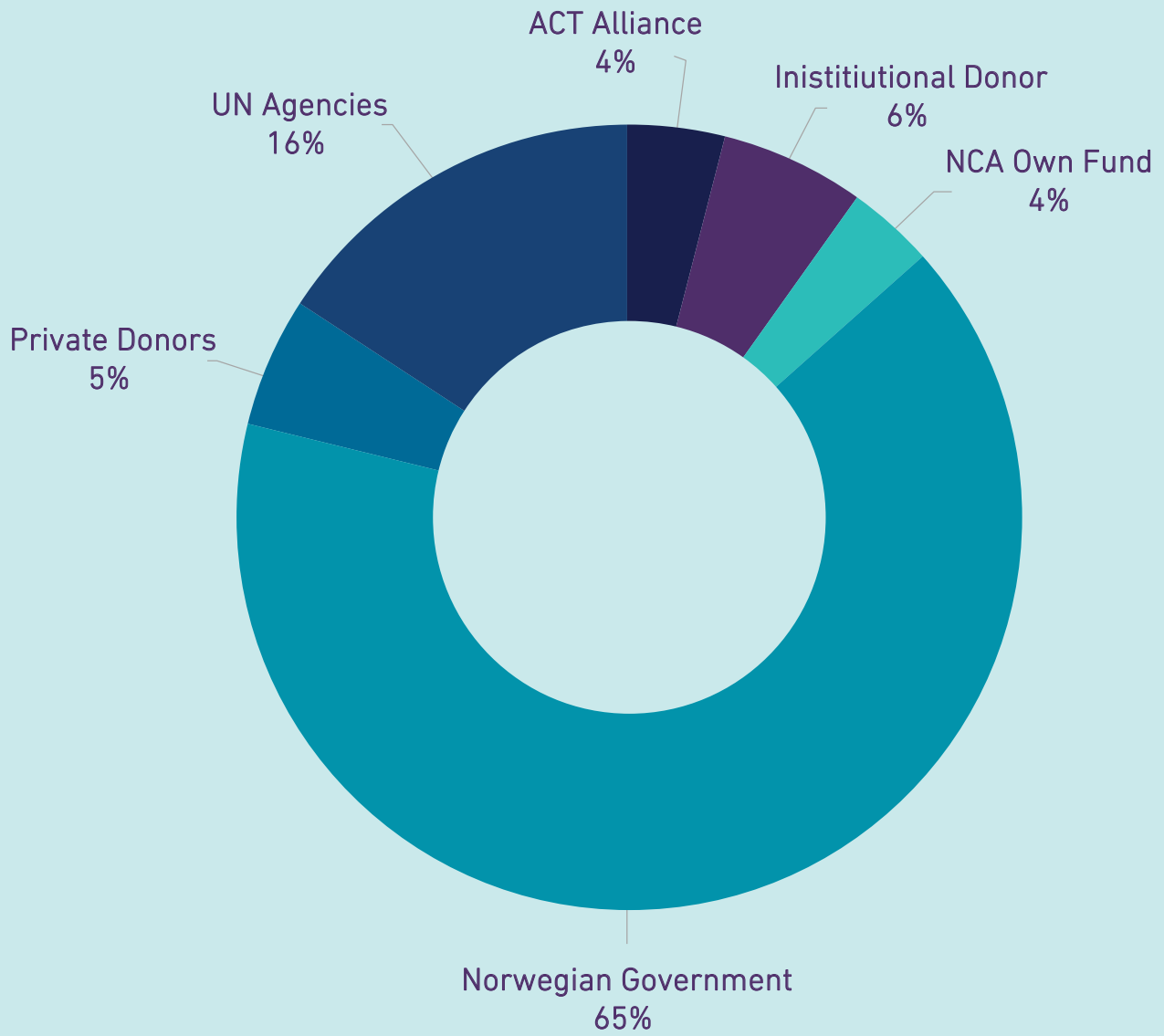
The largest share of NCA's funding was allocated to Humanitarian Emergency programs, driven by substantial immediate

needs resulting from humanitarian crises in the country, including natural disasters, conflicts, and displacements. The country office simultaneously continued to address long-term development and peacebuilding, leveraging diverse funding sources that contributed to a consistent increase in the amount of funds obtained.

## Income Trend 2020-2023



# Income by Donor

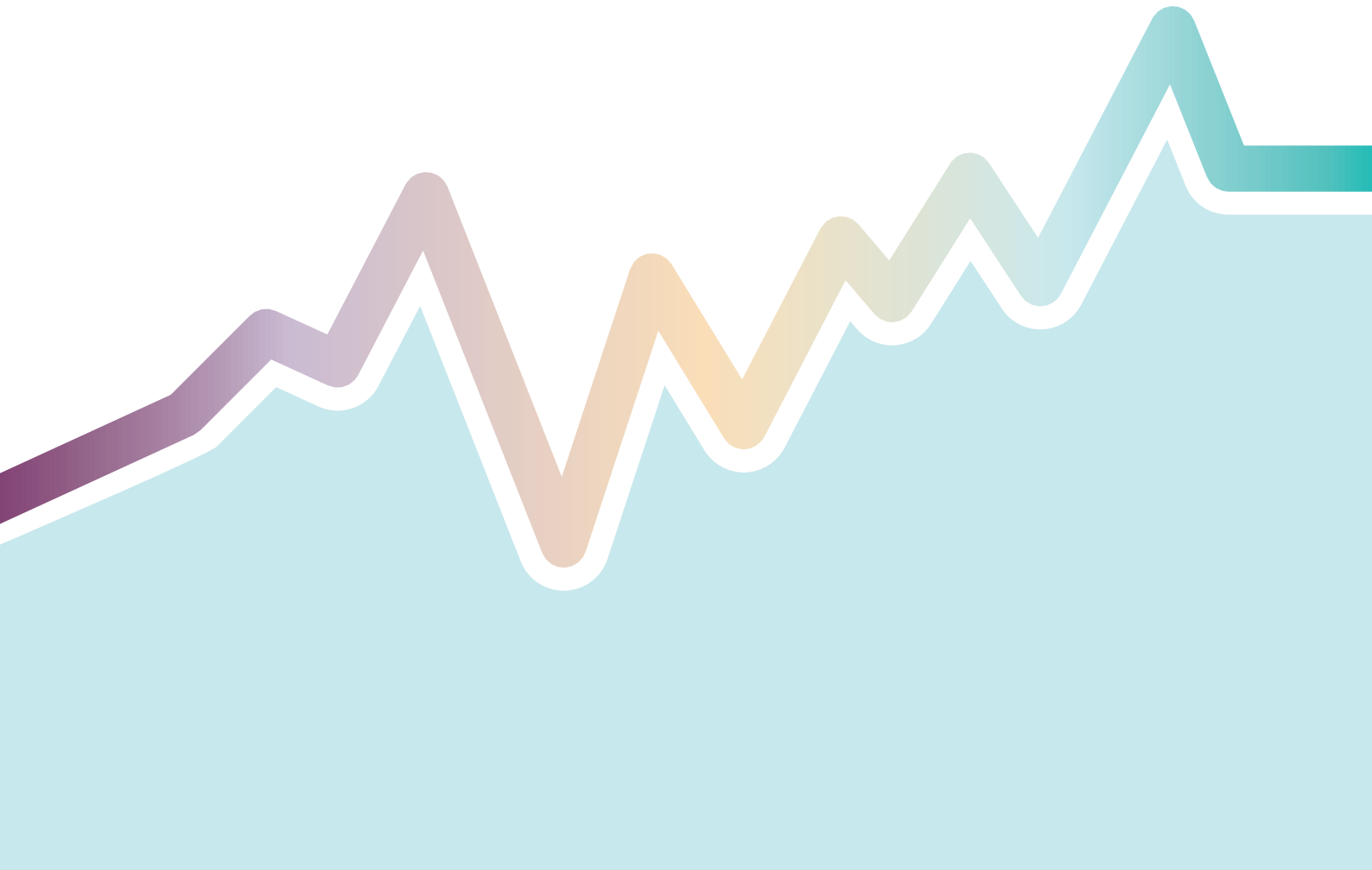
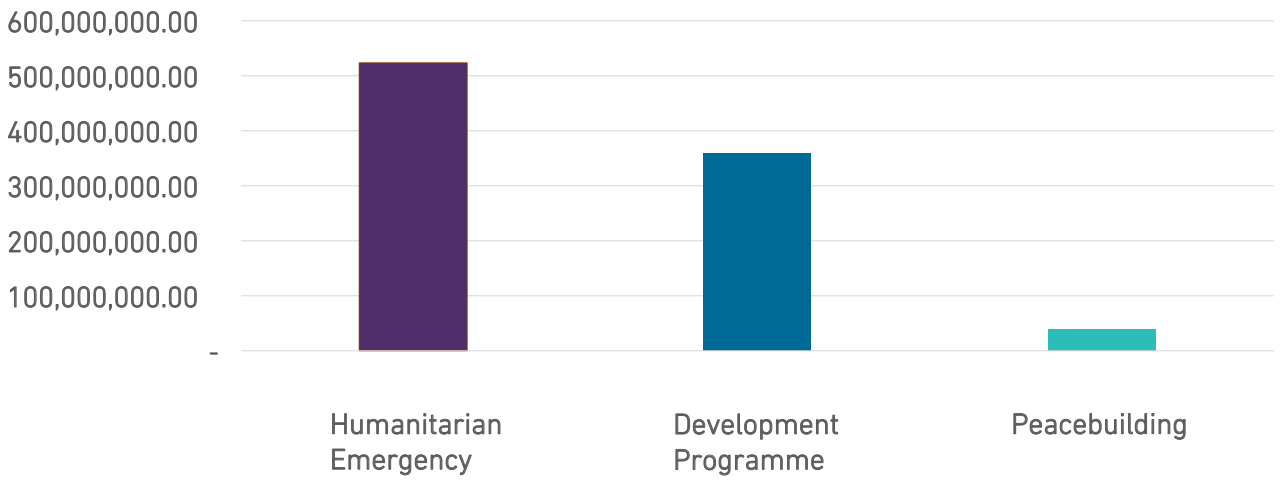


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