



1974
The first major famine strikes Ethiopia

1974
NCA starts operation in Ethiopia upon the invitation of EECMY with emergency relief in Borena and North Omo (Derashe and Konso) in response to the famine.

1974
NCA together with Church-based actors establishes the Consortium of Christian Relief and Development Association (CCRDA) in Ethiopia.

1970s

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1979
The Bale Water Development program starts.

1984-1987
NCA responds to yet another emergency relief operation, extending relief efforts.

1990s

1991
Consolidation of NCA's programs in line with new realities of government change in Ethiopia.

1996
HIV/AIDS intervention starts with the Organization for Social Service for AIDS (OSSA).

1996
NCA privatizes mechanical workshop and hands it over to NOR Automotive Ltd.

1987
NCA builds its' own office in Wollo Sefer, Addis Ababa.

1987
NCA's program shifted from relief work to long-term development activities.

1987-1990
Joint Relief Program starts in cooperation with Catholic Relief Services, Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, Ethiopian Orthodox Church, Ethiopian Catholic Church, & Lutheran World Federation to assist war-affected communities in the Northern part of Ethiopia (Amhara and Tigray regions).

1990s

1997-2008
NCA constructs relief food outlets in Amhara, Oromia, SNNPR, Tigray, and Afar.

1997
The first ACT International Ethiopia forum was established, and the first Ethiopia ACT Appeal launches.

2000s

1995-1999
NCA launches its' country strategy with six strategic components.

1993
Long-term rural development programs start with the development wings of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, and Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane. Yesus, and Relief Society of Tigray.

1999-2013
NCA implements a peacebuilding program mobilizing actors related to religious communities in Ethiopia.

2001
NRK TV Campaign raises funds for NCA Ethiopia HIV/AIDS program. It starts a partnership with two youth-led organizations, Tamira Reproductive Health Development Organization and Beza for Generation with programmes focusing on HIV/AIDS prevention.

1998
NCA assists in the facilitation of an inter-religious peacebuilding dialogue for peaceful resolution of the Ethio-Eritrean conflict.

2000-2004
New country Strategy for Ethiopia with components; water and sanitation, food security and emergency, capacity building, HIV/AIDS, civil society for good governance, and gender-based violence.

2006-2008
NCA enters a strategic partnership with the Royal Norwegian Embassy on good governance.

2000s

2005-2009
NCA renews the Country Strategy for Ethiopia with components; water and sanitation, food security & emergency, capacity building, HIV/AIDS, civil society for good governance, and gender-based violence

2010s

2009-2022
Faith-based institutions, i.e. the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, Evangelical Churches Fellowship of Ethiopia, the Ethiopian Catholic Church, Ethiopian Kale Heywet Church, and Seventh Day Adventist Church nationally declare against Female Genital Mutilation and Child, Early, and Forced Marriage. NCA played a facilitation role.

2008
NCA enters a strategic partnership with the Royal Norwegian Embassy to jointly implement a phased programme on FGM and child marriage together with Save the Children. By 2024, the programme was implemented in four phases.

2012
New partnership agreement with UNFPA to implement projects focusing on social change towards harmful practices and gender-based violence.

2010s

2010
All Africa Council of Churches appoints first special envoy to the AU. NCA hosts it.

2010
NCA supports the establishment of the Inter-Religious Council of Ethiopia (IRCE).

2014
Ethiopia is selected as one of eight countries to benefit from the NRK TV Campaign: "Water for a million" in Norway.

2014
NCA establishes a field office in the Gambella Region with Dan Church Aid and commences WASH emergency response for South Sudanese Refugees through funding from with ECHO.

2013
NCA begins implementing WASH through local partners i.e. with the development wings of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church, the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, and the Ethiopian Kale Hiwot Church.

2016-2018
NCA responds to the El Niño and La Niña-induced droughts in North Shoa, East-Hararghe, and Fafen Zones of Amhara, Oromia, and Somali regions respectively.

2016
A consortium of Norwegian NGOs i.e. the Development Fund, Norwegian Church Aid, Norwegian Peoples' Aid, and Norwegian Refugee Council launch a Joint Norwegian Emergency and Recovery Response for Saving Ethiopian Lives and Livelihood (JNERR) to provide emergency assistance to drought-affected and internally displaced people focusing on WASH, Food Security, and Shelter, and covering Amhara, Oromia, Tigray and Somali regions.

2020s

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2019
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The Waste for Value pilot project launches in the Jewi Refugee Camp, Gambella, which was later scaled up to other regions.

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2020
NCA embarks on a new country strategic period (2020-2024) prioritizing Climate-Resilient Water Sanitation and Hygiene, Gender-Based Violence/Sexual Reproductive Health, Peacebuilding, Faith-Based Climate Action, and Humanitarian Emergency Response.

2022
A new partnership with PETCO to support the Government of Ethiopia in developing effective policy instruments on plastic waste management, including Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and Food Grade Plastic Recycling.

2024
NCA marks 50 years in Ethiopia.

2023
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.

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