



A BRIEF PRESENTATION



Protection, relief and durable solutions

DRC – The Danish Refugee Council – is a private, independent and non-profit organisation working on the basis of humanitarian principles and human rights. DRC strives to secure the protection of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) and promote durable solutions to displacement.

We assist over one million people in more than 30 countries (2010).

While DRC on one hand works directly with refugees, IDPs and other groups affected by conflict, we also recognize the important role that authorities – at all levels – play in obtaining durable solutions to displacement. We therefore emphasise the collaboration with, and support to authorities in providing protection and services to the concerned populations.

In Denmark we provide legal assistance to asylum seekers and advocacy related to asylum procedures, along with integration processes and support to voluntary repatriation.

Please download "Vision, values and standards of DRC" from www.drc.dk/about-drc/vision-and-values/

DRC International

DRCs activities worldwide aim to support people affected by conflict and we work with displacement affected populations in all parts of the displacement cycle:

<p>Acute crisis</p> <p>In the acute crisis, characterized by active conflict, violations of rights and displacement, DRCs prime role is to save lives and alleviate the immediate suffering. This is done through direct provision of emergency relief (food distribution, water and sanitation, shelter, and NFI's) but also through legal and other forms of protection and advocacy.</p>	<p>In displacement</p> <p>While people are in displacement DRCs main focus is on ensuring their protection through strengthened livelihoods of the displaced along with the hosting communities. Apart from ensuring their protection while in displacement, the purpose is also to prepare for durable solutions to displacement. Activities while in displacement can consist of support to income generation, ensuring provision of social services, advocacy for rights of displaced etc.</p>	<p>Durable solutions</p> <p>When a durable solution has been identified (local integration, resettlement, return) DRC works to promote the solution. To ensure sustainability of the durable solution DRC works with strengthening of local institutional capacities, strengthening of livelihoods, as well as advocacy.</p>
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DRC manages an Emergency Roster of about 300 highly qualified and trained specialists available for rapid secondment to UN organisations. Particular demands for these services come from UNHCR, WFP and OCHA.

The Danish Demining Group (DDG) is a unit in DRC with the mission to create a safe environment where people can live without the threat of Landmines, Unexploded Ordnance and Small Arms & Light Weapons. DDG clears mines, provides risk education, reduces armed violence and enhances safety of humanitarian personnel.





Special features

DRC is a self-implementing organisation, and we are present in those countries in which we operate. A coherent and holistic approach to complex crisis from emergency aid over livelihood recovery to durable solutions, means that DRC will often stay in an area for 10 – 15 years. Only when durable solutions have been found and local duty bearers are able and willing to take over, will DRC exit.

At countrylevel DRC often works with local authorities and through partnerships with other non-governmental organisations.

DRC works closely with the UN system, in particular UNHCR, WFP, UNOCHA and UNICEF.

Security for our employees is a key issue for DRC. Working in fragile states like Somalia, Sudan, Iraq and Afghanistan means that we often have to be in dialogue with “non state actors” to gain access to assist people in need for help. DRC has the know-how to find solutions in such complex and delicate situations.

Information about DRC:	www.drc.dk www.danishdemininggroup.dk
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DRC in Denmark

The in-depth knowledge of refugees' conditions and the areas from which they flee gives DRC a competitive benefit when dealing with asylum procedures, integration or voluntary repatriation. Based on this knowledge we work to safeguard the rights of refugees and ensure them decent treatment in the Danish asylum system. Offering counselling and voicing our opinion when ministries prepare new legislation is just one aspect of this work.

DRC offers education in the Danish language and other assistance targeted at integrating refugees into the Danish society. We also arrange special programmes for refugees who have difficulties in following an ordinary integration process due to traumatic experiences, torture or loss.

Refugees need more than systems, they need to meet people. DRCs more than 4.500 (2010) active volunteers help refugees find foothold in local Danish communities, for instance by establishing contact to associations and the job market, helping with homework and other practical matters.

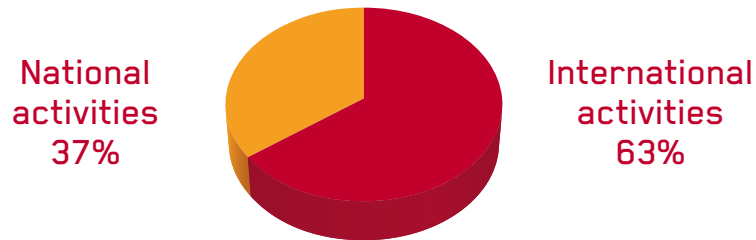
Information about DRC in Denmark:	www.flygtning.dk www.lærdansk.dk www.integrationsnet.dk www.frivillignet.dk
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Financial overview

DRC is dependent on goodwill and financial support from governments, institutions, the private sector and the general public.

In 2010 DRC had a total turn-over of EUR 150 Million. The international turn-over was approx. EUR 100 Million funded by DANIDA 21%, the EU 17% and the UN 23% with the remaining 34% generated by bilateral donors and private sector fundraising in Denmark.

The graphic shows how the funds have been spent. The percentages are averages from the periode 2008-2010.



DRC spends less than 5% of its turnover on administration and communications.

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This is why I support DRC

“Refugees are in a very difficult situation. They fear for their lives, they have no home, they have endured terrible suffering and their future is uncertain. It is one of the greatest challenges of our time to support refugees and make sure they get food, shelter, security and the help they need to be able to make a future for themselves. We are able to make a difference by giving refugees a chance of a better life. That is why I am supporting The Danish Refugee Council in their efforts to give refugees a future.”

HRH Crown Princess Mary
Patron of The Danish Refugee Council





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