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Cover: Kaltam Ismaeel and her sisters were accustomed to walking more than 40 minutes to fetch dirty water from the Wadi River in West Darfur, Sudan. She knew the water was dangerous and made children very sick. With a newly constructed water point, she can be confident in having clean water, and she says that meeting there has created a sense of community.



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About us

Our vision:

Thriving and empowered people and communities who have lifted themselves out of poverty and marginalization – and who now experience justice for all.

Our Mission:

We apply our values to our work: working with communities and partners to provide humanitarian response and development aid to vulnerable people and fragile communities affected by crisis so that they can thrive.



Our Values in Action

COMPASSION
HONESTY & INTEGRITY
RESPECT FOR ALL PEOPLE
VALUING THE INDIVIDUAL



Total employed headcount as of December 31st 2024

Foreword

2024 was a year defined by disruption in terms of worsening conflicts, climate-induced emergencies, and mounting pressure on humanitarian systems worldwide. Across multiple fragile and conflict-affected contexts, Mission East remained steadfast in its mission: to support the most vulnerable with dignity, effectiveness, and lasting impact.

Our operations reached across some of the worst affected countries, including Afghanistan, Ukraine, Syria, Sudan, Chad, and Nigeria. In each of these complex settings, we advanced not only emergency response, but also community-led recovery and resilience. Whether delivering multi-purpose cash assistance to displaced families, restoring access to clean water, or training women in climate-smart agriculture, our efforts are anchored in local partnerships and long-term perspectives.

One such example is found in Faizabad, Afghanistan, where Mission East established a dairy processing centre led by local women. Among them is Mrs. Azizi, a widow and mother of eight. Following vocational training, and along with 60 other women, she became the manager of a cooperative now producing over 80kg of yogurt and 50kg of processed milk daily, offering income, dignity, and a sense of purpose in a context where women's public participation is severely restricted. This is not only a livelihood intervention; it is a powerful model of inclusion, justice, resilience, and development.

Despite external pressures, including shifting donor priorities and economic volatility, Mission East closed the year with a surplus, enabling us to build our reserves and the solidity of the organisation for the fourth year in a row. This is a huge accomplishment, enabling us to remain a 'fit-for-purpose' and effective organisation, prepared to respond to future crises. It reflects our prudent financial stewardship and the continued confidence of our partners and supporters.

Looking ahead, our strategy remains focused on localisation, inclusion, climate resilience, and integrated solutions that connect humanitarian support with long-term recovery. In fragile environments, we continue to be a trusted actor—valued for our agility, our commitment to those most at risk, and our principled, partnership-based approach.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our teams, partners, and supporters. Together, we move forward with determination and hope.



Ole Ramsing
Chair of the Board

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Betina Gollander-Jensen
Secretary General

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Finances 2024



Mission East's total revenue for 2024 amounted to approximately 69 million DKK, which represents a decrease compared to previous years. This decline was primarily driven by two factors. First, intensified humanitarian crises drew donor attention and funds towards global hotspots such as Gaza. Second, some project activities could not be implemented as planned due to various technical constraints including sanctions in Syria and humanitarian access in Afghanistan.

Since adopting a more accurate accounting principle in 2021, Mission East records revenue in line with actual activity completion. This approach enhances transparency but can shift income into subsequent years. As a result, reported revenue for 2024 appears lower, even though underlying donor support remains strong and will be reflected in 2025.

Despite the reduced income, Mission East closed the year with a net surplus of 0.8 million DKK. This brings the organisation's reserves to 5.9 million DKK and marks the fourth consecutive year with a positive result; continuing a healthy trend of financial consolidation.

Afghanistan remained our largest operation, and our partners and communities faced a worsening humanitarian crisis, including severe spring floods. Ongoing restrictions on women's rights made donors more hesitant, forcing a reduction in activities. In Syria, all programmes faced major delays due to banking restrictions and were briefly suspended following the collapse of the Assad regime late in the year.

In Ukraine, support to war veterans continued, though bureaucratic hurdles caused some delays. Activities in Tajikistan, our third-largest country programme, proceeded as planned.

Donations from our generous private supporters totalled around 9 million DKK in 2024. While below our target, this reflects global donor fatigue amid competing crises. We remain deeply grateful for the loyal support of our private donors, whose commitment enables us to reach the most vulnerable in some of the world's most remote areas.

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

Profit and Loss Statement	2024	2023
Income	DKK	DKK 000
Public income	49,084,687	60,092,782
Gifts	8,936,138	8,953,207
Private income	11,067,120	13,902,869
Total income	69,087,945	82,948,858

Expenditure	DKK	DKK
Activities funded by public donors	46,324,217	56,267,730
Activities funded by private donors	15,341,320	18,987,495
Engagement	441,560	421,276
Non allocated support costs	4,943,181	951,033
Administration	1,346,813	1,566,620
Total Expenses	68,397,091	81,992,101
Operating contribution before financial items	690,854	956,757

Financing costs/income (minus = income)	-155,414	75,578
Retained income	846,268	881,179

Balance sheet 31 December 2024	2024	2023
Assets	DKK	DKK
Deposits	157,950	78,721
Receivables from donors	1,619,479	4,385,105
Other receivables	1,251,506	658,308
Liquid funds	27,221,359	27,854,503
Total Assets	30,250,294	32,976,639

Liabilities	DKK	DKK
Equity	5,907,607	5,061,339
Deferred Income, public donors	14,746,440	16,905,046
Deferred income, private grants	5,622,555	5,002,341
Other liabilities	3,973,693	6,007,913
Total liabilities	30,250,294	32,976,639

The information presented here is a summary of the information in Mission East's accounts. This summary may not contain sufficient information to provide a full understanding of Mission East's financial situation. For further information, the full accounts should be consulted. Copies can be obtained by contacting Mission East's head office or via missioneast.org.

Impact across five main sectors

In 2024, more than **283,988** people participated in and benefited from our projects within each of our five main sectors.



CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT
CRISIS ACTION
62,421
PEOPLE



EMERGENCY
RESPONSE
45,918
PEOPLE



WATER, SANITATION,
& HYGIENE
89,135
PEOPLE



FOOD SECURITY
& LIVELIHOOD
52,275
PEOPLE



PROTECTION
42,929
PEOPLE

As some interventions cover multiple sectors, there may be overlap of beneficiaries between the sectors.

Where did the money come from?



DANIDA
56%



OTHER DANISH
PUBLIC DONORS
2%



PRIVATE
SUPPORTERS
13%



FOUNDATIONS
16%



UNITED NATIONS
AND OTHERS
13%

What was the money spent on?



HUMANITARIAN AID
76%



DEVELOPMENT AID
15%



ENGAGEMENT
2%

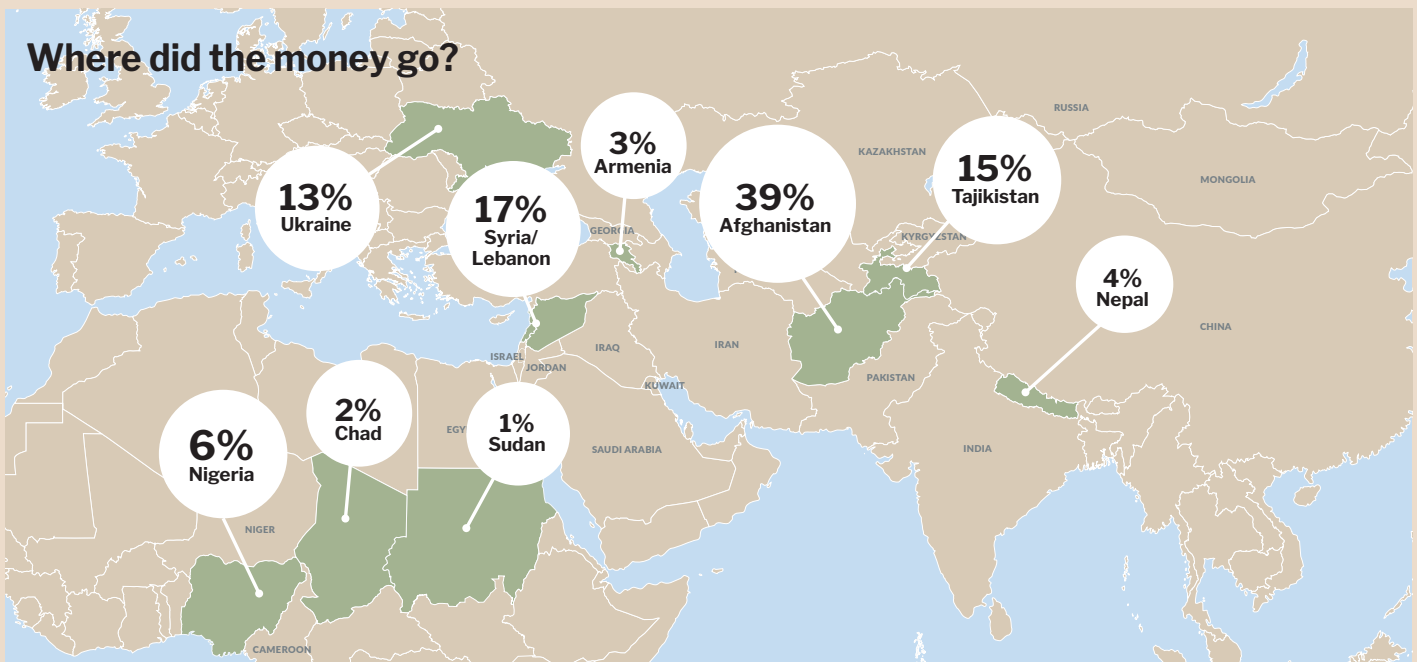


ADMINISTRATION,
EXCL. INVESTMENT
6%



ADMINISTRATION,
INVESTMENT
1%

Where did the money go?



Årsregnskab for 2024

Mission Østs samlede indtægter for 2024 var cirka 69 millioner DKK, hvilket er en nedgang, sammenlignet med tidligere år. Dette havde primært to bagvedliggende årsager. Den første årsag var, at det i 2024 var vanskeligere end hidtil at rejse midler til Mission Østs indsatsområder på grund af humanitære kriser andre steder i verden. Dette betød, at store summer penge fra Mission Østs traditionelle donorer, blev dirigeret mod andre af verdens brændpunkter, eksempelvis Gaza. Den anden årsag til de lavere indtægter skyldes, at det af forskellige tekniske grunde ikke var muligt at gennemføre alle projektaktiviteter som planlagt. Siden Mission Øst i 2021 har gennemført et nyt og mere retvisende regnskabsprincip, registreres indtægter nu korrekt i takt med gennemførelsen af aktiviteter, og skubber derved indtægter til efterfølgende år, hvilket for året 2024 får den konsekvens, at indtægterne falder. På trods af dette lavere indtægtsniveau, blev året resultat et nettooverskud på 0.8 mio., hvilket er et tilfredsstillende resultat. Dette betyder at Mission Østs reserver ved udgangen af 2024 er på 5,9 mio. kr., og at Mission Øst dermed for fjerde år i træk kan slutte året med et positivt resultat og dermed fortsætte den gode tendens med at konsolidere organisationen.

Afghanistan-programmet forblev den største operation i 2024. Den humanitære krise i Afghanistan blev forværret i 2024 bl.a. som følge af oversvømmelser i foråret. På trods af dette var donorer mindre villige til at støtte på grund af kvinderettigheds-situationen. Desværre blev det derfor nødvendigt at reducere antallet af aktiviteter, på trods af landets enorme humanitære behov.

I Syrien oplevede alle programmer store forsinkelser på grund af bankernes risikovurderinger, som besværliggjorde pengeoverførsler til landet. Situationen ændrede sig yderligere dramatisk, da Assad-regimet efter fem årtier kollapsede i slutningen af året. Dette medførte en midlertidig suspendering af alle programmer, som således ikke fik gennemført aktiviteter som planlagt.

Programmet i Ukraine fortsatte med at yde humanitær støtte og bl.a. hjælpe krigsveteraner mentalt og fysisk på fode igen. Aktiviteterne blev i nogen grad forsinkede på grund af bureaukratiske udfordringer med at opnå de nødvendige tilladelser. Aktiviteterne i Tadsjikistan, Mission Østs tredje-største indsatsområde 2024, fandt sted som planlagt.

Det samlede beløb af gaver fra vores generøse private støtter gav Mission Øst en indkomst på omkring 9 millioner DKK i 2024. Dette ligger under det ønskede niveau, men vurderes at skyldes andre store humanitære kriser, som tiltrak megen opmærksomhed. Vi fortsætter med at have mange – nye som gamle – private bidragsydere, som loyalt støtter vores arbejde for de fattigste mennesker i de fjerneste egne. Det er vi dybt taknemmelige for.

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De oplysninger, der præsenteres her, er et sammendrag af oplysningerne i Mission Østs regnskab. Dette resumé indeholder muligvis ikke tilstrækkelige oplysninger til at give en fuld forståelse af Mission Østs økonomiske forhold. For yderligere information bør det fulde regnskab konsulteres. Kopier kan fås ved henvendelse til Mission Østs hovedkontor eller via missioneast.org.

Effekt på tværs af fem hovedsektorer

I 2023 modtog mere end **283.988** mennesker støtte fra vores indsatser inden for hver af vores fem hovedsektorer.



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Hvor kom pengene fra?



DANIDA

56%



ANDRE DANSKE
OFFENTLIGE DONORER

2%



PRIVATE
STØTTER

13%



FONDE

16%



FN OG ANDRE

13%

Hvad blev pengene brugt til?



STØTTE

76%



UDVIKLINGSBISTAND

15%



ENGAGEMENT

2%



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EKSKL. INVESTERINGER

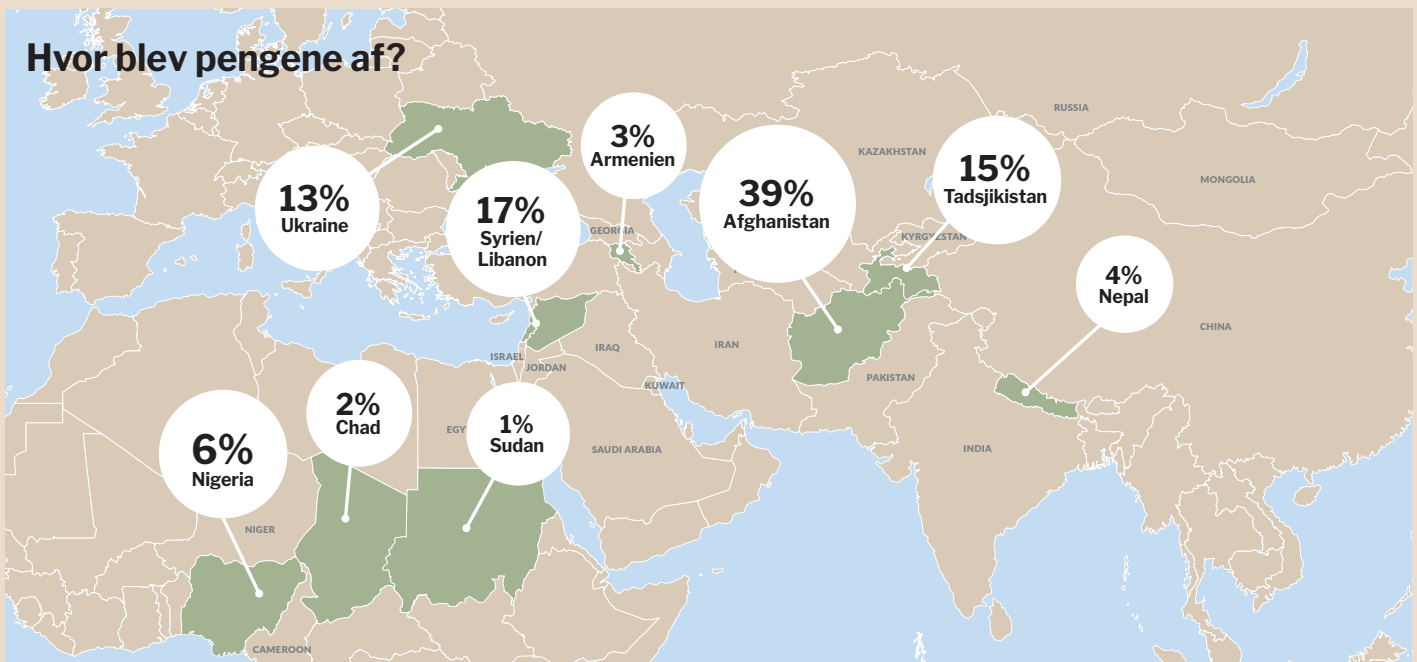
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INVESTERINGER

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Hvor blev pengene af?





Locally led, globally trusted

Lasting solutions to crisis and poverty are built from the ground up. That's why Mission East prioritises local leadership—empowering national staff, civil society partners, and communities themselves to lead design, delivery, and decision-making.

This deep local engagement is matched by the trust of global donors, institutions, and alliances who rely on Mission East for principled, transparent, and effective programming in some of the world's most fragile environments.

By linking local knowledge with global standards, Mission East delivers assistance that is effective and rooted in long-term impact. We don't just respond—we build. Together with our partners, we create pathways from emergency to recovery, and from survival to resilience.

In 2024, Mission East responded to a world in turmoil—with escalating conflicts, deepening climate disasters, and rising inequality—by doing what we do best: delivering timely aid, supporting communities to recover, and laying foundations for long-term resilience.

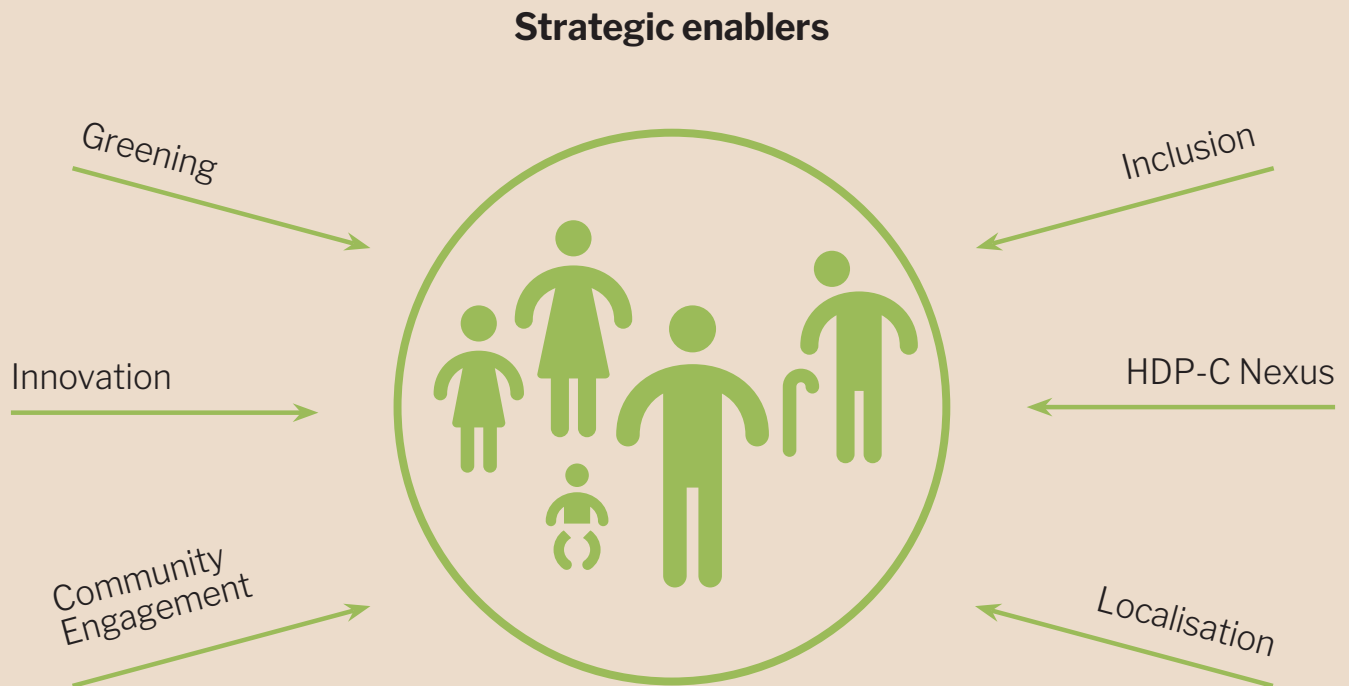
Our work reached people on the frontlines of crisis—from displaced families in Syria and Lebanon to climate-affected

communities in Chad and Nigeria. In each setting, we acted not just as responders, but as partners. Whether through solar-powered irrigation systems in Afghanistan, green water systems in Syria, or inclusive hygiene training for persons with disabilities in Tajikistan, we prioritized solutions that respect dignity, protect the environment, and prepare communities for the future.

Conflict remained a major driver of displacement and need. In Syria, as political shifts unfolded and economic collapse deepened, our support to vulnerable families included emergency food, psychosocial care, and livelihood support—especially for children, persons with disabilities, older people, and survivors of trauma. In Lebanon, we helped newly displaced families with life's most basic needs: food, a place to sleep, and safety. In Ukraine and Armenia, we stood with war-affected families working to rebuild and those seeking an inclusive, thriving community.

At a time when global compassion is tested and needs are rising faster than resources, Mission East's promise remains firm: to stand with the most vulnerable in the hardest-to-reach places, and to be a trusted, effective, and forward-thinking partner in a changing world.

Strategic priorities



Our approach is guided by six strategic enablers—localisation, greening, inclusion, innovation, community engagement, and the HDP-C (Humanitarian-Development-Peace-Climate) Nexus. These are not buzzwords; they are the DNA of our work. Local partners lead the way, and together we’re building practical, scalable, and hopeful change.

Localisation

We prioritise local leadership—supporting national staff, civil society organisations, and community structures to design and deliver effective, accountable solutions.

Greening

Every programme considers its environmental impact. From climate-smart agriculture to low-carbon reconstruction, we aim to protect natural resources and support climate resilience.

Inclusion

We ensure that people of all ages, genders, abilities, and backgrounds are included—not only as beneficiaries, but as decision-makers shaping their own futures.

Innovation

From solar-powered solutions, creation of a green concrete plant, to digital cash transfers, we invest in creative, context-driven tools that enhance impact and efficiency, even in hard-to-reach places.

Community Engagement

Change is sustainable when people are involved. We listen first, work alongside communities, and strengthen their capacity to identify and act on their priorities.

HDP-C Nexus

We bridge humanitarian response with development, peacebuilding, and climate action—linking urgent aid with long-term systems that reduce need and build stability.



Afghanistan

In 2024, Afghanistan remained one of the most urgent humanitarian contexts globally, with 23.7 million people in need of aid. Restrictions on education, movement, and employment continued to severely affect women and girls, deepening already widespread poverty.



Responding to displacement, disasters, and long-term poverty

Mission East and our partners worked in some of the country's most remote northeastern provinces, balancing immediate humanitarian response with long-term recovery and resilience. Alongside the United Nations, the Mission East team participated in a comprehensive needs assessment and ensured that the most vulnerable people were included in activities.

Emergency assistance was needed by families who were affected by flash floods and harsh winter conditions, and those who were forced to return from Pakistan and Iran. Multi-purpose cash assistance and in-kind support reached 23,667 people, helping households meet essential needs.

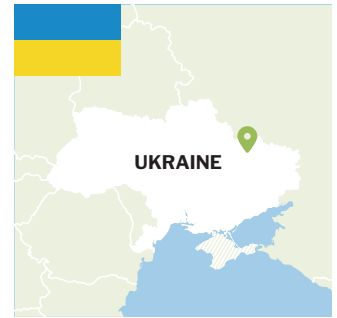
Conflict and climate change have drastically affected the ability of people to produce food and to have sufficient water. Supporting local food production and water systems shifts communities from emergency relief to self-reliance. More than 36,000 individuals benefited from food security and livelihoods support, including training in food preservation and distribution of climate-resilient seeds and fertilizer. More than 12,000 community members gained from improved irrigation infrastructure, while climate actions—including flood protection walls and reforestation—reached nearly 38,000 people.

Working with partners continues to be a core priority of our work in Afghanistan. Two national organisations led implementation in their areas of expertise, supported by MEED's technical guidance. A total of 37 local organisations were trained in financial and procurement management, reinforcing local capacity to deliver aid and sustain progress.

Innovative approaches were introduced, including solar-powered irrigation systems to convert rainfed lands into irrigated land resulting in increased and more reliable cultivation. Community-

Ukraine

In the rural villages of the Mykolaiv region, Mission East deconstructed destroyed social infrastructure, such as schools, and sorted debris, allowing for reuse of materials. Mission East also took the initial steps towards establishment of a low carbon cement and green concrete pilot plant with our partner, NeoEco, which in 2025-2027 will be utilised to demonstrate towards local authorities, donors, NGOs, and the private sector that green building materials are a feasible choice in the rebuilding efforts.



Rebuilding with Purpose: Veteran-led Recovery and Green Innovation in War-Torn Mykolaiv

Veterans took part in the deconstruction and sorting of materials on a cash-for-work basis and received peer-to-peer trauma counselling by a veteran therapist as well as physical therapy and took part in social activities including also veteran families. This served to reintegrate the veterans into society, strengthened family dynamics to prevent gender-based violence, installed sense of worth, purpose and unity, and contributed to knowledge of best practices for reintegration of veterans.

Mission East further facilitated the assistance by veterans in repairing the homes of vulnerable people and preparing them for winter. This included re-roofing of buildings, replacement of gutters and sewage systems, restoration of water supply, installation of doors and windows, and debris removal.

Other highlights include collaboration with AI specialist partner, UA Damage, to pilot detection of unexploded ordnances, and the social media-based protection awareness campaign continued reaching people in the non-government-controlled areas.

DONORS

Danida, including the Danida Green Business Partnerships

PARTNERS

NeoEco Ukraine
NeoEco Development
UA Damage



led structures such as disaster risk and water management committees were also established to ensure long-term ownership.

Looking ahead, the expected continued expulsion of Afghan refugees from neighbouring countries will place additional strain on vulnerable communities. Mission East urges the international community to maintain focus on Afghanistan and uphold its humanitarian commitments.

In a locally-led and culturally relevant initiative, 60 women received three months of training in dairy production and business management. A financial grant allowed them to create small businesses, and a women's cooperative was formed.

"We deliver fresh, hygienic dairy products to Faizabad markets every day. This centre not only sustains my family but also provides employment and dignity to other women in my community," said one participant.

The new Faizabad Dairy Processing Centre produces 50kg of processed milk and 80kg yogurt daily and employs 22 individuals of whom 20 are women.

DONORS

Afghanistan Humanitarian Fund (UNOCHA)
Danida
PATRIP Foundation
World Food Programme

PARTNERS

Afghan Brothers Social Services Organization (ABSSO)
Pamir Vocational Training Organization (PVTO)



Tajikistan

Against a backdrop of natural disasters, Tajikistan families are dealing with concerns about human rights and inadequate social services. While economic indicators pointed to growth, many vulnerable families, particularly those in remote areas, and persons with disabilities faced growing barriers to support and services.



Inclusive recovery and resilience in the face of hardship

In response, Mission East partnered with three local civil society organisations to expand disability inclusion and civic engagement. Marginalised groups were empowered to influence decisions that affect their lives, while youth and women received training in advocacy and community leadership. Public awareness campaigns and dialogue with authorities encouraged more inclusive, responsive local governance.

In hard-to-reach border areas, new water systems, hygiene facilities, and seismic-resistant and solar-powered schools helped create safer and more sustainable environments. Mission East continues to support these border communities who numerous issues including violence and instability, economic hardship, and land and resource disputes.

Mission East advanced locally led solutions, climate resilience, and inclusion.

Through these initiatives, Mission East advanced locally led solutions, climate resilience, and inclusion. The strong partnerships are possible because of local ownership, and the belief that recovery must leave no one behind.

DONORS

Danida
PATRIP Foundation
European Union

PARTNERS

Nuri Umed
Mehrgon
CoP-Kulob



Construction of **5** water supply systems in border communities with Afghanistan.

Construction of **300** household latrines and **15** public latrines in **21** border communities



Construction of **6** public bathing places in border communities.

Construction of **4** structures to reduce risks from flooding and avalanches
Retrofitting of 2 schools including solarization

Skills development and support of small business offered sustainable livelihoods for youth and persons with disabilities.



Strengthened capacities in local rights-based advocacy, legal frameworks, and data sharing for disability inclusion.

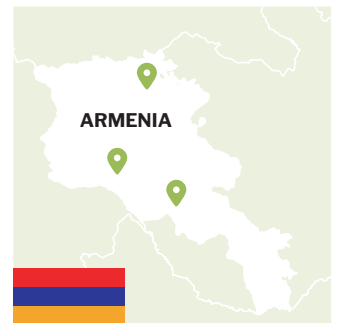
58% of disability stakeholders engaged in advocacy, awareness-raising and networking activities.

Door-to-door screening identified **1,003** children/youth with disabilities; **439** received social and rehabilitation services.



Armenia

In a year marked by political tension and rising inequality, Mission East and our long-standing partner Bridge of Hope continued to champion the rights of children with disabilities in Armenia. While the conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh pushed social issues further down the national agenda, our programmes transformed lives in schools, homes, and communities.



Inclusion, dignity, and resilience for children and families

In Tavush Marz, 329 children received regular therapy—physical, speech, occupational, and arts—through a project funded by the Erik Thunes Foundation. Many made remarkable progress: 78% improved their mobility and 68% strengthened their communication skills. With the help of assistive devices and dedicated therapists, these children are navigating daily life with greater independence. Parents, too, have found strength in numbers—forming networks to support each other and advocate for equal rights.

Across 33 schools, students explored inclusion and human rights through theatre and dialogue, part of our New Democracy Fund-supported “Bridge Through Inclusive Theatre” project. Twenty-five young people emerged as powerful voices for disability rights, and a group of 15 travelled to Denmark to learn from local organisations working on similar issues and perform traditional Armenian theatre as well as an adaptation of The Little Mermaid.

Meanwhile, 40 displaced families from Nagorno-Karabakh were supported through vocational training and livelihood opportunities, delivered by Community Development NGO.

These efforts are fully led by local partners, with Mission East offering technical guidance. By investing in children, families, teachers, and youth, we are laying the groundwork for long-term inclusion—and ensuring that no one is left behind.

DONORS

New Democracy Fund
Erik Thunes Fund

Partners

Bridge of Hope
Community Development
NGO



40 families (approx. 200 People) were reached with emergency relief efforts



329 children and youth received outpatient rehabilitation services

250 parents of children with disabilities were skilled to conduct advocacy for improved rights of disabled.

955 people attended theatre performances on human rights, dignity and inclusion

2000 students from 25 schools, colleges and universities engaged actively in organised debates on human rights and inclusion.



Nepal

In Nepal's remote Karnali Province, poverty, isolation, and the growing impact of climate change continue to shape daily life. With limited access to health services, clean water, and sustainable livelihoods, many families live in extreme poverty—some requiring one to two days of travel to reach essential support.



Building resilience in the face of climate and poverty

Mission East focused efforts on climate-smart agriculture, recognising that erratic weather patterns affect every part of rural life. Working with KIRDARC and HEAD Nepal, farmers were trained in techniques like drought-resistant seed use, terrace management, through planting and caring for fruit tree saplings. These changes improved food security and livelihoods for 665 people while restoring vegetation to help prevent flooding and landslides.

Clean water systems were repaired, restoring safe water access for 400 families. Hygiene campaigns in four schools and surrounding communities reached more than 1,800 people, improving sanitation and reducing preventable illness.

Local youth played a central role in change. The Climate Champion Network of 20 trained leaders facilitated community sessions, gathered climate data, and successfully lobbied local authorities for adaptation investments—including an irrigation canal now serving 67 households in Tumcha. “Following continuous lobbying efforts with local and provincial authorities, we have successfully constructed an irrigation canal,” said youth leader Narendra Rawat.

These young leaders are no longer just raising awareness—they are shaping policy, mobilising communities, and building a more resilient future from within.

DONORS

Kirkelig Udviklingssamarbejde
Danida
AEC Foundation

PARTNERS

Himalayan Education and Development (HEAD)
Karnali Integrated Rural Development and Research Center (KIRDARC)



Restored clean water access for **2400** people hit by floods and landslides



1833 students benefitted from hygiene awareness campaigns and repairs sanitation facilities at schools.



561 people reached and engaged in awareness raising on climate change and disaster risk reduction



665 farmers and their families received training and input support for sustainable livelihood activities

2541 people were reached with a variety of activities supporting marginalised groups (Dalits, Women and disabled) and increasing awareness on inclusion, protection and equal rights.



Lebanon and Syria

Syria remained one of the world's most urgent humanitarian crises in 2024. Nearly three-quarters of the population required assistance, and the collapse of the Assad regime at the end of the year marked a major political shift. While the transition raised hopes for eventual recovery, it also brought new uncertainty and disruption to humanitarian operations. At the same time, escalating conflict between Israel and Lebanon pushed thousands of people—including Syrian refugees and Lebanese families—back into Syria, further straining fragile communities.



Responding with dignity, hope, and local strength amid displacement and despair

Mission East and its local partners responded with a flexible, localised approach. Families facing malnutrition received three months of multi-purpose cash assistance to cover basic needs while accessing care. Farmers were supported with climate-resilient wheat seeds, fertilisers, and training in drip irrigation systems—a critical innovation in a country facing acute water scarcity.

In total, over 24,000 people gained access to clean drinking water; 2,475 received emergency cash support; 880 individuals benefitted from livelihoods initiatives; and 1,196 received psychosocial and child protection services. More than 90% of these activities were implemented by local partners, whose capacity was further strengthened in financial systems, HR, and procurement practices.

In Lebanon, displaced families were met with essential support. “There were airstrikes near our home,” said Hassan, 41. “We had to flee—even if it meant leaving everything behind.” In Syria, Salam, a mother of five, recalled sleeping in a car during winter and watching her breast milk dry up from hunger. “There is no food, and the prices are unbearable,” she said. In Latakia, 67-year-old Saeed scavenges plastic to feed his grandchildren. “It is shameful, but there is no choice,” he said.

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Mission East remains present—empowering local actors, responding with dignity, and helping families hold onto hope.



2475 individuals supported with MPCA



24,000 individuals accessed drinking water and 380 farmers access to improved irrigation water



880 individuals received trainings and small grants for livelihoods activities, mainly focused on farming.



Africa strategy

Denmark's new Africa strategy places climate change and conflict at the top of the agenda—two crises already defining life for many across the continent. With Africa's population expected to grow by one billion by 2050, and half of all climate-displaced people likely to come from the region, the need for inclusive, locally driven solutions has never been greater.

Partnering for climate resilience, peace, and local solutions

Mission East's work in Nigeria, Chad, and Sudan aligns closely with the strategy's priorities: forging equal partnerships, strengthening local leadership, and supporting the most vulnerable communities.

In Chad, where over a million Sudanese people have fled civil war, Mission East connects refugees and host communities in creating climate-resilient kitchen gardens which provide food security and income opportunities.

In Borno State in Nigeria, similar approaches support internally displaced families, offering emergency relief, alternatives to firewood use and helping host communities adapt to changing climate conditions. In both countries, partnerships with local actors ensure relevance, sustainability, and conflict-sensitive implementation.

"Our work in Africa isn't charity—it's collaboration," says International Director Peter Drummond-Smith. "We welcome Denmark's strategy for recognising Africa's people, priorities, and potential. Together, we are not turning our backs—we are building forward."



Nigeria

In northeast Nigeria, Mission East supported vulnerable internally displaced people (IDPs) and host communities in hard-to-reach Borno State, where conflict, flooding, and inflation deepened food insecurity in 2024. The response was integrated with partner ZOA and local organisation GISCOR, reaching more than 22,000.



Building resilience through emergency aid, livelihoods, and local partnerships

Emergency meals supported 6,121 newly arrived people with two daily meals, while 2,492 vulnerable displaced individuals received digital cash assistance. Remarkably, 97% of cash recipients were women, strengthening household resilience and decision-making.

Hygiene promotion and cholera prevention reached 20,500 people through trained local volunteers. Climate-smart kitchen gardens, launched with the support of the Danish Broadcasting Corporation, enabled 79% of participants to grow and sell diverse vegetables. Four demonstration plots served as learning hubs and strengthened farmer knowledge on soil health and food security.

Environmental clean-up campaigns and flood response activities engaged youth and reinforced community resilience. Small business grants and tailored mentoring helped 300 people rebuild and diversify livelihoods.

Local partnerships were pivotal. GISCOR led hygiene and nutrition education, while joint training with local government boosted WASH and maternal-child health capacity.

At the end of 2024, Mission East together with Giscor launched a new pilot with Danida and UKFCDO funds to provide access to solar-electric clean cooking stoves for vulnerable displaced families in Borno State. This technological innovation reduces carbon emissions, deforestation and protection risks, while strengthening livelihoods and health.

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Chad and Sudan

Conflict in Sudan and the resulting refugee influx into Chad defined one of the most urgent humanitarian crises of 2024. Mission East responded with coordinated programming across both countries—



delivering emergency relief in West Darfur and supporting longer-term recovery and climate resilience in Eastern Chad's Dougui camp and surrounding host communities.

Responding to crisis with resilience, inclusion, and local engagement

In Sudan, an emergency intervention in Geneina, West Darfur, reached nearly 12,000 internally displaced people with lifesaving support. Mission East and partner LM International restored clean water access for over 8,000 people through hand pump rehabilitation, conducted hygiene awareness campaigns, and distributed non-food item kits to 150 vulnerable households.

In Chad, where tens of thousands of Sudanese sought refuge, Mission East supported both refugees and host populations. Through sustained dialogue with local authorities and community leaders, 24 hectares of land were secured for joint cultivation. Gardening groups harvested over 6 tons of vegetables, generating both nutrition and income. Kitchen gardens, climate-smart agriculture, and composting training strengthened food security while building resilience to climate extremes.

Environmental education reached 17,199 people, and 1,500 fruit and forest trees were planted. Community ownership was key, especially in securing land use agreements and ensuring peaceful coexistence between host and refugee communities.

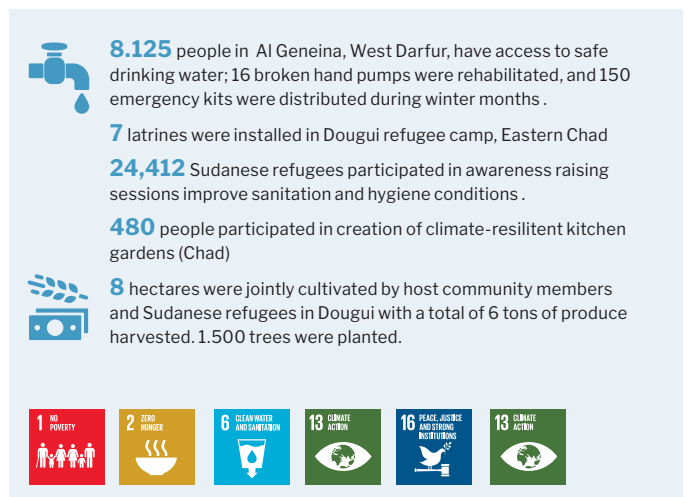
Despite volatility, flooding, and displacement, Mission East's work in Chad and Sudan contributed to improved access to water, sanitation, sustainable livelihoods, social cohesion, and environmental stewardship.

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