

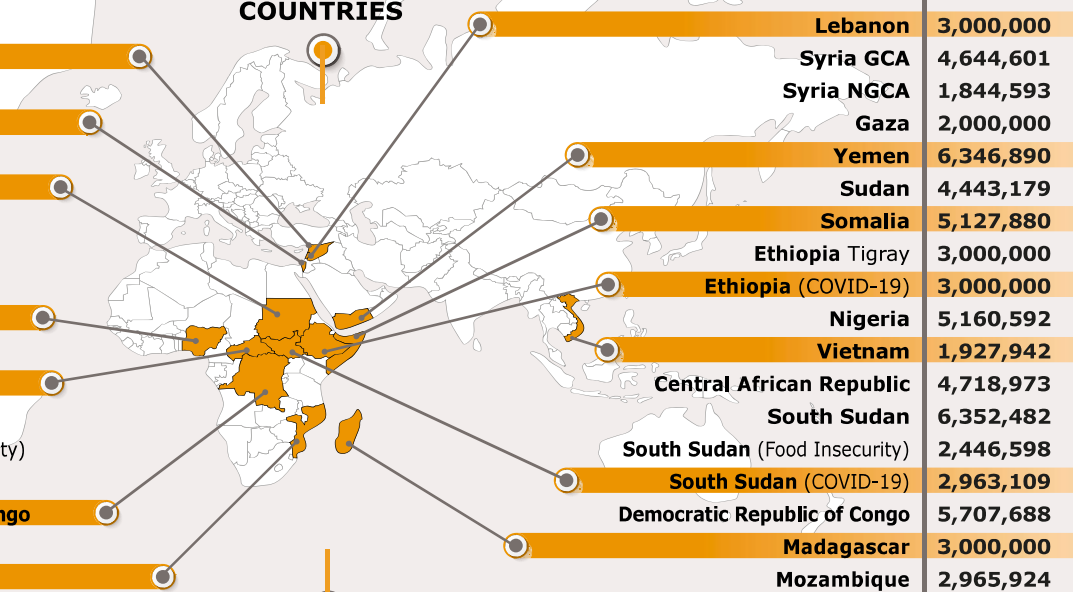
## 2021 IMPACT BRIEF

**Effective, efficient, relevant, timely and high-quality humanitarian assistance around the world**



WE'VE IMPLEMENTED  
18 JOINT RESPONSES IN

**14**  
COUNTRIES



WE'VE OFFERED  
SUPPORT IN

**8**  
AREAS OF  
INTERVENTION



PEOPLE REACHED  
**3,555,022**

**17**

INNOVATIVE  
PROJECTS  
ALONG

**4**

Smart's Use of Data,  
Cash Programming,  
Safety & Protection,

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### INNOVATION





At the beginning of 2021, millions of people around the world were living in life-threatening circumstances due to conflict, climate change and extreme poverty. The COVID-19 pandemic still affected many communities, creating more tension, less access, and less opportunities for people to change their vulnerable situation. Over the past few years, the Dutch Relief Alliance and its partners have offered support to communities in the most fragile countries, especially those countries who have been affected by conflict and instability already for so many years like Syria, Yemen, South Sudan and many others.

We have seen a continuation of conflict and violence, which resulted in devastating conditions and high numbers of people fleeing the conflict. Mozambique, Gaza and Burkina Faso have been hit by armed groups and bombings. And of course, the outburst of violence in Tigray added up to the many crises Ethiopia is already dealing with. For the Tigray crises the Ministry of Foreign Affairs granted an additional three million euro of funding. Our acute crisis mechanism enabled us to typically respond within 72 hours. The Dutch Relief Alliance again showed itself to be a valuable collaboration between Dutch humanitarian NGOs and local partners. It has established a robust apparatus to respond to protracted and acute crises, assisting people promptly and effectively. Furthermore, our innovation projects provided a test-bed environment for innovative humanitarian solutions.

2021 has also been the year in which we worked on a new and ambitious strategy, and a prolonged partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the coming five years. Accountability towards local communities, localization and equitable partnerships, with the aim of increasing the impact and quality of our humanitarian programming will be our priorities. We will take a step further as an Alliance, investing in a more visible role within the humanitarian system, sharing our knowledge and practice, and advocating for more quantity and quality of funding for humanitarian response.

This Impact Brief contains an overview of our accomplishments in 2021. Finally, we are extremely grateful to the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs for their continued support and partnership.



### COLLABORATION

The DRA members are committed to jointly implementing humanitarian assistance, thereby making a greater impact than when operating independently. Together, we respond to major crises in a timely and effective manner.

### INNOVATION

Since needs and circumstances are constantly changing, the DRA stimulates and invests in innovation. Through the DRA Innovation Fund, we facilitate the development and implementation of innovative approaches and activities, in order to ensure the continuous improvement of humanitarian aid and its impact on crisis-affected people.

### LOCALISATION

Localisation enhances the impact of interventions. That is why, whenever possible, local partners are involved in all stages of our joint responses, from design to evaluation. Over the past few years, funds flowing directly to local partners rose to approximately 25 per cent of the budget. Moreover, the DRA has been increasingly focusing on capacity strengthening of local partners. We also ensure that local voices are amplified at international fora.



SUDAN






Protracted Crisis



OUR INTERVENTIONS AND THEIR IMPACT

In 2021, we offered multisectoral assistance in Borno state in north-eastern Nigeria. We focused on internally displaced persons, host communities, and returnees. We paid special attention to vulnerable groups, such as female- and child-headed households, malnourished children, the elderly, and people with disabilities. Through our response, we addressed immediate needs by distributing cash, treating common childhood illnesses and providing reproductive healthcare. Moreover, people’s resilience was enhanced through income-generating activities and Village Savings and Loans Associations. The construction of latrines and boreholes along with hygiene promotion led to increased access to water, sanitation and hygiene facilities, as well as improved hygiene practices and environmental cleanliness. Through our efforts, we helped to reduce the incidence of waterborne diseases such as cholera. We also provided Mental Health and Psychosocial Support for women and children, and integrated COVID-19 prevention activities into our work.

THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WE PLANNED TO REACH AND THE NUMBER WE ACTUALLY REACHED IN 2021:

	Planned	Reached
 Food security and Livelihood	14,415	16,907
 Multi-purpose cash assistance	10,105	10,844
 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	57,650	72,419
 Health (incl. MHPSS)	2,285	4,371
 Protection	31,363	34,412
<b>Total number</b> (without double counting)	<b>90,882</b>	<b>116,892</b>

Budget: 5,160,952 EUR  
Lead: Save the Children

Participating organisations:  
Save the Children, Tearfund, ICCO, ZOA, Terre des Hommes

Local organisations:  
Christian Rural and Urban Development Association of Nigeria (CRUDAN), Emergence of Ekklesiyar Yan’uwa a Nigeria (EYN), Centre for Family Planning and Development (CFPDC), Joint Development Foundation (JDF), Joint

‘The Joint Response is an unique program in Sudan, mainly because of the equal partnership that was created between INGO’s and NNGO’s. This foundation gives the programme life and strength and sets and example for the country.’








Eiman Ibrahim,  
(Country Coordinator Sudan,  
Plan International)

OUR INTERVENTIONS AND THEIR IMPACT

Sudan faced economic hardship, conflict, displacement and humanitarian needs have grown significantly. Millions of people need assistance for their physical and mental well-being, as well as to meet minimum living standards. The conflict in neighboring Ethiopia has led to refugees from Tigray to seek refuge in the eastern provinces of Sudan.

In Sudan, where we are active in North Darfur, South Kordofan and Blue Nile, we focused on women and girls, and adopted a multi-sectoral approach of Cash and Protection to mitigate protection risks. For example, women and girls from Multi-Purpose Cash, and GBV survivors can access services through the FSL programs. Gender sensitive WASH programs are included in the FSL programs. Gender sensitive WASH programs are included in the FSL programs. We supported women’s economic empowerment programs that focus on IDP women, and ensures conflict prevention and protection of the response. The 2021 contingency budget was allocated to the White Nile flood response and Tunaydbah Camp Storm Response to address emerging needs.

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 Food security and Livelihood	
 Multi-purpose cash assistance	
 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	
 Health (incl. MHPSS)	
 Protection	
<b>Total number</b> (without double counting)	

Budget: 4,443,179 EUR  
Lead: Plan International

Participating organisations:  
Plan International (PI), WFP, UNICEF, ICCO, ZOA, Terre des Hommes







(CABO DELGADO  
RESPONSE)

Acute Crisis



*'The Joint Response demonstrated how impactful it can be when different organizations come together and complement each other when responding to humanitarian crisis.'*



**Jose Mangué,**  
Mozambique Joint  
Response Country Coordinator

## OUR INTERVENTIONS AND THEIR IMPACT

In Cabo Delgado, food insecurity has been on the rise as compounded by climatic shocks, have disrupted communities' livelihoods. As such, target communities were provided with support to start re-building livelihood assets and were enabled to meet the distribution of food and agricultural kits. Activities focused on assistance, including the improvement and accessibility of services for survivors, and GBV prevention. Protection and GBV service case management, strengthening referral pathways and providing support to IDPs. Hygiene kits, shelter family kits and kitchen sets for individuals and households. Most of the distributed items were from other JR intervention sectors as vulnerable and traumatized individuals and survivors of GBV, are in particular need of basic services, mental health and psychosocial support, education, health and sanitation. WASH activities focused on communities having unmet hygienic needs and having access to dignified, safe, clean and functional facilities. Also, it ensured their access to sufficient and safe water with hygiene awareness raising activities.

## THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WE PLANNED TO REACH AND THE NUMBER WE ACTUALLY REACHED IN 2021

🌾	Food security and Livelihood
🏠	Shelter and non-food items
💧	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
🛡️	Protection

**Total number** (without double counting)

**Budget:** 3,000,000 EUR      Spend: 2,965,924 EUR  
**Lead:** Plan International

**Participating organisations:**  
CARE, SOS, Tearfund, Coraid, and Oxfam



## OUR INTERVENTIONS AND THEIR IMPACT

In 2021, we supported 327,256 people across Somalia with life-saving and life-sustaining humanitarian assistance. Needs of the most vulnerable people affected by conflict and climatic shocks, such as drought and floods, were addressed. We focused on increasing immediate availability of and access to food as well as short term livelihood support, such as agricultural inputs or grants for small businesses. We also supported delivery of essential life-saving nutrition and health services. The construction of latrines and water sources along with hygiene promotion led to improved access to water, sanitation and hygiene facilities, as well as improved hygiene practices among the targeted communities. Lastly, we strengthened community protection structures by training and engaging them to conduct awareness raising to address protection risks, such as gender based violence and child rights abuses.

## THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WE PLANNED TO REACH AND THE NUMBER WE ACTUALLY REACHED IN 2021

	Planned	Reached
🌾 Food security and Livelihood	14,520	17,960
🍴 Nutrition	47,359	99,066
💰 Multi-purpose cash assistance	10,692	15,308
💧 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	104,588	160,603
❤️ Health (incl. MHPSS)	137,099	215,200
🛡️ Protection	44,826	37,703
<b>Total number</b> (without double counting)	<b>205,828</b>	<b>327,256</b>

**Budget:** 5,127,880 EUR  
**Lead:** Oxfam Novib

**Participating organisations:**  
Help a Child, Oxfam Novib, SOS Children's Villages, World Vision







(NON-GOVERNMENT  
CONTROLLED AREAS)






Protracted Crisis



## OUR INTERVENTIONS AND THEIR IMPACT

In 2021 in South Sudan, the DRA partners continued to support the most vulnerable households affected by the years of conflict, displacement, recurring flooding, and adverse effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. We helped to strengthen livelihoods for vulnerable people through the distribution of cash, agricultural seeds and tools, and by providing training on agriculture practices and Income Generating Activities (IGA). By supporting women and children with MHPSS activities, we helped them to strengthen their resilience, coping mechanism and wellbeing. We did this alongside efforts to raise awareness and provide training on protection and the prevention of Gender Based Violence. We installed and rehabilitated boreholes and latrines, distributed soap, promoted positive hygiene practices, and provided treatment of severe and moderate acute malnutrition at the nutrition centres, helping to rebuild key infrastructure that will enable lasting impact in our intervention areas.

## THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WE PLANNED TO REACH AND THE NUMBER WE ACTUALLY REACHED IN 2021

	Planned	Reached
 Food security and Livelihood	102,370	105,242
 Nutrition	18,624	25,596
 Multi-purpose cash assistance	11,100	15,096
 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	67,900	108,096
 Protection	79,272	88,491
<b>Total number</b> (without double counting)	<b>200,487</b>	<b>234,249</b>

**Budget:** 6,352,482 EUR

**Lead:** Save the Children

### Participating organisations:

Help a Child, Plan Nederland, War Child Holland, CARE International Nederland, Dorcas Aid International, Tearfund, Save the Children

### Local organisations:






ACROSS, Centre for Emergency and Development Support (CEDS), Community Empowerment Foundation (CEF), Humanitarian Development Cooperation (HDC), Muslim Relief Association (MUA), South Sudan African



## OUR INTERVENTIONS AND THEIR IMPACT

Building on the Response in 2020, the Syria Joint Response (SJR-NGCA) operated in North-West Syria (NWS) and North-East Syria (NES). Through the health and nutrition, WASH, and protection and education component in North-East Syria (NES). Through the protection component in North-East Syria (NES). Through mainstreaming protection elements throughout the response, conducting trainings, creating a consortium level referral support tackling the Gender aspect via a consultant, in addition to education activities, and support in the WASH and Health

## THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WE PLANNED TO REACH AND THE NUMBER WE ACTUALLY REACHED IN 2021

 Nutrition
 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
 Health (incl. MHPSS)
 Education
 Protection

**Total number** (without double counting)

**Budget:** 1,844,593 EUR

**Lead:** War Child Holland

### Participating organisations:

IRC (technical support in Health & Nutrition sectors)



# REPUBLIC OF CONGO

## Protracted Crisis



### OUR INTERVENTIONS AND THEIR IMPACT

The DRA Joint Response finished its 7th and final year of implementation in 4 prefectures of the Central African Republic at a time when humanitarian needs in the country continue to grow. The Response provided essential aid to those in need, particularly after increased insecurity in the country after the elections in December 2020. Renewed violence, security pressures and the resulting displacement and disruption of basic services meant that communities needed access to health services, protection and sanitary and hygiene infrastructure. The DRA partners helped to meet these needs, providing safe water and hygiene kits, and opening access to psychosocial support facilities. Additionally, the partners enabled thousands of people in the CAR to access resources to restore livelihoods – including access to seed, farming tools, and training and education on farming and livestock techniques.

### THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WE PLANNED TO REACH AND THE NUMBER WE ACTUALLY REACHED IN 2021

	Planned	Reached
🌾 Food security and Livelihood	23,210	29,087
💰 Multi-purpose cash assistance	2,142	2,296
💧 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	49,150	84,080
❤️ Health (incl. MHPSS)	36,763	11,571
🛡️ Protection	72,733	141,089
<b>Total number</b> (without double counting)	<b>180,750</b>	<b>268,123</b>

**Budget:** 4,718,973 EUR

**Lead:** Cordaid

#### Participating organisations:

ICCO, Plan International, SOS Kinderdorpen, Stichting Vluchteling



### OUR INTERVENTIONS AND THEIR IMPACT

In 2021, we continued our response to provide people in Eastern DRC, with immediate aid. This region has been hit by natural disaster, poverty and protection risks, with the aid leaving millions of people in the area in requiring urgent support on providing multi-sectoral support to vulnerable people, people, and host communities. Through awareness raising latrines and water points, and rehabilitation of sanitary infrastructure to better hygiene, improved access to water and reduced conflict in regions. We worked together with local partners to provide their families, combating SGBV, exploitation and abuse, and parents. At the same time, we targeted schools to create children to learn and reintegrate into their communities.

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<b>Total number</b> (without double counting)	<b>180,750</b>	<b>268,123</b>

**Budget:** 5,737,688 EUR

**Lead:** World Vision

#### Participating organisations:

Red een Kind, CARE, Tearfund, War Child, Stichting Vluchteling





## ETHIOPIA TIGRAY

Acute Crisis



### OUR INTERVENTIONS AND THEIR IMPACT

The ongoing conflict in Yemen renders has caused one of the most severe humanitarian crises worldwide. Compounding factors like the COVID-19 pandemic, economic malaise and the blockage of ports have pushed millions more Yemenis into situations of urgent need. In 2021, we concentrated on providing healthcare and access to water, sanitation and good hygienic practices across several parts of the country. By distributing hygiene kits and water filters to vulnerable households and IDPs, combined with awareness raising campaigns, we are helping to prevent the spread of cholera and COVID-19. We trained female-headed households to manufacture soap, increasing hygienic practices and meeting demand from nearby schools and communities. Unrestricted cash installments and food vouchers helped vulnerable households meet immediate food needs. We established mobile health teams to reach communities without the means to access health facilities.

### THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WE PLANNED TO REACH AND THE NUMBER WE ACTUALLY REACHED IN 2021

	Planned	Reached
🌾 Food security and Livelihood	250	250
\$ Multi-purpose cash assistance	28,623	33,740
💧 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	100,722	107,440
❤️ Health (incl. MHPSS)	45,300	77,569
<b>Total number</b> (without double counting)	<b>174,645</b>	<b>202,194</b>

**Budget:** 6,346,890 EUR

**Lead:** CARE

#### Participating organisations:

Save the Children, Stichting Vluchteling, Cordaid, Oxfam Novib, ZOA



### OUR INTERVENTIONS AND THEIR IMPACT

The conflict in the Tigray region caused growing insecurity in rural areas, many people fled their homes, while livelihoods have been destroyed. In 2021, we provided vulnerable households with materials to rebuild and repair houses and shelter, providing materials to rebuild and repair houses and shelter, providing handtools and nails. We raised awareness on child protection and preventing SGBV. Children suffering from acute malnutrition were treated at community health facilities and sanitary infrastructure was repaired. We provided unrestricted cash to families in need to help them meet their basic needs.

### THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WE PLANNED TO REACH AND THE NUMBER WE ACTUALLY REACHED IN 2021

🌾 Food security and Livelihood	
\$ Nutrition	
💧 Multi-purpose cash assistance	
📖 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	
❤️ Health (incl. MHPSS)	
🛡️ Protection	
<b>Total number</b> (without double counting)	

**Budget:** 3,000,000 EUR

**Lead:** Cordaid

#### Participating organisations:

ZOA, SOS, Stichting Vluchteling, Tearfund, Save the Children







## SOUTH SUDAN (COVID-19)



Acute Crisis



### OUR INTERVENTIONS AND THEIR IMPACT

Climate change, flooding and conflict in South Sudan have led to severe disruptions of livelihoods, livestock farming and agriculture. Crop productivity is low and resources are stretched due to influxes of people displaced by conflict. As a result, millions of South Sudanese are affected by food insecurity and lacked nutrition, particularly children and women-led households. In 2021, we provided seeds, farming tools and fishing kits to restore and protect livelihoods. We rebuilt water points and boreholes, reducing the need for women and children to walk long distances to fetch water. By providing education on good hygienic practices, we contributed to reducing the spread of infectious diseases in communities in South Sudan.

### THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WE PLANNED TO REACH AND THE NUMBER WE ACTUALLY REACHED IN 2021

	Planned	Reached
 Food security and Livelihood	59,730	71,621
 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	7,500	9,138
<b>Total number</b> (without double counting)	<b>62,670</b>	<b>75,990</b>

**Budget:** 2,446,598 EUR  
**Lead:** Save the Children

**Participating organisations:**  
Cordaid, Dorcas, ZOA, Tearfund



### OUR INTERVENTIONS AND THEIR IMPACT

The outbreak of COVID-19 in South Sudan came against an already dire situation of insecurity, climate change, natural disaster, and mass displacement. Compounded by many of the existent issues, further increasing the needs of people affected by COVID-19 and to help prevent further spreading of infection. Our COVID-19 response from 2020, incorporating a multi-sectoral approach, distributed seeds and tools to vulnerable households, helped set up a network in congested public places, and raised awareness about avoidance strategies through broadcasts, public announcements and door-to-door campaigns. We supported health facilities by providing PPE and training community health workers on COVID-19.

### THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WE PLANNED TO REACH AND THE NUMBER WE ACTUALLY REACHED IN 2021

 COVID-19

**Total number** (without double counting)

**Budget:** 2,963,109 EUR  
**Lead:** Save the Children

**Participating organisations:**  
CARE, Cordaid, Help a Child, Tearfund, World Vision



## MADAGASCAR

Acute Crisis



### OUR INTERVENTIONS AND THEIR IMPACT

The COVID-19 pandemic hit Ethiopia hard. Political unrest and insecurity due to the conflict in Tigray, combined with drought, locust plagues and flooding resulted in mass displacement and overcrowding in informal settlements, where COVID-19 spread rapidly. Women and girls, internally displaced people, and vulnerable households were the primary recipients of DRA aid. We provided PPE to prevent the spread of COVID-19, strengthened health facilities and established mobile medical teams. By raising awareness and sharing information, we helped stem the spread of COVID-19. We provided water trucking and filters, sanitation materials, and helped struggling households purchase food items through vouchers. Cash assistance helped households avoid negative coping mechanisms by enabling them to meet basic needs.

### THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WE PLANNED TO REACH AND THE NUMBER WE ACTUALLY REACHED IN 2021

	Planned	Reached
Food security and Livelihood	12,550	12,921
Multi-purpose cash assistance	28,950	27,118
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	129,795	182,593
Health (incl. MHPSS)	191,735	194,594
<b>Total number</b> (without double counting)	<b>275,935</b>	<b>329,075</b>

**Budget:** 3,000,000 EUR  
**Lead:** SOS Kinderdorpen

**Participating organisations:**  
 Cordaid, Tearfund, Stichting Vluchteling, CARE



### OUR INTERVENTIONS AND THEIR IMPACT

In December 2021, we initiated our response to those affected by sandstorms in Southern Madagascar. After four consecutive years of sandstorms and insect plagues, more than 1.1 million people are affected. Agriculture and livestock farming are suffering as a result. Many children are dropping out of school to work as a result of the crisis. We will provide communities and households in need with multi-purpose cash, and help to create access to water and sanitation.

### THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WE PLANNED TO REACH AND THE NUMBER WE ACTUALLY REACHED IN 2021

Food security and Livelihood	
Nutrition	
Multi-purpose cash assistance	
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	
Protection	
<b>Total number</b> (without double counting)	

**Budget:** 3,000,000 EUR  
**Lead:** ZOA

**Participating organisations:**  
 Tearfund, Terre des Hommes, SOS, Save the Children



# DUTCH RELIEF ALLIANCE

In 2021, the Dutch Relief Alliance comprised fourteen Dutch humanitarian non-governmental organisations, in partnership with the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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