

Dorcas

**we are determined
we act together
...out of love.**

We are determined.

We act with conviction and do not give up. Where there is need, we take action and get things done. We go the extra mile to make a lasting impact.

We act together.

We are a movement that pursues sustainable change. We work alongside people in need and join hands with everyone who shares our mission. Only together can we make a real difference.

Out of love.

We are driven by compassion. We follow Jesus' example - out of love for our neighbour. We stand beside you - whoever you are.

About Dorcas

Dorcas is a Christian organisation that provides humanitarian assistance and facilitates development cooperation. We invest in sustainable change in the lives of people who are marginalised. In the event of poverty, exclusion or a crisis, we create opportunities for them to flourish.

What we believe

We believe in the value and God-given potential of every single person. We are called to demonstrate God's love for those in need. This is how we follow Jesus Christ.

What we see

We see a world where poverty, exclusion and crisis marginalise people. We also see the potential of people and communities to flourish despite difficult circumstances.

What we do

We empower people who are marginalised to develop their talents. And we enable disadvantaged communities to flourish. We equip individuals and communities to promote and ensure participation of all.

We create hope and long-term perspectives in volatile and complex situations. We meet people's basic needs in times of crisis and increase their ability to overcome

poverty and exclusion. We persist despite frequent setbacks and invest in durable relationships to realise sustainable change.

We are part of a global movement of individuals and organisations working for a just and fair world. We recognise and appreciate everybody who supports our work. And we actively partner with others to create synergy and amplify our impact.

Our history

Dorcas was founded by Dutch entrepreneur Dirk-Jan Groot in 1980 in response to the persecution of Christians in Eastern Europe during the communist regimes. Groot put his Christian faith into practice and started an organisation to support persecuted Christians and their families and he mobilised many people to take up this cause with him. After the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, the organisation expanded its activities to Africa - and, in the last decade, to the Middle East. In this period, Dorcas also shifted its focus towards humanitarian and development activities. Today Dorcas is active in over ten countries in three regions - working to improve the resilience and livelihoods of people affected by poverty, exclusion and crisis. All supported by our international office in Almere, the Netherlands. Dorcas is grateful for being able to work together with donors and partners from around the world and with a large support base of individuals, companies, churches and other organisations.

Dirk-Jan Groot was inspired by Matthew 25, which served and still serves as the guiding principle for Dorcas' mission. **"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me"**. (Matthew 25:40)



Our areas of expertise

Dorcas uses seven programmatic themes. The themes are based on the foundation of our way of working and Theory of Change (ToC) based integrated programming.



Livelihoods and food security

Supporting people in finding and sustaining livelihoods, increasing resilience, and contributing to community wellbeing, with particular attention to food security.



Economic development

Supporting people facing barriers to self-employment and employability to improve their job skills, start small businesses, and connect with markets to increase their income and reduce poverty.



Protection

Protecting people vulnerable to and affected by poverty, exclusion and crisis by integrating comprehensive protection measures, implementing targeted actions to prevent and respond to harm, and advocating for changes in practices, behaviours, and policies to mitigate protection risks and ensure impartial support.



Community development

Partnering with communities vulnerable to and affected by poverty, exclusion, and crisis through collaborative, asset-based development and conflict-sensitive approaches, enhancing their capacity, resilience, and quality of life.



Climate adaptation

Enabling farmers and citizens of all ages, who are hit hardest by the changing climate, with ways and means to adapt and protect themselves, so they can flourish in the face of climate change.



Water

Empowering communities with access to water, ensuring its availability, and promoting sustainable use and preservation, so everyone can thrive even in the face of changing environmental conditions.



Crisis response

Responding to acute and protracted crises through anticipatory action, lifesaving assistance, and supporting people and communities affected by the crisis to recover mentally, socially and economically, with due consideration for the environment.

Our way of working

At the core of our way of working we find our faith inspired values and identity, our view of people as created with God-given potential and our strong belief that no one should be left behind from to possibility to become a flourishing person or community. The themes are all to be understood through a lens of inclusion and vulnerability. We recognise that people vulnerable to and affected by crises, poverty and exclusion are at the heart of Dorcas' mission. Therefore specific actions to Leave No One Behind are mainstreamed in each phase of all our programmes.



Where we work

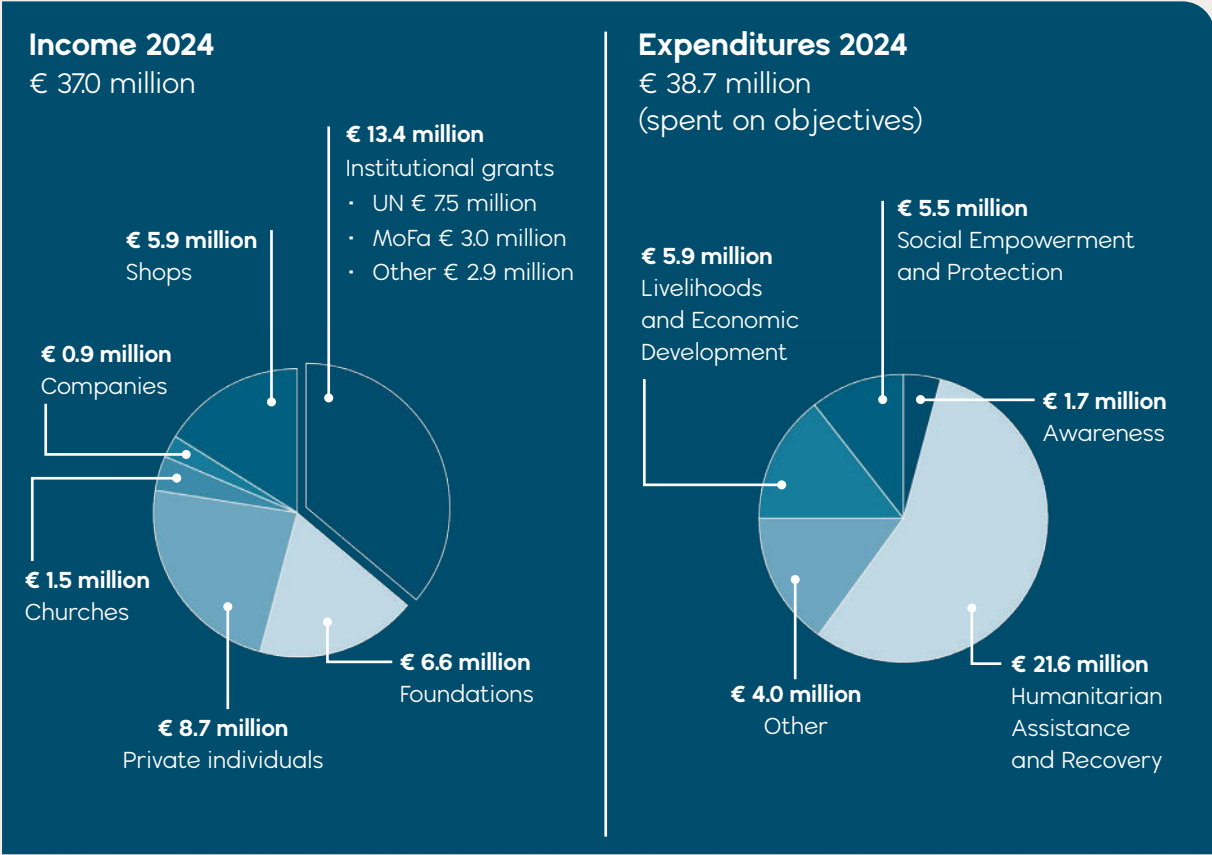
Dorcas is active in three geographical regions. Within these regions, Dorcas facilitates humanitarian and development cooperation in the following regions and countries:

- **Eastern Europe:** Albania, Moldova, Romania and Ukraine.
- **Eastern Africa:** Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan* and Tanzania.
- **Middle East:** Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Syria and Yemen.

*In South-Sudan, we work closely together with ZOA.



Financial details



Dorcas in consortia

Dorcas brings significant added value to consortia through its ability to connect diverse actors and stakeholders across sectors and contexts. We contribute specialised expertise in developing and implementing evidence-based approaches that address the needs of marginalised people and communities. Examples of this are: community safety nets for older people, an integrated social and economic inclusion model for households facing chronic or extreme poverty, and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) interventions. Dorcas has a combined expertise in humanitarian and development settings. This means that we are able to implement life-saving programmes while working on long term solutions, making us a versatile partner in both settings, as well as in nexus programming. Our work is grounded in a strong commitment to inclusion and meaningful participation of marginalised people in any context. We are well-rooted in the communities we work with and complement our work through collaboration with our wide network of local actors and partners.

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