

FOR HUMAN DIGNITY

The theological foundation of Finn Church Aid

We are a Christian aid organization

As an organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland, Finn Church Aid engages in development cooperation, humanitarian assistance and advocacy work authorised by the Church. In this way, FCA carries out the Church's international diaconal mission.

Finn Church Aid is a faith-based organization, whose operations are based on the principle of neighbourly love as summed up by Jesus in the Golden Rule and the Great Commandment. FCA's goal is to create hope, build peace and advance justice.

"I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain." (John 15:16)

We help unconditionally

God's way of operating in the world is very human. He has created human beings in His own image and reflects His presence in all of creation. For this reason, every person has immeasurable value. On this basis, Finn Church Aid helps unconditionally and works in cooperation with all people.

Through Jesus, God became man and assumed the lot of the suffering human being.

And through the neighbour in need we may encounter Jesus himself. Therefore, caring about and helping our neighbours is an integral part of the Christian's identity. It is the way that Christians understand their own mission in this world.

We advance justice

Finn Church Aid operates in fragile environments where the requirements for a life of human dignity are threatened. FCA works on behalf of quality education, sustainable livelihoods and peace. These goals support the realisation of global justice and our God-given mission to take care of creation.

The dignity of every human being and a life of dignity require our protection. This is the inalienable starting point of Finn Church Aid's work. Human rights, which arise from the values shared by Christianity as well as other religions and convictions, are also based on a notion of human dignity. As a rights-based organisation, FCA is committed to promoting human rights.

Fundamental to Finn Church Aid's operations is respect for different beliefs. FCA appreciates the different world views of its beneficiaries, partners and employees and opposes all discrimination based on convictions. FCA promotes cooperation between people of different faiths and inter- faith dialogue in all its operations. Religions represent a noteworthy resource in the promotion of sustainable development and the building of a just world.