

RIGHT TO LIVELIHOOD

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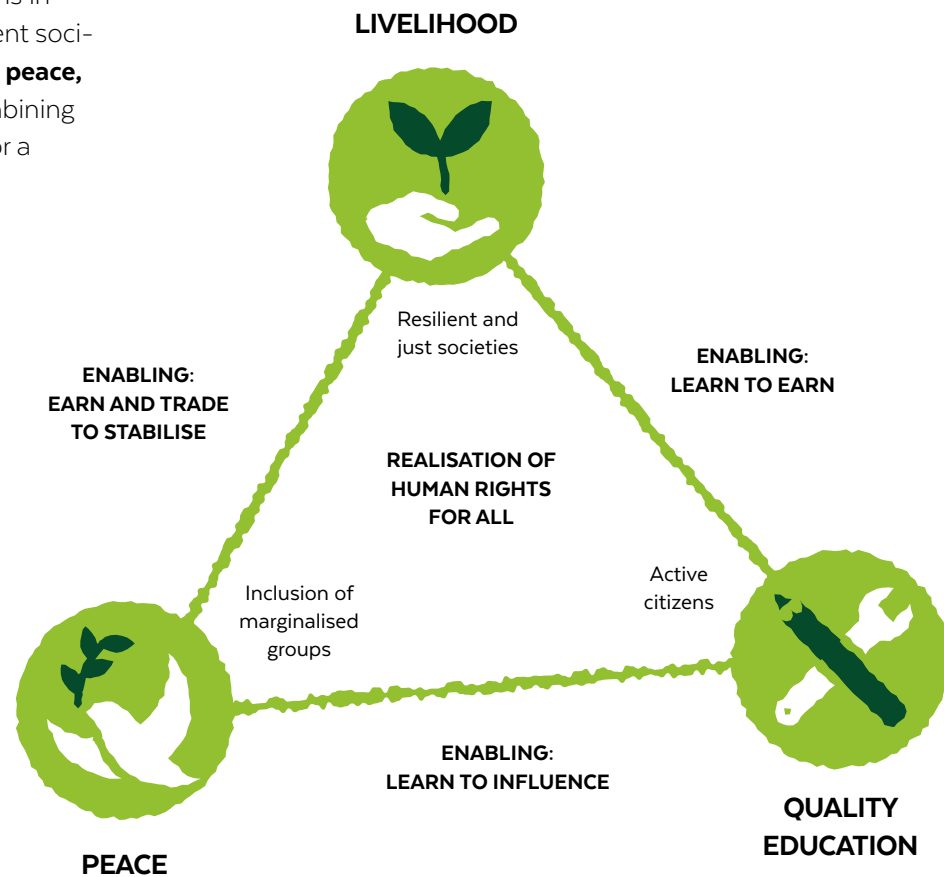
Finn Church Aid



8 DECENT WORK AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH



FCA is committed to empowering people and communities in fragile situations in their efforts to create just and resilient societies. FCA sees the rights related to **peace, education and livelihood**, and combining the three, as having the potential for a wide-reaching, sustainable impact.



FCA trains youth in occupational digital skills, preparing them for the requirements of modern working life. Digital technologies provide access to information and job opportunities beyond the traditional livelihoods. Services and products are increasingly delivered digitally and work can be done remotely, unlimited by geographical borders, opening up new prospects for e.g. refugee youth.



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OUR VISION

The vision for FCA's Right to Livelihood efforts is to strive for all people

- to live in dignity,
- to fulfil their everyday needs,
- to develop their wellbeing, and
- to participate equitably, as active citizens, in social, economic and political development of their societies.

Specifically, **FCA's Right to Livelihood work promotes inclusive and sustainable economic development for poverty eradication, providing people in vulnerable situations with increased opportunities for a decent living.**

FCA's main vehicles in this work are creation of enterprises, jobs and instruments for sustained economic growth, along with related capacities.

FCA also provides life-saving assistance for rapid livelihoods recovery in emergencies.

WE PROMOTE

- ✓ Resilience on individual, community and institutional level
- ✓ Inclusivity in poverty reduction and economic development and growth
- ✓ Empowerment and respect for local and national ownership
- ✓ Economic, social and environmental sustainability

We encourage innovation in our work to address social and economic development in novel and better ways, valuing local knowledge.

FCA is a rights-based actor committed to international human rights standards and principles, and contributing towards Sustainable Development Goals. We are committed to the principles of gender equality, climate change adaptation, conflict sensitivity and Do No Harm.



FCA strives for equality of opportunity in working life; an example of obstacles to equality is gender-based segregation of jobs. It is not uncommon to see young women like Abir Mustafa, 23, from Juba, South Sudan, training to become builders in FCA's programmes. A great majority of businesses started with FCA's support are owned and managed by women.

The members of savings and loan group Kanara Tukwatanise have come together in their weekly meeting in Kamwenge, Uganda. Credit groups and cooperatives are powerful engines of local development. They pool local resources, offer much needed financial services for stepping up small business activities, and serve as a platform to promote shared interests.

Empowering women, youth and people on the move
FCA's work in livelihoods is people-centred and aimed at empowerment.

We support primarily women, youth and people on the move in fragile states and contexts in their efforts to pursue a living and develop their wellbeing.

We collaborate with diverse actors in the public, private and civil society sectors to amplify the impact of our work. We also build the capacity of community based actors to act on their own behalf, and seek solutions in dialogue with duty bearers.

Holistic programming

We rely on holistic programming and the synergy benefits that our three themes – peace, education and livelihoods – can bring to the lives of people we serve.

Similarly, FCA's experience in development co-operation, humanitarian aid, advocacy and impact investment strengthen the impact of our work when implemented together in a contextually meaningful way.



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THE THREE PILLARS OF RIGHT TO LIVELIHOOD



Employment

- Linking Learning to Earning, employment and entrepreneurship tracks
- Via enterprise growth



Entrepreneurship

- Micro – small – medium
- Enterprise creation
- Enterprise development
- Rural livelihoods diversification and cooperatives



Emergency livelihoods

- Lifesaving support for livelihoods recovery
- Cash-based interventions

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Linking Learning to Earning – building paths from vocational education to gainful employment

FCA's Linking Learning to Earning (LL2E) approach enables youth and young adults to become economically self-reliant and contribute positively to social cohesion.

We offer paths from vocational education to gainful employment and entrepreneurship to both young women and men. We work in close collaboration with training providers, policy makers and employers to ensure both educational quality and market relevance of skillsets acquired.

Career guidance and counselling, on-the-job placements, job-seeking support and business start-up support form the core of the service portfolio designed to smoothen the transition from education to working life.

Creating enterprises and employment for decent living

We engage in entrepreneurship and employment creation to promote equality of opportunity and decent work for women and youth. We are specialised in women's entrepreneurship and promotion of income opportunities for refugees and work in both rural and urban environments.

We offer training in business and technical skills and access to a wide range of essential business development services to entrepreneurial individuals, producer groups and cooperatives. Financing, market and value chain development, and networking with private and public sector actors are part of our programming.

FCA works with people on the move – refugees, migrants and returnees – to rebuild their livelihoods. After a harrowing experience as a migrant worker, Khincha Lal Pahari is a contented farmer in his hometown in Nepal. Trained in farming techniques, he is able to support his family and educate his four children with the income he makes from the family plot and tunnel greenhouses.

Promoting sustainable economic development and decent living for all

Strengthening the motivation and capacity of different level duty bearers to promote inclusive livelihood-related government services, policies and programmes is a relevant component in all FCA programming.

We engage in advocacy and campaigns for inclusive access to livelihood assets and services.

Where governments are unable to provide for the basic needs during a crisis, we help to ensure that disaster-affected people have access to essential life-saving assistance.



The FCA affiliated Women's Bank network provides us with a unique

pool of expertise over a wide variety of business-related fields for women's economic empowerment and entrepreneurship. Women's Bank is a charity fund and a volunteer network supporting women's entrepreneurship and income generation in developing countries. FCA administers the Women's Bank fund and implements the work.



FCA Investments (FCAI), 100% subsidiary of FCA, is an impact investor specialising

in developing countries and fragile states. FCAI has strengthened the small and medium sized enterprise dimension in FCA's work, and we actively seek synergies between impact investing and more traditional livelihoods programming, specifically in the areas of value chain development and employment.

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Finn Church Aid (FCA) is the largest Finnish NGO in international aid. FCA specialises in supporting local communities in three priority areas: Right to Livelihood, Right to Quality Education, and Right to Peace.

FCA is certified against the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS). FCA is founding member of ACT Alliance, a global coalition of faith-based organisations.

FCA is a long-time partner of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, and has a framework partnership with the European Commission Director-General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection ECHO.

FCA is a member of the Global Food Security Cluster and Global Education Cluster, working in close partnership with several UN agencies. We also have a growing number of local and international partners.

FCA is a rights-based actor. Our action is guided by the standards and principles of human rights. Equality, non-discrimination and accountability are at the core of our work.

Annually, FCA provides assistance in excess of €40 million.

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