

## News Release

It is with great pleasure to confirm that DanChurchAid has successfully completed the HAP Humanitarian Accountability and Quality Management Standard quality assurance audit process.

DanChurchAid is an independent non-profit organisation, established in 1922, and today is one of the major Danish humanitarian non-governmental organisations (NGO). Working with local partners, international networks, churches and non-religious civil organisations to assist the poorest of the poor, DanChurchAid advocates *for* and *with* the oppressed, neglected and marginalised people in poor countries, helping them to attain the ability to provide and speak for themselves. Their international work is always based on an ongoing dialogue with local partners.

In May 2008, DanChurchAid was audited against the HAP Humanitarian Accountability and Quality Management Standard (2007). The audit, undertaken by two registered auditors and the certification manager, took place in Copenhagen, Denmark (Head Office) as well as a Malawi field site on 7-9 May and 13-19 May 2008, respectively.

A quality assurance audit consists of a sample testing process that incorporates; an examination of documentary evidence, interviews with staff both at the Head Office and at a selected field site, interviews of aid beneficiaries and partners, and direct observation of common practices. This material is then coupled with summary self-assessment analyses that are carried out by country /regional representatives, including HMA project sites.

Based on the findings of this audit it is our pleasure to recommend DanChurchAid for certification, validating their quality assurance process against the HAP Standard.

Certification Manager

Sheryl Haw

25 June 2008

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