



PEOPLE IN NEED

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■ Photo: © Jirí Plecíty, Ethiopia 2006 / By the end of 2007, PIN had built five schools for 1160 children in Ethiopia. The photo is of students in front of the first one built in Asore.



DEAR FRIENDS,

In 2007 we celebrated our 15th anniversary. For most of us who are lucky enough to have been with People in Need more or less from the beginning, the years when we were just getting started seem very remote – there having been so many places, countries, projects and years in the meantime – while at the same time it seems like yesterday. No one expected that the undertakings of a group of volunteers opposed to the wars in Karabakh and Bosnia and to the sidestepping and spineless international politics devoid of solutions, would lead to the building of a renowned institution. Back then, just after the fall of communism, who among us would have guessed what civil society could be and the kind of role it could play?

We have tried to make the most of the last fifteen years. We have worked successively in more than forty countries. Aid in the amount of several billion crowns has been directed towards 1 200 000 people and has indirectly improved the living conditions or chance at life for another 3 000 000 people. None of this would have been possible without the confidence and massive support of the Czech people, without the cooperation of many selfless individuals and institutions in the Czech Republic. Our work – helping people in need – would not be possible without the devoted work of thousands of volunteers and associations and the trust of people like the members of PIN's Club of Friends, who support us. We thank you; it has been a demanding but wonderful fifteen years.

In many ways last year was primarily one of continuation. Indeed, for the majority of our programs, the issues being tackled – humanitarian aid following a crisis, the renewal and development of stricken areas, increasing willingness to help out in the world and support the development of democracy and the protection of human rights, building awareness that this is not only necessary and ethical but also a matter of course, not being indifferent when we have the good luck of living in one of the thirty best countries in the world, support for social integration and

tolerance for social diversity in our own country, improving the inclusive capabilities of our education system, informing about, accepting and understanding awareness of complex human and social themes in schools and amongst the general public, systematic activity in various strategic solutions for humanitarian, developmental, social, societal, and human-rights issues – are such that most of these programs do not bring a solution within a single year, and continuation over a course of many years is needed.

Nonetheless, last year was specific in many ways. The report you are holding in your hands gives as much information about our activities, output and impact as possible in a finite space, while also providing information on our different projects, the funds that support them, what their essence is and who their beneficiaries are, and also detailed financial data. We pay a lot of attention to transparent bookkeeping – we would be glad if you too devote a few minutes of your time to perusing our work.

In closing, please allow me to thank everyone without whom the results of last year could not have been attained. Particularly those who have supported the work of People in Need or have worked directly with us. Individuals, institutions and companies. Volunteers and contributors at various collections and projects, everyone who has tried to help us and made it possible to give as much funding as possible to specific projects, services, and aid. In particular I would like to thank my co-workers, because last year's results are primarily their results.

Simon Palumbo

Partnership & Support:



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Photo: © I. Zímová, Balch, Afghanistan 2008 / One of the problems addressed by PIN in Afghanistan is poor access to drinking water.



PIN ADMINISTERED WEBPAGES

PIN Homepage: www.peopleinneed.cz www.clovekvtisni.cz

Development Awareness: www.rozvojovka.cz

Let's Build a School in Africa: www.skolavafrice.cz

Campaign against child labor: www.stopdetskepraci.cz

HIV/AIDS awareness raising campaign: www.virusfreeneration.cz

On-line catalogue of handicrafts produced by Wake Centre, Namibia: www.nama.cz

Madan Campaign: www.madan.cz

Information on Czech Community in Banat Region, Romania: www.banat.cz

Belarus Information Server: www.belcentrum.org

International Committee for Democracy in Cuba: www.icdcprague.org

www.cubalog.eu

Raising awareness on the human rights situation in Cuba: www.hotel-kuba.cz

One World Film Festival: www.oneworld.cz www.jedensvet.cz

One World in Schools Programme: www.jedensvetnaskolach.cz

Stories of Injustice web page: www.pribehybezpravi.cz

Information website for the Media: www.bytvobraz.cz

Variants program: www.varianty.cz

Awareness raising campaign on political extremism and racism: www.chceteho.cz

POLIS: www.epolis.cz

Employment Advice: www.pracovniporadenstvi.cz

Liquidate! Campaign: www.ceskaghetta.cz

Awareness raising campaign on the dangers of money lenders: www.spotrebitelskyudel.cz

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ANAEM: Agence Nationale d'Accueil des Etrangers et des Migrations (French National Agency for Foreigners and Migrants)

ASRC: Austrian-Swiss Red Cross

CFC: Center for a Free Cuba

CIDA: Canadian International Development Agency

CIP EQUAL: Community Initiative Program EQUAL

CSOB: Československá obchodní banka

DOTs: Directly Observed Treatment

DWVH: Deutsche Welthungerhilfe (Germany)

EC: Delegation of the European Commission

ECHO: European Commission Humanitarian Aid Office

EEA: European Economic Area

EFDP: European Foundation for Democracy through Partnership

EU: European Union

ESF: European Social Fund

FAMU: Film and TV School of the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague

FAO: United Nations Food and Agriculture Program

FORS: Czech Forum for Development Cooperation

GTZ: Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit – German Technical Cooperation

HIVOS: Humanist Institute for Development Cooperation (The Netherlands)

HRDC: Human Rights and Democracy Center (PIN)

HRD OP: Human Resources Development Operational Program

IBIS: Danish NGO partner

ICDC: International Committee for Democracy in Cuba

IDP: internally displaced person

IOM: International Organization for Migration

IUVENTA: Slovak state institute working with youth

NED: National Endowment for Democracy

NGO: Non-Governmental Organization

NROS: Nadace rozvoje občanské společnosti (Czech foundation)

NSP: National Solidarity Program (Afghanistan)

OSF: Open Society Fund Praha

OSI: Open Society Institute

PIN: People in Need

SIP: Social Integration Programs (PIN)

SPD 3: Single Programming Document, Objective 3

SRDP: Společný regionální operační program

UN: United Nations

UNDEF: United Nations Democracy Fund

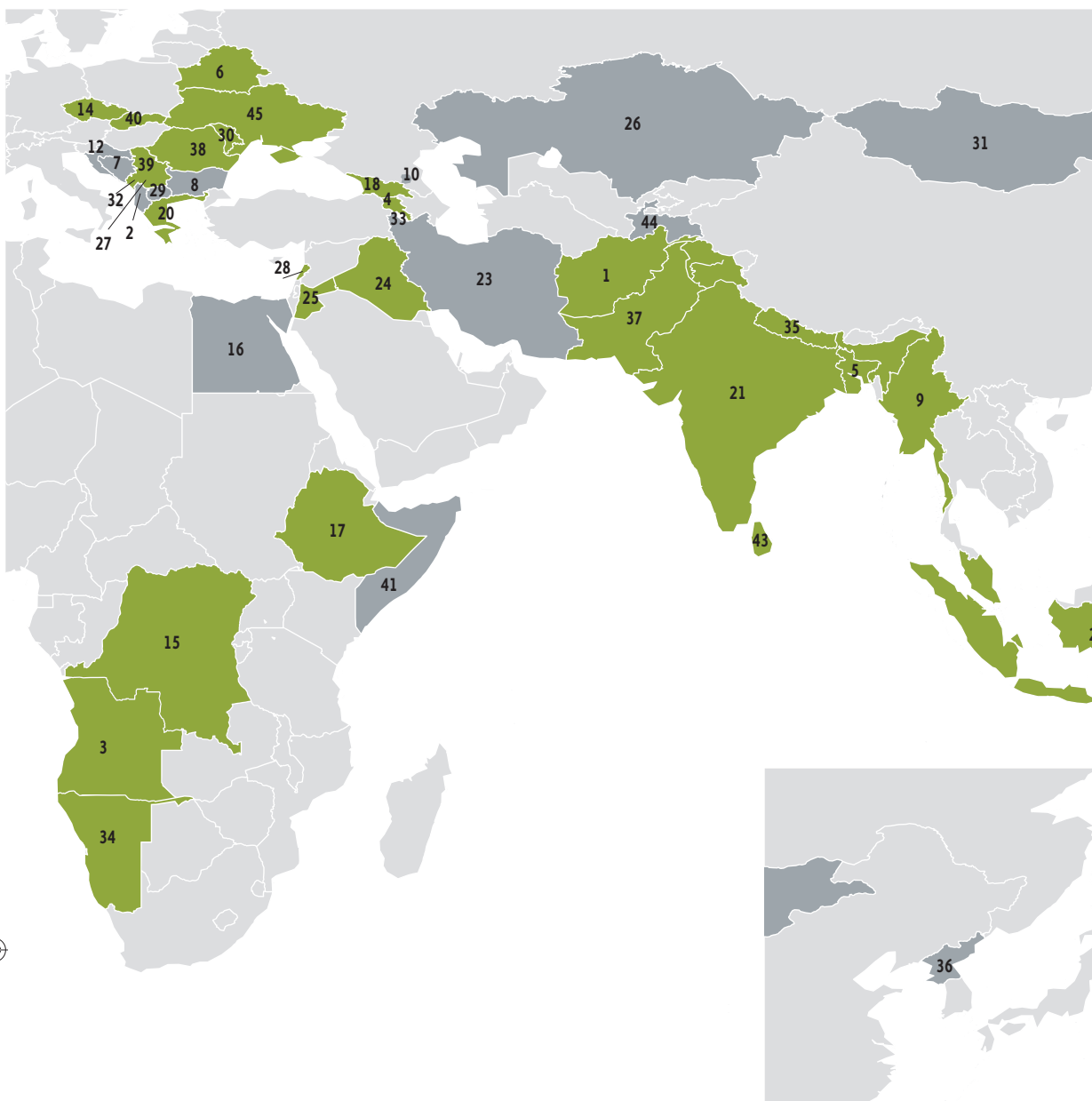
UNESCO: United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization

UNICEF: United Nations Children's Fund

UNIFEM: United Nations Development Fund for Women

USAID: United States Agency for International Development

VOICE: Voluntary Organisations in Cooperation in Emergencies



AREAS OF ACTIVITY 1992–2008

1. Afghanistan 2000–2008
2. Albania 1993, 1997, 1999
3. Angola 2006–2008
4. Armenia 1988, 1998, 2003–2008
5. Bangladesh 2007
6. Belarus 1998–2008
7. Bosnia Herzegovina 1993–1998
8. Bulgaria 1997
9. Burma 1997, 2001–2008
10. Chechnya/Ingushetia 1995, 2000–2006
11. Colombia 1999
12. Croatia 1993
13. Cuba 1997–2008
14. Czech Republic 1994–2008
15. Democratic Republic of Congo 2008
16. Egypt 2002
17. Ethiopia 2003–2008
18. Georgia 2005–2008
19. Great Britain 1997–2000
20. Greece 2007–2008
21. India 2007
22. Indonesia 2006–2007
23. Iran 2003–2005
24. Iraq 2003–2008
25. Jordan 2004–2008
26. Kazakhstan 1995–2001
27. Kosovo 1998–2004
28. Lebanon 2006–2008
29. Macedonia 1999
30. Moldova 1998, 2003–2008
31. Mongolia 1993
32. Montenegro 1999–2001
33. Nagorno-Karabakh 1992–1993
34. Namibia 2003–2008
35. Nepal 2006
36. North Korea 2002–2003
37. Pakistan 2005–2008
38. Romania 1995–2008
39. Serbia 2001–2007
40. Slovakia 1998, 2001–2008
41. Somalia 1993
42. Spain 2002
43. Sri Lanka 2005–2008
44. Tajikistan 1998
45. Ukraine 1993, 1997, 2001, 2003–2004, 2006–2008

Color indicates activity in 2007/2008.



CLUB OF FRIENDS

Thanks to regular donations by its members, PIN’s Club of Friends is able to provide immediate humanitarian assistance to people affected by natural disasters or wars.

In 2007, Club of Friends’ membership doubled. At the end of the year, the Club had almost 3 600 members, contributing an average of 12 Euros per month. Thanks to donations collected by Club members, PIN was able to provide aid in several crisis regions during 2007.

During August floods in India, millions of people lost their homes, access to drinking water and most of their crops. PIN provided food and basic hygiene and medical supplies for a thousand of the most affected families.

In Bangladesh, hundreds of families who lost their homes in the devastating cyclone received aid from the Club of Friends. The worst hit received mainly food and medical supplies, blankets and material for building temporary shelters.

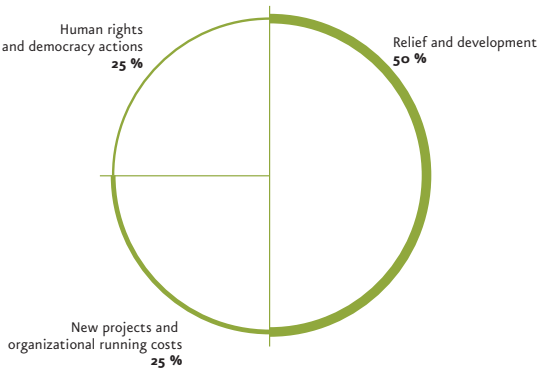
At the end of 2007 the Club of Friends started to buy text and exercise books for Afghan women and girls whose keenest desire is to learn how to read and write.

People living under totalitarian regimes also received support from Club of Friends. In Burma, where the military regime brutally suppressed the democratization movement led by Buddhist monks, funds helped victims of repression and the families of political prisoners.

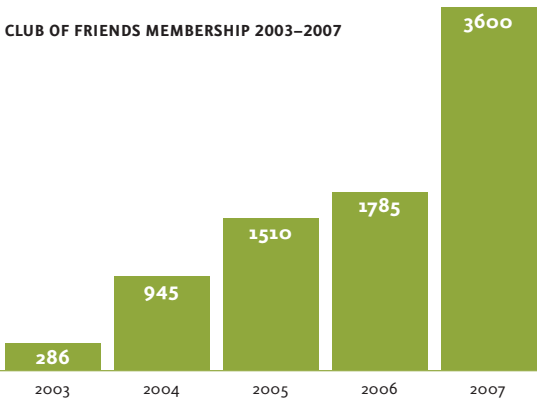
The Club also contributed towards the general running costs of the organization. Members of the Club of Friends periodically receive information describing how their donations are being used. They have free access to movies during the One World Film Festival and are invited to other events organized by PIN. If you would like to help too, become a member of the Club!

PIN would like to warmly thank all Club members for their ongoing support!

USE OF DONATIONS MADE TO CLUB OF FRIENDS



CLUB OF FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP 2003–2007



■ Photo: © Robert Coles, Burma 2007 / The Saffron Revolution, led by Buddhist monks was violently suppressed by the Burmese Government. PIN provided direct financial help to the democratic movement.



RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

In 2007, PIN's humanitarian aid and development section operated in 17 countries across Asia, Africa and Europe. PIN has permanent offices in 11 countries and other programs were managed by partner organizations or coordinators on short-term assignments. Activities abroad were managed by 37 mostly Czech staff and over 425 local employees. In the Prague Head Office, a staff of 32 focused on strategic and financial management as well as public awareness programs.

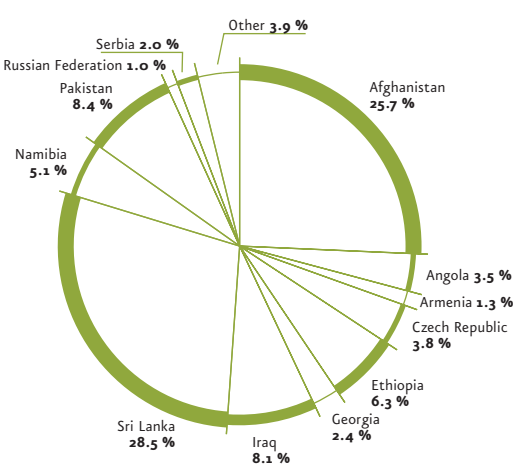
While no widespread natural disasters occurred in 2007, PIN nonetheless mobilized public support to send rapid humanitarian aid to victims of flooding in Indian Bihār, cyclone Sidr in Bangladesh, and fires in Greece. We also re-established humanitarian aid in Sri Lanka, hit by a new wave of armed conflict.

The mission in Afghanistan, with over 230 employees and a turnover of more than 55 billion CZK together with missions in Sri Lanka and Iraq, operated within dangerous shifting environments. The local teams shoulder significant risks and merit our recognition and gratitude.

Education remained key to the development programs. In Ethiopia, PIN developed new educational methods for the official curriculum. In Angola, school construction and teacher training were priorities. In Afghanistan, a comprehensive rehabilitation of agricultural high schools continued, including an assessment of the teaching curriculum.

The missions in Armenia, Georgia, Sri Lanka, and the Middle East focused on enhancing local inhabitants' economic self-sufficiency. Small grants, training, and consultancy services helped to establish dozens of small businesses and create hundreds of jobs. Retraining courses for women in Iraq proved to be successful. We believe such programs help to establish the basis for ongoing development in poverty-struck areas.

In 2007, we explored the concept of sustainable agriculture. In Angola, we opened a demonstration farm and are in the midst of establishing small associations and



sustainable poultry farming. In Kashmir, the waste disposal project advanced, and in Afghanistan work continued on protecting the Kunduz river basin.

The office in Serbia closed after seven years and its work will be continued by local organizations.

We stepped up cooperation with the European Commission and our partner organizations from Alliance 2015. The number of multi-year projects financed by Czech citizens through government funding grew. Our involvement in European platforms and networks (Concord, Eurostep, VOICE, and Czech FoRS) continues to represent a significant source of inspiration.

ACTIVITIES IN 2007: 217 309 000 CZK

Membership:

Alliance 2015

towards the eradication of poverty

Photo: © V. de Abreau Lima, Cuemba district, Angola 2007 / PIN operates a demonstration farm in a reconstructed agrarian center, where they train local farmers.



AFGHANISTAN

PIN has worked in Afghanistan since 2001. In 2007, activities focused on: rehabilitating national agricultural high schools; promoting sustainable livelihoods including natural resource management; strengthening local administration; improving access to drinking water, hygiene and sanitation standards and; rehabilitating health infrastructure. Overarching program objectives in ongoing and new activities remain to achieve high-quality, sustainable outputs despite the deteriorating

security situation. With 17 offices in eight provinces, the mission employs 10 international and 230 national staff.

EDUCATION

In 2007, the two-year project to rehabilitate Baghlan’s agricultural high school continued. PIN completed construction, equipped the school, trained teachers, and began updating the curriculum and teaching

PROGRAMS AND DONORS	SERVICES PROVIDED	BENEFICIARIES/INDICATORS
AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND TEACHING Baghlan and a further 11 provinces <i>Czech Ministry of Education, Mercy Corps, USAID, Madan collection</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baghlan Agricultural high school (construction of dormitory and school farm, equipment provision, training for teachers, local authorities and farmers, study trip for teachers)• Updating the curriculum and new teaching plans for vocational subjects• New teaching materials• Training and courses for teachers• Technical documentation for constructing school farms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 400 students, 20 teachers and 30 agricultural technicians trained• 60 teachers for agricultural schools• 2 000 students• 10 Ministry of Education employees• 20 specialists from Kabul University, 10 specialists from Tajik Agrarian University in Dushanbe
SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM MADAN Balkh and Baghlan provinces <i>Madan collection</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information on project web pages www.madan.cz• Equipment and construction support for schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children from 15 schools in Chohi and Zare district
RENOVATION OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES Kabul and Badakhshan provinces <i>Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Construction of 2 clinics and 1 district hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 158 500 inhabitants in Shakar Dara and Surobi districts and Pas Pul catchment area
DRINKING WATER AND HYGIENE Balkh and Paktya provinces <i>ECHO</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Construction of drinking water sources (83 dug, driven and bore wells, 23 protected water sources with pipelines, 60 constructed and repaired kandas, 31 repaired wells)• Setting up operation and maintenance systems (96 Water Committees under Community Development Councils)• Hygiene and sanitation measures (351 model toilets)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 38 940 inhabitants in Balkh and 36 281 inhabitants in Paktya Province with new drinking water sources• 153 trained maintenance workers and 6 mechanics• 18 271 trained people
NATIONAL SOLIDARITY PROGRAM Balkh, Baghlan, Nangarhar and Paktya provinces <i>Afghan Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development, World Bank</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establishment and training of 535 village Community Development Councils in 14 districts• Preparation and implementation of 439 sub-projects (construction of roads, irrigation channels, flood protection walls, and drinking water sources, construction of schools, healthcare centers, community centers etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 95 193 families in 535 villages in 14 districts
KUNDUZ RIVER BASIN PROTECTION Kunduz, Takhar, and Baghlan province <i>EC</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 75 one/two week training courses in utilizing local natural resources (tree planting, heat insulation, etc.) and sustainable livelihoods (bee keeping, chicken farming, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 500 participants in 75 training courses

■ Photo: © Jan Faltus, Afghanistan 2007 / Preparing beds in a hospital in Surobi, Kabul province.



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materials. Further activities included training Afghan Ministry of Agriculture representatives and local farmers in modern farming methods. The project is part of a wider program aiming to improve teaching standards in all Afghanistan’s agricultural high schools.

A public collection, MADAN, (www.madan.cz), enabled PIN to equip and support 15 schools located in difficult-to-access areas of Balkh province.

INFRASTRUCTURE

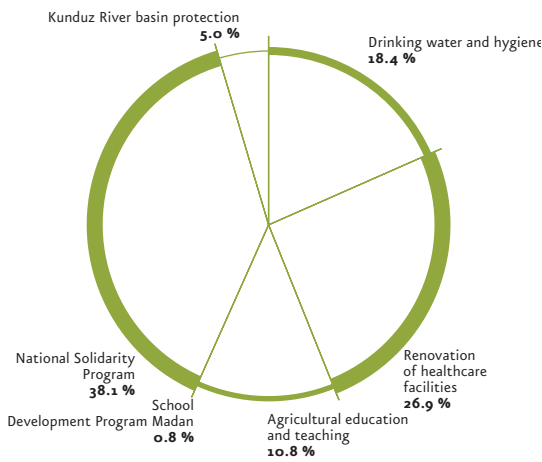
PIN completed a project to improve access to healthcare in Kabul and Badakhshan, including the construction of two rural clinics and a district hospital.

DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

PIN works to improve both access to drinking water and hygiene habits in rural areas. In 2007, PIN completed a project in Paktya Province, constructing wells, water pipe schemes and latrines, establishing operation and maintenance systems, and training women, men, teachers, and children in good hygiene habits. A new project in northern Balkh Province in Zare District has a similar focus.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Since 2005, PIN has participated in a national development program, NSP (National Solidarity Program), focusing on rehabilitating and developing Afghanistan’s rural areas. In addition to infrastructure development, the objective is to establish and train democratically elected Community Development Councils, ensuring the participation of women, to be the base level of local administration. Communities create their own development plan, funded by the Afghan Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development. PIN then helps to prepare and monitor community projects to develop local infrastructure, such as the construction of roads, irrigation channels,



flood protection walls, drinking water sources, schools, healthcare centers and community centers, as well as electrification. The communities also initiate projects to improve literacy or learn skills such as tailoring, embroidery, carpet weaving, or livestock farming. In 2007, PIN facilitated this process in 535 communities in Balkh, Baghlan, Paktya and Nangarhar provinces.

A three-year project to protect the Kunduz River Basin will introduce local inhabitants to sustainable environmental practices through workshops in natural resource management, alternative income sources, and local planning.

ACTIVITIES IN 2007: 55 828 000 CZK

Financed by: Czech Ministries of Education and Foreign Affairs, Afghan Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development, EC, ECHO, Mercy Corps, private donations.

■ Photo: © I. Zimová, Balch, Afghanistan 2008 / Public education on hygiene is an important part of the PIN’s work in Afghanistan.



SRI LANKA

PIN commenced its activities in Sri Lanka in December 2004, shortly after the tsunami struck. In 2007, the organization completed its main project to provide humanitarian aid and rebuild the affected areas. Following the escalation of conflict between the Sri Lankan army and the Tamil tigers, PIN helped those affected by the war in eastern Sri Lanka, where projects focused on fostering stability and long-term development within the region. Project activities included supporting the return of displaced people to their homes, the regeneration of destroyed areas, and helping people to achieve economic self-sufficiency.

NEW HOUSES FOR TSUNAMI VICTIMS

In 2007, PIN completed a project to rebuild homes destroyed by the tsunami. In 2006, PIN built the first 40 houses in the village of Naduoothu. In 2007, 110 new houses were built in Annal Naghar, originally a fishing village. The population

participated fully in the planning and construction work. Upon moving, the families received material support to help them start working towards economic self-sufficiency.

COMPLETING THE TSUNAMI-RELATED PROJECTS

PIN opened two new schools for almost 800 children and two preschools, to replace those swept away by the tsunami. Following a socio-economic analysis, PIN launched a project to support local commerce in four villages in Kuchchawelli district.

PIN successfully closed the remaining internally displaced persons’ (IDP) camps that it had helped construct in Trincomalee district. At the request of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), PIN also assisted in wrapping up a further 35 tsunami IDP camps in Kinniya and Muthur districts. PIN ensured that camp inhabitants

PROGRAMS AND DONORS	SERVICES PROVIDED	BENEFICIARIES/INDICATORS
NEW HOUSES FOR TSUNAMI VICTIMS <i>SOS Sri Lanka</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completing construction of 110 tsunami-destroyed houses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 110 families
TSUNAMI PROJECT COMPLETION <i>SOS Sri Lanka, IOM</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retraining courses and developing new livelihoods• Closing down 35 tsunami IDP camps in Kinniya and Muthur• Construction of 2 kindergartens• Construction of 2 schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 503 families• 397 families• 200 pre-school children• 782 students
AID FOR WAR AFFECTED AREAS <i>SOS Sri Lanka, Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, IOM, ASRC, HIVOS, FAO, Solidar, DWHH</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reconstruction of 150 houses• Reconstruction of 9 schools and equipment for 7 schools• Retraining courses for seamstresses• Construction of 110 toilets and hygiene training• Distribution of agricultural packages and training• Support in developing livelihoods in Trincomalee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 150 families affected by war• 840 students• 60 course participants• 110 families• 1 000 families• 427 families
COMMUNITY AND EDUCATION PROJECTS <i>SOS Sri Lanka, USAID, GTZ, ASRC</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Construction of 2 community centers, public toilets and a bus stop• Reconstruction of a playground and marketplace in Trincomalee• Supporting and educating local administrations• Training for English language teachers• Training for teachers in the pre-school sector• Small projects for enhancing teaching quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 300 families• approx 15 500 inhabitants• 80 000 inhabitants of Kinniya• 35 teachers• 55 female teachers• 24 schools – 11 942 students, 73 kindergartens – 2 412 children

■ Photo: © V. Dvořáčková, Annal Nagar, Sri Lanka 2007 / Inhabitants of the village Annal Naghar, who lost their houses in the tsunami, took part in planning and building their new homes.



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found stable places to live and that the premises were returned to their owners in good condition.

AID FOR WAR AFFECTED AREAS

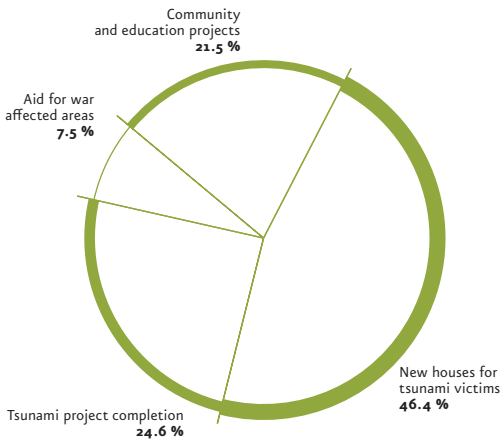
The conflict in 2006 caused tens of thousands of civilians to flee Muthur and Eachchilampattai districts. Therefore, in 2007 PIN established an office in Muthur, becoming one of the main organizations dealing with people displaced by the conflict in eastern Sri Lanka. With support from the Czech Government and partner organization Concern, PIN began reconstruction of 150 houses destroyed in the fighting. By the end of 2007, PIN also renovated nine schools and, with the help of IOM, constructed over 100 toilets. It distributed agricultural packages to more than 1000 families with the cooperation of the UN Food and Agriculture organization (FAO). HIVOS and PIN organized retraining courses for seamstresses in the camps.

COMMUNITY AND EDUCATION PROJECTS

In 2007, PIN participated in the construction of community infrastructure in Trincomalee district. In cooperation with the Austrian-Swiss Red Cross (ASRC), PIN built a marketplace, two community centers, two playgrounds, public toilets, and a bus stop. Support from USAID and the Greek Government (Hellenic Aid) enabled PIN to renovate one of the largest marketplaces in Trincomalee. A significant element of the project aimed at soothing fragile relations among ethnic groups.

In Kinniya district, PIN, in cooperation with the German Technical Cooperation (GTZ), launched a project to support and train local government staff. The project aims to increase the efficiency of local administrations and their ability to govern the district in response to the real needs of their constituents.

Education projects focused on training English and preschool teachers. Dozens of schools and preschools



received funding to improve the teaching environment. The local Ministry of Education asked PIN to expand the projects to Batticaloa and Ampara districts.

ACTIVITIES IN 2007: 62 141 000 CZK

Financed by: SOS Sri Lanka, Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, GTZ, USAID, Concern, IOM, HIVOS, FAO, ASRC, Solidar

■ Photo: © V. Dvořáčková, Muthur, Sri Lanka 2007 / Children take a test in the school PIN restored.

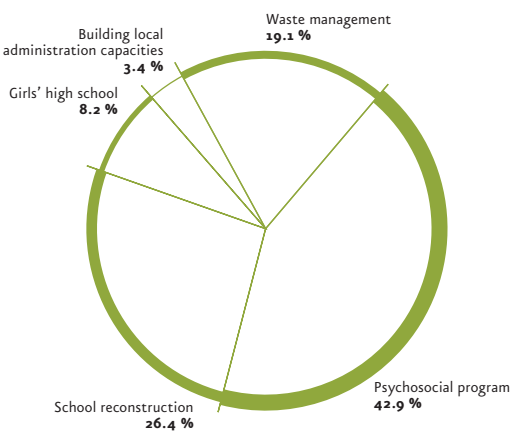


In 2007, PIN continued post-earthquake (2005) reconstruction work in the Kashmir district of Bagh, while also beginning to implement longer-term development strategies.

Reconstruction included building seven new schools and equipping 61 schools with furniture, books and computers. PIN also began construction of a girls' high school for 480 students and completed construction of a temporary town council building in Bagh.

As well as infrastructure damage, the earthquake caused wide-spread psychological trauma. Therefore, PIN also provides psychosocial assistance. 2100 clients have thus far received counseling, 45 000 people have participated in free-time activities and health and hygiene awareness raising has directly touched more than 15 000.

In Kashmir, due to the detrimental impact of human activities on the environment, PIN developed together with Bagh town council, the first waste management system encompassing collection, segregation and ecological disposal.



ACTIVITIES IN 2007: 18 211 000 CZK
Financed by: Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, public collection SOS Pakistan, European Commission, Welthungerhilfe

PROGRAMS AND DONORS	SERVICES PROVIDED	BENEFICIARIES/INDICATORS
SCHOOL RECONSTRUCTION <i>Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7 simplified school buildings• Equipment for 49 schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 000 pupils and 70 teachers of primary schools
WASTE MANAGEMENT <i>EC, Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establishing of waste collection and disposal system• Ecological waste treatment• Public awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 32 000 Bagh citizens
PSYCHOSOCIAL PROGRAM <i>Welthungerhilfe, SOS Pakistan</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Psychological center, counseling• Spare-time program for children and youth• Hygiene education• Training community workers within the social care area	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 100 clients• 45 000 participants in activities• 15 000 citizens educated• 25 community workers
GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL <i>Welthungerhilfe</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Construction of high school for girls in Khaful Ghar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 480 female students
BUILDING LOCAL ADMINISTRATION CAPACITIES <i>Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Construction of temporary council building for local administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 32 000 Bagh citizens, 18 officers from Bagh's municipality

Photo: © M. Koreček, Bagh, Pakistan 2007 / Psychosocial help includes bringing together children from rural areas hit by the earthquake.



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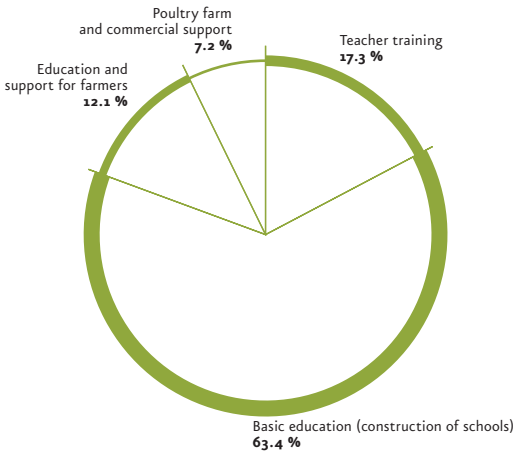
Over 20 years of civil war have caused Angola to become one of the least developed countries in Africa. Working in Bié province, PIN significantly extended its agricultural and education programs in 2007.

EDUCATION

In Cuemba region, over 40% of children lack access to education. PIN focuses here on school construction and teacher training, involving local communities in construction work and using local construction materials. In cooperation with the Order of Marist Brothers in Angola, PIN prepared teaching material for a two-year teacher training qualification. Over 90% of the region’s teachers participated in the course.

AGRICULTURE

Agricultural production fell sharply due to the civil war. PIN, in partnership with Caritas Angola, launched a training program for farmers, Government representatives and non-profit organizations in the reconstructed Agrarian Center, including a demonstration farm. PIN also began developing a prototype poultry farming program and small farmers’ associations.



ACTIVITIES IN 2007: 7 515 000 CZK
Financed by: Czech Ministries of Education and Agriculture, UNICEF

PROGRAMS AND DONORS	SERVICES PROVIDED	BENEFICIARIES/INDICATORS
BASIC EDUCATION Czech Ministry of Education, UNICEF	• Construction of schools	• 3 600 children in 9 schools
TEACHER TRAINING Czech Ministry of Education	• Regular training courses • Establishment of education center	• 177 teachers • 280 teachers
EDUCATION AND SUPPORT FOR FARMERS Czech Ministry of Agriculture	• Agrarian centre with a demonstration farm • Regular training for farmers • Specialist seminars and publication	• 200 farming families • 100 farmers • Bié council, Caritas Angola
POULTRY FARM AND COMMERCIAL SUPPORT Czech Ministry of Agriculture	• Construction of a demonstration poultry farm and establishment of poultry farming • Establishing farmers' associations • Specialist seminars and training • Micro-grants	• 200 farming families • 60 families from 30 communities • Bié council, Caritas Angola • 400 farming families

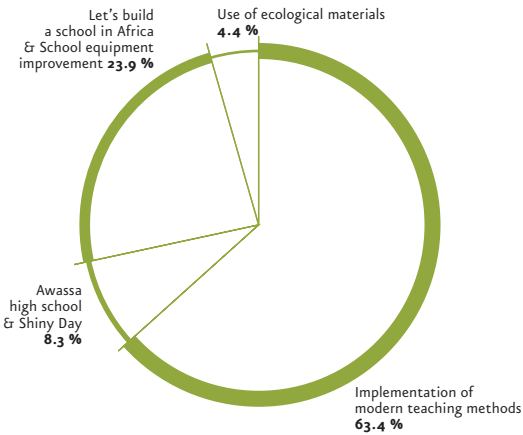
■ Photo: © Jan Faltus, Afghanistan 2007 / Locally available materials were used to re-build schools in Angola.



In 2007, PIN Ethiopia continued training primary school teachers in modern teaching methods and handed over management of the Center for Modern Teaching Methods to the Pedagogical Institute in Awassa.

The first students graduated this year from the high school for orphans in Awassa. Their results exceeded the Ethiopian average. The local NGO established by PIN, Shiny Day, took on full responsibility for skills training and social support for students. The school is for students whose parents have died of AIDS, offering them the vital opportunity to gain the education and skills they will need to find work.

“Let’s build a school in Africa” is a joint public collection run annually by PIN and the Czech Association of Scouts. In 2007 donations funded two more schools in Boricha and Teffo Cheffo.



ACTIVITIES IN 2007: 13 680 000 CZK

Financed by: Czech Ministries of Education and Foreign Affairs, private donors, EUPLATFORM

PROGRAMS AND DONORS	SERVICES PROVIDED	BENEFICIARIES/INDICATORS
IMPLEMENTATION OF MODERN TEACHING METHODS <i>Czech Ministry of Education</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Awassa modern teaching methods center• Courses for modern methods, material for teachers• Modern teaching method manual• Cooperation with Addis Ababa University• Training local education experts• Teaching methodology, English, computer courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 061 teachers• 51 participating schools• Student teachers• 40 experts• 110 graduated teachers
AWASSA HIGH SCHOOL <i>Czech Ministry of Education</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teaching of high school subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 154 students, 76 graduates
SHINY DAY SOCIAL SERVICES – NGO <i>Czech Ministry of Education</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teaching vocational subjects – cooking, tailoring, etc.• Production of school furniture and school uniforms• Social work, student support – tools, medication	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 154 students• 154 students
LET’S BUILD A SCHOOL IN AFRICA <i>Private donors</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completion of 2 schools (Boricha, Teffo Cheffo)• School uniforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 000 children annually• 200 children
SCHOOL EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENT <i>Private donors</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laboratory in high school in Awassa	
USE OF ECOLOGICAL MATERIALS <i>Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, EUPLATFORM, private donors</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Testing clay bricks, standardizing construction plans• Technology training for communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20 community members

■ Photo: © I. Konečná, Jinca, Ethiopia 2007 / As well as building new schools, teacher training is one of PIN’s fundamental activities in Ethiopia.



NAMIBIA

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PIN works in the southern Karas district of Namibia, where activities aim at mitigating the effects of HIV/AIDS on the lives of local people.

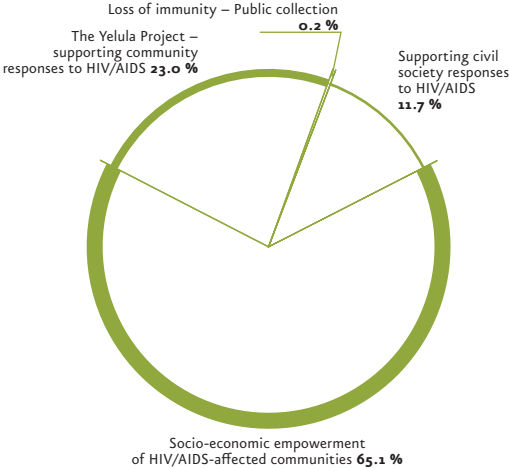
The PIN craft workshop in Keetmanshoop employs women who are HIV positive or who have a family member living with HIV. The handicrafts (fashion accessories, decorations, etc.) are sold in Namibia and the Czech Republic (more on: www.nama.cz).

In 2007, interest in the services provided by community centers in Keetmanshoop and Lüderitz increased. The services focus on the psychosocial stabilization of clients and families affected by HIV/AIDS and working with children at risk. A Directly Observed Treatment (DOTs) Center for HIV and TB patients continued its activities.

From March 2007, PIN worked on building local government and NGO capacity to combat HIV/AIDS. Activities include mobilizing HIV positive people, supporting care for orphans and children at risk, and funding local initiatives.

ACTIVITIES IN 2007: 11 092 000 CZK

Financed by: Czech Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, private donors, European Commission, HIVOS, PIN



PROGRAMS AND DONORS	SERVICES PROVIDED	BENEFICIARIES/INDICATORS
LOSS OF IMMUNITY – PUBLIC COLLECTION <i>Private donors</i>	• Health and social services – nutrition support, school uniforms for orphans	• 75 Karas region inhabitants
SUPPORTING CIVIL SOCIETY RESPONSES TO HIV/AIDS IN THE KARAS REGION <i>HIVOS</i>	• Programs for education and prevention • Center for directly observed treatment – TB, AIDS • Strengthening capacities of community organizations	• 22 000 Keetmanshoop citizens • 204 clients • 15 organizations, 1 200 clients
SOCIO-ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF HIV/AIDS-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES IN NAMIBIA <i>Czech Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs</i>	• Income generating activities – sheltered workshop • Social work, counseling for people affected by AIDS • Support of foster care for orphans	• 40 families of female employees • 394 families in Keetmanshoop • 183 families in Lüderitz
THE YELULA PROJECT – SUPPORTING COMMUNITY RESPONSES TO HIV/AIDS IN NAMIBIA <i>EC, Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PIN, IBIS, HIVOS, Government of the Netherlands, Government of Denmark</i>	• Mobilization of vulnerable children and youth living with HIV/AIDS, support with access to working opportunities • Support to community and non-profit organizations • Increasing awareness of rights and social services in Namibia	• 40 community organizations • 69 000 inhabitants in Karas region, vulnerable groups and people living with HIV/AIDS

■ Photo: © Z. Hauková, Keetmanshoop, Namibia 2007 / During a children’s day organized by PIN in South Namibian Keetmanshoop, the kids also tested their knowledge of HIV/AIDS.



ROMANIA, SERBIA

ROMANIA

PIN’s long-term support of ethnic Czech communities in Banat continued in 2007. PIN supported local business activities and assisted Czech investors in the region. Advertising of sustainable tourism brought thousands of Czech tourists to Banat in 2007; 4 000 people visited the village of St. Helen alone. Tourism generated further employment opportunities for local people, and PIN also supported the development of a doll making workshop in Eibental.

ACTIVITIES ROMANIA: 486 000 CZK
Financed by: Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs

SERBIA

For seven years now, PIN in Serbia has focused on improving social services and the social integration of

people with learning difficulties. At the end of 2007 PIN handed over responsibility for these activities to local organizations and institutions, dispensing with the need for foreign aid.

In its final year running activities in the Stamnica Institute, PIN initiated both the integration of children with disabilities into the general education system and the involvement of children from standard schools in the institute’s activities. PIN also ran an integration program for disadvantaged children in five kindergartens in the city of Kragujevac and an information center on the integration of disadvantaged children.

ACTIVITIES SERBIA: 4 242 000 CZK
Financed by: Czech Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, CIDA

PROGRAMS AND DONORS		SERVICES PROVIDED	BENEFICIARIES/INDICATORS
ROMANIA	ASSISTANCE TO CZECH MINORITIES IN ROMANIA <i>Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support for agro-tourism• Support for family companies and trading• Support for drawing EU funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 61 families• Establishment of 3 companies• 2 600 inhabitants in 5 villages
	SPECIAL NEEDS TEACHING AND SOCIAL INTEGRATION FOR CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONAL CARE <i>CIDA, Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training employees in Stamnice institute• Purchase of methodological aids• Directive regarding the recognition of development and educational requirements of children with disabilities• Integrating children with disabilities into the educational program• Increasing public awareness as regards the rights of children with disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8 seminars, 2 fellowships• Institute clients• 4 two-day training seminars for state administration• 52 children• Leaflets, posters, articles in media, public debates
SERBIA	SOCIAL INTEGRATION OF SOCIALLY MARGINALIZED CHILDREN <i>Czech Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Equipping kindergartens, teacher training, issuing a specialist manual, debates with parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children in Nada Naumovič institution and 5 kindergartens• 35 integrated children
	OPERATING THE “NA DOBROM PUTU” INFORMATION-CONSULTING CENTER IN BELGRADE <i>Czech Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Administration of web pages: www.nadobromputu.com• Consulting for institution employees and parents• Building cooperation between NGOs (bulletin, seminar), public awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11 600 visits per year• 128 consultations• 4 institutions• 2 NGOs given material support

Photo: © I. Dokoupil, Eibental, Romania 2007 / Organizing doll production from natural materials in Eibentál, Rovensko and Svatá Helena is part of the support of citizens in Banát.



ARMENIA, GEORGIA, CHECHNYA

ARMENIA

In Armenia PIN focuses on preventing illegal migration and on supporting economic stability. Seminars, media programs, and an information center help PIN to raise public awareness of illegal migration risks and European asylum policies. It provides micro-grants and credits for local businesses, legal and economic consulting, retraining courses and educational activities for young people. PIN has established two non-profit organizations, which participate in projects to support civil society.

ACTIVITIES ARMENIA: 2 890 000 CZK
Financed by: Czech Ministry of the Interior

GEORGIA

Since 2005, PIN has organized similar projects in Tbilisi, Georgia to support business activities, increase employment, and develop infrastructure. In 2007, PIN extended its activities to two other regions: the Javakheti plateau, where it helps local dairy farmers to improve their milk processing, cheese production and customer relations; and the Kazbegi region, where it supports tourism.

PIN also extended its program to support the integration of Georgians returning home after many years living abroad.

ACTIVITIES GEORGIA: 5 255 000 CZK
Financed by: Czech Ministries of the Interior and of Agriculture, Polish Embassy, Anaem

PROGRAMS AND DONORS		SERVICES PROVIDED	BENEFICIARIES/INDICATORS
ARMENIA	SUPPORT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND ILLEGAL MIGRATION PREVENTION <i>Czech Ministry of the Interior</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support for small enterprises• Retraining schemes• Financial and legal consulting• Public campaign on illegal migration risks• Support for civil society, building capacities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 16 traders, 65 new jobs• 420 course participants• Approximately 600 consultations• Inhabitants in Armenia• 2 supported partner NGOs
	SUPPORT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND ILLEGAL MIGRATION PREVENTION <i>Czech Ministry of the Interior</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support for small enterprises• Roof reconstruction• Spare-time and educational program for children• Information campaign, organization of seminars• Building NGO capacities• Services and small grants for small-scale farmers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8 traders, 20 new jobs• 8 blocks prepared• 6 clubs with 8–10 children• Inhabitants in Georgia• 1 supported partner NGO• Approximately 40 farmers
GEORGIA	TOURISM SUPPORT IN KAZBEGI <i>Polish Embassy</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tourism support• Support for local organization Mountain House	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 500 Kazbegi inhabitants; tourists• 1 established NGO
	MILK PROCESSING IN DMANISI <i>Czech Ministry of Agriculture</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reconstruction and equipping of milk processing plant• Milk supplies from smaller farmers within the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 farmers• 40 small-scale breeders
	REINTEGRATION OF GEORGIAN MIGRANTS <i>Anaem</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support for returnees	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15 families
CHECHNYA	RETRAINING CENTRE <i>Czech Ministry of the Interior</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organizing retraining carpentry courses in protected workshop – in cooperation with local organization CHA (Center for Humanitarian Assistance)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Over 120 graduates

■ Photo: © P. Pinkava, Charencavan, Armenia 2007 / A car repair shop owner received a grant allowing him to employ another six people.

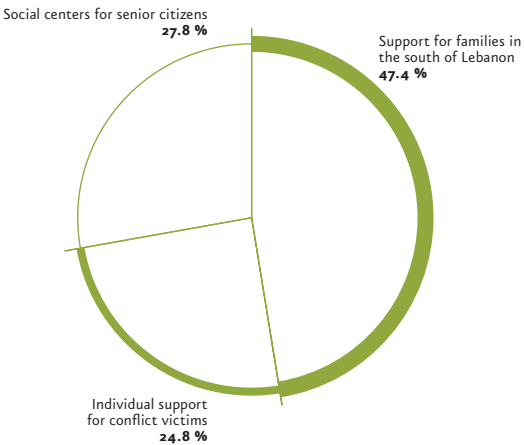


When war broke out in the summer of 2006, PIN began working in Lebanon. After providing immediate humanitarian aid to the victims, PIN opened a permanent office in the south. In cooperation with local non-profit organizations, the work focused on providing psychosocial help for children and adults as well as contributing to infrastructure renovation.

In the second half of 2007, PIN and the Norwegian Refugee Council began supporting individual families and senior citizens living in harsh conditions. This support was followed up with a project in partnership with the organization St. Vincent de Paul, focusing on caring for senior citizens who often lack any support due to an inadequate social system. Social centers for older citizens opened in five villages in the south of the country. They provided the basic medical care and also the option to participate in various social activities.

ACTIVITIES IN 2007: 1 249 000 CZK

Financed by: Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, SOS Lebanon, Czech Embassy in Lebanon, Societ  Saint Vincent de Paul



PROGRAMS AND DONORS	SERVICES PROVIDED	BENEFICIARIES/INDICATORS
SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES IN THE SOUTH OF LEBANON Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, SOS Lebanon	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operation and equipping of 2 cultural centers for adults• Training for social workers• Psychosocial and spare-time program for children• Training members of community committees• Completed electricity supply in village	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 150 registered members• 50 workers• 1 221 children• 32 members• 86 households
INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT FOR CONFLICT VICTIMS Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, SOS Lebanon	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provision of material support• House reconstruction for senior citizens• Provision of medication and healthcare aids	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12 households• 9 households• 7 senior citizens
SOCIAL CENTERS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS Czech Embassy, Societ� Saint Vincent de Paul	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening 5 centers for senior citizens in the south of the country• Training social workers and managers of the centers for senior citizens	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approximately 200 senior citizens• 10 workers

Photo:   H. Bendov , Borj Rahal, Lebanon 2008 / A woman taking care of her mother-in-law and mentally disabled sister is one of those who received direct social help.



IRAQ

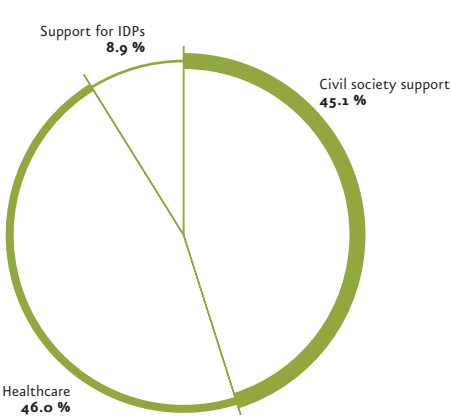
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PIN has operated in southern Iraq since May 2003. Due to the continuing adverse security situation, PIN’s support for the area is coordinated from an office in Amman, Jordan.

In addition to capacity building projects in the healthcare sector and support for internally displaced persons, PIN primarily focuses on long-term projects aimed at building civil society in Iraq. Based on experience and results achieved in the past years, a significant part of the activities focused on building the capacity of Iraqi non-governmental organizations, developing open communication between important sectors of civil society, and improving cooperation with local government.

In 2007, the Iraq mission began health awareness training for mothers with children under five and organized income generation courses for women. Over 5,000 women were educated on basic health care.

The training of traditional birth attendants continued in the Basrah and Missan provinces. After the outburst of cholera in 2007, PIN organized health awareness seminars and provided distribution of over 21,000 information leaflets.



ACTIVITIES IN 2007: 17 668 000 CZK

Financed by: Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, NED, UNDEF, UNIFEM, IOM

PROGRAMS AND DONORS	SERVICES PROVIDED	BENEFICIARIES/INDICATORS
CIVIL SOCIETY SUPPORT <i>Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, NED, UNDEF, UNIFEM</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training for NGO representatives• Support for NGO projects• Training of civil servants and elected representatives of local authorities in Amman• Community facilitation meetings• Training for elected female representatives• Panel discussions on public participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15 participants• 5 coalition grants• 20 participants• 62 meetings, 2 450 participants• 18 female participants• 75 participants within 2 panels
HEALTHCARE <i>IOM</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health education for mothers with children under 5• Training of traditional birth attendants• Health awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 211 seminar participants• 400 female participants• 21 000 leaflets distributed
SUPPORT FOR IDPS <i>IOM</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Income generation courses for women	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 185 participants in Missan Province

■ Photo: © I. Zimová, Amman, Jordan 2007 / Experts from the Czech Republic share their experience with Iraqi officers.



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SOS PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

In 2007, PIN announced three smaller “SOS” public appeals for funding to help people affected by natural disasters abroad.

SOS INDIA

At the end of July, the area surrounding the Bay of Bengal was affected by the strongest monsoon rains of the last several decades. Over one thousand people lost their lives; 30 million people lost their homes or livelihoods. PIN assisted in north Indian Bihar through its partner organization, Concern. The most affected families received packages of food, water purification tablets, hygiene supplies, cooking utensils, plastic sheets for temporary shelters, and other essential items.

ACTIVITIES INDIA: 737 000 CZK

Financed by: PIN’s Club of Friends, SOS India

SOS GREECE

The summer drought resulted in devastating fires in the whole northern Mediterranean in August. The fires strongly affected southern Peloponesus, where thousands of small farmers lost their livelihoods. The funds raised were used in

the first quarter of 2008 to help the affected communities in three villages in the Messinia and Ilia provinces to return to their previous occupations. In particular, the funds helped to restore orchards, purchase olive tree seedlings and repair damaged houses.

SOS BANGLADESH

In November, southern Bangladesh was struck with an exceptionally strong cyclone, Sidr, which brought destructive winds and widespread flooding. The cyclone killed over 2000 people and caused extensive material damage. The funds collected through public appeal and special donations from PIN’s Club of Friends provided approximately 1000 families with food, blankets, water purification tablets, and other necessities. The distribution was carried out in cooperation with Concern.

ACTIVITIES BANGLADESH: 723 000 CZK

Financed by: PIN’s Club of Friends, SOS Bangladesh

PROGRAMS AND DONORS		SERVICES PROVIDED	BENEFICIARIES/INDICATORS
INDIA	SUPPORT FOR BIHAR FLOOD VICTIMS PIN’s Club of Friends, SOS India	• Distribution of basic commodities (food, cooking utensils, tarpaulins, purification tablets, etc.)	• 1 000 families in Darbhanga, Madhubani and Sitamarhi regions
	REPAIRING FIRE DAMAGE IN GREECE SOS Greece	• Financial contributions and distribution of plants	• 30 families in Messinia and Ilia provinces
BANGLADESH	HELP FOR VICTIMS OF CYCLONE SIDR IN BANGLADESH PIN’s Club of Friends, SOS Bangladesh	• Distribution of basic commodities (food, cooking utensils, blankets, purification tablets, etc.)	• 1 000 families in Barguna and Pathuakali regions

■ Photo: © Concern, Bangladesh 2007 / Cyclone Sidr in Bangladesh destroyed the homes and livelihoods of millions of people. PIN released € 20,000 from the Club of Friends and organized a fundraising campaign.



HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY CENTER

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In 2007, PIN's Human Rights and Democracy Center (HRDC) continued in its efforts to strengthen international cooperation and networking between NGOs in the field of human rights and democracy promotion. PIN's overall approach and specific activities in target countries (Cuba, Burma, Belarus, Moldova, and Ukraine) are driven by the belief that the promotion of democracy should be at the core of both Czech and European foreign policy.

PIN constituted an important **training center** focusing on sharing the Czech and Central European experience of democratic transition and the development of an independent civil sector. In June 2007, the HRDC organized a **workshop on the Central European experience of transformation** of the police and other law enforcement bodies, which was well attended by Eastern and South-Eastern Europeans from a variety of countries. The HRDC also hosted young Belarusian and Burmese people on **internships** for several months, and organized a number of week-long **study trips** for representatives of the democratic opposition or independent civil sector from Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, and Burma.

PIN, together with 15 other European organizations, took part in establishing the European Foundation for Democracy through Partnership (EFDP). This is a new civil society initiative aimed at bringing together European democratic values and experiences to further the promotion of democratic principles. The EFDP's major patron is President Václav Havel, who has asked other prominent European figures to take part in the project.

In cooperation with the Dutch and Czech Ministries of Foreign Affairs, PIN organized in Prague a **conference on trilateral cooperation of NGOs** from the Netherlands, Central Europe and the "New European Neighborhood".

The HRDC is very honored by the appointment of its director as a member of the Steering Committee of the **World Movement for Democracy**, an institution that

brings together important organizations in the field of human rights and democracy promotion from around the world.

For two consecutive years, PIN has urged the Czech public, as part of its "Freedom in the New Year" Campaign, to send a Christmas postcard to political prisoners or to their families' homes in Belarus, Burma, and Cuba.

PIN and other Czech NGOs have created a coalition with the intention of persuading the Czech Parliament to ratify the **International Criminal Court**. Currently, the Czech Republic is the only EU member state not to have ratified it.

HOMO HOMINI AWARD

The 2007 Homo Homini Award was given to Phyu Phyu Thin, Su Su Nway and Nilar Thein, in honor of the many courageous women struggling to promote human rights in Burma, a country ruled by a military junta. Phyu Phyu Thin is a member of the National League for Democracy, and is a long-term advocate for the rights of HIV positive people who have no access to care in official hospitals. Su Su Nway made her reputation as a public critic of forced labor. In 2000, she successfully sued local authorities over the organization of forced labor in a village near Rangoon, which is an exceptionally rare event in an authoritarian country like Burma. Nilar Thein is a member of the 88 Student Generation Group, who spent 7 years in prison for her activities in the opposition. All three women played an active role in the protests against the Burmese junta in autumn 2007, and have faced severe consequences: Su Su Nway was arrested and the other two activists have been forced to live in hiding.

■ Photo: © Uladzimir Hrydzin, Belarus 2008 / March 25 is celebrated by the Belarusian opposition as Independence Day. The regime disperses the memorial meetings every year by means of militia and special forces.



Despite the fact that 2007 was Cuba's first year since the revolution without Fidel Castro as Head of State, daily life remained unchanged for Cubans. According to plan, Fidel was replaced by his brother Raúl and the island continued to suffer economic hardship, disregard human rights and suppress human dignity. Most Cubans continued to spend most of their time in never-ending queues due to shortages, were denied access to uncensored information and were forbidden to travel abroad. Furthermore, around 250 political prisoners are still kept behind bars and the activities of independent Cuban civil society groups are constantly disrupted.

DIRECT SUPPORT IN CUBA

In 2007, PIN continued to **directly support the families of political prisoners and independent Cuban civil society groups**. In addition to financial help, PIN's couriers distributed books, medicine, and technical equipment (memory sticks laptops, cameras etc.). PIN focused on Cuba's **independent journalists** this year, providing them with financial and technical help and bringing them into contact with European journalists for mentoring, protection and professional assistance. PIN also supported several **independent human rights groups** and their activities, organizing **professional seminars** for them on project preparation, administration, reporting and implementation.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR DEMOCRACY IN CUBA

PIN continued to serve as secretariat for the International Committee for Democracy in Cuba (ICDC), coordinating the agenda, communicating with members and organizing activities. The ICDC's most important event in 2007 was the **Berlin conference**, where all its members met to discuss the current situation in Cuba, the EU position

towards Cuba, as well as relevant activities of European institutions, diplomatic missions and NGOs.

Members of the **Europe-Cuba NGO Network** met at the Berlin Conference to coordinate the year's activities. In 2007, PIN focused on finding new NGO partners from Central and Eastern Europe looking to implement projects in Cuba and has already provided several organizations with the know-how needed to successfully carry out activities.

INFORMATIVE AND PUBLIC ACTIVITIES

In 2007, PIN continued to publish "**Cuba-Europe Dialogues**" in English and Spanish. The bulletin offers professional analyses, information, expert reports and provides a forum for discussing Europe and Cuba's relationship. It also functions as a platform where our NGO Network partners can present their Cuban projects. The bulletin works in tandem with the website www.cubalog.eu, providing current information on the situation in Cuba by uploading daily world press clippings, translating articles from independent journalists, and publishing original feature articles.

Ramon Colas, a Cuban dissident currently living in exile and founder of the Cuban independent libraries network, visited Prague and served as a member of the jury at the One World Documentary Film Festival.

SYMBOLIC PRISON CELL IN PRAGUE

People in Need commemorated the fourth anniversary of the brutal crackdown on the democratic opposition in Cuba on March 18, 2003, by organizing a symbolic prison cell demonstration in the Czech capital.

Financed by: Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PIN's Club of Friends, NED, CFC, SOS Cuba public collection, and the US Department of State



BURMA

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In September 2007, Burma experienced the largest antigovernment protests since the people’s uprising in 1988. The military junta suppressed the Saffron Revolution led by Buddhist monks, arresting thousands of people. In response, PIN continued to directly assist the Burmese democratic movement, while working to increase international support for the oppressed Burmese people.

DIRECT ASSISTANCE

PIN provided financial support to political prisoners’ families and delivered information and equipment to independent Burmese journalists. PIN also launched a new program to assist embryonic, often un-registered, Burmese groups running small education, social and health projects, providing them with micro-grants and expertise.

PIN also continued to share the Czech experience of transition, to this end five Burmese activists spent three months with PIN in Prague. More than 100 activists attended three seminars on the Czech transformation organized by PIN along the Thai-Burmese border.

After the September crackdown, PIN released aid from the Club of Friends and funds received from the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs. These were distributed by Burmese partner organizations to people persecuted for participating in the protests.

INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY

PIN participated in international campaigns about Burma. One such campaign pushed for a binding resolution to be passed by the UN Security Council. During the Saffron Revolution, PIN disseminated information on the protests and lobbied the international community to apply more pressure on the Burmese regime to stop the violence. PIN also organized public solidarity events in Prague and gave a seminar on the Burmese situation in the Czech Parliament’s Chamber of Deputies. The seminar was attended by more than 100 Czech and foreign guests.

ACTIVITIES IN 2007: 4 462 000 CZK
Financed by: Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, NED, OSI, Taiwan Foundation for Democracy, PIN’s Club of Friends

SELECTED ACTIVITIES OF BURMA PROJECTS	
February	• Discussion on Burma held with political figures, media and public in Hungary and Romania
March	• Burmese women activists in Prague – meeting with political figures and public discussions
April	• Three-month internship for 4 activists, studying the Czech transition experience in Prague
May	• Dispensing of financial aid for families of political prisoners and micro-grants for NGOs in Burma
June	• Two Burmese people attended the seminar on reforming the state’s repressive apparatus in Prague
July	• Seminar on basic journalism standards for 16 independent journalists in Burma • Seminar on video-reporting for 8 human rights monitors in the Thai-Burmese border area
August	• Three-month internship for a Burmese independent journalist in Prague
September	• Public events held supporting the Saffron revolution (demonstration, petition, media interviews)
October	• Financial aid delivered to people persecuted for participating in the Saffron revolution
November	• Burma Alert Seminar “Action Needed Now” held in the Parliament of the Czech Republic
December	• Three seminars on the Czech transition experience held along the Thai-Burmese border area • Arranging expert consultations for an exiled TV station, Democratic Voice of Burma

■ Photo: © J. Valůch, Prague, Czech Republic 2007 / A meeting supporting the Saffron Revolution in Burma gathered in front of the Chinese embassy in Prague.



PIN has provided financial support to victims of political repression in Belarus for several years. In Belarus, peaceful demonstrations are routinely suppressed by force with protesters ending up in jail for 5 to 15 days or being fined sums significantly higher than their incomes.

In 2007, the primary focus of PIN's projects in Belarus continued to be providing support for pro-democracy activists and people persecuted by the authoritarian regime of President Alexander Lukashenko. The lives of these people inspired an exhibition of photographs called "Sparks of Bravery," which was successfully shown in six European cities.

PIN's other activities focused on sharing the Czech democratic transition experience. Three Belarusian lawyers came to the Czech Republic to learn how the laws on human rights and law enforcement bodies have been transformed. In cooperation with Pontis, a Slovak foundation, PIN supported five scholarly projects by Belarusian analysts, scholars and political scientists as part of the Belarus Public Policy Fund.

DIRECT AID TO VICTIMS OF POLITICAL REPRESSION

Using funds from its Club of Friends, PIN continued to provide moral and material support to those persecuted by the Belarusian regime and their relatives. Activists' families with several children were given priority for the aid and assistance. After the arrest of even one parent, they are usually in dire financial need, due to living on such a modest income. The aid can be used to buy clothes and food for those imprisoned or to pay fines and other penalties.

LEGAL AID TO VICTIMS OF POLITICAL REPRESSION

In early 2007, PIN and its Belarusian partners launched a pre-emptive legal aid campaign for civic activists. The

activists were able to establish contracts with a lawyer for free, which will ensure them better legal protection in case they are arrested. In cooperation with a Belarusian organization, PIN published an information leaflet on how to behave when arrested by the secret police, i.e. the KGB. The leaflet primarily targeted youth activists, pro-democracy activists and non-violent street protesters.

SUPPORT AND TRAINING OF REGIONAL ACTIVISTS

Belarusian regional activists often remain isolated in their dissenting opinion and work. PIN's material support and training help them spread ideas about democratization around Belarus in a more effective way. With PIN's help, pro-democracy activists and dissidents have been able to work in areas outside of the capital of Minsk. Several regional NGO activists came for a week-long study trip in the Czech Republic in 2007.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION "SPARKS OF BRAVERY"

The "Sparks of Bravery" photography exhibition was put together in 2007, documenting the lives of 14 people (activists, students, democratic opposition representatives, actors and others) who have become opponents of Lukashenko's regime. The exhibition was staged in six capital cities around the EU (Prague, Tallinn, Brussels, Paris, Warsaw, Bratislava) along with various film screenings and debates on Belarus.

Financed by: NED, Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sigrid Rausing Trust, PIN's Club of Friends

■ Photo: © A. Polo, Belarus 2007 / The Chernobyl Rally is an event organized annually by the Belarusian opposition to recall the Chernobyl tragedy. The government regularly forbids this event and scatters the demonstration using police forces.



MOLDOVA, UKRAINE

Both Moldova and Ukraine can learn a lot from the Czech democratic transition experience. They are now developing democratic institutions, such as a free media, independent NGOs, a free election process and strong local government.

After the 2004 Orange Revolution in Ukraine, there have been dynamic changes in the media with many TV channels, journals and daily newspapers popping up. The main challenge for these new media outlets is overcoming the shortage of well-educated journalists with strong writing skills. Therefore, PIN has focused its project on training young journalists in the art of investigative journalism.

While remaining ambiguous in its political promises towards Europe and Russia, Moldova suffers from great instability, especially in its separatist region, Transnistria. PIN's projects have centered on strengthening civil society through the support of small organizations and the promotion of initiatives for positive change.

MOLDOVA

PIN supported NGOs predominantly in Transnistria, a region which was affected by a deepening economic crisis in 2007. This unrecognized state has been led by Igor Smirnov, a self-appointed president, whose administration has been unable to provide basic services to its people. The region has continued to suffer from massive emigration, an information blackout and increased crime as a result. PIN has supported groups within Moldova's civil society that are committed to staying in the region and are working to promote a better environment, culture, community life and knowledge.

PIN awarded micro grants of \$500-1500 to nine NGOs and groups. The activities supported were varied and included student journals, youth organizations, a Russian-Moldovan theater, an investigative journalism workshop and an environmental education program. The most promising grantees were invited to take part in a week-

long study trip in the Czech Republic to learn how their Czech counterparts work. In addition, more than 60 people in Transnistria attended training workshops designed to improve their ability to write project proposals.

UKRAINE

PIN continued to train journalists in eastern Ukraine. In 2007, we focused our efforts on Donetsk, a large industrial city, and the surrounding area. Fifteen young journalists were taught investigative journalism skills so that they could write more effectively about various thorny issues in the region, such as chemical plant waste near a local lake. Regular discussions were held between Czech and Ukrainian experts and these aspiring journalists, about the methods used and challenges in obtaining this type of information. The best of the young journalists then traveled to the Czech Republic for a study trip to compare the investigative methods used by their Czech colleagues. The young journalists' work was turned into a publication aimed at teaching investigative journalism in Donetsk. Many of their articles were also published in Ukrainian newspapers and on internet sites.

In Donetsk, PIN organized a workshop for local government representatives to present the Czech experience of establishing local government. The workshop was also an opportunity for local councilors and NGO people to meet each other and to make contacts.

ACTIVITIES IN 2007: 3 338 000 CZK

Financed by: NED, Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, OSI East East

■ Photo: © K. Cudlín, Moldova 2006 / Hit by economic crisis massive waves of people have left Moldova to work abroad. PIN helps those who stay and want to change things.



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ONE WORLD

The 9th edition of the One World International Human Rights Documentary Film Festival, organized annually by PIN, took place in March 2007 in Prague and another 15 Czech cities. The festival was attended by a record number of 72 000 viewers to see 123 documentary films from all over the world. Furthermore, in 2007, One World was selected for an Honorable Mention within the framework of the UNESCO Prize for Human Rights Education.

One World offers strong documentary films with high informational value, which provide a deeper understanding of the world. It is the festival that opens eyes, breaks stereotypes, forces audiences to think and produces strong emotions. It is the festival that disturbs and inspires at the same time. One World is driven by

the belief that it is possible to fight evil, injustice and violation of the basic human rights to freedom and dignity, by revealing them to the public. At the same time, the festival clearly shows the deep confidence that lies on the side of freedom fighters and those who strive for basic human rights and dignity.

Follow up Q&A sessions that accompany documentary screenings deepen and support the themes of individual films and provide an opportunity to better understand the issues at stake. Film directors or experts discuss the film topics with the public. In addition, several panel discussions, workshops and seminars are part of the program. Participants include festival guests, Czech and foreign experts, NGO representatives and the public.

PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES	DESCRIPTION
ONE WORLD 2007 Prague February 28 – March 8, 2007 www.oneworld.cz	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 35 780 viewers• Under the auspices of Václav Havel, the Minister of Culture, the Mayor of Prague• 123 documentary films, 3 international competitions, non-competition thematic categories, unique retrospectives• 120 Czech and international guests, 370 accredited journalists• 8 films and 45 trailers online (326 784 visits of festival online special)• Special screenings for schools attended by 7 848 students• World music, discussions, workshops
ONE WORLD IN REGIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 35 875 viewers• Echoes of One World in 15 cities• Special screenings for schools attended by 20 892 students
FESTIVAL SPECIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One World thematic night program on Czech television watched by 200 000 viewers• One World Daily Special on Czech television• Festival specials on Radio 1, Czech Radio Česko and Aktuálně.cz• Festival supplements in Lidové noviny and MF Dnes
YEAR-LONG ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Co-founder of Pavel Koutecký Award for individual documentary work given to Czech film makers• Screenings for schools, children from special institutions, prisons• One World films on Czech televisions and art cinemas• Echoes of One World at important Czech festivals
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Founding member of the Association of Human Rights Festival• Year-long support and consultations for human rights festivals in Slovakia, Hungary, Poland, Ukraine, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Russia, Georgia, etc.• Cooperation with prestigious world documentary film festivals

■ Photo: © Luboš Kotecký, Czech republic 2007 / **The number of festival goers increases each year. In 2007 it reached a record-breaking 72 000 visitors.**



ONE WORLD

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The main selection criteria for films are the strong human stories and testimony of the documentary combined with technical quality. Documentary films about everyday heroes – ordinary people who decided to fight for their rights or against injustice – have therefore been a significant part of this year’s festival. Small technical imperfections in some documentaries are compensated for by their content which greatly affects the audience.

Festival organizers invite brave and charismatic individuals with personal experience in fighting for human rights. They are part of the Rudolf Vrba Jury that selects the winning film in the Right to Know category. Jury members in 2007 were: Hope Christians (Namibia), Ramón Humberto Colás (Cuba), Hseng NOUNG (Burma), Ina Kulej (Belarus) and Gul Rahmán (Afghanistan).

FESTIVAL CITIES

The 9th annual One World festival took place in 16 cities throughout the Czech Republic: Prague, Bílina, Brno, České Budějovice, Hradec Králové, Karlovy Vary, Liberec, Mělník, Olomouc, Ostrava, Pardubice, Plzeň, Rožnov pod Radhoštěm, Tábor, Ústí nad Labem, Zlín.

ACTIVITIES IN 2007: 13 390 000 CZK

Financed by: Czech Ministry of Culture, Prague City Hall, Pilsner Urquell, Metrostav, National Fund for Support and Development of Czech Film, European Union (EU Media Program), Czech-German Fund for the Future, International Visegrad Fund, British Council, British Embassy

FESTIVAL PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION
FILM THEMATIC CATEGORIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Democracy Report• Tolerant – Intolerant• German Spring• Czech films• Music, play and human rights• Identity Quest• Trafficking in the Hot Spots• Focus on...• Docs for Kids
RETROSPECTIVES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Films of Latin America• British Dramadoc
WORKSHOPS AND DEBATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tolerant – Intolerant: Racism, nationalism and neonazism in contemporary Europe• Film Against Injustice and Poverty• Images of Latin America• Czech Documentary Film in the International Context• Talks of the Day at the Municipal Library• Masterclasses at FAMU• Dialogues of Filmmakers
ACCOMPANYING EVENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One World Online (8 films and 45 trailers on the internet)• NonComm: Public Service Announcements• Women in Danger – photography exhibition• Musical Accompanying Events

■ Photo: © L. Kotek, Prague, Czech Republic 2007 / Members of the Rudolf Vrba jury at the festival closing celebrations. The Jury awards the best film in the “Right to Know” category. The Jury consists of people who have personally contributed to the upholding of human rights.



ONE WORLD IN SCHOOLS

The One World in Schools education program offers teachers documentary films and other audiovisual resources for routine use in lessons. Six years of implementing the project have confirmed the huge potential of documentary films for addressing pupils and students. They provide the current audiovisual generation of young people with an attractive and comprehensible medium for important information as well as with a strong emotional experience, which helps cultivate their character and strengthens their ability to express their own opinion. At present, One World in Schools materials are being used by more than 2 300 primary and secondary schools in the Czech Republic.

STORIES OF INJUSTICE

In 2007, PIN ran the third annual Stories of Injustice project, which uses films and subsequent discussions with victims and survivors to acquaint pupils and students with the communist era in Czechoslovakia. More than 590 primary and secondary schools were involved in the project in 2007. The One World in Schools project won the prestigious Jaromil Jireš prize, which is awarded by the Czech Association of Directors and Screenwriters for supporting the establishment and circulation of

non-commercial creative works. Above all, this honor acknowledges the project's use of documentary films about modern Czechoslovak history.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Activities intended directly for young people comprise an integral part of the program. Within the framework of One World Film Schools, students have organized 389 film screenings in their spare time. To develop their skills in making documentary films, PIN organized the first annual One World International School of Documentary Film. Increasingly intensive cooperation on an international level is proof of the fact that the concept behind the One World in Schools program can also be implemented in other countries.

ACTIVITIES IN 2007: 8 420 000 CZK

Financed by: Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ESF, Czech National Agency - Youth in Action programme, Czech Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, Prague City Hall, Czech State Fund for the Support and Development of Czech Cinematography, Czech Government Office, the O2 Foundation, Czech Ministry of Culture

ONE WORLD IN SCHOOLS	
PROJECT PARTICIPANTS	• More than 2 300 primary and secondary schools
THEMATIC SETS	• Human Rights, World of Children, Czechoslovak History, Drugs, Child Labor, Social Spots, Cross-cutting Themes, Being in the Picture, Virus Free Generation, We Are What We Are, Next Generation, Equal Opportunities
AVAILABLE TO PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS	• Documentary films and other audiovisual materials (more than 260 titles on VHS or DVD) • Teaching handbooks - film synopses, activities and worksheets, questions and answers, methods • Training seminars, assistance from expert groups • Support for schools in creating Framework Education Program • Electronic newsletters, website
AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS	• One World Film Clubs (45 clubs), regular meetings of organizers, Link Magazine • One World International School of Documentary Film • School screenings as part of the One World Film Festival • Literary competitions and art competitions, team projects, electronic newsletters, website

■ Photo: © L. Kotek, Prague, Czech Republic 2007 / The youngest viewers at a screening of documentary films for primary school pupils.



SOCIAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMMES (SIP)

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PREDLICE: GHETTO NO. 1

A visitor to Predlice in Ústí nad Labem immediately realizes that Predlice is not a typical town suburb. The privatization of municipal flats several years ago has had an unfortunate result. Nowadays, the highest rents in northern Bohemia are in these low quality flats. Ironically, the poorest of the poor live in them. The reason why they are willing to pay up to 10 000 Czech crowns a month for an unfurnished room is quite simple. No one else would rent them accommodation. With a low social status, these tenants usually have large families and are facing long term unemployment or over-indebtedness.

Predlice households deal with financial problems by taking loans from money lenders or non-banking financial institutions whose agents are closely connected with the landlords. With a monopoly on providing loans to the tenants, they can charge high rates and the landlords get a cut of commissions. In some cases people even get high-interest loans directly from the landlords.

TEN YEARS IN THE FIELD

There are tens or even hundreds of places in the Czech Republic like Predlice. In some of them, living conditions are “less horrible”, in others they are worse. However, they all have something in common. Their inhabitants are people on the edges of society who have neither the skills nor the motivation to escape from the ghetto on their own. This is where PIN’s Social Integration Programmes (SIP) workers intervene. They have been dealing with poverty and social exclusion for ten years. Their principal aim is to help socially vulnerable people avoid slipping even deeper into a hopeless situation and help them deal with problems resulting from their life in a socially excluded locality. In addition to the range of services for socially excluded families (field social work, employment counseling,

educational activities, etc.) SIP aims to influence social policy so it becomes a tool for integration.

SIP IN DATA

In 2007 SIP operated in 60 Czech and Moravian municipalities. The team consisted of over 140 people – field social workers, employment counselors, teachers, service coordinators and people who help municipalities implement appropriate social integration policies.

New branches were established in Chomutov and Olomouc to strengthen an existing network of regional branches in Prague, Kladno, Pilsen, Sokolov, Ústí nad Labem, Bilina and Liberec.

The long-standing range of field social work, employment counseling and educational as well as leisure time activities for people at risk of social exclusion was extended in 2007 with the provision of social assistance in criminal proceedings, particularly for victims and witnesses of crimes committed in socially excluded localities.

ACTIVITIES IN 2007: 47 780 000 CZK

Financed by: Czech Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, EQUAL, SPD3, HRD OP, Council for Roma Community Affairs, SROP – The Ústí Region, SROP – Central Bohemia Region, SROP – Karlovy Vary Region, SROP – Pilsen Region, SROP – Olomouc Region, Czech Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, Czech Ministry of the Interior, NROS, CSOB, Directorate-General for Justice, Freedom and Security of the European Commission, EU Agency for Fundamental Rights, Prague City Hall, Tereza Maxova Foundation, Olomouc City Hall, Czech Ministry of Justice, Kladno Town

■ Photo: © Š. Gabčo, Ústí nad Labem, Czech Republic 2007 / Unemployment, indebtedness, usury, poor education – these are not the only problems PIN’s field social workers have to cope with at places like Predlice in Ústí.



SOCIAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMMES (SIP)

FIELD SOCIAL WORK

People who have to deal with social and subsistence problems in the long term gradually learn to operate under the conditions of social exclusion. They do not know anyone who could show them a way out of the closed world of poverty, as all their relatives are usually in the very same situation. Therefore, they need external support in their efforts to improve their social status, such as that provided by field social workers. PIN's social workers try to help socially disadvantaged people and families through counseling and assistance with housing problems, over-indebtedness, low literacy and administrative procedures. They also help people obtain necessary documents or social welfare benefits and accompany them to negotiations with authorities. Basic legal counseling is also included. The first field social workers from PIN began working in socially excluded localities more than nine years ago. Currently they provide help in 60 Czech and Moravian municipalities and in 2007 they helped more than 2 300 clients through almost 50 000 consultations.

EMPLOYMENT COUNSELING

Unfortunately, labor market conditions are not the same for all. Discrimination on the basis of ethnicity, education, gender or age is common. People at risk of social exclusion are also significantly disadvantaged by their low social capital, experiencing serious difficulties when searching for a job without outside help.

PIN employment counselors help people who are at a disadvantage in the job market and the long-term unemployed. They help clients search for suitable job offers, edit their CVs, and prepare them for job interviews or for administrative steps regarding a formal start in a new job.

The aim of employment counseling is to help clients get, and keep, a job. Therefore, the counselors stay in touch with clients after they are accepted for a position. They

are interested in how their clients succeed in their new job; they monitor their training and communicate with employers. As well as helping the long-term unemployed, the counseling service targets young people completing their compulsory schooling. Employment counselors organize workshops at schools to warn young people of the possible risks regarding job seeking and inform them about relevant legal issues concerning employment.

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

Social assistance in criminal proceedings is the most recent activity of SIP. A pilot service has been run in Pilsen in cooperation with the Czech Ministry of the Interior.

Pilsen social assistants in criminal proceedings provide counseling to victims, witnesses and in some cases also to criminals. They try to help them in their difficult situation and explain their obligations and rights. In addition to counseling, Pilsen branch employees will also accompany a client to an interrogation or to court, and can provide assistance with filing a lawsuit or giving a statement to the police. Their work in socially excluded localities also has a preventive effect.

The service does not only make life easier for clients, it is also beneficial for the Police and institutions active in criminal proceedings. The aim of the service is to improve communication between all parties involved. Like a field social worker helping their clients overcome difficulties in communication with authorities, a social assistant also works as a mediator in negotiations of all interested parties.



SOCIAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMMES (SIP)

LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Educational and leisure time activities also form a part of the range of services on offer for families at risk of social exclusion. Children from socially excluded localities can attend weekend programs (trips to the countryside, visits to exhibitions and theaters, etc.), interest groups, topic workshops and seminars with interesting guests organized by coordinators of leisure time activities. As well as permanent coordinators, a large number of volunteers participate in SIP leisure time activities.

In Ustí nad Labem and Bílina, activities for children and youth are organized through drop-in centers run by PIN since 2006. The centers also provide activities for mothers and children including morning classes for pre-schoolers.

INDIVIDUAL REMEDIAL CLASSES

Most children from socially excluded environments attend so-called “special schools”. The vast majority are not motivated to continue their studies beyond the compulsory school attendance age. The reason usually has nothing to do with lower skills or abilities, but with a socio-cultural handicap accompanying them in fact from the time they entered the first grade classroom. In comparison with their peers, children from socially excluded families fall behind not only in subject knowledge, but often also in important

social skills. At home they lack support in their studies and homework and have few role models showing that education matters.

PIN’s Education Support Program aims at helping disadvantaged children prepare for school by offering them free remedial classes. The classes are carried out by trained volunteers, predominantly secondary school and university students, who help children with their homework at least once a week and help them with subjects they do not understand. The aim of the program is not only to improve the children’s academic results, but also to modify the family environment, developing an appreciation of the importance of doing homework and studying. Therefore, program workers try to actively involve the child’s parents and motivate them to take an interest in their children’s school successes and failures and at least partially help them with their studies.

SOCIAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMS' ACTIVITIES IN 2007	NUMBER OF WORKERS	NUMBER OF CLIENTS	NUMBER OF CLIENTS' ORDERS	SCORE OF ORDERS (%)	NUMBER OF CONSULTATIONS
FIELD SOCIAL WORK	47	2306	5513	72	48115
EMPLOYMENT COUNSELING	12	678	1110	50	11328
SUPPORTING EDUCATION AT HOME – TUTOR PROGRAM	13	192	305	55	2356
OPEN CLUBS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS	7 + 47*	178**	—	—	—
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS	2	20	26	20	—

*Volunteers, ** Permanent clients

■ Photo: © PIN Archive, Ústí nad Labem, Czech Republic 2006 / PIN operates drop-in centers in Matiční street in Ústí n. Labem and Bílina, where children from excluded locations can spend their free time.



SOCIAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMMES (SIP)

RESEARCH AND ANALYTICAL ACTIVITIES

Knowledge of the specific environment plays an important role when developing tailor-made services for people living in social ghettos. Therefore, PIN maps the situation in certain socially excluded localities in the Czech Republic, examining the particularities of life in these areas.

In 2007, a research project *Cikatar Het* ("Out of the Mud" in Roma) led to a publication *Who is holding Black Peter – social exclusion in Liberec, Pilsen and Usti nad Labem*. The publication serves authorities as a detailed guide to socially excluded localities in the three towns. In cooperation with the Citizens' Counseling Center in Pilsen, an information brochure *Issue of Indebtedness* was published. The publication focuses primarily on employees of non-governmental organizations and civil servants who work with indebted people. The handbook provides an overview of legal and practical aspects of indebtedness and maps in detail why and how socially vulnerable people fall into debt, and the resulting impact.

PUBLIC COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

SIP offers a wide range of courses and workshops throughout the Czech Republic. These aim at presenting social exclusion issues to public authority and municipality employees, police officers, students, teachers and those providing social services and assistance. SIP also prepares many educational activities for people at risk of social exclusion. These courses aim at the development of psychosocial skills and personal skills and at raising legal awareness and self-confidence. For example, in 2007 re-socialization courses KOST (Communicative Personal Social Training) and Everyday Law (a course on probation and mediation services for young offenders) were carried out.

INFORMATION AND PROMOTION ACTIVITIES

Social exclusion is associated with many stereotypes and prejudices. It is often unjustly viewed as an ethnic, not a social problem. People living in excluded localities are perceived by the majority as inadaptable, lazy people dependent on social welfare benefits. However, few people can imagine what it really means to live in a ghetto.

PIN consistently highlights the problems socially excluded people have to face and presents these issues to experts as well as the general public.

In May 2007, in cooperation with MF Dnes, PIN published a national newspaper supplement called *Where to put them?* featuring articles on illegal work, housing and social pathological phenomena in socially excluded localities.

In 2007, the *Consumer's Fate* information campaign was prepared. PIN launched the campaign in spring 2008 in ten towns in the Czech Republic where PIN has been working for several years. The aim of the campaign is to draw attention to the increasingly prevalent business of deliberately providing loans to socially vulnerable people. These companies are then legally able to seize their customers' pensions or social welfare benefits for repayment – so obviously they welcome poor people as their clients.

■ Photo: © I. Zimová, Kladno, Czech Republic 2008 / The purpose of comics prepared by PIN is to show, in a simple and understandable form, practical situations, such as visiting offices.



SIP – SLOVAKIA

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In Slovakia, PIN works mostly in the east, where there are almost 500 Roma settlements. The settlements suffer from all the symptoms of social exclusion including extreme poverty, low education levels, long-term unemployment, unsuitable housing conditions, deplorable hygiene conditions, poor health and spatial segregation. The local branch was mainly opened in an effort to mitigate the effects of social exclusion on the local people and to explore and develop new ways to address the aforementioned problems. Thus, the priorities of the Slovak branch are supporting employment and social businesses, community education development, improving housing conditions, developing civil society and support of Roma participation in society.

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

Since 2006 PIN has been running a community center in Roskovce. The main focus is on educational and leisure time activities for children and youth from the neighboring Roma settlement. Center employees and volunteers prepare daily programs aiming at developing the young people's life skills and encouraging them in their school work.

In addition to the Roskovce Community Center, the Slovak branch also runs local employment counseling centers in eight villages, mediating contact between employers and job applicants from socially excluded environments. Slovak branch employees also provide operations advice to municipal social enterprises. The aim of these enterprises is to create jobs for the long-term unemployed living in socially excluded localities.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Within the program to improve housing conditions, Slovak branch employees identify construction models that, due to their low initial costs, energy efficiency, material accessibility and technological simplicity present an

accessible housing alternative for inhabitants of Roma localities in Eastern Slovakia. In 2007 a pilot construction of a house from natural straw and earth materials started in the town of Spišské Podhradí. It serves as a house for a specific family as well as a model for further construction of alternative houses.

PREVENTION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

PIN Slovakia has opened up activities in a new field, with a program aiming at preventing forced prostitution and human trafficking. Children from socially disadvantaged environments, whether they be socially excluded localities or children's homes or institutional care facilities, are particularly at risk. In 2007 the branch employees prepared a wide range of activities for these children and employees of the aforementioned institutions, in order to reduce the risk that the children become victims of human trafficking.

ACTIVITIES IN 2007: 1 394 000 CZK

Financed by: OSI, Milan Simecka Foundation, Kolping Society Slovakia, La Strada, Slovak Children's Fund, Slovak Office for Labor, Social Affairs and Family, IUVENTA

■ Photo: © M. Sládek, Spišské Podhradí, Slovak Republic 2007 / **Straw-clay houses may become an alternative accommodation option in east Slovak Roma settlements. The advantage is an affordable price and low energy requirements.**



VARIANTS

In 2007 the educational program “Variants” continued to support the integration of intercultural and global development education into the Czech educational system.

Both of these topics were part of an extensive project in which 35 Prague high schools participated. More than 200 high school teachers attended various seminars and courses to improve their teaching skills.

INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION

The Variants program joined the European year of equal opportunities with a project dedicated to multicultural education and the problems of segregation in schools. Coordinators organized several seminars for primary and high school teachers and also for teachers working with pupils with special needs. As a part of the project we produced a textbook called “Stories from a bad district”. The textbook offers for the first time the opportunity to address this topic using concrete case studies.

In 2007, within the Variants program, multicultural education programs in the Czech Republic were researched and new materials were published (a set of film clips “Freechoose”, and a textbook “Can I understand it?”).

The Variants program also organized special courses for adults on problems of social exclusion, aimed mostly at Labor Office employees. Other courses were organized

to improve the skills of teachers of Czech as a foreign language.

GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION

Within the global development education program we organized 11 three-day workshops for high school teachers and for university students. Ten schools have continued to be involved in an international project, Global schools, whose main aim is to introduce the topics of global education such as human rights, economic globalization or climate change into the school curricula.

Part of a PeaceXchange project was a visit by a South African rap artist. She worked with socially excluded children in the Czech Republic and presented her method of education to prevent conflicts by using music.

ACTIVITIES IN 2007: 7 718 000 CZK

Financed by: European Union (Programs: ESF, SPD3, EQUAL, HRD OP, Lifelong Learning Program, Global Action School) Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czech Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, Czech Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, Czech Office of the Government, Prague City Hall, Anne Frank House

SEMINARS AND COURSES IN 2007	
Primary and high school teachers	700 participants
High school students	290 participants
University students	250 participants
Clerks and teachers of Czech for foreigners	90 participants
NGO employees	70 participants
Others	50 participants
TOTAL	1450 participants

Photo: © I. Zimová, Svatý Jan pod Skalou, Czech Republic 2007 / University students studying education attending the seminar “Two sides of a coin” learned how to work with themes of globalization and international trade.



INFORMATION AND MEDIA PROJECTS

From the outset, PIN has emphasized the importance of cooperating with the media and trying to inform the public in an open and reliable way not only about its activities but also about the places where PIN works and the issues they address. PIN shares its practical experience with the public as well as providing sound knowledge of various topics, such as development cooperation and humanitarian aid, human rights protection, social exclusion, migration and education. Special campaigns on the issues of HIV/AIDS and child labor were organized in 2007. PIN ensures the utmost transparency in the use of funds raised during public fundraising campaigns.

In 2007 PIN celebrated its fifteenth anniversary. In September a large public event was organized on Střelecký ostrov in Prague, bringing together the organization's founders, past and current team members and supporters. All the different sections of the organization presented their programs and work.

INFORMATION PROGRAMS

The goal of PIN's "Migration" and "Development Awareness" information programs is to inform the Czech public on topics relevant to the Czech Republic, global problems and development cooperation. The key means used to address the public are the media and journalists. In 2007 the Migration program dealt particularly with illegal immigration, work migration and the integration of foreigners in the Czech and European context. Program coordinators participated in preparing 81 articles, reports and commentaries in printed, audiovisual and electronic media. For example, in cooperation with Aktuálně.cz, a cartoon series on the life of foreigners in the Czech Republic was created. It was later published in printed form and serves as information material, particularly for journalists. The program also works with foreigners themselves, offering training in media skills to improve

the migrants' ability to present their situation and activities to the public. A seminar on illegal migration in the Czech Republic and how to resolve it was organized for a professional audience. The Development Awareness program deals with development cooperation and global problems.

YEAR OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The European Commission declared 2007 the Year of Equal Opportunities for all. The contribution of PIN included, among other things, two projects to highlight various forms of discrimination through documentaries and discussions.

The Rovnost is cool (Equality is Cool) project targeted pupils of primary and secondary schools. In autumn the Karneval rozmanitosti (Carnival of Diversity) film festival took place in twelve Czech towns and cities. Screenings were held in normal cinemas as well as in drop-in centers and youth centers. The selection of seventeen films touched six areas of discrimination based on gender (social sex), sexual orientation, ethnic origin, age, health challenges and religion.

Financed by: Czech Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, Czech Ministry of Culture, OSF, EEA and Norwegian Financial Mechanisms (Migration project); Czech Office of the Government, OSI, Plzeň City (Year of Equal Opportunities)

■ Photo: © I. Zimová, Prague, Czech Republic 2008 / In 2007 People In Need published ten four-page supplements in Lidové noviny and MF DNES, dealing with migration, development cooperation, social exclusion and the One World film festival.



DEVELOPMENT AWARENESS – ROZVOJOVKA

Since 2003, PIN has worked to create a better understanding among Czechs of the acute situation in developing countries. PIN continues to highlight the significance of the Czech Republic’s development cooperation, committed to long-term solutions for global problems.

DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AWARENESS

Through the awareness projects the Czech people are gaining a better understanding of the main problems in developing countries. PIN’s emphasis is on giving examples of development cooperation and on breaking down deeply-rooted stereotypes through knowledge and understanding.

Cooperation with the media is key to this kind of public awareness raising. In 2007 the Development Awareness team prepared a number of seminars and study trips for journalists to enrich their personal understanding of the daily problems in developing countries. After providing them with regular opportunities for continued learning, a group of competent external correspondents was established. Thematic supplements for major Czech dailies were also prepared. Cooperation with the media resulted in a total of 141 articles and reports.

The general public can visit www.rozvojovka.cz, one of the main sources of information on development cooperation in Czech. In 2007, the portal was reorganized into sections for individual target groups and redesigned with a new look.

A Development Cooperation Bulletin continued to be published for decision makers, civil servants and experts. PIN organized a pilot course introducing the main themes of development cooperation for journalism students at Charles University. The seminar gave rise to a manual for reporting on development issues.

INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGNS

The international campaign *Virus Free Generation* informs young people regarding the HIV & AIDS threat in Sub-Saharan Africa. In March 2007, an international artistic and creative competition culminated in an exhibition of artwork, events surrounding summer festivals, and an interactive computer game.

The campaign *Stop child labor – School is the best place to work* informs the general public about the role of education and the problem of child labor as it relates to worldwide poverty. The campaign aims to motivate public officials and representatives of the non-profit and corporate sectors to take action. The campaign also included fun awareness raising events for school children.

ACTIVITIES IN 2007: 6 107 000 CZK

Financed by: Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union, Austrian Development Agency

TARGET GROUP	OUTPUTS
MEDIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 141 articles and reports focusing on development presented in national and regional media• 5 study trips for journalists into global South countries• 2 seminars for journalists (theme: HIV/AIDS, gender)• Training and closer cooperation with external correspondents
PUBLIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Web pages www.rozvojovka.cz – 108 new articles and reports, invitations and news, and analyses• 4 thematic supplements in national and regional press• Outdoor public awareness event on the occasion of the World Day against Child Labor• International final of the creative competition with theme HIV/AIDS (200 registered artworks)• Video clips on HIV/AIDS (1 million viewers) and child labor (124 000 viewers) in Czech cinemas
SPECIALISTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bulletin on Development Cooperation (3 volumes)

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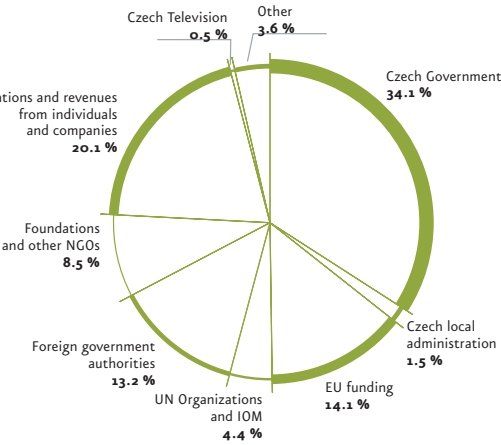
ORGANIZATION’S REVENUES IN 2007

Source of Revenues	in EUR
Donations to public collection SOS Sri Lanka	1 683 708
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic	1 534 781
Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic	1 259 970
The Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development of Afghanistan	828 903
Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic	748 943
European Commission Humanitarian Aid Office	492 561
IOM – International Organisation of Migration, Iraq	385 012
Welchungerhilfe e.V.	383 953
Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic	335 911
NED – National Endowment for Democracy	288 169
Other revenues	271 512
City of Prague	230 331
Usti nad Labem Region	211 255
Donations to PIN Club of Friends	186 328
Austrian/Swiss Red Cross	183 032
Office of the Government of the Czech Republic	169 485
Other funding and grants	164 829
Other donations	137 431
MEPI – Middle East Partnership Initiative	134 661
GTZ – Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit	133 926
Currency exchange profits	133 634
Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic	133 554
Central Czech Region	117 369
Donations to public collection Ethiopia – Let's build a school in Africa	116 816
Karlovy Vary Region	116 650
Pilsen Region	98 783
Revenues from sale of assets, products and materials	92 244
Olomouc Region	86 777
Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic	85 178
Stichting humanistisch Instituut	80 753
ČSOB – Československá obchodní banka	73 060
Center for a free Cuba	72 767
The European Community	67 635
UNOPS, Jordan	67 122
Royal Netherlands Embassy	61 026
Czech Television	57 100
Czech National Agency “Mládež”	48 842
The Sigrid Rausing trust	46 563
Interest	44 797
USAID	42 546
Open Society Fund	37 550
Pilsner Urquell brewery	37 566
European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights	33 180
NROS	30 992
Development Alternatives, Inc.	29 702
Other revenues from own activities	28 522
Metrostav a.s.	28 174
Institut of International Relations	27 626
National Fund for Support and Development of Czech Cinematography	26 271
IBIS – Financial Department	25 623
Donations to public collection SOS Pakistan	25 069
EU – Platform	24 990
Mercy Corps Afghanistan	24 054
Foundation Open Society Institute	23 243
UNIFEM, Arab States Regional Office	22 799
European Commission DG Justice	21 921
UNICEF Angola (DPE Bié)	21 807
SOLIDAR INGO Consortium	20 079
Ministry for Regional Development of the Czech Republic	19 484
Directorio Democrático Cubano	18 606
Embassy of the Czech Republic in Pakistan	18 601
Milan Šimečka Foundation	18 015
Action Aid	17 943
La Strada Czech Republic, o.p.s.	17 668
European Commission – MEDIA	16 017
Czech-German Fund for the Future	15 026
Westminster Foundation for Democracy	13 849
Presidency Fund	13 665

Source of Revenues	in EUR
Donations to public collection Afghanistan – Schools for Afghan Children	13 094
Revenue from financial assets	12 549
Société de Saint-Vincent-de-Paul (SSVP)	12 377
Other public collections	11 945
Union Film s.r.o. – kino Světozor	11 619
ČEZ, a.s.	11 270
Arts Institute – Theatre Institute	11 270
O2 Foundation	11 270
Centre for Integration of Foreigners	11 048
IUVENTA	10 755
European Commission Delegation of Afghanistan	10 607
The Polish Embassy in Tbilisi	10 489
The City of Usti nad Labem	10 451
Kolping-Foundation, Slovakia	10 427
U.S.Department of State	10 356
Czech News Agency – ČTK	10 255
Donations to public collection SOS Java	9 918
Counseling Centre for Citizenship, Civil and Human Rights	9 389
The Taiwan Foundation for Democracy	9 177
Atelier Spektrum s.r.o.	9 015
Lucerna – Barrandov, spol.s r.o	8 418
ANAM (Agence Nationale d'Accueil des Etrangers et des Migrations)	8 263
Donations to public collection SOS Bangladesh	8 033
Open Society Fund, Slovakia	7 635
POS Media Czech Republic, s.r.o.	7 513
British Council	7 180
Anne Frank House, Rouw Levien	7 098
Concern Worldwide	6 972
Donations to public collection SOS India	6 529
CEE Trust	6 259
Weltfriedensdienst e.V.	6 214
The International Visegrad Fund	6 107
Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic	6 097
City of Pilsen	5 560
United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization	5 359
British Embassy, Prague	5 356
Centre for International Services MŠMT	5 099
M. M. M. Construction	5 090
Brno Cultural Center (BCC)	4 821
International Republican Institute	4 590
Goethe Institute Prague	4 225
City of Ostrava	4 132
Tereza Maxová Foundation	3 469
University of Hradec Králové, Faculty of Informatics and Management	3 392
City of Olomouc	3 381
Municipal Library of Prague	3 374
Southern Czech Region	3 005
Donations to public collection SOS Floods	2 959
Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic	2 893
ARD Inc.	2 846
Union of Towns and Municipalities of the Czech Republic	2 800
CinemArt	2 775
The Embassy of the United States of America	2 766
Donations to public collection SOS Cuba	2 558
Iva Nevena Bartošová	2 501
City of Pardubice	2 442
K. Thomas Schrecker	2 262
The City of Kladno	2 131
Divadlo hudby Olomouc, p.o.	2 124
Zuzana Roithova	2 120
SILC – Svenskt Internationellt Liberalt Centrum	1 996
Jan Turinský	1 984
EDUCON, o. s.	1 878
JUREX s.r.o.	1 878
SERVISTEK S.R.O.	1 878
City of Hradec Králové	1 878
TOTAL	12 481 083

TOTAL REVENUES BY TYPE OF SOURCE

Type of Source	in EUR
Czech Government	4 255 680
Czech local administration	192 052
EU funding	1 765 424
UN Organizations and IOM	544 646
Foreign government authorities	1 642 528
Foundations and other NGOs	1 062 412
Donations and revenues from individuals and companies	2 511 049
Czech Television	57 100
Other	450 193
TOTAL	12 481 083

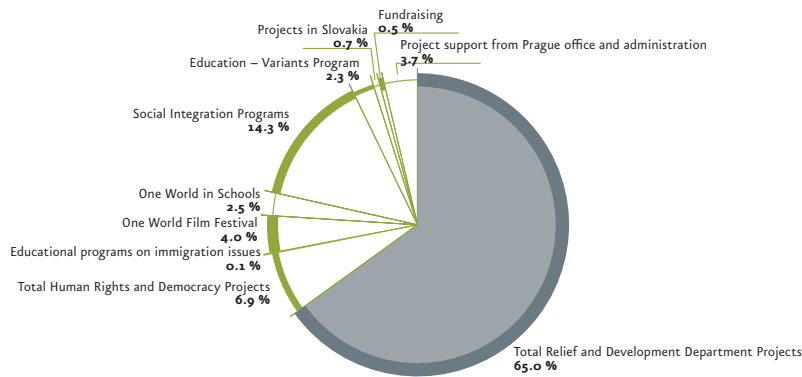


TOTAL EXPENDITURES BY TYPE OF ACTIVITY

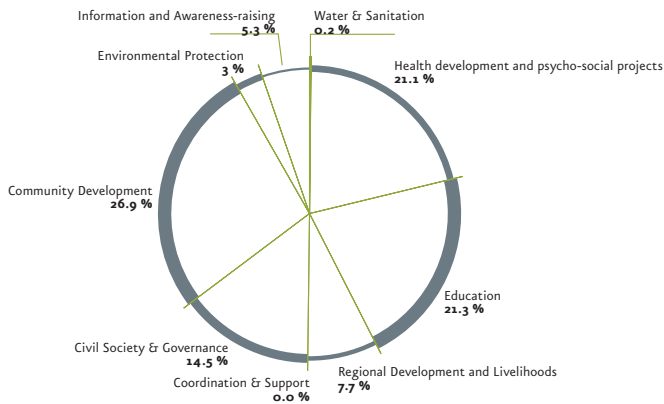
Type of Activity	in EUR
Project support from Prague office and administration	461 832
Fundraising	61 582
Relief and Development Department Projects	
Water & Sanitation	6 999
Health development and psycho-social projects	914 472
Education	924 002
Regional Development and Livelihoods	334 169
Coordination & Support	36
Civil Society & Governance	631 587
Community Development	1 172 910
Environmental Protection	128 870
Information and Awareness-raising	229 426
Subtotal Development Cooperation	4 342 471
Water & Sanitation	400 027
Shelter & NFI (Non Food Items)	1 991 977
Food & Nutrition	88 052
Health & Psycho-Social	834 235
Disaster Preparedness	1 373
Rehabilitation Education	270 271
Rehabilitation Infrastructure	212 483
Rehabilitation Other	22 474
Subtotal Humanitarian Aid	3 820 892
Total Relief and Development Department Projects	8 163 362

Type of Activity	in EUR
Human Rights and Democracy Projects	
Belarus	159 510
Cuba	279 339
Moldova	77 251
Burma	167 616
Ukraine	48 143
Other (Czech Republic)	127 872
Total Human Rights and Democracy Projects	859 731
One World Film Festival	503 009
One World in Schools	316 320
Social Integration Programs	1 794 883
Educational programs on immigration issues	12 163
Education – Variants Program	289 929
Projects in Slovakia	87 992
TOTAL	12 550 803

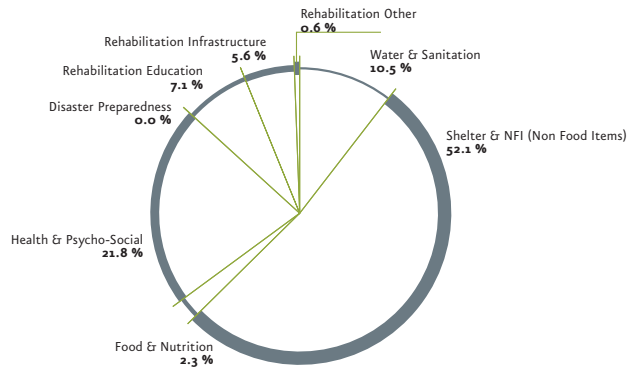
TOTAL EXPENDITURES BY TYPE OF ACTIVITY



DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION



HUMANITARIAN AID





INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Addressee of the Report: **Executive Board and founders of the Člověk v tísni, o.p.s.
(PEOPLE IN NEED)**

Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Člověk v tísni, o.p.s. (PEOPLE IN NEED), i.e. the balance sheet as at 31 December 2007, profit and loss account from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2007 and notes to these financial statements including the relevant accounting methods used. Information about Člověk v tísni, o.p.s. is presented in Note 1.1. to these financial statements.

Responsibility of the Statutory Body of the accounting entity for the financial statements

Preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the Czech accounting regulations are the responsibility of the Executive Board of Člověk v tísni, o.p.s. Part of this responsibility is designing, implementing and maintaining the internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on the audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Act on Auditors and International Standards on Auditing and the related application guidelines issued by the Chamber of Auditors of the Czech Republic. These standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and facts stated in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessment, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the assets, liabilities, equity and financial position of Člověk v tísni, o.p.s. as at 31 December 2007 and of the expenses, income and results of its operations for the year 2007 and were prepared in accordance with the respective accounting regulations of the Czech Republic.

Audited financial statements as at 31 December 2007 (Balance sheet, Profit and loss account and Notes to the financial statements) are enclosed to this report.

In Prague on 27 June 2008



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