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Last year marked the 20th anniversary of the day when several friends and volunteers first met together in the kitchenette of the Lidové noviny newspaper offices. They offered us their facilities and most importantly space in their paper to attempt to persuade people that despite just emerging from 40 years of communism, in addition to accepting help, we were also capable of giving it to those who needed it even more than we did. Our attempt succeeded and the first shipments of humanitarian aid were delivered to war-torn areas in the Caucasus and former Yugoslavia.

From the outside, at least, everything since then has changed. What started as a small group of devotees is today a structured, professional organization, one of the largest of its kind in Central and Eastern Europe. Over the years we have operated in humanitarian crises, most recently in northern Syria. We have established long-term development programmes in many countries. We also support dissidents, independent journalists, bloggers and ordinary people living under oppressive regimes who do not want to tolerate those who would deny them their basic human rights and freedoms. Our educational and informational work in the Czech Republic, the One World Film Festival and Social Integration Programmes are continuously growing, both in terms of scope and significance.

We are convinced that this work is vital in today's connected world; indeed, it has never been more indispensable. In Europe we are at the start of a great shift and reassessment: life established and driven by the idea of constant growth is no longer sustainable in the long-term. The importance of non-profit work will grow; in particular, services directed at improving lives will give meaning to an ever larger number of people and bring other benefits to quality of life not only based on higher consumption.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who make up the People in Need team both at home and abroad. Their work is what makes our organization what it is today. I believe that we are dynamic, rational and results oriented, and that our work leads to real and significant change.

Our aid, social services and educational and informational programmes would also not be possible without the excellent work of our support departments, the people who look after our financial affairs, operations, communications, IT and donor relations. They do not directly provide aid and services, but they are just as important.

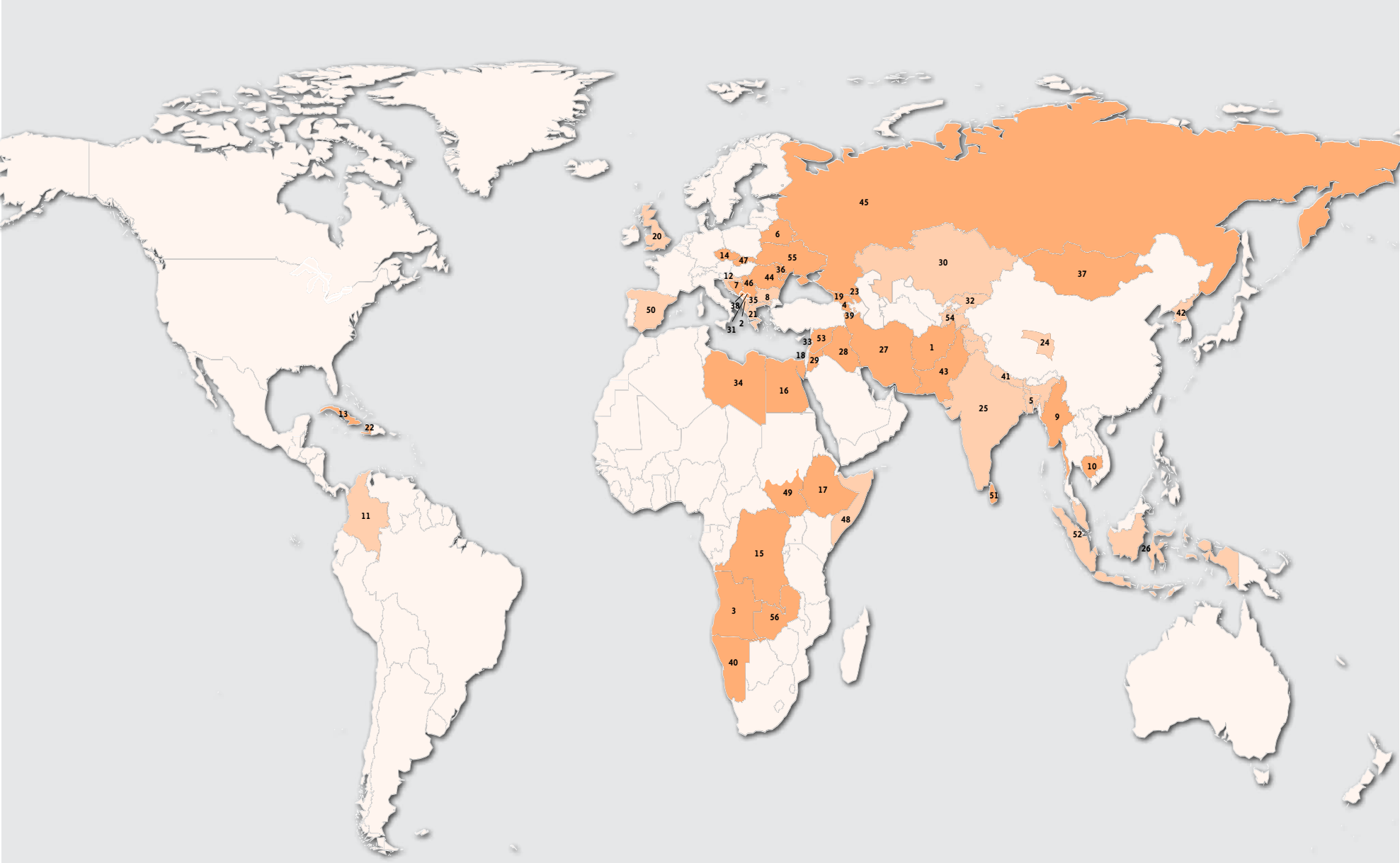
Please take a moment to read the People in Need Annual Report 2012. Within the confines of these pages we have set out to give you information that not only shows where and how we work, but also presents data, numbers and facts.

I would like to thank everyone you supported us last year and over the long term. Your support helps us, your trust strengthens us, and your commitment inspires us.

Yours faithfully,

Simon Palumbo

Partnerships and support:



1. Afghanistan 2001-2013
2. Albania 1993, 1997, 1999
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4. Armenia 1988, 1998, 2003-2013
5. Bangladesh 2007
6. Belarus 1998-2013
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9. Myanmar 1997, 2001-2013
10. Cambodia 2008-2013
11. Colombia 1999
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13. Cuba 1997-2013
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15. Democratic Republic of Congo 2008-2013
16. Egypt 2002, 2011-2013
17. Ethiopia 2003-2013
18. Gaza (Gaza Strip) 2010
19. Georgia 2005-2013

20. Great Britain 1997-2000
21. Greece 2007-2008
22. Haiti 2010-2012
23. Chechnya/Ingushetia 1995, 2000-2010
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The countries marked with colours are where People in Need has been active in 2012/2013. Note: Work in many of these countries often consists of a one-time intervention within a defined territory and a limited sector.





We were the first international humanitarian organization to open a permanent office in Aleppo, Syria's largest city. More than 2.5 million people here need urgent humanitarian assistance, which we have been delivering since 2012.

The One World International Festival attracted a record 110,372 viewers, who watched 106 documentary films from 44 countries.

We have prepared a new audiovisual portal for teachers and pupils called [www.jsns.cz](http://www.jsns.cz), where documentary films and educational materials are available online.

Under the auspices of Social Integration Programmes we have worked in about 60 towns across the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Our team consists of over 200 employees and 350 volunteers. Our main goal is to provide social counselling to people from poor areas.



We presented the Homo Homini award to Azeri lawyer Intigam Aliyev for his personal courage and commitment in defence of hundreds of cases of human rights violations.

We opened an office in Yangon, Myanmar, where we can respond to the humanitarian needs of displaced people. In Myanmar, we also help civic groups document cases of human rights violations.

The Development Awareness Programme organized a fashion show by Ethiopian designer Fikirte Addis to draw attention to the issue of child labour, which is often used in the clothing industry.

The competition video clip "Češinci" or *The Integration of Foreigners* was screened in cinemas and at festivals in the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Spain, and was seen by more than 50,000 views on YouTube.



We enabled scholarships to secondary schools and intensive educational support for more than 300 boys and girls from families with only basic education. Nevertheless the number of practical primary schools, which are a systemic error, continued to grow.

In Afghanistan, we support 88 agricultural colleges, where there are over 11,000 male and female students.

As part of the *Law Favours the Smart* and the *Index of Ethical Lending* campaigns we work to eliminate the causes that have led to the extreme indebtedness of Czech society.



In Sri Lanka, after two and a half years we ended aid to displaced people returning to war-devastated areas in the north of the country. During that time we helped nearly 7,000 families ensure access to food, restore livelihoods, homes and community infrastructure.

More than 33,000 Czech students attended screenings of documentary films about modern Czechoslovak history and discussions with witnesses as part of the *Stories of Injustice – Month of Film in Schools* project.



In Baghdad, the first Iraqi festival on human rights called Baghdad Eye took place at the end of February 2012, inspired and supported by the *One World International Festival*. The first annual film festival was attended by hundreds of people and attracted extraordinary attention from the foreign media.

We awarded the *Global School* title to 30 schools in the Czech Republic. These are proven schools in which global issues are a natural part of teaching; pupils follow world events, identify local problems with global outreach and collaborate with local partners to carry out activities that contribute to ameliorating the situation.

Child labour and trafficking of children are hidden and unresolved problems in Ethiopia. Over three years we helped 1,100 children return to their families and prepared an awareness and education campaign for the general public. We also established several low-threshold centres for abused children.

We prepared about 40 lessons and supporting materials within the *Respect Doesn't Hurt* project. Teachers respond to questions about how human rights relate to our daily lives and how we can learn about them.

In 2012, 22 partner organizations in Cuba received our support for the implementation of projects, where we also cooperate with eight groups of critical journalists and individuals who face daily harassment by the Cuban regime.

Thanks to the *Real Gift* project, in 2012 we gave away to poor people in Africa and Asia 2,249 goats, 130 sheep, 40 rabbits, one cow, seven buffalo and 200 chickens. We supported 74 obstetrics centres. Thanks to our support 130 families acquired biodigesters.

After two and a half years, we completed work in Haiti, where we helped 130,000 people, mainly children, for whom we built 24 schools.

Droughts in Angola exasperated child malnutrition. We have trained hundreds of community health volunteers, who examine 225,000 children. Nearly one fifth of them are undernourished, and these we provide with special nutrition. Also, we teach their parents how to prevent malnutrition.

We organized *Student Presidential Elections* involving 441 secondary schools in the Czech Republic. Their aim is to increase participation among first-time voters and to familiarize students with basic democratic principles.

We mediated testimony of witnesses from Syria to international and Czech media and gave them access to the areas where we work. Our work was covered by Czech television stations and dailies as well as *The Washington Post* or *Al Jazeera*.

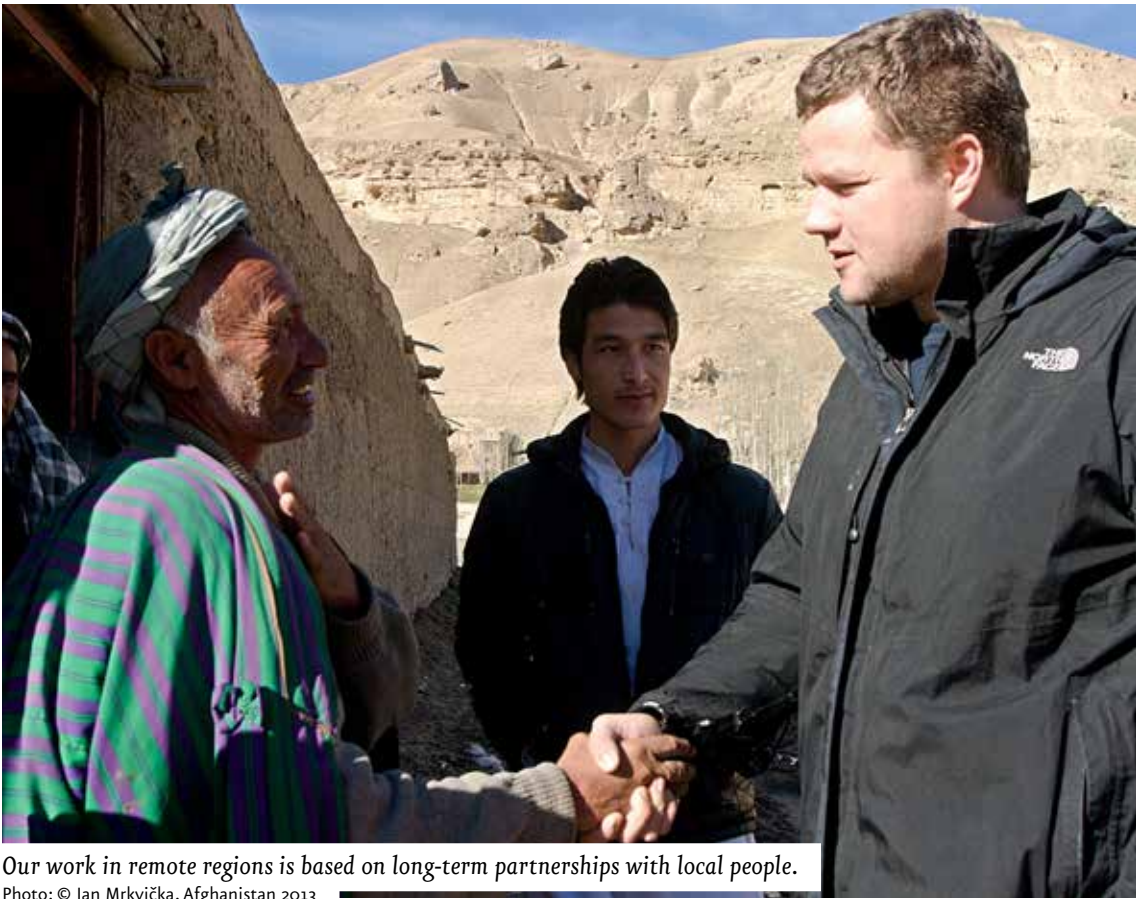




RELIEF  
AND DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT

In our efforts to reduce child mortality and improve maternal health, we provided 215,000 people with access to quality health care in remote rural areas in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo.  
Photo: © Lucie Pařízková, Mwansaza, Democratic Republic of Congo 2012





Our work in remote regions is based on long-term partnerships with local people.  
Photo: © Jan Mrkvička, Afghanistan 2013

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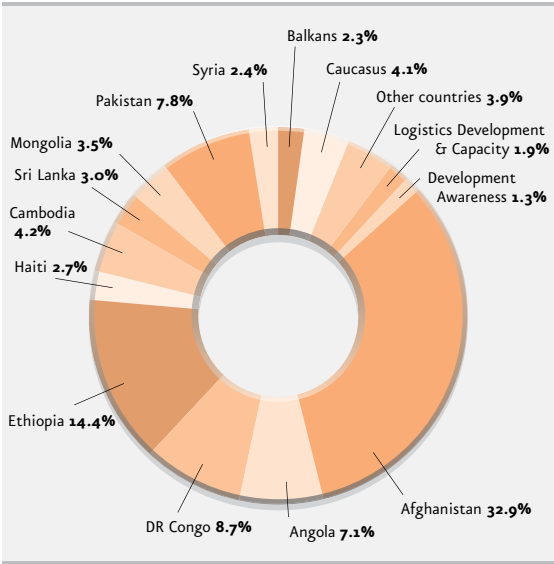
Recently, there has been much discussion about whether humanitarian aid and development cooperation works, whether poor countries ought to instead help themselves and whether international assistance is ultimately counterproductive. In the following pages, in addition to describing what the foreign missions do, we also provide specific answers to the important question of what problems are we dealing with and what added value we bring to the solution.

In the beginning of the report we focus on Syria. And not only in terms of practical assistance, which we are able to ensure to the most vulnerable victims of conflict thanks to the tremendous personal commitment of our staff, but also our efforts to show the world that there are millions of people in Syria who do not receive aid. Our contribution can be seen in the partial opening of space for the delivery of humanitarian aid.

In Afghanistan, a country where the main armed conflict ended ten years ago, but where stability and peace have yet to be achieved, we are working to develop and improve secondary agricultural education, among other things. Thanks to our position as an experienced NGO, we can work with local administration as well as specific educational institutions. At the same time, we apply our experience to the lives of ordinary people in the country. In addition, we are able to transfer know-how to Afghanistan from neighbouring Tajikistan, which has undergone similar development.

In Mongolia and the Caucasus we similarly apply the experience of the Czech Republic and train local educational institutions, teachers and NGOs to use documentary film in teaching. The idea to develop critical thinking skills, which is so important for the development of a free society and which a few years ago was born in the neighbouring section of People in Need, is applicable in other countries undergoing similar development as the Czech Republic.

You can read about these and other approaches on the following pages. In some places we build our presence on the unique opportunity to form a bridge between



ordinary people and the local authorities or large donors. Elsewhere we support local NGOs or other active groups of people so that they can find their own solutions to problems. In other projects, we transfer our experiences and proven approaches from one area to another. We always try to encourage people who seek to help themselves and consider carefully whether we are really working in areas where help is crucially needed.

**BUDGET: 17,461,416 EUR**  
**We work in 23 countries and have permanent offices in 17 countries. We have implemented 208 projects, and have 515 local and 50 foreign employees in missions abroad; 34 employees at the central office (8 of whom are in the Development Awareness Programme)**  
**Main partners:** Alliance2015, FORS, NGO Voice, Crisis Action

**Largest donors:** Czech Development Agency, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, European Commission, ECHO, DFID, private donors

**EDUCATION**  
Investment in education is essential for the development of individuals and society. Without educated individuals developing countries do not have a chance of breaking out of poverty. There are still nearly one billion people worldwide who can't read and write, and more than 100 million children without access to basic education.

**WATER AND SANITATION**  
The vast majority of developing countries suffer from a lack of drinking water. There is a lack of water and sewerage systems and existing water sources are often contaminated. In many developing countries there is also a lack of awareness about hygiene and the risks associated with the use of poor quality water. Poor quality water is thus the cause of many diseases and epidemics that plague entire regions.

**HUMANITARIAN AID**  
In the case of disasters (earthquakes, floods, famines, etc.), immediate assistance must be provided to the victims. The aid givers must respond to the current crisis, while addressing questions of survival, health, shelter, food supply, basic sanitation, emergency psychological assistance, child care and temporary recovery of education.

**HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**  
Millions of people in developing countries die from diseases that can be prevented and treated. The aid consists in the construction and equipping of hospitals and health centres, drug delivery, staff training and prevention. Social assistance focuses on the most vulnerable groups, such as the physically and mentally disabled, orphans, women and seniors.

**LIVELIHOODS**  
As a result of natural disasters or armed conflicts people in poor countries often lose not only their lives, but also their homes, jobs and livelihoods. Elsewhere natural resources are often depleted. Helping people with a livelihood is always limited and its goal is to achieve the self-sufficiency of those to whom it is offered.

**DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS**  
Involving local people in the process of influencing events in their country is crucial for stabilization and development. The support of independent media and NGOs, as well as increasing the capacity of local authorities, is crucial.

**ENVIRONMENT**  
Increasing population and technological progress in developing countries often leads to massive deforestation, soil erosion, water pollution and air pollution. Help here involves support for the sustainable management of natural resources, energy-saving measures, afforestation of land and education of local people.

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HUMANITARIAN AID	WATER AND SANITATION	EDUCATION	HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES	LIVELIHOOD	DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS	ENVIRONMENT	
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			•				ZAMBIA





After two years of fighting many Syrian streets are in ruins. The bombing even struck the Al Walleed school in Aleppo.

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## SYRIA

The Arab Spring street protests escalated in Syria into the worst armed conflict of the new millennium. A devastating civil war subsequently caused the largest current refugee and humanitarian crisis in the world, which is constantly growing and for which there is no solution in sight.

### MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WITHOUT HUMANITARIAN AID

As of May 2013, the conflict has claimed over 90,000 victims, almost seven million Syrians require urgent humanitarian aid and a quarter of the population has been forced to leave their homes due to the fighting. Over 4.25 million people have thus become refugees in their own country. 1.6 million people have fled for the border and the situation is getting worse every month. The country's economy, education and health care system are approaching total collapse. There is a lack of financial resources and the activities of humanitarian organizations inside the country are extremely difficult. Access to people in need is complicated by the persistent fighting and bombing, closed border crossings and administrative obstruction. This is also visibly reflected in the reluctance of the regime to allow the distribution of aid to areas controlled by the opposition. The government strictly controls all international humanitarian aid mediated by the UN and other players in Damascus. The regime allows its delivery only by the Syrian Red Crescent and several NGOs that can work exclusively with local partners, whose activities are approved and monitored by the central government. Access to territory controlled by the opposition is also virtually impossible from Damascus. A similar problem is faced by the UN, which is blocked by the Security Council and is unable to issue the relevant resolutions. Meanwhile UN agencies still do not have a mandate to begin work on both sides of the conflict.

As a result, the overall system of distribution of humanitarian aid is in essence blocked and existing aid is not distributed evenly on both sides of the conflict, whereas the greatest need is in areas controlled by opposition factions.

### PEOPLE IN NEED IN SYRIA

Throughout 2012, PIN, through partner organizations, supported Syrian doctors in Damascus, and from May refugees in Jordan and Iraq. In the course of the year, against the backdrop of escalating conflict we started looking for alternative ways to help people in need inside Syria, both directly and on a broader scale. In September, we began to succeed in delivering medical aid from Turkey to several provinces in northern Syria. On closer examination, we discovered hundreds of thousands of internally displaced people and other destitute people who urgently needed help that never arrived from the capital city.

In December we were one of the first foreign humanitarian organizations to open a permanent office in the provinces of Halab (Aleppo) and Idlib and to begin providing medical supplies, food and material assistance to the tens of thousands of people who suffer from lack of food or drinking water, and in winter endure conditions without warm clothes and blankets. Help has since focused mainly on internal refugees who live in families, schools or abandoned factories, visiting families as well as the emerging layer of war-impoveryed urban poor. As of May 2013 we have helped about 175,000 people inside Syria.

### HEALTH CARE

Two-thirds of medical devices stopped working, more than half of the medical staff fled the fighting, and there is a lack of medicine and ambulances to transport the wounded and sick. Doctors in the areas under the administration of the opposition are harassed by the regime and hospitals are often targets of bombardment. Paramedics began to care for the sick and wounded in makeshift field hospitals and clinics, which help supply drugs. In the cities, due to the collapse of waste management and inadequate water supply, the sanitation situation has deteriorated so much that hundreds of thousands of people face increased epidemics. In Aleppo, we therefore clear away tens of tons of accumulated waste daily. In Jordan, we provided local doctors with a mobile clinic that serves refugees entering the country.



Bread in Aleppo is up to ten times more expensive than before the conflict. We bake it daily for hundreds of the most vulnerable families.

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## SYRIA

### FOOD AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE

Syria is afflicted by a growing food crisis. In many places companies have ceased production, farmers have been forced to leave their homes and local markets have collapsed. People have run out of money and supplies and are selling their last belongings in order to buy essential items. The prices of food, fuel and other goods have risen up to ten times. Shops are usually closed or empty and most areas are without electricity. We therefore supply food, blankets, mattresses and hygiene kits to refugees and people in need. We help those most in need financially, so that they themselves can choose what to buy, which also supports the remnants of a functioning local market.

### PSYCHOSOCIAL ASSISTANCE

People are suffering from psychological problems due to the trauma they have experienced. Many know someone who was arrested and tortured; others have lost their home or witnessed the death of a loved one. That is why we have helped partner organizations in Syria and Jordan to train field staff and provide psychosocial support.

### TESTIMONY AND ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN

In addition to field work we have started an extensive advocacy campaign to draw attention to the growing

humanitarian disaster and the uneven distribution of international humanitarian assistance, and lobbied for new ways of delivering aid inside Syria. We have mediated testimony to international and Czech media directly from the ground and have allowed visits to areas where we work.

Independently or in cooperation with the NGO Crisis Action and other humanitarian organizations we have contacted European policy and donor organizations, leaders of UN agencies, the donor conference in Kuwait and the BRICS conference. We believe that our direct testimony about the extent of the crisis and its impact on civilians helped draw attention to the fact that cross-border assistance is legitimate and is currently the only realistic way to guarantee even distribution of humanitarian aid on both sides of the conflict.

### BUDGET: 422,329 EUR

**Funding:** People in Need Club of Friends, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Welthungerhilfe, Real Gift, Vodafone Foundation, SOS Syria  
**Partners:** Noor Al Hussein Foundation, Doctors Coordinate of Damascus, Jordan Health Aid Society, Syria Bright Future, local governments and associations, UOSSM

PROGRAMMES AND FUNDING	PROVIDED ASSISTANCE	BENEFICIARIES
<b>HEALTH CARE</b> <i>Club of Friends, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Vodafone Foundation, Real Gift</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Equipment and drugs for field hospitals and clinics</li><li>• Baby formula for vulnerable children</li><li>• Prevention of epidemics – collection of municipal waste</li><li>• Supply and equipment of mobile outpatient care (Jordan)</li><li>• MEDEVAC – medical assistance for refugees (Jordan)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 18,500 patients</li><li>• 5,300 children under two years</li><li>• 300,000 residents and refugees</li><li>• 30 refugees per month</li><li>• 12 refugees</li></ul>
<b>FOOD, MATERIAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE</b> <i>Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Welthungerhilfe, Club of Friends</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Distribution of flour, food, blankets, heaters and clothes</li><li>• Financial assistance for vulnerable families</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 16,000 internally displaced people and residents</li><li>• 2,000 refugees and residents</li></ul>
<b>PSYCHOSOCIAL ASSISTANCE</b> <i>Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Club of Friends</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Psychosocial assistance for internally displaced persons</li><li>• Psychosocial assistance for refugees (Jordan)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1,600 internally displaced persons, 65 social workers</li><li>• 2,600 refugees, 25 social workers-volunteers</li></ul>





Thanks to the National Solidarity Programme and PIN, the Afghan province of Balkh was able to open a new community centre.

Photo: © Iva Zimová, Afghanistan 2013

14 AFGHANISTAN

In 2011 Northern Afghanistan was struck by a catastrophic drought. It destroyed most of the crops, and farmers had to sell their property or go into debt. That's why in 2012 we focused primarily on recovery programmes that help local people get back on their feet. Thousands of people participated in public works, which aimed to partially compensate financial losses caused by drought. Further assistance was channeled into restoring the breeding of domestic animals, which was in many places severely affected by the disaster.

In addition to humanitarian projects, we helped local residents face recurrent natural disasters. We support the strengthening of the local economy based primarily on agriculture by means of more efficient and diversified agricultural production and processing and improving supply to the local markets. An important issue is the sustainability of agricultural projects and the effective management of natural resources. Their degradation negatively affects short- and long-term yields of

agricultural production. Frequently recurring local disasters such as flash floods are a direct result of extensive farming. Without the active involvement of local people it is not possible to solve these problems. Therefore, we focus primarily on education, accompanied by projects in the community that are identified and implemented by the villagers. We integrate measures to mitigate the impact of extensive human activity into almost all agricultural and community projects. In areas where we implement multiple programmes at the same time, our priority is their connection and supplementing so that the resulting effect can be multiplied. In the country we also have a long-term focus on the quality of agricultural education, which is discussed in the following text.

**BUDGET: 5,760,419 EUR**  
**Funding:** European Commission, BMZ, ECHO, DFID, UN OCHA, MRRD, CzDA (MFA CR)  
**Partners:** Welthungerhilfe, Ministry of Education – TVET

PROGRAMMES AND FUNDING	PROVIDED ASSISTANCE	BENEFICIARIES
<b>SUPPORT FOR SECONDARY AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION</b> CzDA (MFA CR), GTZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction of new curricula in schools</li><li>• Material equipment for schools</li><li>• Building the capacity of teachers and school management</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 11,501 students, teachers and members of management</li><li>• 88 schools in 28 provinces</li></ul>
<b>HUMANITARIAN AID</b> ECHO, UN OCHA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Organization of public works</li><li>• Distribution of livestock for farmers whose animals died due to drought</li><li>• Distribution of seedlings and tools</li><li>• Monitoring the situation and risk mapping</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9,347 of the poorest families</li><li>• Distribution of goats for 1,200 families and hens for 900 families</li><li>• 544 small vegetable growers</li><li>• Population in 5 districts of 2 provinces</li></ul>
<b>NATIONAL SOLIDARITY PROGRAMME (NSP)</b> World Bank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Building rural infrastructure – schools, irrigation, bridges, etc.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Residents of 430 villages in 4 provinces</li></ul>
<b>DEVELOPMENT OF LIVELIHOODS</b> CzDA (MFA CR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Training in horticulture, vegetable cultivation and material assistance</li><li>• Support of farmers</li><li>• Establishment of 30 orchards, 8 nurseries and 200 vegetable gardens</li><li>• Support for oil processing and other small gainful activity</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 330 small farmers were trained and directly supported</li><li>• Distribution of seeds to 1,050 farmers</li><li>• Material assistance to 200 small oil processors</li></ul>
<b>SUSTAINABLE USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES</b> BMZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Training people about the sustainability of natural resources, the preparation of community projects aimed at protecting the soil, water resources, pastures, etc.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Residents of 50 communities</li></ul>



A teacher in Samangan shows pupils of the local agricultural institute how to correctly prune a grapevine.

Photo: © Iva Zimová, Afghanistan 2013

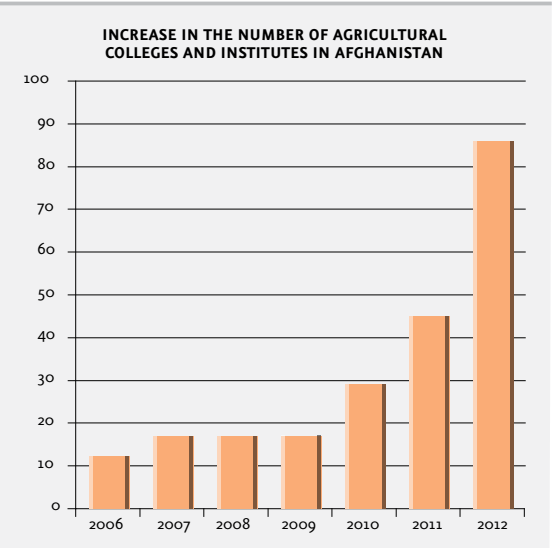
AFGHANISTAN – AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

In Afghanistan we provide comprehensive support to all state agricultural colleges. Agriculture provides a livelihood for more than 80% of the country's population. After decades of war traditional cultivation methods have been forgotten and the farmers do not know new techniques. Secondary agricultural education plays an important role in the education of agricultural experts and office staff, but also farmers or people in the manufacturing sector. The importance of agricultural education is evidenced by the growing number of agricultural colleges. We have provided help in agricultural education since 2006 and we are now a key partner of the Afghan Ministry of Education in determining its direction.

**PRACTICAL AGRICULTURE**  
An agricultural school cannot prepare future professionals without land and a farm school where students can try cultivation in practice. We have established plots in more than 50 schools, advise teachers how to cultivate, fertilize and harvest, provide agricultural tools and seeds and help link theory with practical training.

**TRAINING MATERIALS AND CURRICULA**  
In collaboration with the Dutch University of Wageningen and the Afghan Ministry of Education, we are working to revise the curriculum so that it is more responsive to the needs of Afghan agriculture. The new curriculum requires the creation of attractive didactic materials that provide guidance for teachers of agricultural subjects and according to which, following official accreditation, all schools in the country will subsequently be taught.

**SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL LEADERS**  
The Afghan Ministry of Education has limited its support to schools to hiring and salaries of teachers. Development, the quality of teaching and often obtaining teaching tools are in the hands of school leadership. We help principals prepare plans in which priorities are determined, such as building a school farm or laboratory



equipment. We try to ensure that schools are connected with the institutions in their area, mainly due to expertise and employment opportunities for students.

**ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS**  
Small school businesses allow students to develop entrepreneurial skills and the school at the same time raises funds for development. Teachers prepare a detailed business plan in cooperation with students for the functioning of the school. We provided the initial capital to start the business in three selected schools. One dairy farm and two poultry farms were created in this way.

**FUTURE**  
With the growing number of schools we deepen cooperation with the Ministry of Education and school authorities in the provinces and develop their capacities. By supporting principals we also encourage greater autonomy of schools so that they are less dependent on a limited state budget.





During the training, the Pakistanis also learned hygiene habits for food preparation.  
Photo: © Iva Zímová, Pakistan 2011

## PAKISTAN

The Indus Basin and other watercourses were again hit by floods caused by torrential rain. Although the extent of flooding was not nearly comparable with the previous two years, more than five million people were affected.

### TRIAL HEATING TO IMPROVE HOMES

In Tando Allahyar district in the south of Pakistan, we continued the restoration of villages destroyed by floods in 2011. We focused mainly on the reconstruction of houses and drinking water. We emphasized practical solutions for the reconstruction of homes. In cooperation with partners from Alliance2015, we built several types of houses that were subjected to stress tests. The houses were flooded and monitored to see how the individual structures deal with flooding. The results are buildings that can withstand moderate flooding and provide adequate protection to people and their property in case of further flooding.

The functionality of similar buildings constructed in recent years was also subjected to a real test in 2012. In the summer, areas in the south of Pakistan were hit by further flooding. North Sindh was again flooded. The worst affected areas included the Kashmir district, where in the past we have provided assistance after floods.

Despite the fact that people left the flooded fields, which are often their only source of income, most of the returnees found their houses in order. We helped

those less fortunate by constructing temporary shelters and providing basic assistance.

### HYGIENE EDUCATION

We also focused on education in hygiene. Infectious diseases caused by lack of sanitation are a common problem. They are also one of the factors that contribute to poor nutrition of children and thus also to their poor development.

The training that we carried out in Pakistan is therefore not focused only on health habits in personal hygiene, but also on food preparation and food and water storage. In every village we trained several women who also worked as instructors in the campaign with greater impact. The fact that these women remain in the villages and are a source of knowledge about hygiene contributes to the sustainability of implemented humanitarian projects.

In addition to raising awareness of basic hygiene rules, we worked to restore drinking water. We helped people repair damaged wells, and in some areas we dug new wells.

### BUDGET: 1,370,190 EUR

**Funding:** ECHO, MFA CR

**Partners:** ACTED, Cesvi, Concern Worldwide, Welthungerhilfe

PROGRAMMES AND FUNDING	PROVIDED ASSISTANCE	BENEFICIARIES
<b>DISTRIBUTION OF HUMANITARIAN AID</b> ECHO, MFA CR	• Distribution of materials for the construction of temporary shelters • Household equipment	• 650 families affected by floods
<b>CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES</b> ECHO, IOM, MFA CR	• 2,310 houses built in Sindh Province	• Housing for 14,000 people
<b>WATER AND SANITATION</b> ECHO, MFA CR	• 50 wells built and 340 repaired • Construction of 100 toilets • Hygiene training for local residents	• 11,700 people have access to safe drinking water • Basic hygiene standards provided for 3,500 families



Thanks to the inventory of the Alliance2015 partners, it was possible to immediately distribute aid to flood victims.  
Photo: © Jens Grossmann (Welthungerhilfe), Nowshera, Pakistan 2010

## ALLIANCE2015

Alliance2015 is a platform of seven European non-profit organizations that provide assistance in the poorest parts of the world. Alliance2015 seeks to effectively fight against poverty by means of cooperation with its members and foreign missions, as well as in campaigns and advocacy projects in Europe. The common goal of all members is to fulfil the Millennium Development Goals.

Alliance2015 has no central headquarters, but is managed by a three-year rotating presidency. Since January 2011, the presidency has been held by People in Need and its director Šimon Pánek is also the president of Alliance2015.

### ALLIANCE2015 IN PAKISTAN

Due to the enormous scale of flooding in Pakistan in 2010 and the large number of affected people it was essential to mobilize all available resources. Thanks to long-term and institutionalized global cooperation between organizations, a common approach was soon defined and we were very quickly able to provide capacity of five organizations operating in virtually the entire territory of Pakistan. The result was a series of projects that are mainly characterized by improved aid coordination and programme coherence, which benefited mainly those receiving the aid.

### SHARING METHODOLOGY AND KNOW-HOW

The organizations are governed by a unified methodology and the form of assistance has been harmonized, thus avoiding a situation where in one village people receive assistance that is different from what is received in another, although the needs in both locations are almost identical. In addition, the impact of such coordinated action was significantly greater than if the assistance were provided only by People in Need. The members of Alliance2015 in Pakistan jointly implemented projects worth 42 million euros. The additional value of such cooperation is the fact that the organizations also share their experience and know-how.



**ACTED** [www.acted.org](http://www.acted.org)  
ACTED was founded in 1993 in Paris. It focuses on humanitarian aid, food security, support of health, economic development, advocacy and promotion of culture.



**CESVI** [www.cesvi.org](http://www.cesvi.org)  
CESVI was founded in 1985 in Bergamo, Italy. It focuses on supporting health, preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS, helping children, social entrepreneurship, environment, water and sanitation and humanitarian aid.



**CONCERN WORLDWIDE** [www.concern.net](http://www.concern.net)  
CONCERN WORLDWIDE was founded in 1968 in Dublin. It focuses primarily on humanitarian assistance, livelihood, education, health and HIV/AIDS.



**HIVOS** [www.hivos.org](http://www.hivos.org)  
HIVOS was founded in 1968 in The Hague. It focuses primarily on sustainable production, financial services, democratisation, human rights, HIV/AIDS, culture, media and information and communication technology.



**IBIS** [www.ibis.dk](http://www.ibis.dk)  
IBIS was founded in 1966 in Copenhagen. It focuses primarily on education, democratisation, indigenous peoples, taxes and natural resources.



**PEOPLE IN NEED** [www.peopleinneed.cz](http://www.peopleinneed.cz)  
PEOPLE IN NEED was founded in 1992 in Prague. It focuses on humanitarian and development work, human rights, social integration, education and information programmes.



**WELTHUNGERHILFE** [www.welthungerhilfe.de](http://www.welthungerhilfe.de)  
WELTHUNGERHILFE was founded in 1962 in Bonn, Germany. It focuses on rural development, humanitarian assistance and reconstruction.





In Ethiopia, we systematically focus on the revival of water resources and have also put into operation three deepwater drills.  
Photo: © Getasew Ayalew, Ethiopia 2012

# ETHIOPIA

In 2013 the Ethiopian mission of People in Need celebrated its tenth anniversary. Since the beginning of our activity we have been trying to facilitate the access of ordinary Ethiopians to quality education. Through public and private donors, we opened two new schools. We also introduce modern teaching methods to local primary and secondary schools, which can significantly increase the quality of Ethiopian education. There is great potential in the development of vocational education in leather manufacturing and we continue to support the local secondary boarding school. The boarding school is run by the partner organization Shiny Day. Every year about 90 orphans learn trades such as carpentry, metal processing or food preparation.

**MANAGEMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**  
We focused on water management in arid regions of Ethiopia. We fixed a number of wells and three deep wells, built 10 retaining rainwater tanks and carried out an extensive campaign to promote good hygiene habits. We also focused on the sustainability of water projects. For existing water resources we helped set up management systems, implemented a database and trained responsible authorities. We taught representatives of 10 villages how to manage drilling, both technically and financially.

**WE SUPPORTED FARMERS AND 1,100 CHILDREN**  
In the support of agriculture last year a key factor was the technical and professional assistance of eight

PROGRAMMES AND FUNDING	PROVIDED ASSISTANCE	BENEFICIARIES
<b>HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES</b> <i>European Commission, CzDA (MFA CR)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Establishment of women's self-help groups</li><li>Support of tools to fight child trafficking</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>500,000 direct beneficiaries (women and children), 35,000 community members</li></ul>
<b>EDUCATION</b> <i>CzDA (MFA CR), Real Gift, VŠEM, public collection, AVAST, private and corporate donors</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Improving the quality of education, construction of two schools, introduction of modern teaching methods, support of education for orphans, support for vocational education in leather manufacturing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2,000 direct beneficiaries (children, students, teachers, inspectors), 25,000 community members</li></ul>
<b>AGRICULTURE</b> <i>CzDA (MFA CR), Real Aid, Real Gift, AVAST</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Technical and professional support of eight agricultural training centres, implementation of effective agricultural practices</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2,830 direct beneficiaries (farmers), 34,100 locals</li></ul>
<b>WATER AND SANITATION</b> <i>CzDA (MFA CR), IRC, Real Gift, NF AVAST, VEOLIA, IRCON, Concern Worldwide, private donors</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Improving the management of drinking water, awareness campaigns, construction of rainwater tanks for schools, repairing wells and boreholes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>25,000 direct beneficiaries (employees, local government authorities and hospitals, patients, students), community members</li></ul>
<b>ENVIRONMENT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT</b> <i>CzDA (MFA CR), Real Aid, Real Gift, AVAST</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Support for erosion control, reforestation, establishment of friendly and renewable energy sources and the development of alternative livelihoods</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>4,290 direct beneficiaries (farmers), 38,770 locals</li></ul>
<b>RENEWAL OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY</b> <i>MFA CR, Real Gift</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Supply and distribution of 7,200 heads of livestock, veterinary supervision and vaccination</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>720 families (approximately 3,600 people) in pastoral communities in the Myio Woreda</li></ul>



Distribution of goat herds helping families in areas devastated by drought on the border with Kenya.  
Photo: © GPDI Archive, Ethiopia 2012

# ETHIOPIA

agricultural training centres. In addition, we focused on the continued development of alternative livelihoods for local farmers, support of local nurseries and the introduction of additional erosion control measures. We planted over 169,000 seedlings on 57 hectares of eroded slopes. We thus avoid washing away valuable arable land and landslides in surrounding villages. In the capital Addis Ababa, we helped organize self-help women's groups that allow women from the slums to get out of poverty, to start micro-enterprises and share their experiences.  
In 2012 we also completed support in the prevention of child trafficking. Through five temporary accommodation centres in a three-year period we helped 1,110 children to return to their families.

**THE MOST DEVASTATING DROUGHT IN 60 YEARS**  
In the past decade the Oromia region in southern Ethiopia has been affected by recurrent droughts with very irregular rainfall. The variable climate here has a major impact on the livelihoods of local people who live mainly by animal husbandry. In 2011, the area was hit by the most devastating drought in East Africa for the last 60 years. The failure of the regular hagaya autumn rains (October to December) in 2010 and the subsequent failure of the ganna rainy season (March to May) in 2011 resulted in the death of more than 300,000 farm animals in the region, an indispensable source of livelihood for local residents. One of the worst affected districts was Miyo, where we decided to focus our attention. After thorough research, we selected four villages – Gombsa, Grinc, Dikincha and Dukale – whose inhabitants we wanted to help with restoration.

*Overall, we distributed over 7,200 goats – more than 2,150 of them thanks to Real Gift. The campaign was the largest distribution of animals in the history of People in Need.*

**IN THE LARGEST DISTRIBUTION WE GAVE AWAY THOUSANDS OF REAL GIFTS**  
We were able to react quickly to the resulting crisis also thanks to help from Real Gift, People in Need's charity e-shop. Our goal was to help 720 families to restore their herds and thus return their main source of livelihood. Given the experience of local people, the most appropriate kind of support for this area has proven to be the distribution of livestock to villagers following the drought.  
Each family thus received 10 goats – eight female and two male. This number was a guarantee of rapid production of more animals, up to three times a year. Thanks to the higher number of females we also ensure a reliable supply of milk, whose nutritional value contributes to improved health of the families in the affected areas. All animals underwent a veterinary inspection and distribution in each of the four villages took place not only on the basis of need, but also with regard to environmental impact.

Overall, we distributed over 7,200 goats – more than 2,150 of them thanks to Real Gift – to Ethiopian families in the region of Oromia. The campaign was the largest distribution of animals in the history of People in Need. None of this would have been possible without the help of hundreds of donors who decided to buy a goat in the People in Need charity e-shop and give it to their loved ones.  
**BUDGET: 2,516,372 EUR**  
**Funding:** CzDA, MFA CR, Real Aid, Real Gift, Let's Build a School in Africa Fund, IRC, UN OCHA, European Commission, private and corporate donors





In the Democratic Republic of Congo the rainy season lasts for up to nine months. This is another reason why it is important to have quality schools.

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## DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

In 2011 the Democratic Republic of Congo ranked in the last rung of the Human Development Index. It was also recently named the worst place in the world to live for mothers with young children. In 2008 we opened a permanent mission in the country to help people in the remotest areas.

### HEALTH CARE

Improving the quality and availability of health care, reducing child mortality and improving maternal health in remote rural areas in the east of the country remained our priorities in 2012. In particular thanks to regular supplies of medicines, staff training, improvement of sanitary conditions, the equipment of centres with basic materials and ensuring supervision by health inspectors, the centres can better serve area residents and provide free treatment for internally displaced persons and victims of sexual violence. The assistance also includes the construction or renovation of health centres. In hard to reach and unstable areas, such as Lulingu, the centres often lack basic equipment, qualified staff, toilets and drinking water. With the establishment of HIV/AIDS testing and counselling centres we are also reacting to a significant problem in the Democratic

Republic of Congo: the transmission of STDs, caused among other things by a high degree of sexual violence. Psychosocial and medical assistance for victims of sexual violence, with an emphasis on the prevention of violence through awareness campaigns, is part of our long-term work in the country.

### EDUCATION

Training of teachers and school inspectors, distribution of school supplies and building new schools contributes to improving the quality of and access to basic education. Our experience and knowledge acquired by working in other countries is transferred to the Congolese province of South Kivu. In school and after-school programmes we strive to promote respect for the rights of children and to prevent the involvement of youth in armed groups. In addition we support children and young people affected by displacement and violence.

#### BUDGET: 1,521,012 EUR

**Funding:** ECHO, UN Pooled Fund, MFA CR, Rescate, People in Need Club of Friends, Real Aid, Real Gift and private donors

**Partners:** Central Health Bureaus (BCZ) in Kitutu, Lulingu and Kalehe, Office for Primary, Secondary and Vocational Education (EPSP) Ita sequunde

PROGRAMMES AND FUNDING	PROVIDED ASSISTANCE	BENEFICIARIES
<b>HEALTH CARE</b> <i>ECHO, UN Pooled Fund, MFA CR, People in Need Club of Friends, Real Aid</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 55 health centres stocked with drugs</li><li>• Training staff of health centres</li><li>• Improving the quality and availability of care for mothers and children</li><li>• Free treatment of internally displaced persons</li><li>• Repair of four health centres, construction of three new birthing rooms</li><li>• Improving sanitary conditions in the centres</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 215,000 residents have access to health care</li></ul>
<b>EDUCATION</b> <i>UN Pooled Fund, Rescate, Real Aid, Real Gift, private donors</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Equipping schools with 300 desks and other furniture</li><li>• Construction of 2 schools, reconstruction of another 10 schools, construction of 2 community schools</li><li>• Training of teachers and school inspectors</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10,150 pupils</li><li>• 224 teachers</li></ul>
<b>HELP FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE</b> <i>Private donors</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improving the availability of assistance for victims of sexual violence</li><li>• Training of 45 opinion leaders</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2,400 residents of Kitutu</li></ul>



The People in Need team looks for children suffering from malnutrition so that they can immediately start helping.

Photo: © Jan Mrkvička, Angola 2012

## ANGOLA

Despite state revenue from mineral resources, most of the country's population live in poverty and have suffered decades of war. Since 2006, we have striven to improve the lives of Angolans, especially in the poor and remote province of Bié.

### RURAL LIVELIHOODS

Four out of ten Angolans live below the poverty line. Small farmers grow just a few crops without knowledge of basic farming techniques and without access to agricultural tools and technologies. The villages lack ploughs, cattle and poultry, and for most villagers the closest market is a day or two away by foot. We therefore teach farmers how to raise animals, cultivate new crops and sell what they grow.

### DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATION

A third of rural teachers have not even completed primary school. Teaching quality is so low that in rural areas more than half of children in fourth grade cannot read and write. One fifth of children are not enrolled in school at all and three quarters of adult villagers are illiterate. We therefore train teachers, develop modern didactic materials and methodologies, and teach women

how to read, write and do arithmetic. We involve local education authorities and government so that new students have access to better education.

### SANITATION AND HYGIENE AWARENESS

Only two out of ten villagers use suitable latrines. People have to rely on drinking water from rivers and do not know the principles of hygiene and disease prevention. The average Angolan's life expectancy is only 51 years. We therefore train villagers, medical volunteers, teachers and local organizations, and support the construction of latrines and wells.

### CHILD MALNUTRITION

Angola has one of the highest rates of infant mortality. Meanwhile droughts deepen poverty in the villages. We therefore distribute food to malnourished children under five years of age and train health volunteers and parents in how to prevent malnutrition.

#### BUDGET: 1,245,509 EUR

**Funding:** AECID/Rescate, CzDA (MFA CR), UNICEF, World Vision, Real Gift, Embassy of the Czech Republic in South Africa, Real Aid

**Partners:** Government of Angola, Anamed, Caritas Bié

PROGRAMMES AND FUNDING	PROVIDED ASSISTANCE	BENEFICIARIES
<b>ACCESS TO LIVELIHOODS</b> <i>AECID/Rescate, CzDA (MFA CR), Real Aid, Real Gift</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 18 farmers field schools, micro-grants</li><li>• Training in disease prevention and natural medicine</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 450 farmers, 6 trainers</li><li>• 150 women, 6 villages</li></ul>
<b>DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATION</b> <i>CzDA (MFA CR), AECID/Rescate, Embassy of the Czech Republic in South Africa, Real Aid</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Training of teachers and principals</li><li>• Adaptation of manuals and methodologies</li><li>• Training and support of eight pedagogical networks and centres</li><li>• Literacy courses for women</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 350 teachers and directors, Ministry of Education</li><li>• 430 teachers and directors, Ministry of Education</li><li>• 750 teachers and directors, Ministry of Education</li><li>• 120 women, 6 trainers</li></ul>
<b>SANITATION AND HYGIENE AWARENESS</b> <i>UNICEF, CzDA (MFA CR), Real Gift</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hygiene awareness, support in the construction of latrines</li><li>• Repair and maintenance of community water sources</li><li>• Training of health volunteers</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 162 villages, 10 primary schools</li><li>• 20 trained administrative committees, people drawing water from 20 wells</li><li>• 370 volunteers, local government</li></ul>
<b>TREATMENT AND PREVENTION OF CHILD MALNUTRITION</b> <i>World Vision (UNICEF)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Screening of malnutrition among children under five years of age</li><li>• Distribution of protein nutrition</li><li>• Training of medical volunteers</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1,200 children</li><li>• 250 malnourished children</li><li>• 418 volunteers, 36 supervisors</li></ul>





Tuition is free at Zambian schools for only the first seven grades. These orphaned or vulnerable children are lucky: thanks to the support of People in Need they can continue their studies.

Photo: © Dana Plavcová, Zambia 2012

## NAMIBIA, SOUTH SUDAN, ZAMBIA

### NAMIBIA

Karas Huisen Crafts, a sheltered workshop in Keetmanshoop, became independent in 2010 and we continue to support it. The women employed by the workshop are poor single mothers or women caring for orphans. We provided financial support to the workshop to partially cover operating costs and we buy its products and sell them on the Czech market. We also help in obtaining grants, marketing or economic and personnel management.

We also continued to support HIV positive women. Mothers who cannot breastfeed their children due to HIV/AIDS receive formula. All 82 children, with whose mothers we worked in 2012, are healthy. None have become infected with HIV. People who develop AIDS must eat regularly and well, so we provide affected families with goats that provide them with fresh milk and a better life. Families that received goats in 2011 “returned” half of the goat by giving us its offspring. These are then distributed to other families. The project will continue to operate on the same principle.

### ZAMBIA

In Zambia, which is also affected by the AIDS pandemic, we continued to support children who have lost their parents to the disease. In cooperation with partners, we pay tuition for them and give them school uniforms. The families with whom the children live in most cases can-

not afford them. They often care for a large number of orphaned children and do not have sufficient means of subsistence. Therefore, we have chosen to support family members, trained them and gave them a small amount of money to expand their small businesses. We monitor their business and provide them with additional advice and support. We have already seen positive results. Most of the orphans now have nearly three meals a day, whereas before our support the family could afford to feed the children only once or twice a day.

### SOUTH SUDAN

In the autumn we opened a mission in South Sudan, the site of one of the greatest humanitarian crises today. In the first phase, in addition to administrative necessities associated with setting up a new mission, we focused primarily on a needs assessment, identification of target areas of our operation and coordination with other organizations. In South Sudan we will support in particular education, health and livelihoods.

#### BUDGET: 197,085 EUR

**Funding:** NAMIBIA – Real Aid, Real Gift, Donors Forum, ZAMBIA – CzDA (MFA CR), Concern Worldwide, SOUTH SUDAN – People in Need Club of Friends  
**Partners:** NAMIBIA – Karas Huisen Crafts, ZAMBIA – Concern Worldwide, YWCA (Zambia)

	PROGRAMMES AND FUNDING	PROVIDED ASSISTANCE	BENEFICIARIES
NAMIBIA	<b>SHELTERED HANDCRAFT WORKSHOPS</b> <i>Real Aid, Donors Forum</i>	• Jobs for 20 socially excluded women	• 200 family members
	<b>SUPPORT FOR HIV POSITIVE MOTHERS</b> <i>Real Aid, Real Gift</i>	• Prevention of HIV transmission from mother to child • Baby formula and goats for families affected by HIV	• 82 HIV positive mothers • 82 healthy children
ZAMBIA	<b>CARE FOR ORPHANS</b> <i>CzDA (MFA CR), Concern Worldwide</i>	• Access to education, psychosocial support • Support for families in small business	• 400 orphans and vulnerable children • 90 families



Thanks to the mobile clinics it is possible to identify children's diseases and initiate professional treatment in remote areas where medical care is otherwise difficult to access.

Photo: © Adam Hájek (iDNES.cz), Mongolia 2012

## MONGOLIA

Mongolia is the country with the lowest population density in the world. In remote areas it is difficult to access basic social services and education. In these regions we therefore support small businesses, organize training courses and help modernize the agricultural and manufacturing departments in schools. In desert areas we provide advice on crop and livestock production with an emphasis on economical use of water, which is critically scarce in the region. Two additional clinics started to operate in 2012 and we organized new interactive education for young people in human rights.

### SUPPORT FOR AGRICULTURE AND BUSINESS

In Dornogobi we completed the construction of an agrocentre and in mid-November it began to be administered by the local regional office. In the Darchan region we focused on improving the quality of teaching of agricultural and manufacturing disciplines in four vocational schools and the development of two new branches of forestry and agricultural mechanization. Vocational courses help participants to improve their qualifications and job opportunities on the labour market and we have expanded training in poultry farming, horticulture, carpentry and joinery.

### MOBILE CLINICS IN OTHER AIMAGS (PROVINCES)

We added two more mobile clinics to the two we established in 2011 in the aimags of Bayankhongor and Zavkhan. The mobile clinics equipped with modern diagnostic tools are very popular among the inhabitants of remote areas. Their catchment area is now about 50% larger and reaches 150,000 inhabitants. To ensure quality health care and smooth operation of the off-road clinics, employees of provincial hospitals were trained by health experts.

### ONE WORLD IN MONGOLIAN SCHOOLS

Through documentary films and didactic materials we are trying to bring little discussed topics into the classrooms. Students in schools screen selected documentary films and engage in follow-up discussions with trained teachers. (More about the project on page 29).

#### BUDGET: 604,641 EUR

**Funding:** CzDA (MFA CR), Real Aid, European Commission  
**Partners:** NAMAC, Globe International, MEA

PROGRAMMES AND FUNDING	PROVIDED ASSISTANCE	BENEFICIARIES
<b>SUPPORT FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM BUSINESSES, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b> <i>CzDA (MFA CR), Real Aid</i>	• Provision of technical support and equipment to agrocentres • Seminars, consultations and demonstration activities • Support for agricultural cooperatives • Modernization of existing agricultural and manufacturing industries • Short-term training for unemployed or unskilled people	• Transfer of agrocentres under the administration of the local regional office • 100 trained farmers • 74 supported families • 298 direct student beneficiaries • 9 courses for 144 people
<b>MOBILE HEALTH SERVICES</b> <i>CzDA (MFA CR), Real Aid</i>	• Provision of health care to rural populations through mobile clinics • Training of medical staff to operate mobile clinics	• 13,173 treated patients, 150,000 residents of the target areas • 21 trained health workers
<b>One World in Schools</b> <i>European Commission, CzDA (MFA CR)</i>	• Documentary film screenings followed by discussions in schools • Training teachers in the use of documentary films as educational tools	• 20 participating schools with 1,500 students and 50 teachers





Mobile medical teams provide care in remote areas that are hard to access.  
Photo: © PIN archive, Myanmar 2012

24 MYANMAR

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO INTERNALLY DISPLACED PEOPLE IN KACHIN STATE

Continued fighting between the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) and the Myanmar army forced more than 100,000 people to flee their homes and prevented their return. In cooperation with local partner organizations, we have provided immediate assistance and helped to ensure the basic needs of more than 2,000 families in camps for internally displaced persons, mainly to women, children and elderly people. More than 900 children also got the opportunity to attend newly constructed or extended temporary schools.

REHABILITATION OF BASIC EDUCATION IN KAREN STATE

Karen State suffered the longest armed conflict in modern history worldwide, lasting almost six decades. The targeted area of Kawkaireik was one of the areas directly affected by fighting which had left it devastated. Together with local partner organizations, we have expanded or repaired three primary schools and have equipped four schools with blackboards and desks. In addition to increasing access to universal primary education, we also focused on raising awareness

and improving the hygiene practices of children and school staff. In schools we installed latrines, water collection systems and ceramic water purifiers. 60 members of School Committees were trained in basic management skills.

HEALTH CARE AND FOOD SECURITY ON THE BORDER

We continued supporting cross-border humanitarian assistance on the Thai-Myanmar and Chinese-Myanmar borders. The armed conflict ended here a few months ago and some regions are still struggling. In conflict areas we support local organizations that provide health care through dozens of mobile medical teams and 22 stationary medical facilities in rural areas. In the camps of internally displaced persons our partner organizations also distributed food assistance to more than 6,000 people and provided food supplements to 50 pregnant and nursing mothers.

BUDGET: 175,030 EUR

Funding: MFA CR, People in Need Club of Friends, Real Aid

PROGRAMMES AND FUNDING	PROVIDED ASSISTANCE	BENEFICIARIES
<b>PRIMARY EDUCATION IN KAREN STATE</b> <i>MFA CR, Real Gift</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Construction, renovation and equipment of school buildings and staff training</li><li>Provision of sanitation facilities, installation of latrines, water purifiers, rainwater collection systems and hygiene awareness</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>658 children and 60 members of school boards</li></ul>
<b>HEALTH CARE AND FOOD AID FOR INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS IN THE BORDER REGIONS OF MYANMAR</b> <i>MFA CR, People in Need Club of Friends</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mobile medical teams and health centres provide primary health care for internally displaced persons</li><li>Distribution of food aid, food supplements and medical supplies</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>49,530 people treated</li><li>6,328 people received food</li><li>50 mothers received nutritional supplements</li></ul>
<b>IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION TO INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS IN KACHIN STATE</b> <i>People in Need Club of Friends</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Distribution of nutritional supplements to people in camps for IDPs</li><li>Construction of shelters, community centres, storage space in the camps</li><li>Construction and equipment of five makeshift schools</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1,700 families</li><li>208 families and 319 pupils, approximately 1,000 internally displaced persons</li><li>Approximately 900 pupils</li></ul>



Amateur performances in Sri Lanka are a popular way of transmitting information. Parents learn how to cooperate with local authorities to develop their community.  
Photo: © Denisa Bultasová, Sri Lanka 2012

SRI LANKA, IRAQ

The situation in Sri Lanka after nearly three decades of armed conflict has gradually stabilized. In the second half of the year we completed humanitarian activities in the north of the island, where over two years we have helped internally displaced people to return home and participate in the reconstruction of war-damaged infrastructure. During this time we helped more than 6,000 families.

In the district of Kilinochchi through public works we provided an opportunity for 520 families to earn sufficient income. People cleaned irrigation canals, repaired paths and roads, schools and public spaces. More than 360 households, for whom we helped establish a private garden, harvested their first crop at the end of the year. We also provided psychosocial support and counselling or helped people communicate with authorities.

In the East we helped local authorities to increase their capacity to deliver public services and advised communities on how to effectively communicate with their representatives. Their cooperation was put into practice during the building and reconstruction of sev-

eral kindergartens, public libraries and other community infrastructure which was supported by small grants.

IRAQ

Civil society in Iraq still faces many obstacles, including low respect for human rights. Long-term change can be brought about primarily by a stronger civil society and young people. We therefore continued to train NGOs and authorities in the south of Iraq, who then receive funding for their community projects. In the north of the country we are using small grants to support secondary schools, which also contributed to the teaching of didactic materials using documentary films on human rights.

Iraq was also a destination for refugees from neighbouring Syria, for which we have built a reservoir for drinking water in the Domiz refugee camp.

BUDGET: 703,725 EUR

Funding: SRI LANKA – (CzDA) MFA CR, ECHO/ACTED, USAID/DAI, AusAid / GIZ, Real Aid, Real Gift, IRAQ – NED, MFA CR, MFA SR, UNDP

	PROGRAMMES AND FUNDING	PROVIDED ASSISTANCE	BENEFICIARIES
SRI LANKA	<b>LIVELIHOODS RECOVERY FOR RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY WAR</b> <i>ECHO/ACTED, CzDA/MFA CR, Real Gift</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rehabilitation of community infrastructure</li><li>Financial support and training to restore livelihoods</li><li>Social protection and psychosocial assistance</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>520 households of returnees</li><li>150 families</li></ul>
	<b>SUPPORT FOR CIVIL SOCIETY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE</b> <i>AusAid/GIZ, USAID/DAI</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Grants to local authorities for the construction and rebuilding of public infrastructure</li><li>Increasing the capacity of local authorities, awareness raising of communities</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>451 most vulnerable families</li><li>3,460 residents, 50 representatives of local authorities</li></ul>
	<b>DEVELOPMENT OF CIVIL SOCIETY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE</b> <i>NED</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Training NGOs</li><li>Grants to NGOs to implement small projects</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Eight NGOs, 1,600 residents, 32 representatives of government and NGOs</li></ul>
IRAQ	<b>RAISING AWARENESS OF HUMAN RIGHTS</b> <i>MFA CR, UNDP</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Training of teachers and representatives of educational authorities</li><li>Small grants to student groups and schools</li><li>Set of training tools</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1,650 young people in 10 secondary schools</li><li>30 teachers of officials</li></ul>
	<b>HUMANITARIAN AID FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES</b> <i>MFA CR, MFA SR</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Construction of reservoirs for drinking water in a Syrian refugee camp</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>900 Syrian refugees</li></ul>





Water filters, together with education about the principles of good hygiene, help protect Cambodia's families from the spread of diarrhoeal diseases.

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Cambodia in recent years has been experiencing high rates of economic growth and is working closer to the Millennium Development Goals (MDG). Nevertheless, it remains one of the poorest Asian countries and suffers from many structural deficiencies. We therefore actively cooperate with government authorities, local authorities and NGO partners to improve the situation in the Cambodian rural areas, where economic growth is least visible and where more than 80% of the population lives. Despite a significant decrease in female mortality (by 55%) at birth, which has been achieved in the last seven years, there are still many problems in the Cambodian health care system. In 2012 we focused on improving the knowledge and skills of midwives, improving facilities of health centres, and organizing awareness campaigns in communities. Access to health care for the poorest is secured through the support of social funds. We place great emphasis on the influence of hygiene and proper nutrition on the health of mothers and children. We helped communities affected by the floods in the second half of 2011 to restore their livelihoods and community in-

frastructure through a cash-for-work scheme, reconstruction of irrigation channels and sources of potable water. We also helped communities in flood-prone areas to better prepare for another similar disaster. Wood and charcoal are the main sources of energy generation for 93% of the population. Extensive deforestation contributes to soil erosion and negatively affects the living conditions of local people. Over the past 20 years forests covering an area half the size of the Czech Republic have disappeared. Household biodigesters help reverse this trend. Therefore we cooperate closely with the National Biodigester Programme (NBP) to promote the development of the market-based biodigester sector in seven provinces of Cambodia.

BUDGET: 729,045 EUR

**Funding:** CzDA (MFA CR), MFA CR, ECHO / DCA, UNICEF, NBP, Embassy of Japan in Cambodia, Concern Worldwide, Real Aid, Real Gift, corporate and private donors

**Partners:** PNKA, AARR, Buddhism for Health, provincial health offices (Takeo, Kampong Chhnang), SNV, NBP, Alliance2015, DCA, CESVI, ActionAid, AVSF

PROGRAMMES AND FUNDING	PROVIDED ASSISTANCE	BENEFICIARIES
<b>HEALTH CARE FOR MOTHERS AND CHILDREN</b> <i>CzDA (MFA CR), MFA CR, Real Aid, Real Gift, private and corporate donors</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Technical support and equipment for public health centres</li><li>• Training of midwives</li><li>• Construction of pre and post-natal rooms</li><li>• Awareness campaigns in villages</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 48 health centres</li><li>• 190 midwives</li><li>• 3 rooms</li><li>• 13,000 women</li></ul>
<b>DEVELOPMENT OF DOMESTIC BIODIGESTER MARKET SECTOR</b> <i>CzDA (MFA CR), National Biodigester Programme (NBP), Real Aid, Real Gift</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support for the establishment and management of companies constructing biodigesters</li><li>• Providing subsidies for the construction of biodigesters</li><li>• Establishment of the Biodigesters Users Network</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 500 users of biodigesters</li><li>• 22 companies</li><li>• 61 Biodigesters Users Network</li></ul>
<b>ENSURING LIVELIHOODS FOR THE IMPOVERISHED RURAL POPULATION</b> <i>CzDA (MFA CR), Concern Worldwide, Real Aid, Real Gift</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support for the poor in improving their livelihoods and income</li><li>• Increasing the capacity of local partner organizations</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 13 initiatives and 24 projects</li><li>• 100 people and 10 government representatives attended 9 seminars and 3 meetings</li></ul>
<b>RELIEF AND REHABILITATION AFTER THE FLOODS</b> <i>ECHO, UNICEF, Real Aid, Real Gift</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mediation of employment opportunities for flood-affected families</li><li>• Training of health personnel in anti-flood measures</li><li>• Distribution of water purification filters</li><li>• Public campaigns to protect and promote health</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2,364 families</li><li>• 44 trained health professionals</li><li>• 600 families</li><li>• 749 participants</li></ul>



Cambodian households use energy from biodigesters for cooking and lighting, which means significant savings.

Photo: © Jiří Pasz, Cambodia 2013

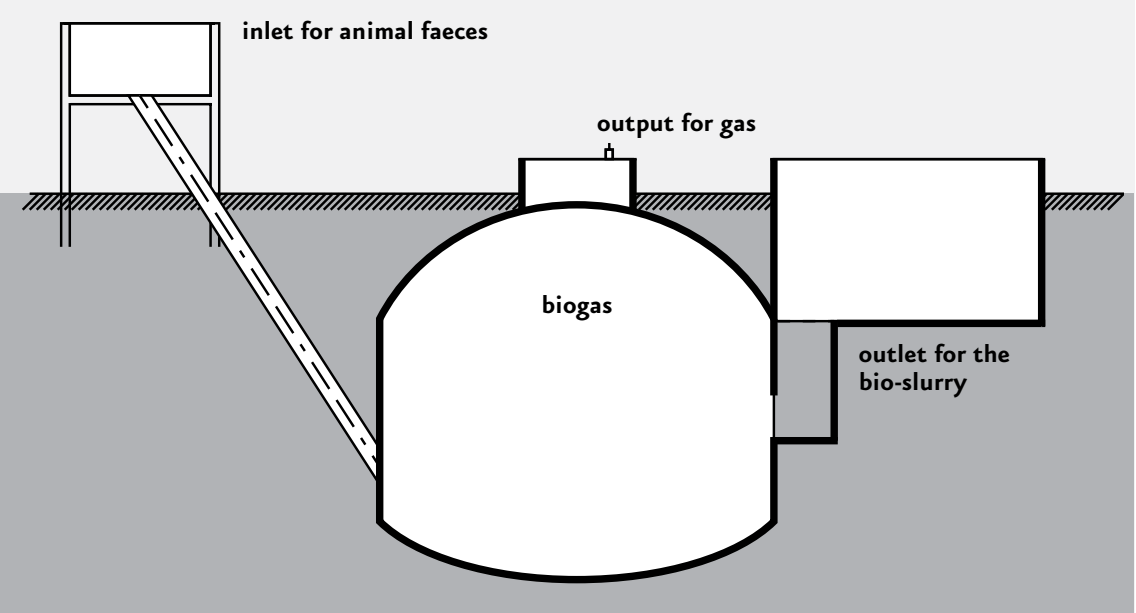
BIOGAS

In the poorest countries, such as Cambodia, where 80% of the population lives in rural areas and subsist by the cultivation of crops and animal husbandry, and where the vast majority of families use firewood from nearby forests as their main source of energy, the most convenient alternative source of energy appears to be domestic biogas. High consumption of firewood, in addition to its negative impacts on the environment, such as deforestation and soil erosion, also creates a time burden for women and health problems caused by smoke in enclosed spaces. The main benefits of domestic biodigesters include:

- The ability to cover most energy needs of rural households with minimum operating costs;
- Upon the return of the initial investment after 2-3 years, it brings significant financial savings for households;
- Long lifetime (15–20 years) and low failure rate;

- Very positive impact on the environment;
- Biogas does not produce smoke and smoke particles and therefore reduces health risks;
- The bio-slurry, a bioproduct of biodigesters, serves as a highly effective organic fertilizer

The uniqueness of our approach is also characterized by a market-based approach for the distribution of domestic biodigesters. Instead of direct construction we train and support construction companies, which then offer biodigesters as their product. Construction of biodigesters is subsidized, but most of the acquisition cost is borne by the household, which has the opportunity to obtain a loan from a microfinance institution under favorable conditions. The advantage of a market based approach is that the construction of biodigesters will continue after the end of our projects. In addition to Cambodia, we are also engaged in the promotion and dissemination of domestic biodigesters in Ethiopia and Sri Lanka.







The authors of two documentary films supported by People in Need were awarded a prize at the closing ceremonies of the International Film Festival in Tbilisi, Georgia.

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Over 3,000 children in Georgia alone are taught through documentary films about human rights, democratic principles, tolerance, and other topics.

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## GEORGIA, ARMENIA, AZERBAIJAN

The South Caucasus is struggling with depopulation and high unemployment. We concentrate aid in rural areas, where many people live in a difficult economic situation. We also focus on supporting Georgian civil society.

In 2012, we used documentary film to strengthen the civil society. In addition to its use in education, we also worked with filmmakers and provided them with training to increase their knowledge and skills. We developed nine movies and for four of them we later tried to secure funding from European festivals. We also worked with NGOs who organized documentary film festivals. The organizers were trained and received financial support and films from the film archives of the One World festival. In Georgia and Armenia, we presented documentaries in schools as a tool for teaching social issues.

### ARMENIA

Since 2009 we have been working with potential migrants and returnees. Through grants we supported the creation of small businesses. At the same time we provided 18 new candidates with the opportunity to partici-

pate in vocational retraining courses, and thus strengthen their motivation to remain in the country.

### GEORGIA

In the Imereti region we focused on supporting young people from poor families. They were visited by trained social workers and tried to find a solution to their situation. They got the opportunity to upgrade their skills and participate in activities organized by their peers in a project in support of civil society, within which we help student initiatives that focus on solving local problems. We also support local NGOs and businesses created on the basis of cooperation between entrepreneurs and farmers.

#### BUDGET: 709,501 EUR

**Funding:** CzDA (MFA CR), LPTP (MFA CR), European Commission, Real Gift

**Partners:** Georgian Association of Social Workers, Lata, o. s., Internews Media Support, Community Development Association, Armenian Relief Society, Sakdoc Film

	PROGRAMMES AND FUNDING	PROVIDED ASSISTANCE	BENEFICIARIES
GEORGIA	<b>DEVELOPMENT OF CIVIL SOCIETY</b> <i>LPTP (MFA CR)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Special training for social service providers and representatives of local authorities</li><li>• Vocational retraining courses</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8 social workers carried out 500 interventions in 200 families</li><li>• 36 course participants</li></ul>
	<b>SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE GROUPS AND THEIR INTEGRATION INTO SOCIETY</b> <i>CzDA (MFA CR)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Financial contributions to local initiatives</li><li>• Training of representatives of civil initiatives and local governments</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 25 supported projects</li><li>• 72 trained representatives of initiatives and local government</li><li>• 8 businesses, supported by a grant</li><li>• 8 community projects</li><li>• 80 trained entrepreneurs</li></ul>
	<b>SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES</b> <i>CzDA (MFA CR)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grants and vocational retraining programmes for entrepreneurs and farmers</li><li>• Training for entrepreneurs and farmers</li></ul>	
A + G	<b>EDUCATION THROUGH DOCUMENTARY FILM</b> <i>CzDA (MFA CR), EU</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sets of documentaries and educational materials for schools</li><li>• Training courses for filmmakers</li><li>• Preparation of regional festivals</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 89 schools, 128 trained teachers</li><li>• 18 participating filmmakers</li><li>• 14 trained organizations</li></ul>
ARMENIA	<b>SUPPORT IN THE MANAGEMENT OF MIGRATION FLOWS</b> <i>European Commission, CzDA (MFA CR)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Operation of five regional information centres</li><li>• Training for journalists on the topic of labour migration</li><li>• Public discussion on the topic of migration</li><li>• Vocational retraining courses</li><li>• Business support</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 85 participating journalists</li><li>• 200 students and 20 representatives of local organizations</li><li>• 18 retrained professionals</li><li>• 18 supported businesses</li></ul>

## ONE WORLD IN SCHOOLS

In many countries where we work, the education system is still burdened by the use of outdated teaching methods based on rote learning, minimal involvement of students in the learning process, lack of attractive materials and no discussion of important social issues, such as human rights and environmental protection.

Twelve years of experience in the One World in Schools training programme in the Czech Republic have shown that documentary film is a highly effective and attractive tool for reaching young people and sparking debate on important issues in today's world. Therefore, since 2008 we have been sharing this experience with partners and colleagues from many countries.

In more than 70 Georgian schools there is currently available a training kit, five documentaries and didactic materials for teachers and students. Since 2011, the educational screenings have been attended by more than 3,000 students. In Armenia, the methodology has been introduced to 30 teachers and piloted in 15 schools. We have introduced the method to 24 schools in Mongolia, 10 in Iraq and 15 in Lebanon.

The main advantages of the use of documentary film in teaching include:

- It tries to not only describe the contemporary world, but to put it in context.
- It presents in an attractive manner topics that are not usually part of the curriculum (environmental protection, human rights, etc.).
- It presents young people with the fate of their peers from around the world, and offers the ability to create parallels with their own lives and creates a sense of empathy.
- It presents objective information without offering ready-made solutions, and opens up space for discussion.
- It helps young people to come up with their own opinion about the problems being discussed, and promotes critical thinking, overcoming social taboos and formalizing an approach to today's world.

We select documentaries for teaching that correspond to the cultural and historical context of each country. In addition, didactic materials are developed in close cooperation with local partners to respond to local needs. In each country a different subject is relevant for teaching. In Georgia this might be films that deal with conflict resolution and integration into society of people with disabilities, while in Mongolia it may be environmental protection, and in Iraq the coexistence of religious and ethnic minorities.

For the success of the methodology well-trained teachers are essential. We organize seminars and provide regular consultations for all participating teachers. Teachers and pupils can exchange their experiences during regular meetings and those with more experience then become trainers and prepare the didactic materials that we offer to schools together with films.

In addition to formal teaching, films are also used for extracurricular activities of students who organize screenings and discussions for their classmates. In Mongolia this year we created ten student film clubs. In Georgia we screened documentary films and held subsequent discussions, which led to the creation of dozens of student projects that focus on the current problems of the country, such as promotion of human rights and environmental protection.

COUNTRY	ONE WORLD IN SCHOOLS	FESTIVALS
GEORGIA	74 schools	6 cities
ARMENIA	15 schools	5 cities
AZERBAIJAN		3 cities
MONGOLIA	24 schools	
IRAQ	10 schools	
LEBANON	15 schools	





At the fourth annual Czech rock festival in Banat, Romania, 20 Czech bands came to help their compatriots. The concert was attended by over 700 spectators.  
Photo: © Štěpán Slaný, Banat, Romania 2012

## WESTERN BALKANS, MOLDOVA, ROMANIA

### WESTERN BALKANS

In the Western Balkans we focused on helping marginalised groups of people. In Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo and Serbia we continued to support non-governmental organizations that help people with intellectual disabilities to exercise their fundamental rights and to live normally among other people instead of forced isolation in large institutions. At the same time, together with research partners we have completed mapping of the situation of mentally disabled people in these three countries and through the combined efforts of the organizations involved we managed to convince the European Commission that funds originally earmarked for investment in institutions should be spent on the implementation of pilot community-based services for people with mental disabilities.

In Kosovo, we also supported the association of visually impaired people by supplying equipment and by training organizations in the use of computer technology, orientation in space and the use of Braille. Here we also continued the previous collaboration with the association of deaf people and we started to prepare the deployment of communication services through a sign language interpreter.

We also supported local organizations in Kosovo to help children of ethnic minorities integrate into the learning process. Thanks to tutoring, learning the language utilized in schools, early childhood education, promotion of leisure activities and the assistance of social workers, we have succeeded over the long term in reducing the number of children who interrupt their schooling.

#### BUDGET: 408,813 EUR

**Funding:** European Commission, CzDA (MFA CR), Real Aid  
**Partners:** Balkan Sunflowers Kosovo, Children First Foundation, Kosovar Association of the Blind, Kosovar Association of the Deaf, Kosovo Mental Disability Rights, Mental Disability Rights Serbia, Peja School for the Blind, Sumero

### MOLDOVA

In Moldova we continued to support civic initiatives in rural areas. Small grants have supported 12 projects of local NGOs with the participation of local authorities, such as the establishment of a children's playground in Cimisia or the reconstruction of access roads to the city centre for the elderly in Leova.

We also continued in the development of organic farming. We organized several workshops for Moldovan farmers in the production and processing of medicinal herbs and wine, which were led by Czech, German and Moldovan experts. We also supported two model organic farms, for which open house days were also held.

#### BUDGET: 81,295 EUR

**Funding:** CzDA (MFA CR), USAID, Real Aid  
**Partners:** Bioinstitut o. s., EkoConnect

### ROMANIA

The goal of the aid for people in Banat, Romania is to improve economic conditions in the Czech villages. We continued in support of sustainable tourism, particularly in the further development of horseback riding, by buying saddles and through training farmers, who rent the horses.

Accommodation providers are trained and regularly maintain and expand hiking trails around the villages. Information for tourists is continually updated on the tourist portal [www.banat.cz](http://www.banat.cz). People in Need printed labels on household products and ensured the functioning of a web-based information centre for tourists. In the villages an experienced herbalist provided training in the collection and drying of herbs for tea.

#### BUDGET: 7,760 EUR

**Funding:** MFA CR



Thanks to our help thousands of Haitian schoolchildren can go back to school.  
Photo: © Jean-Louis Dagobert, Haiti 2012

## HAITI

The 2010 earthquake in Haiti killed more than 200,000 people and three million people were left homeless. Due to poverty, internal disunity, political instability and the fact that the capital city Port-au-Prince was completely destroyed, without foreign help the country was practically unable to cope with the aftermath.

After two and a half years of helping the country rebuild after the disaster, in the autumn we ended our activities in Haiti. Mainly thanks to the financial contributions of the Czech public, we helped a total of 130,000 people.

### RECONSTRUCTION OF THE EDUCATION SYSTEM

The devastating earthquake destroyed four-fifths of all schools in the region of Petit Goave. Half of school-age children do not go to school, because there are not enough schools and education must be paid for. Three-quarters of teachers do not have a teaching degree and their salaries depend on tuition fees from pupils.

That is why over a two-year period we built 24 school buildings, trained teachers and provided school supplies to 40,000 children. The schools are also equipped with furniture and didactic materials, and we helped put into operation a library in Petit Goave.

### DISASTERS AND EPIDEMICS PREVENTION

Haiti is often struck by hurricanes and earthquakes. There are no forests to prevent landslides and the destruction of roads. Only half of villagers have access to drinking water, nine out of ten do not have proper latrines, people do not know the principles of hygiene, and a cholera epidemic breaks out every year. That is why in the mountains of the Petit Goave region we helped create, train and equip a network of volunteer groups that teach other residents about hygiene and help them prepare for natural disasters. During the year, we helped them to plant more than 5,500 tree seedlings, repair kilometres of roads and build latrines.

### SUPPORT FOR WOMEN AT RISK

Poverty and the breakdown of the country after the disaster compounded the threat to Haitian women. They often lost their breadwinners and many of them are subject to sexual violence or are forced into prostitution. We therefore helped these vulnerable women establish a small business and taught them where to go in case of an emergency.

#### BUDGET: 478,589 EUR

**Funding:** SOS Haiti, Real Gift, American Library Association  
**Partners:** Espoire des Femmes Haitiens

PROGRAMMES AND FUNDING	PROVIDED ASSISTANCE	BENEFICIARIES
<b>RECONSTRUCTION OF EDUCATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE</b> <i>SOS Haiti, Real Gift, American Library Association</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Construction of five permanent and three semi-permanent school buildings</li><li>Repair of seven semi-permanent schools</li><li>Construction of latrines and rainwater collection systems</li><li>Blackboards, desks, learning aids, equipment for school kitchens</li><li>Support and equipment of the School Inspection Office</li><li>Support and equipment of public libraries</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>640 pupils, 30 teachers and school principals</li><li>820 pupils, 35 teachers and principals</li><li>4 schools (460 pupils)</li><li>14 schools (1,500 pupils)</li></ul>
<b>PREVENTION OF NATURAL DISASTERS AND EPIDEMICS</b> <i>SOS Haiti</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Support of seven committees for disaster prevention</li><li>Grants for small local projects</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>9 inspectors; 350 schools in the catchment area</li><li>250 readers per month</li><li>280 committee members</li><li>15,700 residents</li></ul>
<b>SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE WOMEN</b> <i>SOS Haiti</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Training and support for small business</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>110 women at risk</li><li>10 female members of partner organizations</li></ul>





HUMAN RIGHTS

Yoani Sanchez, famous Cuban blogger and critic of the regime, visited Prague at the invitation of People in Need after the Castro regime abolished exit visas in autumn 2012. Like other dissidents who have travelled, she met with important people in different countries and discussed the situation in Cuba.

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Russia is becoming ever more repressive against activists. In 2012 there have been fines for demonstrations, censorship on the Internet, prohibition of gay or lesbian public events, and other repressions.

Photo: © Sergey Chernov, Russia 2012

## CENTRE FOR DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Under the auspices of the Centre for Democracy and Human Rights, People in Need works in several authoritarian states and in countries undergoing various successful transitions to democracy. We always work on site with active people who are peacefully trying to make a change towards an open society and greater accountability of the state to its citizens. We support them in their work, we try to increase their professionalism, link them with partners in European countries and assist them in cases where they are persecuted for their actions. We believe that these people and groups are a constructive and stabilizing factor that will be important in every possible scenario of political developments in their countries.

The year 2012 saw several important changes. **In Myanmar, where we are seeing a transition from a dictatorship to a more open model**, after the January release of a large number of political prisoners we decided to start working directly in Yangon. This step allows us to stay in touch with the rapidly evolving environment and focus more on supporting our partners in the regions.

**In Cuba, there have been partial and so far largely cosmetic changes.** The regime also changed its strategy and instead of long imprisonment of dissidents, short-term repeated arrests began, which makes a timely international response more difficult. That is why at the end of the year we launched a new programme aimed at monitoring the repression, which involves activists from all over the island.

**In Russia, on the contrary, the repression has increased over the past year**, especially with the introduction of a series of harshly repressive laws aimed at NGOs and human rights organizations and the criminalisation of selected opponents. We therefore took an active part in the *Europe-Russia Civil Society Forum*, which provides an important link and coordination between NGOs in Russia and the EU. We have also begun assisting human rights defenders in the North Caucasus.

### TYPES OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

*The Centre for Democracy and Human Rights pays particular attention to the following activities:*

- **Direct assistance for politically persecuted persons and their families** (financial and material support, legal and psychological assistance). This assistance is largely funded by the People in Need Club of Friends.
- **Support for civil society in repressive and transitioning countries** (material and technical assistance, small grants, training, publications, linking with Central European partners, sharing lessons learned from Central Europe's transition to democracy).
- **Study visits, internships and rehabilitation programmes for activists and human rights defenders** (an average of ten visits for groups of activists, more specialized internships, the opportunity for physical and psychological recovery for activists who are exposed to prolonged pressure).
- **Support for independent journalists, public campaigns and video activism.**
- **Support for human rights defenders and activists in authoritarian regimes in the Czech Republic and the EU** (cooperation with partners in democratic countries and with the media, organization of trips by activists to the Czech Republic and European cities and meetings with political leaders).



In 2012 the Homo Homini prize was awarded to Azerbaijani lawyer and human rights defender Intigam Aliyev.

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## CENTRE FOR DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

**In Tiraspol, Transnistria we helped open the first cultural and civic club**, where independent public events are held, such as concerts, screenings and discussions.

**In the Crimea, Ukraine civil counselling has begun operating with our support** to assist citizens in dealing with government authorities.

**Since the spring of 2012 we are also working in Libya**, where we support nascent civil society groups and organize trips for their representatives to the Czech Republic and Czech experts to Libya. The main objective is to connect Libyan partners with foreign colleagues and help them work more efficiently, to act as a stabilizing element in an uncertain and rapidly transforming environment.

**In the spring of 2012, we also implemented further Shelter Cities residencies**, within which human rights activists from harshly repressive countries spend several weeks in a safe environment.

**The sixth annual One World Festival took place in Brussels**, with the participation of dissidents and activists from Myanmar, Egypt, Russia and Syria, who came at our invitation.

**We continue to be active in a number of networks and international platforms.** We are part of the consortium of seven leading international human rights organizations *Lifeline*, which supports non-governmental organizations in repressive countries. In 2012 we helped implement a public campaign in Azerbaijan and Ukraine, which used the interest in the Eurovision contest in Baku and the football championship in Ukraine to draw attention to human rights violations in the country. As part of the *Civil Society Forum of the Eastern Partnership* we coordinated a human rights working group and helped facilitate the participation of non-governmental organizations from unrec-

ognised regions at Forum meetings. We were also represented at the meeting of the world's largest human rights organizations *World Movement for Democracy*.

### HOMO HOMINI

In 2012, the Homo Homini Award for human rights was awarded to Azerbaijani lawyer Intigam Aliyev for his years of tireless work and personal courage in defending the unjustly prosecuted.

During his more than 20-year career, Mr. Aliyev has defended hundreds of cases of people persecuted for criticizing the regime. He submitted more than 200 cases to the European Court of Human Rights concerning the right to vote, freedom of assembly and expression and the right to a fair trial. In addition, he provided legal aid to a number of activists facing sanctions for peaceful protests, uncovered corruption and written critical articles.

One of the reasons for awarding the prize to Mr. Aliyev was his effort to draw attention to the current situation in Azerbaijan. This mineral-rich and strategically important country is ruled by the harshly authoritarian regime of President

Ilham Aliyev. Since independence in 1993, no free elections have been held in Azerbaijan.

The regime spends lavishly on campaigns to build an image of a modern country, but behind this facade are political prisoners, arrests of opponents, blackmail, corruption and defamation campaigns against troublesome journalists.

Previous winners of the Homo Homini prize such as Liu Xiaobo, Majid Tavakoli, Abdullah Momeni, Azimzhan Askarov and Ales Bialiatski remain in jail.

*We work directly on the ground with people who peacefully seek an open society and greater accountability by the state to its citizens.*





Training in civil rights in Shan State.  
People in Need in Myanmar directed its activities in regions where we support active civic groups.  
Photo: Piotr Zaporowski, Myanmar 2012.

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In the past three years, Myanmar experienced unprecedented and unexpected political changes. They included a by-election in April 2012, thanks to which 43 deputies of the strongest opposition party, the National League for Democracy led by Aung San Suu Kyi won seats in Parliament.

Another important event was the dissolution of the committee set up for press censorship. Despite these changes Myanmar still lacks a functional legal system. Armed struggles continue in the border areas and ethnic violence has escalated, particularly against the Muslim Rohingya minority.

SUPPORT OF CIVIL SOCIETY

While supporting democratic transition, we focus on smaller community groups in regional areas. Through small grants and training programmes we helped a total of 16 groups to develop their activities, to establish cooperation with new organizations and gain new knowledge in project management, advocacy and communication with partners. We supported the groups for example in documentation of human rights violations and providing civil rights education. Several young activists were invited to the Czech Republic for intensive study internships.

ASSISTANCE FOR RELEASED POLITICAL PRISONERS

During the past year roughly 700 political prisoners were conditionally released. One of the current priorities is to support their integration into society, particularly through suitable employment. There is also a great need for medical help that would address the long-term health consequences of their imprisonment. In cooperation with local partners, we therefore provided medical assistance, basic psychosocial services and vocational training.

INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT

To provide Czech and foreign media and the public with reliable information on Myanmar, we offer them insights and news directly from our partner organizations. In 2012, we focused on publication of information materials, as well as organization of public events and film screenings. At the One World Festival, for example, we introduced the winning films from the Burmese Festival *The Art of Freedom*. In the autumn, we held a unique meeting of key representatives of Belarusian and Burmese opposition in Prague, which served as a platform where they could share their experiences with transition to democracy.

**BUDGET: 283,714 EUR**  
**Funding:** EIDHR (EC), MFA CR, People in Need Club of Friends, NED, OSI, TFD

PROGRAMMES AND FUNDING	BENEFICIARIES
<b>SUPPORT OF CIVIL SOCIETY</b> <i>EIDHR, MFA CR, People in Need Club of Friends, NED, TFD</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>16 community groups received financial contributions for their activities</li><li>163 representatives of the civil sector were trained</li><li>5 activists participated in internships organized in the Czech Republic and Slovakia</li></ul>
<b>REINTEGRATION OF RELEASED POLITICAL PRISONERS</b> <i>MFA CR, People in Need Club of Friends</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>39 former political prisoners participated in vocational retraining courses or received medical and psychosocial assistance</li><li>20 families of political prisoners received a financial contribution</li></ul>
<b>INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT</b> <i>OSI, MFA CR</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>6 public debates in the Czech Republic and three abroad (Warsaw, Berlin, Brussels)</li><li>15 publications of information materials designed for Czech and foreign partners</li></ul>



Calixto Martinez, member of the Hablemos Press news agency in Havana.  
For his journalism he spent six months in provisional custody.  
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CUBA

In 2012, the Cuban regime made several economic reforms in an attempt to send a positive signal to the world and obtain money for the empty state treasury.

However, the opening up of the economy and the possibility to engage in partial private enterprise did not ameliorate the situation with respect to human rights and freedoms. Prisoners of conscience from 2003 were released two years ago, but short-term detention of opponents of the regime remains a pressing issue. In 2012, for political reasons, on average 450 people per month were arrested.

Nevertheless, Cuba is still gradually changing. The generation of dedicated revolutionaries is dying and young people, who have until now been apathetic, have started to organize informal cultural events and happenings, frequently participate in residential seminars and seek information outside of official sources. The books, newspapers and electronic materials that we bring into Cuba are therefore highly appreciated in a country where there is virtually no Internet.

SUPPORT OF JOURNALISTS

As in previous years, in 2012 one of our main activities was assisting journalists and journalistic projects. In Cuba, we help both novice and experienced journalists and writers who, for political reasons, cannot formally exercise their profession. We provided them with material assistance and promoted their work abroad. We also provided support to eight groups of journalists, which work like a small news agency.

For journalists we organized training courses led by experienced Cuban and foreign experts. In 2012, the training focused mainly on the content of media, photography and citizen journalism. The contributions of critical journalists are published on our website *Cubalog.eu*.

*The opening up of the economy and limited possibility to engage in private enterprise did not have much effect on the human rights and freedoms of Cubans.*

SUPPORT OF CIVIL SOCIETY

In 2012, 22 partner organizations working in the provinces of Pinar del Río, Havana, Mayabeque, Cienfuegos, Granma and Guantánamo all received small grants and one-time assistance. We provided funds for the operation of training centres and community centres in the outskirts of the city, worked with LGBT activists, and supported alternative cultural festivals.

In the past year we organized training for local trainers who can now assist civic groups in the preparation and implementation of projects independent of the presence of foreign experts.

SUPPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CUBA

We have been supporting human rights in Cuba on a constant basis since 1997. In 2012, we launched a new project called *EyeOnCuba.org* focused on the protection and support of human rights activists in their response to constant violations of fundamental rights. In addition to providing direct assistance to activists, we provide international bodies with well-documented information on the latest developments in the field of human rights.

We are a founding member of a network of non-profit organizations called *EU-Cuba Network*, which advocates the improvement of the situation on the island. We are engaged in the promotion of human rights in Cuba in Brussels-based institutions, to which we provide information about current developments in the country.

**BUDGET: 262,812 EUR**  
**Funding:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, U.S. Department of State, NED, Institute for War and Peace Reporting, People in Need Club of Friends





One of the city parks in Karlovy Vary bears the name of Anna Politkovskaya, a Russian investigative journalist murdered in 2006.

Photo: © PIN Archive, Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic 2012

## RUSSIA

Since Vladimir Putin took over the presidency in May 2012 the situation in Russia has worsened. Fines of hundreds of thousands of dollars for demonstrations, criminal liability for defamation, censorship on the Internet, bans on public events with gay or lesbian themes or the obligation of NGOs with foreign funding to register as “foreign agents”, which is synonymous in Russia with spies, are just part of the newly repressive measures introduced last year.

The fact that the Kremlin punishes criticism was clearly demonstrated in the case of the girl punk band Pussy Riot, which ended with a demonstratively severe punishment, and in the prosecution of almost 20 ordinary protesters from the Bolotnaya Square protests and opposition leaders, including well-known blogger Alexei Navalny. Everything indicates that the repression will further escalate.

### SUPPORT OF ACTIVISTS

In 2012, we trained 11 young activists from various Russian regions in the use of video and new media in public campaigns. Seven activists then came to gain new experience and contacts in the Czech Republic at the One World Festival. With our support, for example, one of the leading organizations defending the rights of gays and lesbians in Russia made a short documentary about the homophobia, hatred and violence that people with different sexual orientations in Russia are facing.

In addition, we prepared for the activists a series of instructional videos on the basics of filming and editing, and we also picked up ten interesting examples of campaigns in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, which activists can use as inspiration when planning their own activities.

*In Russia we work with young activists, for whom we have prepared training on the use of video and new media in public campaigns.*

### INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT

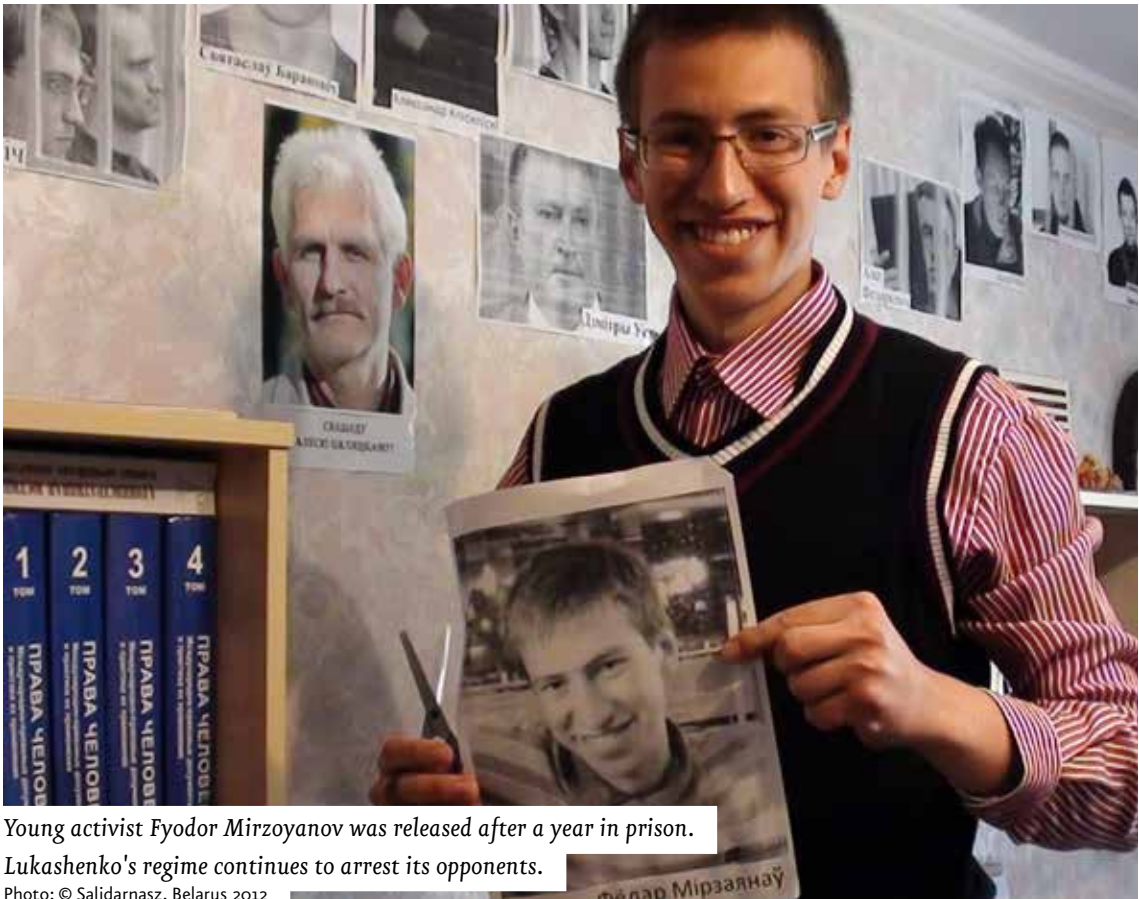
People in Need in the Czech Republic and Europe organized a series of public events on the theme of human rights in Russia. During the the One World Festival in Brussels we screened two films about Russia: One of the films was dedicated to the memory of murdered human rights defender Natalya Estemirova and the other victims of the Kadyrov regime in Chechnya, who still cannot obtain justice. Igor Kalyapin, the director of the Russian human rights organization Committee Against Torture (Nizhny Novgorod), took part in a debate after the screening.

Based on our proposal, the city of Karlovy Vary decided to name one of the city parks in memory of Anna Politkovskaya, a famous Russian investigative journalist who was murdered in 2006. News of the naming, which officially took place on the sixth anniversary of Politkovskaya's death, sparked a considerable response in the Russian media.

During 2012, we continued to actively participate in developing the Europe-Russia Civil Society Forum, a platform of NGOs and civic initiatives in Russia and the European Union. In addition to supporting joint projects of non-profit organizations, the Forum seeks to promote human rights and official dialogue between the EU and Russia. At a time of intensified pressure on civil society in Russia, the Forum urges European policy to make open expressions of support for Russian human rights and other organizations.

### BUDGET: 107,633 EUR

**Funding:** NED, European Commission, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, People in Need Club of Friends



Young activist Fyodor Mirzoyanov was released after a year in prison.

Lukashenko's regime continues to arrest its opponents.

Photo: © Salidarnasz, Belarus 2012

## BELARUS

In 2012 parliamentary elections took place in Belarus. They were neither free nor fair and ended in favour of the current regime. The main opposition parties and movements, especially the Belarusian Social Democratic Party (Hramada), the United Civic Party and the Belarusian Popular Front, organized a boycott of parliamentary elections, arguing that the election would be rigged anyway. These parties urged citizens not to participate in the elections. According to official statistics, the turnout was 74%, but the election was characterized mainly by apathy and indifference of voters.

Alexander Lukashenko's regime continues to trade with political prisoners, where some political prisoners are released, but later other activists, journalists and human rights defenders are arrested. This strategy aims to provide a better position for negotiations with the European Union and to avoid penalties. In 2012, former presidential candidate Andrei Sannikov and a member of his campaign staff, Zmitser Bandarenka, received a pardon from Lukashenko and were released. On the other hand, criminal proceedings were initiated against previously released political prisoner Vasily Parfyanov, journalists Andrei Pachobutov and Anton Surapinov as well as real estate agent Sjarhej Basharimov. In 2012, the office of Belarusian human rights organization Viasna was raided. The organization had operated there for 12 years. Ales Bialiatski, the director of Viasna, still remains behind bars with a four and a half year sentence for trumped up charges.

### SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL ACTIVISTS

In 2012, we worked with more than a dozen community organizations and initiatives from various regions of Belarus, which defend human rights, protect the environment, work with youth and popularise the Belarusian language and culture. One of our regional

partners who deals with the rights of children, quite uniquely managed to win several cases before the Court of Belarus. Our Belarusian partners also received from us a collection of documentary films that can be used for organizing screenings and discussions, as well as a selection of ten interesting examples of campaigns in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, which they can use as inspiration when planning their own campaigns.

### HELP FOR THE PERSECUTED

We provided financial assistance to 12 Belarusians who because of persecution fled the country, and five families of disappeared persons. With our help the Association of Families, which brings together the parents of young activists and opposition members, has grown to more than 200 people. They help parents when their children have been detained or otherwise face pressure from the regime. We helped find support for the human rights organization Viasna after its offices were raided.

### INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT

In 2012, we organized a series of screenings and discussions regarding the current situation in Belarus, especially during the One World Festival in the Czech Republic and Brussels, and we presented an exhibition on the situation in the country. We got involved in the Don't Play with a Dictator! campaign, which aimed to move the World Ice Hockey Championship in 2014 from Belarus to another, freer country. We also joined a global campaign for solidarity with the imprisoned Ales Bialiatski.

### BUDGET: 125,680 EUR

**Funding:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, NED, People in Need Club of Friends

*We support the Parents' Committee, which brings together relatives of young activists and opposition members.*





The campaign and exhibition entitled “Human Rights Offside” raised awareness during the EURO 2012 Championship in Ukraine.

Photo: © Jan Rybář, Donetsk, Ukraine 2012

40 UKRAINE

We have been supporting civil society in Ukraine for ten years and for the last six years we have focused our activities on the Crimean peninsula. The civil sector in the region is not strong enough to resist the often arrogant despotism of local authorities and effectively defend human rights and democratic freedoms. That is why we helped establish a network of legal aid clinics of-fices and continued supporting local NGOs. We also participated in the preparation of two public campaigns that draw attention to human rights violations and discrimination.

LEGAL AID CLINICS IN CRIMEA

In 2012, we helped establish four legal aid clinics in Crimea. They provide free consultation and legal assistance to non-governmental organizations and citizens who are in conflict with government authorities. The fear of authorities and the feeling that officials are all-powerful often paralyzes organizations and individuals who have a disagreement with them. The legal aid clinics provide citizens not only with legal assistance or representation in court, but also the necessary confidence. They organize seminars, initiate debates and collaborate with critical journalists, thereby significantly contributing to the mobilization of local communities. The result is efficient interconnection of people who are able to clearly identify and help remedy social or human rights problems. We develop this network of legal aid clinics through financial support, consultations, seminars, study tours and promotion.

SUPPORT FOR NGOS

In Crimea we financially support the projects of local non-governmental organizations that focus on human rights and active citizenship. For example, we funded the operation of critical internet daily Sobytiya Kryma, whose editors publicly resigned in spring 2012 by giv-

ing notice in the newspaper of the same name after accusing the editor of censorship and kowtowing to power. This web portal was attacked by hackers and removed from operation for several days shortly before the autumn parliamentary elections. The Sobytiya Kryma website enjoys increasing popularity among the Crimean public, and is now read by more than 100,000 people per month.

We also supported an advocacy initiative for change in the prison law, a film festival on human rights Docudays UA in Yalta, the monitoring of illegal election campaigning at Crimean universities and seminars on human rights for secondary school students.

HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

During the EURO 2012 football championship we helped prepare and organize a campaign called Human Rights Offside. Through a photographic exhibition and public events this campaign drew attention to the decline of Ukraine in the sphere of human rights and democracy. The campaign, in which 20 organizations participated, was enthusiastically received by thousands of Ukrainian citizens, and had wide media coverage in Ukraine and abroad, including in Financial Times. In autumn 2012, we, together with the Lifeline consortium supported the campaign of Ukrainian human rights organizations against a law that discriminates the LGBT community and de facto criminalizes the vaguely defined “positive information” of this minority. The three to five year prison sentences for people who repeatedly violate this law speaks for itself. We transmit our experiences with these successful campaigns in Ukraine and abroad to local activists via a manual entitled Get Involved Too.

BUDGET: 56,520 EUR

Funding: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Lifeline Fund

The network of legal aid clinics in Crimea provides legal assistance to citizens who are in disputes with state authorities.



Club No. 19 in Tiraspol got its name from Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which, among other things, establishes the right to freedom of opinion and expression.

Photo: © Lenka Blahová, Tiraspol, Transnistria 2012

MOLDOVA (TRANSNISTRIA)

We have been actively and systematically operating as the only foreign NGO in Transnistria, an internationally unrecognised separatist region of Moldova, since 2006. Our activities in the region support the development of civil society, the increase of its involvement and responsibility in addressing social issues and defending civil rights and liberties. In 2012 the authoritarian regime eased somewhat and there was a gradual increase in the number and influence of civic activities in the region. Nevertheless, Transnistrian society remains isolated from the rest of the world and is burdened with massive government propaganda, which fosters fear of an external enemy. Some independent organizations and their activities, especially if carried out in cooperation with foreign partners, are restricted and civil activists are intimidated by state security forces.

SUPPORT OF CIVIC INITIATIVES

In 2012, we continued to cooperate with the community in the Transnistrian region. Within the framework of a small grants programme we have supported nine NGOs and initiative groups. The themes of the projects were, for example, free access to information, property rights of small landowners, youth education on human rights, the development of school education or media-tion in order to defend the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS. For civic initiatives we organized a training seminar with the participation of Czech experts, within which the participants were taught methods of strategic planning, project cycle management and planning campaigns. During the year, four representatives of Transnistrian organizations were invited to People in Need for a two-month internship that allowed them to gain new experiences and knowledge to further develop their activities in Transnistria. At

the same time, nine representatives of civic initiatives came for a one-week study trip to the Czech Republic, during which they learned about good practices with Czech colleagues and attended several workshops and seminars. For the third year we also supported English language courses for non-governmental organizations.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT CLUB

In 2012 we initiated the establishment of the Civic Engagement Club in Tiraspol, which began operating under the name Club No. 19 and became the first of its kind in Transnistria. The club is an open space for free discussion and meeting people with an interest in public affairs and alternative culture. It is open to the general public, offering complex educational, informational and cultural activities, such as public lectures, debates on current social issues, screenings, exhibitions and concerts.

LEGAL AND INFORMATION SUPPORT

The Centre for Legal and Information Support of Civic Initiatives in Tiraspol, which was created with our support at the end of 2011, continues to provide free legal advice to organizations that come into conflict with the state apparatus. The Centre is also dedicated to raising awareness through seminars, publishing newsletters or organizing free legal literacy courses for the public. The tasks of the Centre include increasing media literacy of the civic sector and breaking its isolation in the media space, as well as media coverage of major cases.

BUDGET: 163,860 EUR

Funding: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, People in Need Club of Friends, NED, USAID

We provide civic initiatives with small grants, fellowships and study tours, as well as organize seminars for them.





The adoption of democratic principles is complicated by the presence of armed groups and the need to cope with the consequences of the conflict.

Photo: © Jan Rybář, Libya 2013

## LIBYA

The year 2012 was a turning point for Libya. After the fall of the regime of Colonel Gaddafi, free elections were held for the first time since 1969. Nevertheless, two-thirds of voters, 40% of whom were women, came to the polls for the General National Congress. Efforts to establish democracy in the country, however, continue to suffer from the presence of armed groups, limited rule of law and a weak government.

With the election of political representation in Libya a dialogue began on the preparation of a new constitution. Like the previously banned political parties, the constitutional concept is completely new for a whole segment of the population. That is why our initial activities started in April 2012 to help civic initiatives conduct information campaigns about the role of the constitution and democratic mechanisms, and share our experiences with the transformation of Eastern Europe.

### SUPPORT OF CIVIC INITIATIVES

We are involved in a joint project with our partners ACTED, CESVI and a number of local organizations called *Civil Initiatives Libya*, which provides technical support to non-governmental and youth organizations and tries to engage in local development and dialogue with state authorities. At a time when new institutions are formed and set the relations of the state to its citizens, civic initiatives are important players in the preparation of laws and in defining the position and authority of state institutions. Often they are also the first step towards involvement in public life for young people.

In 2012, we and our partners opened four centres in Tripoli, Benghazi, Misrata and Sabha, which serve as a training area, a place for meetings and work, but also for personal activities of local groups.

When working with community groups, we focused on sharing our experiences with the transition to democracy, particularly in the area of human and

civil rights. We also prepared methodological training in working with the media and public communication. In November, a group of civic activists and members of the local government visited the Czech Republic to become familiar with the functioning of institutions and the transition to a democratic system in the Czech Republic and the problems that accompany this process. During the trip they also focused on the governmental and non-governmental sector and discussed contentious issues of lustration.

*We help Libyan initiatives to campaign for democratic mechanisms and the constitution.*

### TRAINING AND SEMINARS

With the support of the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, we prepared three training sessions on methods of preparing information campaigns for organizations dealing with the establishment and enforcement of law. A particular focus was the use of traditional and new media, which is now one of the main tools of communication in Libya. The training and seminars were based on experience gained from Eastern Europe and North Africa and reflected the possible role of civil society in the transition to democracy. Libyan groups then worked on preparing their own campaigns (such as enforcement of the law on access to information) and seminars led by trainer-activists from the Czech Republic and Egypt. Czech experts and authors of the Czech Constitution also visited Libya to discuss the practical aspects of the process of its preparation and talked with local lawyers about possible strategies.

Thanks to the People in Need Club of Friends we funded the information activities of two independent initiatives in south and northeast Libya on the constitution and new democratic mechanisms. We also supported the screening of documentary films on human rights issues in Baida.

**BUDGET: 56,416 EUR**

**Funding:** MFA CR, European Union, People in Need Club of Friends



Our long-term goal in Libya and Egypt is to strengthen civic activities, especially at the local level.

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## EGYPT

The hope of achieving the objectives of the Revolution of 2011 – social justice, democracy, freedom and respect for human rights in Egypt – collapsed, despite the first free parliamentary and presidential elections. The disappointment was due mainly to the hasty preparation of the constitution. The work of the constitutional commission was marked by the resignation of its members and doubts about the fair representation of Egyptian society in its composition.

In the context of the deteriorating economic and social situation, there was also a gradual restriction of freedom of speech and association. In addition, increasingly restrictive laws on the work of civil society have been proposed.

Nevertheless, a number of emerging civic groups, political parties and actors continue to seek the democratic transformation of the country and to strengthen the role of citizens and their ability to affect their environment and state power by democratic means.

In 2012, we therefore focused on professional support of civic initiatives in raising awareness of key democratic processes, human rights and establishing dialogue with local authorities. Our long-term goal is to strengthen civic efforts primarily at the local level.

### SUPPORT FOR CIVIL SOCIETY IN UPPER EGYPT

The activities of civic groups in remote parts of southern Egypt are significantly weaker than in Cairo or Alexandria and focus mainly on charitable activities. With the support of the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, we helped groups from Upper Egypt dedicated to the themes of the constitution and civil rights in the conduct of public awareness and advocacy campaigns in the national dialogue on the content of the constitution. The help was provided via trainers from

organizations involved in local development and support of civil society in Upper Egypt.

During the seminars, local trainers and professionals learned about the role of institutions and technical knowledge of working on campaigns, the use of media tools and documentary film.

The trainers subsequently prepared a workshop for local community groups and provided them with methodological support to implement their campaigns in the region. The participants were most interested in working with documentary film as a tool to give a voice to marginalised communities in the regions.

With the support of the People in Need Club of Friends, we provided selected participants with technical resources to ensure their own activities, which followed the training and seminars conducted during the year. This gave rise to short films about local issues and a dialogue with local authorities on issues related to community needs.

We also organized workshops with Egyptian constitutional experts and civic activists about the role of the constitution and its relation to the interests of local communities.

Thanks to the project, the debate on the constitution and civil rights also succeeded in engaging development-oriented groups, which largely perceive the constitution and other democratic tools as remote from the everyday needs and interests of the population.

**BUDGET: 34,073 EUR**

**Funding:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, People in Need Club of Friends

*We focus on working in Upper Egypt, where there are only a few civic groups whose work is mostly of a charitable nature. We strengthen legal awareness and support civil dialogue.*





Noha Atef, an Egyptian blogger and activist, currently a member of the Rudolf Vrba Jury, performed at an evening of new media called TECHSHARE 2012.

Photo: © Lukáš Bíba, Prague, Czech Republic 2012

## ONE WORLD

The 14th annual One World International Human Rights Documentary Film Festival was held in Prague from 6 to 15 March 2012 and subsequently in 40 other cities in the Czech Republic. Audiences had the opportunity to see 106 films from 44 countries. The total attendance of the festival was 110,372 people.

Our main focus was the 2011 Arab Spring, during which demonstrations broke out against authoritarian governments in North Africa and the Middle East. The main film category entitled *Protests, Riots, Revolts* in addition to Arab countries also dealt with unrest in

the West, where people protested against entrenched regimes and economic systems. Categories *Together Anyway* focused on changes in social relationships as a result of current influences, such as poverty or migration. Popular films on ecology and lifestyle are traditionally concentrated in the category of *So-called Civilization*. We celebrated the 20th anniversary of People in Need with an online special on the website of Czech TV, where we posted a retrospective of films charting the beginnings of our organization's work.

PROGRAMME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
<b>ONE WORLD 2012</b> <i>Prague 6 – 15/3/2012</i> <a href="http://www.oneworld.cz">www.oneworld.cz</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>45,802 viewers (screenings in schools were attended by 11,916 children and students)</li><li>Under the auspices of Václav Havel, the first Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Karel Schwarzenberg, Minister of Culture Alena Hanáková and the Mayor of Prague Bohuslav Svoboda</li><li>106 documentary films from 44 countries</li><li>200 Czech and foreign visitors, 103 accredited journalists</li><li>118 post-film debates and 8 large panel debates</li><li>187,000 visitors to the One World website in March and 2,000 new fans on Facebook</li><li>Screenings for seniors and screenings for parents with children</li><li>Continued distribution of the Do It Yourself! guide at universities and campaigns using new media, “Bobříci” at One World</li><li>News: programme for filmmakers called East Doc Platform organized by the Institute of Documentary Film</li></ul>
<b>ONE WORLD IN REGIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>64,570 viewers (37,474 children and students attended screenings for schools)</li><li>One World in 40 cities</li></ul>
<b>ONE WORLD AROUND THE WORLD</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Echoes Festival in Brussels, support for the first year of the Baghdad Eye Festival in Iraq</li><li>Promise of cooperation with a Burmese festival called The Art of Freedom</li></ul>
<b>FESTIVAL SPECIALS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>An online special on the website of Czech Television (8 documentary films, photographs) was visited by more than 16,000 participants, 41 parts of the festival broadcast “Videostřípky” on the One World website, Festival specials on Radio 1, on ČRo Rádio Česko and on Aktuálně.cz; Festival supplement in Respekt magazine and the daily newspapers Lidové noviny and MF DNES</li></ul>
<b>YEAR-ROUND ACTIVITIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Regularly held film/debate called You Have a Right to Know in the Langhans – PIN Centre, distribution of the Do It Yourself! guide, co-organization of the Pavel Koutecký Award for achievement in documentary film</li></ul>
<b>INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Founding member of the Association of Human Rights festivals, year-round support and consultation provided to human rights festivals, especially in developing countries, cooperation and participation in international documentary film festivals and workshops, CAUCADOC, a programme supporting documentary films and creation in the South Caucasus</li></ul>



Closing ceremonies of the One World Festivals.

Photo: © Lukáš Bíba, Prague, Czech Republic 2012

## ONE WORLD

### WORLD PROFESSIONALS IN PRAGUE

Last year for the first time the festival featured the East Doc Platform programme organized by the Institute of Documentary Film. The meeting to promote the production and distribution of Eastern and Central European documentary film attracted more than 200 domestic and foreign film professionals. The open part of the East Doc Platform offered the audience access to One World lectures, film screenings and master classes. “By linking with the IDF we succeeded in expanding the festival programme for film professionals and we were able to personally introduce a number of prominent filmmakers to One World,” said festival director Hana Kulhánková.

We again focused on new media as an effective tool for civic initiatives. As part of an evening of sharing and inspiration called TECHSHARE 2012, selected representatives of Czech online initiatives presented projects using modern communication technologies such as mobile applications, videomapping and crowdsourcing. We also remembered the fight for the freedom of people in Syria and with special screenings of Syrian films we joined the international campaign called DOX BOX Global Day. The

ongoing democratic change in Myanmar led to a special screening entitled *The Best of Art of Freedom*, in which we screened a selection of winning films from the Yangon film festival.

### THE FESTIVAL IN REGIONS

In 2012 in addition to Prague the festival was held in Benešov, Bílina, Brno, České Budějovice, Český Krumlov, Děčín, Hrádek nad Nisou, Chrudim, Jablonec nad Nisou, Kladno, Klatovy, Kralupy nad Vltavou, Liberec, Louny, Mikulov, Mlada Boleslav, Neratovice, Nový Bor, Olomouc, Opava, Ostrava, Pardubice, Plzeň, Počátky, Police nad Metují, Polička, Prostějov, Přerov, Rožnov pod Radhoštěm, Semily, Tábor, Tanvald, Teplice, Tišnov, Trutnov, Třebíč, Třinec, Ústí nad Labem, Ústí nad Orlicí and Znojmo.

### BUDGET: 626,379 EUR

**Funding:** Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic, Crocodile Fund, Crocodile ČR, s.r.o., Czech State Fund for the Support and Development of Czech Cinematography, City of Prague, AVAST Endowment Fund, EU MEDIA programme, Vodafone Fund, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic and others.

PROGRAMME OF THE 14TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL	
<b>FILM TOPIC CATEGORIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Protests, Riots, Revolts, Together Anyway, So-called Civilization, Panorama, Czech Films, Short Films, People in Need – 20 Years of Help</li></ul>
<b>DEBATES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Arab Spring: The Year After, We Waste, Therefore We Are?, A Second Wind for Weary Europe, Burma: Is Democracy a Game?, People in Need: 20 Years in Action, Development: Aid or Trap?, Adoption: The Child as a Hostage, Is a Post-Soviet Spring on the Way?</li></ul>
<b>SPECIAL SCREENINGS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>DOX BOX Global Day / screenings in the international campaign to support the fight for democracy in Syria, The Best of Art of Freedom / screenings of winning films from the Burmese Film Festival to promote democratic change in Myanmar</li></ul>
<b>ADDITIONAL EVENTS FOR FILMMAKERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>East Doc Platform / meeting of industry professionals to promote the production and distribution of Eastern and Central European documentary films, organized by the Institute of Documentary Film</li></ul>
<b>ACCOMPANYING PROGRAMME</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>One World Social Innovation / competition of campaigns of civil initiatives using new media and an evening of sharing and inspiration TECHSHARE 2012</li><li>Concert by The Chancers at Lucerna Music Bar</li><li>“Bobříci” One World / interactive tasks inspired by the lives of film heroes</li></ul>





Our Region Debate: As part of the Who Else? project aimed at promoting civic engagement of young people, secondary school students from Hradec Králové talked with regional representatives of the main political parties.  
Photo: Vladimír Mlynářčík, Hradec Králové, Czech Republic 2012

## INFORMATION AND EDUCATION PROJECTS





Student elections teach young people about basic democratic principles and encourage their civic engagement.

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We have been operating for eleven years in schools in the Czech Republic. Through audiovisual means – documentary films and social spots – we bring primary and secondary school students closer to important and often neglected issues in today's world and modern history. We provide educators with accompanying methodological and information materials and organize seminars for them accredited by the Ministry of Education, as we do for students of universities and faculties of education. Finally, we try to contribute to the education of democratically minded and responsible citizens.

YEAR OF STUDENT ELECTIONS

The year 2012 was marked by student elections, which we organize for pupils over 15 years of age prior to general national elections. Young people get to learn about democratic principles and the Czech electoral system. Our aim is also to increase the participation of first-time voters in the general election and to promote dialogue on the management of public affairs.

In the autumn regional elections took place in schools and in December students had the chance to try direct elections of the president. The student elections are part of a broader project *Who Else?*, the aim of which is to promote the civic engagement of young people. Within the same project we also organized five regional debates *Our Region*, where secondary school students talked with representatives of the main political parties in the regions.

SURVEY AMONG SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

In the first quarter, for the second time we implemented a unique survey among Czech secondary school students. The survey focused on their attitudes, values and lifestyles, and resulted in interesting and sometimes even alarming findings. For example, the survey demonstrat-

ed that the vast majority of students believe that problems, whether at the local or national level, cannot be influenced by their own initiative. The *Who Else?* project is intended to persuade them otherwise. Young people had the opportunity to implement it through team projects that deal with current problems in their neighbourhood and global problems.

FILM CLUBS

Secondary school students were also active during the year in One World in Schools Student Film Clubs, a network

that we have been organizing since 2003. The film clubs are run entirely by student organizers who invite guests to screenings, prepare the accompanying programme and hold multi-day festivals. Our support consists in the mediation of documents from our video library, organization of meetings between student organizers and providing promotional and informational materials.

STORIES OF INJUSTICE

As part of the Stories of Injustice project we focus on modern Czechoslovak history and during the year we hold regular events for schools. During the Month of Film in Schools there are screenings of documentaries for children and subsequent discussions with contemporary witnesses, historians and filmmakers throughout the country. Every November we offer teachers one film for free as well as accompanying didactic materials. In 2012 we focused on the period of normalization. Given the lack of documents on the topic, for the first time we shot and presented our own film entitled *Czech Children*, which met with a very positive response in the schools.

The pupils and students were also able to participate in a project entitled *From the Place Where We Live*, through which they met with contemporary witnesses from their areas who were persecuted by the communist regime. Based on interviews, archival footage and photographs the students then compiled their life stories. In

*We offer more than 2,900 schools involved in the Czech Republic over 300 documentary films and other audiovisual materials.*



Stories of Injustice Day. Young people held a moment of silence in memory of political prisoners

at the statue of St. Wenceslas in Prague.

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June, the Archa Theatre in Prague hosted the final team meetings, where the students presented a webcast of the results of their research. In November, the project culminated in an exhibition of photographic profiles of contemporary witnesses in Prague's Langhans Gallery – the Centre for People in Need.

Students and the public are also actively involved in events during the Stories of Injustice Day, which falls on June 27, the Day of Remembrance of the victims of the communist regime. Groups of young people handed out symbolic ribbons in the streets of Prague and at the statue of St. Wenceslas a minute of silence was held among 700 people in honour of the memory of political prisoners.

AUDIOVISUAL PORTAL

In 2012 we finished work on a new audiovisual portal at [www.jsns.cz](http://www.jsns.cz), which offers teachers and pupils online materials of One World in Schools. Users can stream and download movies and immediately use teaching and

support materials, either to prepare the lessons or during the lessons themselves.

OUR KNOW-HOW ABROAD

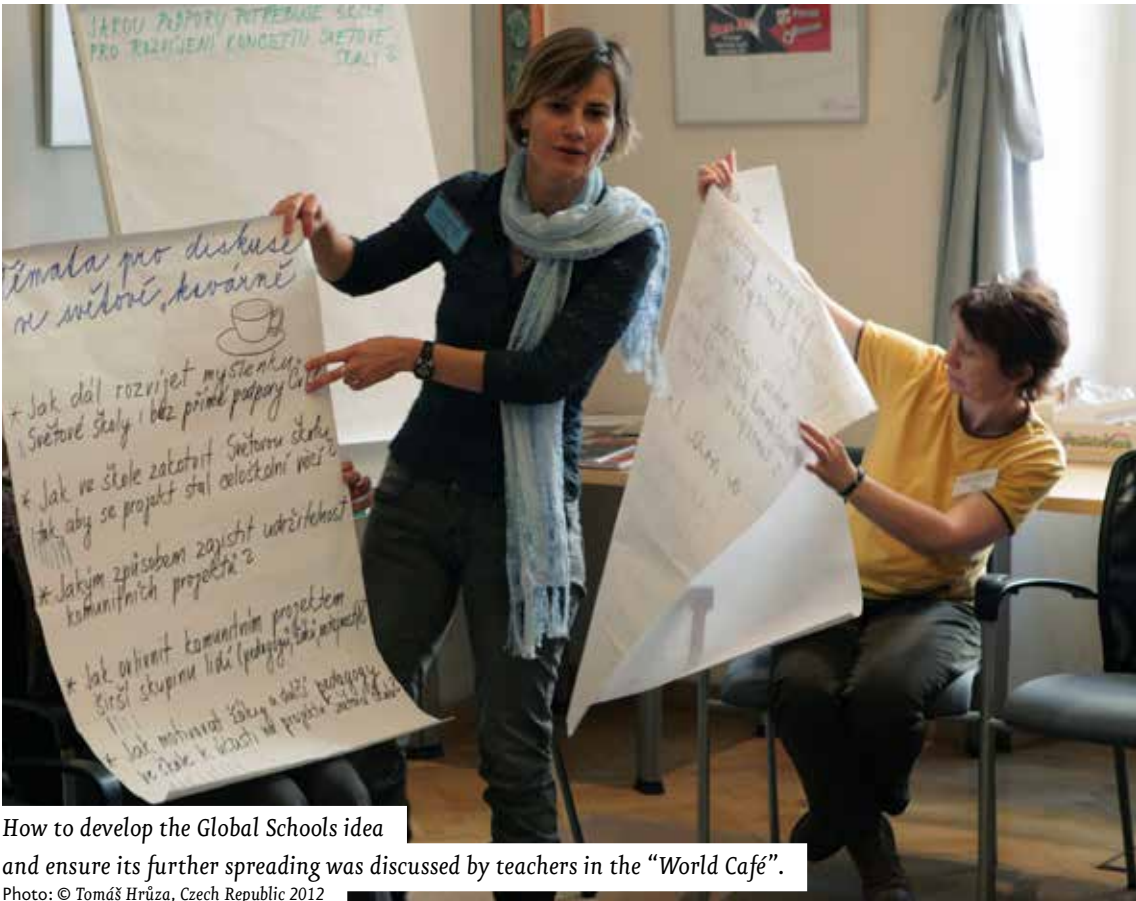
Our many years of experience are also transmitted abroad. We train teachers to use documentary film in the classroom and participate in the preparation of audiovisual kits for schools and partner countries in introducing the concept of One World in Schools Student Film Clubs. For several years now we have been operating in Georgia, Bosnia, Poland, Slovakia, Estonia and Romania, and since 2012 in Mongolia, Armenia and Macedonia.

BUDGET: 704,182 EUR

**Funding:** CEE Trust, CZ.NIC, Czech Development Agency (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic), European Commission – DG Justice, DG for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection, DG EuropeAid, DG Education and Culture (EACEA); European Social Fund, MERO ČR, a.s.; Ministry of Defence of the Czech Republic, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic; AVAST Foundation, National Endowment for Democracy, Czech State Fund for the Support and Development of Czech Cinematography

ONE WORLD IN SCHOOLS IN 2012		
FOR TEACHERS AND FUTURE TEACHERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Audiovisual and methodological materials</li><li>• Seminars</li><li>• Workshops at universities and educational faculties</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3 AV sets, 55 AV lectures and 1 publication</li><li>• 7 seminars for 86 participants</li><li>• 15 workshops for 236 students</li></ul>
FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL PUPILS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One World in Schools Student Film Clubs</li><li>• Student Elections 2012 to regional councils</li><li>• Student Presidential Elections</li><li>• Student "Our Region" debates</li><li>• Stories of Injustice – From the Place where We Live</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 48 active clubs, 256 projects</li><li>• 193 secondary schools, 21,982 students</li><li>• 441 secondary schools, 61,499 students</li><li>• 20 secondary schools, 250 students</li><li>• 9 primary schools and secondary schools, 49 pupils</li><li>• 18 primary schools and secondary schools, 626 pupils</li><li>• 9 nominations, 3 laureates</li><li>• 383 contributions</li><li>• 37 contributions</li></ul>
OTHER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stories of Injustice Day 2012</li><li>• The Stories of Injustice Award 2012</li><li>• Art competition (383 contributions)</li><li>• In Opposition literary competition (37 contributions)</li><li>• Web <a href="http://www.jsns.cz">www.jsns.cz</a></li><li>• Monthly electronic bulletins for teachers and coordinators of the One World in Schools Student Film Clubs</li><li>• School screenings as part of the One World Film Festival</li><li>• Stories of Injustice – Month of Film in Schools</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 84,671 visitors, 286,006 pageviews</li><li>• more than 50,000 pupils and teachers</li><li>• 776 schools, 32,000 primary and secondary school pupils</li></ul>





How to develop the Global Schools idea and ensure its further spreading was discussed by teachers in the “World Café”.  
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50 VARIANTS

Promoting an inclusive environment and an open climate in society and education in global responsibility were our main goals in 2012. We always strive to ensure that all students have access to quality education and the opportunity to thrive, so that people in our society are tolerant and appreciate differences, know how to critically assess information, are familiar with current events and strive for a better world.

We also continued to work together with teachers and schools, offered thematic workshops and blended learning courses, prepared guidance materials and provided information services and expertise. Recently we have focused on an analysis of the relationship between schools and parents of foreign children and children from socially disadvantaged backgrounds. The Variants section was expanded and enriched in 2012 by the Migration Programme, which became part of it.

**LEARNING ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS DOESN'T HURT**

The issue of equal opportunities, human rights and freedoms is one of the main topics across all our activities. For the third year we focused on a project entitled *Respect Doesn't Hurt*, in which we wanted to raise awareness among secondary school students about human rights issues. We decided to create a learning tool that helps educators teach about human rights in an engaging, creative and interactive way. We relied on true stories that show how human rights affect different areas of our lives: education, health, employment, the environment, etc. In addition to using written texts, we also incorporated the stories into comic book form, audio recordings and short films. Animated shorts were created for each thematic area. The didactic materials with lessons are available at [www.respektneboli.eu](http://www.respektneboli.eu).

*We want learning in schools to contribute to improving the quality of education in the Czech Republic and to lead to the development of critical thinking of students, while also being fun.*

In addition to learning about human rights, students from 12 pilot schools were invited to get involved in the actual promotion of human rights. The results of their activities were then presented to more than 100 participants at the final event entitled *Learning About Human Rights Doesn't Hurt*, which included workshops and panel discussions with interesting persons.

**RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WORLD AND OUR SURROUNDINGS**

We call on and support schools to become interested in global problems and to have faith that their actions can influence events not only in their immediate surroundings but also in other parts of the world. For seven years we have been developing an international concept *Global Schools* is a prestigious certificate that 20 primary and secondary schools in the Czech Republic can boast of having. Participating schools offer consultations and methodological support to achieve the criteria for which compliance is required to obtain the certificate. The basic philosophy of this concept supports the preparation of students for real life in a globalised world and reflects the educational trends of the 21st century.

We also follow the same objectives in the *Active Citizens* project, where we work with the British Council. Its uniqueness lies in the proven methodology of the implementation of community events in dozens of countries around the world, and that students have the opportunity to learn many skills in real situations. Involvement in the project provides schools the opportunity to effectively develop pupils' key skills and allows the school to become a major player in the life of the community.

**INSPIRATION FROM ABROAD**

We try to transmit our experience and proven methodology from abroad to Czech schools within other projects.



During the final workshop, pupils shared their ideas and achievements.  
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VARIANTS

We invite teachers who have a desire to be inspired and try new things to collaborate. In the *Our Common World* project teachers also had the chance to test the methods developed by experts in the UK, with the help of which they determined the attitudes of their pupils towards various global problems and issues and how their attitudes can be positively influenced. The activities, which they then designed themselves based on the learning objectives, were processed in a publication entitled *Our Common World*.

In 2012, we also began to focus on a so-called anti-bias approach, allowing us to consciously work with our prejudices. This approach uses a methodology devised by *Persona Dolls*, originally from the USA, which was introduced to us by our German colleagues. We would like to make it available especially to teachers of kindergarten and first grade.

*We help schools influence events at home and abroad and be major players in the life of the community.*

**ATTRACTIVE LEARNING**

We want learning in schools to contribute to improving the quality of education in the Czech Republic and to lead to the development of critical thinking of students, while also being fun. Together with five other non-prof-

it organizations we completed a project entitled *How to Effectively Teach Cross-cutting Themes While Developing Literacy*. A literacy methodology and a publication entitled *Baví mě číst a hýbat světem* (*I Like to Read and Move the World*) were created, and we also collected more than 250 teaching lessons and examples of good practice that are available for teachers at [www.ptac.cz](http://www.ptac.cz).

In order to make school lessons as attractive as possible we are trying to come up with a range of tools and templates based on the interests of today's students. An example of this is the mediation of different topics using comic stories. In autumn 2012, we held the second annual comic book competition *Bohouš and Dáša Change the World, Don't be a Loser: Get Involved Too!*, where pupils have the opportunity to express themselves creatively about current global problems as well as the hot issues around them.

**BUDGET: 294,753 EUR**  
**Funding:** Czech Development Agency (MFA); EC – DG EuropeAid, DG Education and Culture (EACEA); Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports; University of Economics and Management; British Council; Czech-German Fund for Future; European Social Fund.

VARIANTS IN 2012 IN NUMBERS
<b>1,800 PARTICIPANTS</b> TOOK PART IN OUR TRAINING SESSIONS. OF THESE, THERE WERE MORE THAN 700 TEACHERS AND FUTURE TEACHERS AND OVER 1,000 CHILDREN, PUPILS AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.
WE PROVIDED SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO <b>77 SCHOOLS</b> INVOLVED IN OUR PROJECTS.
<b>SIX NEW PUBLICATIONS</b> INCLUDE METHODOLOGICAL MATERIALS, EXAMPLES OF GOOD PRACTICE AND ANALYSIS.
<b>1,900 PEOPLE</b> RECEIVE REGULAR UPDATES ON EVENTS AND NEWS IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION THROUGH VARIANTS NEWS.
<b>3,300 COPIES OF THE BULLETIN</b> FOR SCHOOLS WERE PRINTED ON THE TOPICS OF FOOD SECURITY AND LITERACY.
WE ORGANIZED <b>DOZENS OF EDUCATIONAL EVENTS</b> IN SCHOOLS AND OUTDOORS. THESE INCLUDED, FOR EXAMPLE, FOUR BLENDED LEARNING COURSES, THREE CONFERENCES AND A SUMMER SCHOOL.
<b>FOUR WEBSITES</b> OFFERED CURRENT NEWS, INTERESTING METHODOLOGICAL MATERIALS AND INSPIRATION FOR SCHOOLS: <a href="http://WWW.VARIANTY.CZ">WWW.VARIANTY.CZ</a> , <a href="http://WWW.RESPEKTNEBOLI.EU">WWW.RESPEKTNEBOLI.EU</a> , <a href="http://WWW.PTAC.CZ">WWW.PTAC.CZ</a> , <a href="http://WWW.ACTIVECITIZENS.CZ">WWW.ACTIVECITIZENS.CZ</a>





Paid household work is job like any other. Increasingly, it is performed by migrant women.

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52 **MIGRATION**

In the Migration programme we cooperate with journalists, experts, NGOs and migrants themselves for the successful integration of foreigners into Czech society. We believe that the ability to participate in public life should be a normal part of life in a foreign country. That's why we offer migrants the opportunity to participate in the public and media space and why we provide journalists with objective and interesting information on migration and migrants in the Czech Republic.

This year we became part of the Variants programme, because our activities in support of community activities and in the area of inclusive education are increasingly intertwined.

**ABOUT US AND WITH US – MIGRANTS IN THE MEDIA**

In recent years, we have gathered together an informal group of migrants, the so called Migrants' Forum, who want to discuss public affairs with us. We also cooperate with them in the creation of a radio programme entitled Crossings, which regularly broadcasts and provides archived segments for download on Czech Radio Wave.

We discuss the impact of European and Czech migration and integration policies in the Czech Republic and the countries of Central Europe. In the project entitled Migration to the Centre we prepare media commentary on issues such as the labour market, family reunification and education.

Our activities involve not only the migrants themselves, but also the wider public. In January, as part of the In the Picture project we announced a competition on the theme of the integration of foreigners, which shows a different side of migration than what we see on television or hear from many politicians. From among the entries the jury selected several of the most interesting spots, which are now seen at festi-

vals and in cinemas in the Czech Republic and abroad. You can also watch them on our website [www.migration4media.net](http://www.migration4media.net).

**INVISIBLE FEMALE WORKERS ON THE LABOUR MARKET**

Women employed in foreign households are indeed nearly invisible, but are an important part of the Czech labour market. Together with other organizations, we are therefore working on a project called *Equal Opportunities on the Threshold of Czech Homes*, which provides necessary information to this specific group of migrants. Our aim is to draw attention to the subject in the media and the public. We organize film screenings and lectures. Through media work, for instance, we tried to influence the decision on the ratification of international conventions on workers in foreign households in the summer of 2012. You can read more about this topic and our project at [www.pracovnicevdomacnosti.cz](http://www.pracovnicevdomacnosti.cz).

**MIGRATION POLICY**

We focus on the impacts of Czech and European migration policies not only in the media but also in practice. Since 2012, we are a member of the Committee on the Rights of Foreigners at the Government Council for Human Rights. Within the Consortium of NGOs working with migrants in the Czech Republic we participate in advocacy activities for the rights of foreigners in the Czech Republic.

Since November 2012 we also cooperate with partners from seven other European cities on a project entitled *MiStra – Migrant Inclusion Strategies in European Cities*, whose aim is to exchange experiences with inclusive policies.

**BUDGET: 14,109 EUR**

**Funding:** EU Funds and Programmes – European Fund for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals, European Social Fund (OPLZZ), EACEA programme Europe for Citizens, EACEA Lifelong Learning Programme, EC – DG Home Affairs

*We organize film screenings and lectures on migrant women employed in foreign households.*



Thanks to the fashion show by Ethiopian designer Fikirte Addis, the Czech media raised awareness about child labour.

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**DEVELOPMENT AWARENESS**

For nine years now the Development Awareness Programme has been informing professionals, the general public and the media about global issues and development cooperation in context. We work with politicians, government, professionals, academics, other non-profit organizations, students, journalists and companies. The main information channel is [www.rozvojovka.cz](http://www.rozvojovka.cz) and the facebook profile at [facebook.com/rozvojovka](https://facebook.com/rozvojovka).

**WE SUPPORT THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

We connect non-profit organizations in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary and Poland, and strive to open up and coordinate public debate about the developing world and cooperation in Europe's development policy. In 2012 as part of the V4 Aid project we organized a study tour for nine deputies from across the political spectrum in Ethiopia. We prepared an e-learning course for 48 students of journalism and other relevant fields. We also published the Development Awareness magazine. The project financially supported the work trips of journalists Adam Hájek (iDNES.cz) and Milan Vodička (MF DNES) to Mongolia and Angola.

**LET'S STOP HUNGER!**

In 2012, we and other NGOs connected with Alliance2015 launched a campaign called Food Right Now, which aims to inform young people in the Czech Republic, France, Italy, Ireland and Germany about the issue of hunger in the global context. The campaign began at the World Food Day on October 16 with the launch of a website, information through the media and competitions. On this topic, we also prepared a special attachment entitled World Hunger and Thirst in the Lidové noviny newspaper.

**STOP CHILD LABOUR**

As part of an international campaign that aims to contribute to the eradication of child labour, we pre-

pared a photographic exhibition called *Stolen Childhood*, which was seen by several thousand people in more than 10 municipalities. In the spring we announced a competition for young people entitled *Find a Story of Child Labour*, the winners of which took a study trip to Ghana, where at meetings with experts, representatives of NGOs and local people they became acquainted with projects that succeed in effectively combating child labour. After their return, we organized a series of public events and published articles and videos about the situation in Ghana.

On World Day against Child Labour on 12 June, in Prague's Lucerna Theatre we presented a show by Ethiopian fashion designer Fikirte Addis, which raised awareness of unacceptable child labour in the weaving industry. The most important Czech media covered the activities and focused on the issue of child labour. In 2012 we published a book entitled Child Labour, containing articles, current data, interviews, surveys of experts and suggestions for solving the problem.

**THE PRICE OF WATER**

A three-year campaign *The Price of Water* culminated in 2012 in activities aiming to inform the Czech public about global scarcity and poor water quality in developing countries. We published a supplement entitled Health in the Právo newspaper and a supplement entitled World Hunger and Thirst in the Lidové noviny newspaper. Reporter Jaromír Marek of Czech Radio received financial support for a trip to India, from where he reported to 10 media outlets. In addition, Czech media published over 70 other articles, for example for World Toilet Day. For students from Prague and Brno, we held four public lectures and 26 other events across the country. In 13 cities we helped organize an exhibition entitled *Water Before Gold*.

**BUDGET: 223,968 EUR**

**Funding:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, EuropeAid

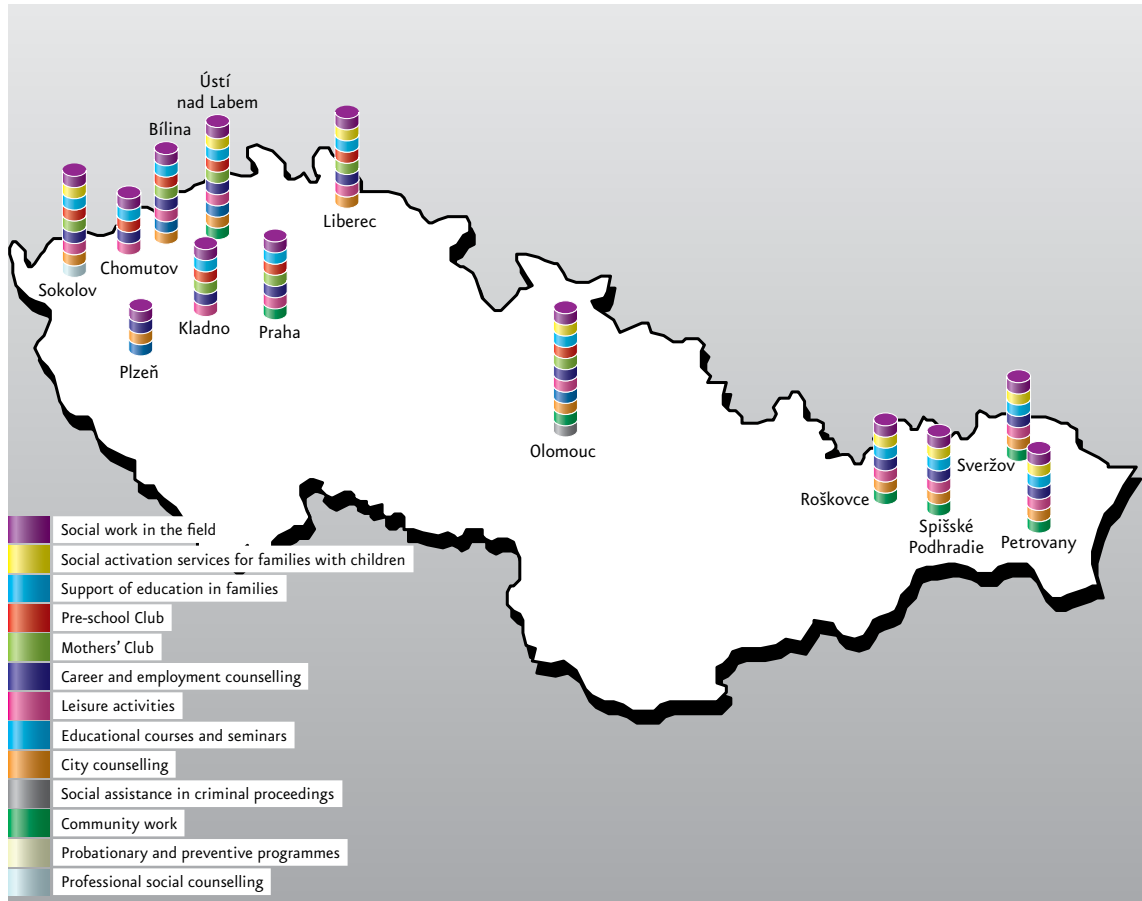




SOCIAL  
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PROGRAMMES

The Social Integration Programme offers services to individuals as well as to families as a whole.  
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Our counselling is based on an individual approach.  
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## SOCIAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMMES

Within the framework of the Social Integration Programme (SIP) in 2012 we worked in about 60 cities across the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Our team consists of over 200 staff, including social workers, counsellors, educators and coordinators, and an integral part of it is also approximately 350 volunteers whose energy and enthusiasm are applied primarily when working with children.

Our main goal is to provide social counselling to people from poor areas. Unfortunately, their numbers are constantly increasing and based on the statistics, we can say that this trend will continue to grow in the years to come.

Unemployment, especially in some areas, is reaching critical levels. The broken housing market pushes many families into socially excluded localities or housing. The Czech educational system also has not undergone the necessary changes and is still not able to support schoolchildren who come from this environment.

### WE PROMOTE SYSTEMIC CHANGES IN EDUCATION AND THE ISSUE OF DEBT

We pay great attention to children and their education. In pre-school clubs we prepare kindergartners for school enrolment and we work with schoolchildren to improve school performance. We also help older people find ways to further develop and apply their skills. We also focus on children's leisure time. We do all of this with the active participation of parents, whose involvement is an important part of all educational activities.

In addition to educational programmes, we focus primarily on the elimination of the negative impacts of living in an environment of social exclusion. We offer individuals and families support in finding solutions to problems related mainly to inadequate housing, long-term unemployment and high debt.

We also try to apply our knowledge and experience in the field to promote necessary systemic changes. As part of the *Law Favours the Smart* and the *Index of Ethical Lending* campaigns we work long-term to eliminate the causes which in recent years have led to the extreme indebtedness of Czech society.

At all levels, we are trying to promote the principles of inclusive education through methodological manuals and we provide analysis of useful information to professionals and the general public.

### BUDGET: 3,266,213 EUR

**Funding:** AZ Sanace a.s., Březina Jan, Centrum Kašpar, o.s., Černý Daniel, Czech-German Chamber of Commerce, ČSOB, Dvořáková Hana, Ernst & Young, s.r.o., Fryc Ondřej, Gaži Milan, the City of Prague, IBM ČR, the Karlovy Vary Region, Konsorcium Invence, Kotec, o.s., Köttnerová Renata, the Liberec Region, the municipality of Bílina, the municipality of Hrádek nad Nisou, the municipality of Chodov, the municipality of Jáchymov, the municipality of Jeseník, the municipality of Sokolov, the municipality of Sušice, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Labour and Social AffairsMinistry of JusticeMinistry of Education, Youth and Sports, O2 Foundation, Open Society Fund Prague, Tereza Maxova Foundation, Vodafone Foundation, ALBERT Endowment Fund, Patria Endowment Fund, Navreme Boheme, s.r.o., NET4GAS, s.r.o., Novák Vítězslav, Světlo Kadaň, o.s., the Olomouc Region, Plavecká Helena, the Plzeň Region, Roma Education Fund, Sociofaktor Olomouc, the city of Karlovy Vary, the city of Olomouc, the city of Plzeň, the city of Písek, the city of Ústí nad Labem, the Central Bohemia Region, Švehla Antonín, the Public School "de Dubbelster", Trading M&K, a.s., UniCredit Foundation, Labour Office of the Czech Republic, Labour Office of Karlovy Vary, Labour Office of Liberec, Labour Office of Sokolov, Labour Office of Ústí nad Labem, Office of the Government of the Czech Republic, Ústecký Region, Ústí nad Labem Elementary School, Hlavní 193, University of West Bohemia in Plzeň

## SOCIAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMMES – FAMILY

People struggling with extreme poverty usually have many problems to deal with that are closely related and mutually dependent. Their unfavourable situation affects not only them alone, but all family members, including children. That is why we offer our services not only to individuals, but direct our support primarily to the family as a whole.

The client and the social worker resolve the situation together with other organizations and institutions. For example, they often work together with the Department of Social and Legal Protection of Children, the Labour Office, psycho-educational counselling, schools, the Police of the Czech Republic or other non-profit organizations.

The aim of this cooperation is primarily to prevent family breakdown caused by the removal of children and to establish a gradual stabilization of the family environment. In 2012, we contributed in some cases to the return of a number of children from institutional care back to the family.

### WE USE AN INDIVIDUAL APPROACH

When dealing with people we try to ensure that the support we provide to families and individuals does not lead to passivity, but to the acquisition of new skills. We make sure that the people we work with gain confidence in their own abilities and are able to resolve their problems in the future by themselves. Our counselling is therefore based on an individual approach to our clients. Their active participation in finding solutions to life's problems is a prerequisite for mutual cooperation.

In 2012, we provided a total of 19 registered social services, used by 4,797 people, with whom we resolved a total of 8,933 matters. Among the most common areas of support were job-search assistance, housing, debt counselling, support in caring for children or dealing with health problems.

A separate chapter in this annual report is devoted to housing and debt. The attempt to provide job-

search assistance in 2012 was often unsuccessful. This is due to the fact that the elevated unemployment rate in the regions where we work climbed to record highs. It is difficult to find a job here, even for people with much better qualifications than our clients.

### WORK WITH CHILDREN

Perhaps our greatest emphasis is on working with children, who suffer the most from living in adverse social circumstances. We operate drop-in facilities in four cities where we offer meaningful leisure activities to children and young people aged six to 26 years. Through various activities we support the knowledge that they will need in life. We do not avoid topics such as relationships, family, health, work and money management.

In individual work children can confide their troubles and worries and the staff of the clubs help them resolve these problems or tell them where to find appropriate help. An integral part of the activities of the club is also preparation for school. In addition to improving the children's grades we try to prevent problems such as truancy.

SELECTED PROVIDED ASSISTANCE	NUMBER OF CLIENTS
SOCIAL WORK IN THE FIELD	3,606
SOCIAL ACTIVATION SERVICES	420
CAREER COUNSELLING	365
EMPLOYMENT COUNSELLING	588
SUPPORT OF EDUCATION IN FAMILIES	506
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS	171
PSI OVERALL	5,656





Our pre-school clubs are for children aged from three to seven years.  
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## SOCIAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMMES – EDUCATION

Access to the Czech education system for children with special educational needs has not changed. There were no closures of primary schools and there likely will not be any next year either. Neither has the attitude of Czech society changed, which normally approves the status quo, when these children are placed in substandard segregated schools, and thus are destined for failure later in life.

These kids do not have the same start in life as their peers. The very environment in which they grow up creates a social handicap, which without adequate support they are unable to overcome. An even more basic obstacle is the contradictory perception of the value and importance of education on the part of the parents. They usually have incomplete primary education, often obtained at a special school, and they then regard this level as being acceptable for their children as well. Their education is also significantly deformed by everyday existential concerns.

Children growing up in poor neighbourhoods also practically never attend kindergarten. Sporadic annual attendance in the preparatory class can hardly compensate for the profound deficit in education and training. If we also add the significant language handicap and a very limited knowledge of standard literary Czech, we have the foundation of a mosaic predetermining the child for failure right from the beginning of school.

### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES

The main aim of our teaching staff is therefore to keep children in mainstream primary schools. Only there can they gain the knowledge that they can later apply in the labour market. We start working with the children from kindergarten age; then we keep track

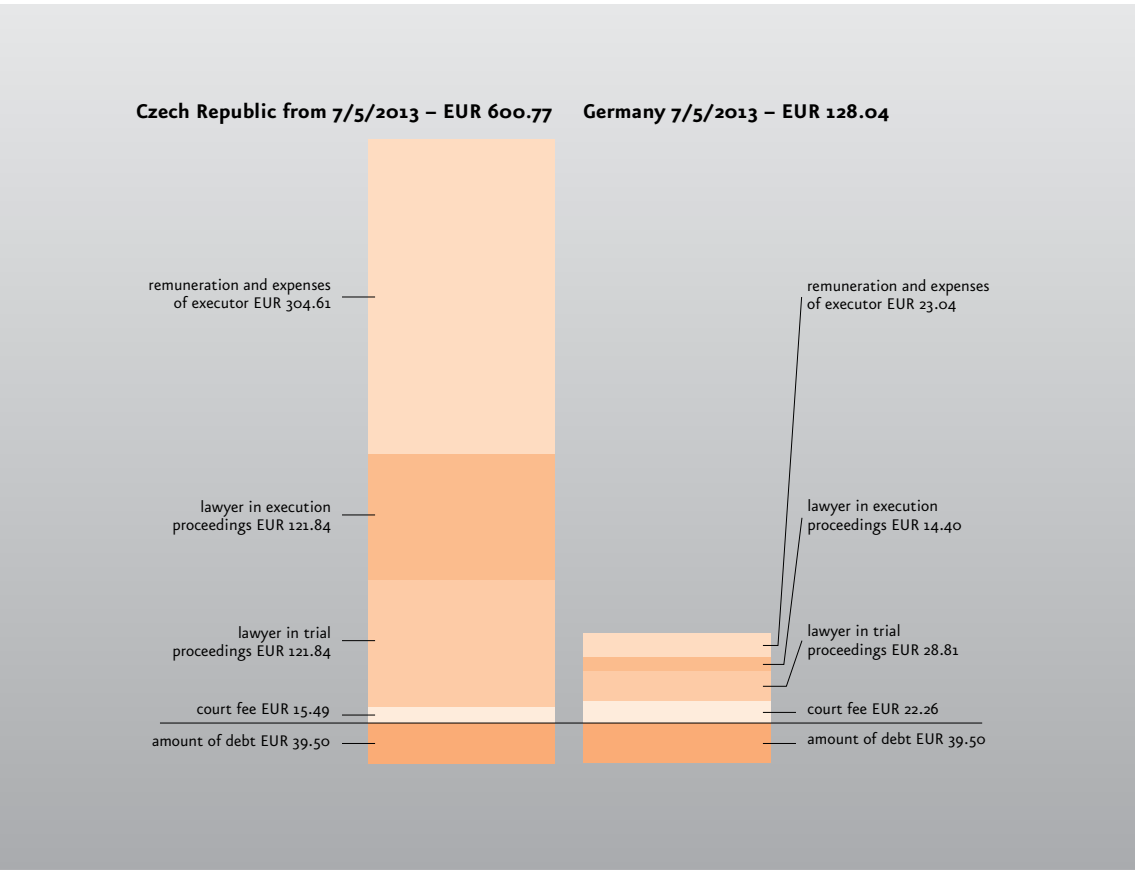
of them at school and prepare them for further education. Our regional offices are involved in the planning processes that lead to the inclusion of children with special educational needs into mainstream education: We persuade local schools, their directors, teachers and parents of the need to introduce inclusive education in practice.

There are pre-school clubs for children from three to seven years old. Their content is designed according to the general education programme for kindergarten. Their activities also involve working with parents and motivating them to take a greater interest in their children's education. In 2012 we prepared three manuals on this subject: *Pre-school Clubs – Work Methodology, Theory and Practice*, *Mothers' Club – Support for Families of Kindergartners* and *System Connections – Kindergarten Education*.

Our educators help children who have already entered primary school with homework. In 2012, in cooperation with volunteers we tutored about 200 children. We tried to improve communication between families and the school, to motivate children to succeed and especially to help them with specific subjects with which they had the biggest problem. We support older children by means of a system of retro-scholarships and through career counselling we help them prepare for their next educational journey.

Our educational programmes also focus on teachers. In 2012, as part of the *Surviving Kindergarten* course we trained more than 100 kindergarten teachers in the education of socially disadvantaged children. Fifty teachers attended specialized training in the *Grunnlaget* method. For those who wanted to but did not manage to attend the course, last year we prepared a methodological guide entitled *The Grunnlaget Method: A Conceptual Teaching Model*.

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A comparison of the structure of the debt burden in Germany and the Czech Republic upon recovery of 39.50 EUR.

## SOCIAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMMES – DEBT

Extreme debt is one of the main generators of poverty in the Czech Republic. The number of executions in recent years has increased enormously, approaching one million annually. With the increasing number of borrowers, more and more companies are appearing on the market to make money from this situation. The economic crisis guarantees them enough clients.

In the Czech Republic there are about 34,000 non-bank lenders. Many of them have built their business far more on the enforcement of penalties for late payment than on financial services as such. Arbitration, extremely high interest, fee reminders, confusing terms and conditions – these are just some of the weapons they use. There are many other companies that make money from debt. These include debt relief agencies, which while promising debt relief, ultimately make the situation even worse.

The number of people led to the margins of society by debt has unfortunately not decreased. In fact, debt problems are becoming more and more common among middle class people. Our debt counsellors help contact creditors to negotiate repayment schedules or find other solutions that would gradually free them from a debt trap.

### LAW FAVOURS THE SMART

In addition to direct work in the field, our staff analyse the reasons for this dismal state and seek to contribute to changing it. As part of the *Law Favours the Smart* campaign, we advocate particular changes in costs associated with the recovery of debt.

In 2012, we first tried to find the political support necessary to promote changes in the law governing the fees that lawyers collect for their debt recovery services. Now this item is a major contributor to the fact that even petty debts can during the recovery

process grow into unimagined proportions. In their work our staff sometimes encounter absurd situations, such as when debt of CZK 1 balloons due to various charges and legal fees to nearly CZK 22,000.

Though not approved by lawmakers, the required changes (introduction of local bailiff offices and enactment of the principle that trivial claims are automatically not reimbursed fees for legal services), in early 2013 the Constitutional Court annulled the so-called predicative decree determining lump sum remuneration paid to the lawyer of the winning side in civil disputes.

Lawyers therefore get less money, for example for so-called form-based petitions, typical in the case of fines for ticketless passengers on urban transport.

### INDEX OF ETHICAL LENDING

The Index of Ethical Lending has for several years provided a transparent tool that compares the ethics and transparency of leading providers of consumer loans from non-banking companies. Thanks to the strong media pressure and systematic negotiations, major changes were made in the majority of these companies as well as the Czech Leasing and Finance Association.

The most progress was achieved in the field of arbitration clauses, but changes have occurred in other parameters as well. Compared to last year, there were significant changes especially in the way companies enforce their claims. It can be said that the largest non-bank companies have become leaders in taking an ethical approach to borrowers.

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Inadequate housing is among the most common problems that we help to solve.

Photo: © Iva Zímová, Olomí, Czech Republic 2013

## SOCIAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMMES – HOUSING

Finding adequate housing is one of the most common problems that our staff work on resolving with clients. Families mostly need information and access to the supply of available apartments on real estate websites, support in telephone contact with owners or real estate agents, support and assistance in the negotiations themselves and when searching for an apartment, consulting about contractual documents, negotiation of warranties and deposits, and dealing with the Labour Office.

### CURRENT STATE OF THE HOUSING MARKET

According to statistics, in the Czech Republic there are more than 450,000 vacant housing units. There is therefore a sufficient capacity of vacant apartments for all who need rental housing. Supply does not always coincide with demand, of course, but this figure illustrates the fact that building new capacity is pointless. Why is there no effective system to help people in time before they find themselves on the street? Why do so many people still live in socially excluded localities?

### PEOPLE IN LODGING HOUSES AND DISCRIMINATION IN THE HOUSING MARKET

One reason is that lodging houses are not simply used in cases of emergency, but often are used as permanent housing. It is necessary to get people out of lodging houses and into vacant housing on the market so that people who really need the lodging houses can use them in a crisis. This can be done, for example, by removing the barriers preventing the entry of these families into the system of adequate rental housing.

*Asylum houses unfortunately do not fulfil their primary function, because they are often used as permanent housing. It is necessary to get people out of lodging houses and into vacant housing on the market so that people who really need the lodging houses can use them in a crisis.*

Another factor that reduces the chance of families succeeding in the open housing market is discrimination. In behavioural economics there is a general relationship between the size of the subject and the degree of risk aversion. The larger the subject, the less risk aversion it has. On the other hand, small subjects and individuals tend to have a maximum aversion to risk.

According to this theory, it is clear that in a situation where most rental apartments are owned by individuals (such as in the Czech Republic) there will also be a major threat of discrimination. Individual apartment owners try to find the least risky tenants and to

achieve this it helps to exercise prejudice. Regardless of social status and differences the Roma therefore face hindered access to the housing market.

### ACCESS TO MUNICIPALITIES

This situation applies analogously to municipalities, regions and the state, where the role of the small entity is represented by the municipality,

for which there is also the biggest risk that they will commit discriminatory acts. The only way to effectively address the existence of socially excluded localities is their elimination by means of the eviction of families to ordinary housing.

This, however, creates enormous opposition among voters who live there. Taking an enlightened approach, especially in small towns, is tantamount to political suicide. The solution in most cases unfortunately is moving undesirable citizens somewhere else, preferably outside the municipality. The problem is therefore not addressed, only moved from one place to another, and over time it gains strength.



The aim of the Interethnic Dialogue project is to remove barriers to communication between Roma and the majority population.

Photo: © Ondřej Poduška, Prešovsko, Slovakia 2010

## SOCIAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMMES – SLOVAKIA

Our branch has been operating in Slovakia since 2004. Its activities are concentrated in four community centres, located in Petrovany, Rožkovce, Sveržov, and Spišské Podhradí. The staff of the centre provide services and advice to people from the local Roma settlements and work together with the local government to start up effective policies that would improve the appalling living conditions in these settlements.

### SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN

We also pay great attention to Slovak children. In the centre we operate low-threshold clubs that offer a convenient, safe and accessible space for meaningful leisure. Using a variety of educational, artistic and sports activities, camps and excursions we try to contribute to the personal development of children. An important part of our activities is motivation, which is supported by a fair scoring system that primarily takes into account activity and effort to better oneself.

The staff of community centres help children by means of individual lessons and tutoring. The centres focus on overcoming barriers in education. University student volunteers help children with tutoring and work together with parents to create adequate conditions for home preparation. The programme mainly involves children from the last grade of primary school so that they are prepared to enter secondary school.

Another educational service that we provide is career counselling, the primary objective of which is to encourage children to continue their studies. Advisors help young people choose the right programme and school, fill in applications and prepare them for entrance exams.

### HOUSING

The Housing Support Programme is aimed at improving the living conditions of people living in the unsuitable environments of Roma settlements. Individual projects are prepared by professionals, such as architects, economists and lawyers, as well as the families themselves, who thus from the very start have the opportunity to influence their future housing.

In 2012 during the Participative Architecture Workshop we sketched the first concrete projects to help the people of the village of Kojatice to achieve adequate housing. In addition to cooperating with architects local people prepared and – in conjunction with the non-profit organization

ETP Slovakia – started saving basic financial resources that will be used in the construction of new homes. In September 2012, the project received support from the grant programme Energy for Life 2012 from the Endowment Fund of Slovak Power Plants.

### SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Another area that we focus on in Slovakia is the promotion of human rights. In October 2012, our office became a member of the Expert Group for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings. We also conducted a project called Assistance and Reintegration of Child Victims of Trafficking, which responds to the growing trend of child trafficking. As part of the Interethnic Dialogue project we worked on increasing the capacity of young people to alleviate stress in a mixed Roma and non-Roma environment. The aim of the project is to identify existing and potential conflicts and to propose possible solutions to mitigate them.





A goat from the Real Gift charity e-shop journeyed to the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo, where we are helping families recover their livelihoods.

Photo: © Lucie Pařízková, Democratic Republic of Congo 2012

## CLUB OF FRIENDS, REAL AID, REAL GIFT

Donations gradually collected in the People in Need Club of Friends allow us to help victims of natural disasters and wars as quickly as possible. After an earthquake, for example, we do not waste valuable time gradually collecting money, but can respond immediately at a time when speed can mean more lives saved.

During the year we acquired almost 1,700 new regular donors. As of December 2012 the People in Need Club of Friends had more than 8,500 members. Half of their contributions are used for direct humanitarian aid around the world, a quarter to help the politically persecuted and to develop civil society in totalitarian countries, and another quarter for the development of the organization, caring for members and attracting new donors.

Thanks to donations collected through the Club of Friends, in 2012 we were able to help people in **Afghanistan, Myanmar, South Sudan, Cambodia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Pakistan** and **Syria** and support people suffering under oppressive regimes in the **post-Soviet sphere**, in **Cuba** and in **Myanmar**.

The most significant aid provided by the Club Friends was for **Syria**. The war in this country intensified in the course of the year and we were one of the few organizations able to provide assistance to people in the north. In Aleppo and other cities we distributed blankets, medicine and food. We managed to establish a number of medical facilities.

If you believe that helping others is the right thing and you like what we are doing, take part by becoming a member of the People in Need Club of Friends. **All you have to do is register at [www.peopleinneed.cz/club](http://www.peopleinneed.cz/club).**

### REAL AID

Hundreds of thousands of people die each year from diseases that are easily preventable. Poverty and related problems kill more people each year than all the ongoing wars combined. Children are deprived of basic education and many poor people in developing coun-

tries, despite all efforts, fail to feed themselves and their families. This is why we created the Real Aid project, a long-term collection aimed at supporting our development projects. The largest portion of donations in 2012 were used in **Ethiopia**, where we build schools, support a dormitory for orphans and help local farmers.

People in Need is looking for donors who choose to regularly pay even a small amount, such as ten crowns a day. Even this small amount can save lives. By the end of the year the collection was supported by nearly 4,300 individuals and companies. In 2012 their regular donations helped people in **Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Mongolia, Cambodia** and **the Democratic Republic of Congo**. The stories of people who have received gifts as well as project descriptions are available at [www.skutecnapomoc.cz](http://www.skutecnapomoc.cz).

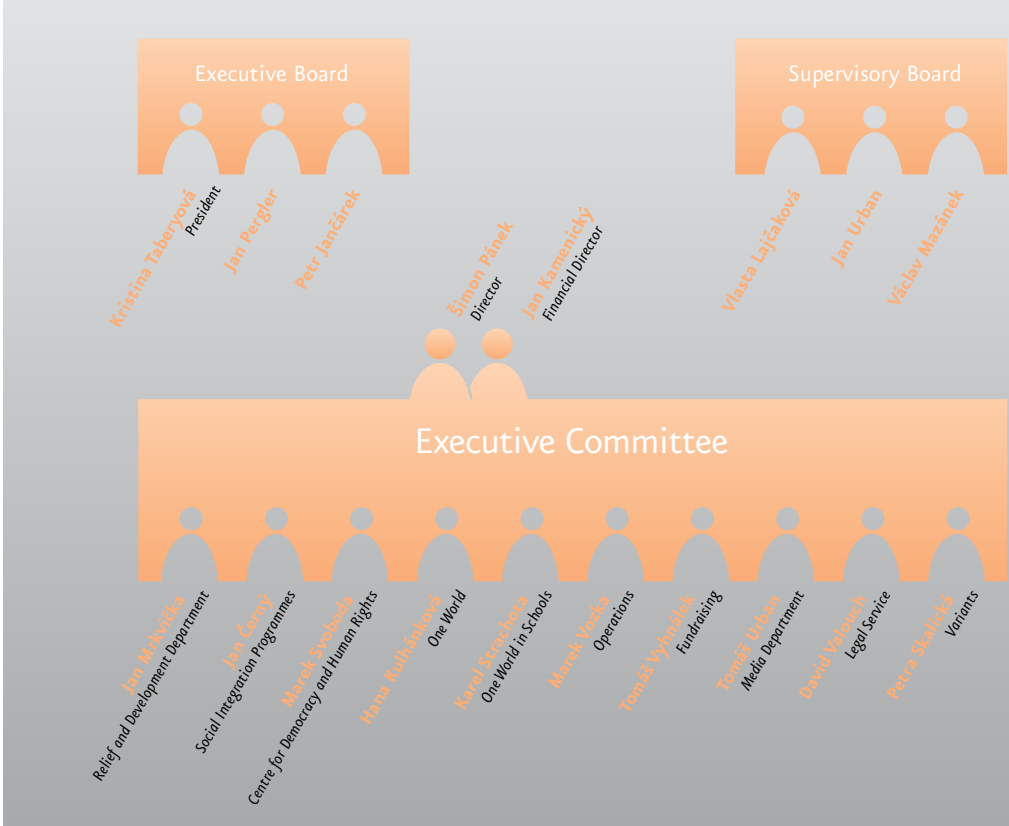
### REAL GIFT

In 2012, the sale of gift certificates continued in our charity e-shop at [www.real-gift.org](http://www.real-gift.org). New gifts have been added (toilets, sheep, seeds) that correspond to the needs of foreign missions. Donors in the course of the year bought almost 20,000 gift certificates. The complete proceeds from their sale is part of the collection of the Real Aid project.

Thanks to the Real Gift project, in 2012 poor people in Africa and Asia received 2,249 goats, 130 sheep, 40 rabbits, one cow, seven buffalo and 200 chickens. We built one new school and repaired others. Students sat at 192 new desks, received 18 new blackboards and their teachers were trained how to teach better. We supported 74 obstetrics centres, and thanks to our support 130 families acquired biodigesters.

We started to build latrines to prevent the spread of disease. Over 300 poor farm families received new tools to enable them to stand on their own feet. Thanks to the Real Gift project 2,678 children received baby food. We also distributed many other gifts.

## MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE OF PEOPLE IN NEED



## OUR STAFF

**Bold print denotes staff as of 31 May 2013**

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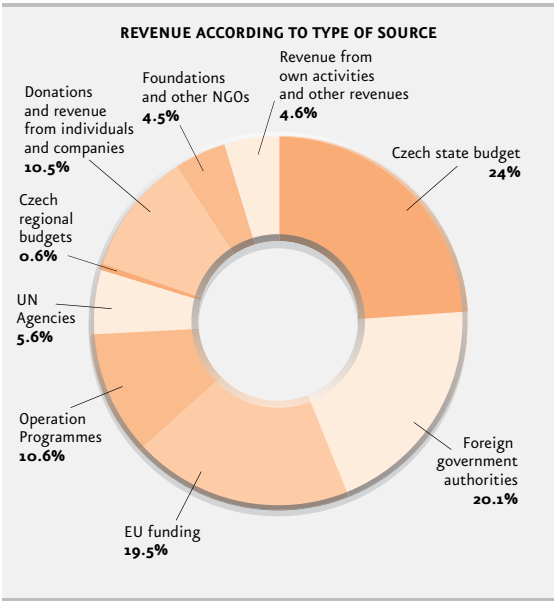


ORGANIZATION’S REVENUE IN 2012

Source of Revenue	EUR	EUR
<b>STATE BUDGET OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC</b>		
Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic	159 109	
Ministry of Defence of the Czech Republic	3 978	
Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic	523 086	
Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic	108 552	
Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic	14 019	
MEDEVAC programme	5 696	
other funding by Ministry of Interior	8 323	
<b>Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic</b>		
Czech Development Agency	3 905 747	
Department of Human Rights and Transformation Policy	549 804	
Department of Development Cooperation	456 852	
Department of Public Diplomacy	5 581	
Agora partnership	17 699	
Security and multilateral section	5 185	
Other grants of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic	28 185	
Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic	91 067	
State Fund for Czech Cinematography	72 728	
The Office of the Government of the Czech Republic	35 588	
Other funding from the Czech State Budget	847	
<b>FOREIGN GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES</b>		
Japan (Embassy of Japan)	56 445	
Germany	344 914	
Czech-German Future Fund	4 943	
GIZ – Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit	93 997	
Welthungerhilfe partnership	245 974	
Slovak Republic (SAMRS – Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation)	4 803	
World Bank (MRRD Afghanistan)	787 722	
Spain (Rescate)	640 954	
Taiwan (TFD – TAIWAN FOUNDATION for DEMOCRACY)	9 187	
USA	776 252	
Institute for War & Peace Reporting	21 836	
NED – National Endowment for Democracy	426 967	
United States Department of State	44 776	
USAID – DAI	62 429	
USAID – IRC	135 148	
USAID U.S. Agency	56 800	
Embassy of USA	8 296	
<b>Great Britain</b>		
British council	8 306	
DFID – Department for International Development	2 378 596	
Other foreing income	14 810	
<b>EU FUNDING – EUROPEAN COMMISION AND EU DELEGATION</b>		
DG Education and culture	109 676	
EACEA – The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency	93 258	
Slovak government agency IUVENTA	16 418	
<b>DG justice and home affairs</b>		
Center for the Study of Democracy	12 141	
direct grants	101 213	
<b>ECHO</b>		
through ACTED	957 776	
through Concern Worldwide	568 066	
through DanChurchAid	171 275	
through Welthungerhilfe	35 859	
direct grants	1 823 046	
<b>EuropeAid – Development and Co-operation</b>		
through ACTED	26 420	
through CESVI	25 708	
through Delegation of the European Union to Russia	4 472	
through DEMAS	22 695	
through HIVOS	21 348	
through PAH Poland partnership	19 097	
through Partners for Democratic Change	18 545	
direct grants	930 399	
European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI)	11 210	
Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)	13 775	
Other funding by EC	3 297	
<b>OPERATION PROGRAMMES (combined funds of EU and state budget)</b>		
Operation programme Employment and Social Inclusion ZASi	111 669	
HREOP – Operation Programme Human Resources and Employment	1 518 441	
Karlovy Vary Region IP	199 766	
Liberec Region IP	262 436	
Olomouc Region IP	159 952	
Plzeň Region IP	274 060	
Central Bohemia Region IP	19 205	
Ústí nad Labem Region IP	12 143	
Charita Olomouc partnership	14 201	
Kotec o.s. partnership	18 694	
Podané ruce o.s. partnership	8 880	
SIMI ČR partnership	14 929	
Employment Offices	10 236	
Direct OPLZZ grants by Ministry of Employment and Social Affairs	523 939	
<b>PAOP – Prague Adaptability Operational Programme (Direct grant of the City of Prague)</b>		
Education for Competitiveness OP	39 764	
Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports IPO	980 162	
Liberec Region	119 651	
British Council ČR partnership	55 082	
Project Odyssey ČR partnership	27 597	
Plzeň Region	46 589	
Central Bohemia Region	31 106	
Direct ECOP grants of Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports	6 475	
Direct ECOP grants of Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports	693 662	
<b>UN AGENCIES</b>		
OCHA	1 403 229	
UNDP	383 300	
UNICEF	771 268	
UNICEF	248 661	
<b>CZECH REGIONAL BUDGETS</b>		
City of Prague (Department of Culture, Foreign Relations and Tourism)	151 733	
City of Bílina	43 755	
Olomouc Region	16 307	
Statutory city of Karlovy Vary	9 371	
Statutory city of Olomouc	9 944	
Statutory city of Plzeň	15 633	
Statutory city of Ústí nad Labem	17 513	
Statutory city of Ústí nad Labem	21 521	
Other regional budgets	17 689	

Source of Revenue	EUR	EUR
<b>INDIVIDUAL AND CORPORATE DONATIONS (spent in 2012)</b>		
PIN's Club of Friends	644 429	
Direct Donations	386 485	
CSOB	6 908	
Hana Dvořáková	17 508	
HP TRONIC Zlín, spol. s r.o.	6 831	
KOVOTEX, výrobní družstvo invalidů	9 944	
OPTREAL, s.r.o.	19 889	
PentaGen, s.r.o.	3 978	
RENE s.r.o.	5 967	
Sanjiv Suri	12 560	
skupina VSEM	83 173	
Závisí Catering Group, a.s.	4 725	
Zwelandia, spol. s r.o.	7 955	
other donations	207 047	
<b>Public Collections</b>		
Let's build a school in Africa	81 208	
Real Aid	659 518	
SOS Haiti	434 951	
SOS Pakistan	34 008	
SOS Floods Czech Republic	10 684	
SOS Somalia	370 971	
Other Public Collections	5 080	
<b>FOUNDATIONS AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS</b>		
American Library Association (ALA)	13 700	
CEE Trust	64 364	
Centre for Development Innovation	126 829	
Civitas	12 897	
Concern	34 559	
Fórum dárců, o.s.	6 762	
Foundation Open Society Institute	63 652	
Inštitút pre dobré spravovanu spoločnosť	40 446	
Nadace Crocodile	39 853	
Nadace O2	28 140	
Nadace Open Society Fund Praha	10 008	
Nadace Vodafone	31 802	
Nadácia Milana Šimečku	4 023	
Nadácia otvorenej spoločnosti	4 148	
Nadácia pre deti Slovenska	6 361	
Nadační fond AVAST	112 966	
Nadační fond Patria	6 840	
Alliance2015	130 898	
Roma Educational Fund	19 296	
UniCredit Foundation	117 133	
Welthungerhilfe	226 636	
Other foundations and NGOs	12 565	
<b>REVENUE FROM OWN ACTIVITIES AND OTHER REVENUE</b>		
Exchange rate profits	322 637	
Teaching activities	5 545	
Revenue from sale of assets, products and materials	37 169	
Desk services	12 030	
Sponsor donations	59 013	
Crocodile ČR, spol. s r.o.	39 777	
Závisí Catering Group, a.s.	19 236	
Interests	5 854	
Ticket sales and film festival promotion	117 694	
Revenue from the café at Langhans Centre	6 867	
Revenue from the Koněvova residential house	43 868	
Revenue from financial assets	16 665	
Revenue from settlement of assets depreciation purchased from grants	301 094	
Contract for CDI – Center for Development Innovation	30 788	
Contract for National Biodigester Programme Cambodia	15 697	
Contract for DETA Mazar	23 038	
Contract for Navreme Boheme	7 160	
Contract for ZŠ Ústí nad Labem – Mojžíř	12 955	
Other contracts	14 346	
Other revenue	113 980	
<b>TOTAL</b>		
	24 968 644	

This summary includes the revenue of our organization for 2012. Revenue from donations and grants is only mentioned up to the amount actually used during the year. If a donation or grant is not fully spent throughout the current year, the remaining amount can be used for future years.



ORGANIZATION’S COSTS IN 2012

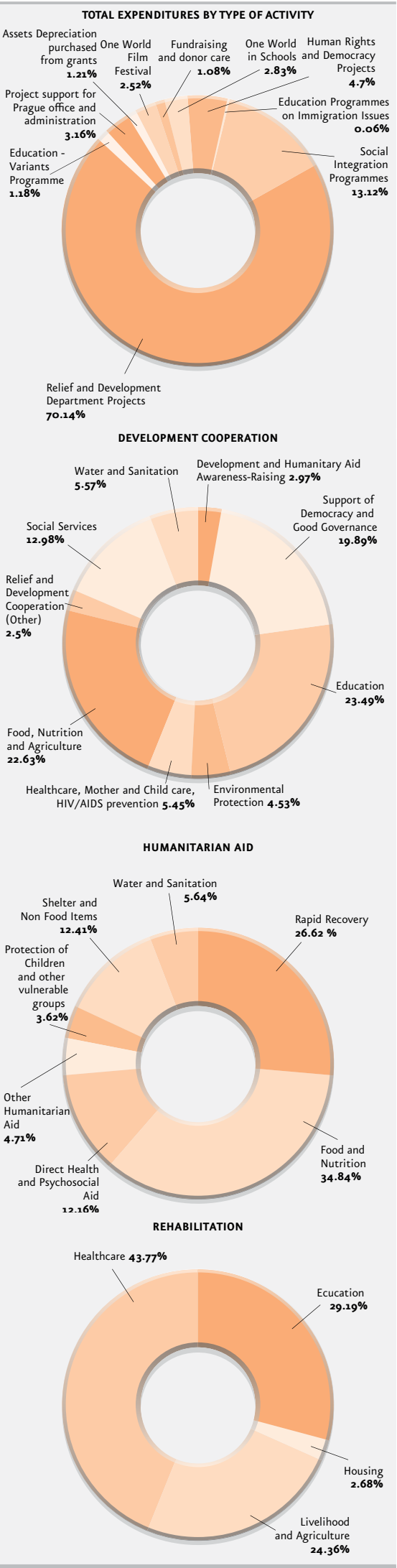
Type of Activity	EUR
<b>Project Support from Prague Office and Administration</b>	
Assets Depreciation Purchased from Grants	787 855
One World Film Festival	301 094
Fundraising and Donor Care	626 379
One World in Schools	270 061
Human Rights and Democracy Projects	704 182
LPR Azerbaijan	2 771
LPR Belarus	125 680
LPR Myanmar	283 714
LPR Cuba	262 812
LPR Egypt	34 073
LPR Libya	56 416
LPR Moldova	163 860
LPR Other	71 555
LPR Russia	107 633
LPR Syria	4 926
LPR Ukraine	56 520
Human Rights and Democracy Projects	1 169 960
Educational Programmes on Immigration Issues	14 109
<b>Social Integration Programmes</b>	
SIP Social Activation Services for Parents and Children	459 387
SIP Social Assistant to the Police	45 817
SIP Children and Youth Drop-in Centre	177 101
SIP Other	234 847
SIP Education Support	344 885
SIP Employment Advisory	182 469
SIP Pre-school Education	317 264
SIP Educational and Social Programs in Slovakia	264 665
SIP Field Social Work	1 103 969
SIP Education Support	135 809
Social Integration Programmes	3 266 213
<b>Relief and Development Department Projects</b>	
RDD Awareness Raising	223 968
RDD Development Civil Society & Governance	1 500 784
RDD Development Education	1 772 369
RDD Development Environmental Protection	341 734
RDD Development Health, Mother and Child Care & HIV-AIDS prevention	411 106
RDD Development Livelihoods & Agriculture	1 707 698
RDD Development Other	188 686
RDD Development Social services	979 587
RDD Development Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	420 617
RDD Development	7 546 549
RDD Relief Early Recovery (e.g. Cash for Work)	2 099 787
RDD Relief Food Security, Nutrition & Food Aid	2 748 591
RDD Relief Health & Psycho-Social Support	959 025
RDD Relief Other	371 569
RDD Relief Protection	285 935
RDD Relief Shelter, Settlement & Non-Food Items	979 261
RDD Relief Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	444 588
RDD Relief	7 888 756
RDD Rehabilitation Education	359 041
RDD Rehabilitation Housing	32 925
RDD Rehabilitation Livelihoods & Agriculture	299 694
RDD Rehabilitation Health	538 400
RDD Rehabilitation	1 230 060
RDD Other	796 051
Relief and Development Department Projects	17 461 416
Variants Program Education	294 753
<b>TOTAL</b>	
	24 896 022

In 2012, People in Need arranged additional development projects in the total amount of 7, 9 million EUR. These funds were neither costs nor revenue of People in Need and therefore do not appear in Profit-Loss Account. Through the mediation of the Afghan Ministry of Rural Reconstruction and Development, The World Bank provided funds for Afghan community development councils. People in Need participated as a technical adviser in the preparation and development of the projects.

FUNDS RECEIVED FROM DONORS AND PROVIDED TO PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMON PROJECTS

Partner Organization	EUR
Armenian UN Association	12 005
Človek v ohrození – občianské združenie	-229
Společnost Tady a Teď, o.p.s.	33 205
Foundation for Development of Democratic Rights	50 958
Partners for Democratic Change Slovakia, o.z.	17 583
Polska Akcja Humanitarna	54 283
Platforma mimovládnych rozvojových organizácií	46 937
Multi-purpose Community Development Project	12 904
Ester o.s.	11 778
Hope and Help	320
Iniciativa za prava osoba sa mentalnim invaliditetom MDRI-S	37 326
SUMERO-Union of Association for Assisting people With Intellectual Disability of Federation Bosnia and Herzegovina	52 954
Kosovo Mental Disability Rights Initiative	28 706
Ryazan Human Rights Memorial Society	6 771
PECKA – Centrum celoživotního vzdělávání Karlovy Vary, o.p.s.	7 150
Shiny Day Social Services Association	15 028
Tkibuli District Development Fund	1 980
Municipality of Sveržov	4 953
Municipality of Petrovany	4 926
<b>TOTAL</b>	
	399 538

People in Need is involved in many projects implemented with partner organizations, mainly in position of the leading agency. Funds provided to partners are not the costs or revenue of PIN and do not appear in Profit-Loss Account.





**AUDITOR'S STATEMENT TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND FOUNDERS  
OF THE ČLOVĚK V TÍSNI, O.P.S. (PEOPLE IN NEED)**

Based upon our audit, we issued the Auditor's Report dated 27 June 2013 on the financial statements compiled in Czech in accordance with regulations effective in the Czech Republic. The financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 contain the balance sheet, profit and loss account and the notes to the financial statements including the cash flow statement. The Auditor's Report includes the auditor's statement of the following wording:

*"We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Company Člověk v tísni, o.p.s. (PEOPLE IN NEED), which comprise the balance sheet as of 31 December 2012, the profit and loss account from the 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012 and cash flow statement for the year then ended as of 31 December 2012, and notes to financial statements including summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. Information about Company 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**

*The statutory body of Company Člověk v tísni, o.p.s. is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Czech accounting regulations and for such internal control as statutory body determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Hereafter the statutory body is responsible for the 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 our 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. Those laws and regulations 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 disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view 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 financial position of Company Člověk v tísni, o.p.s. as of 31 December 2012, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended as of 31 December 2012 in accordance with Czech accounting regulations."*

In Prague on 30 June 2013

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