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Photo: © Jan Faltus, Ethiopia 2006 / In November 2008 PIN opened a new primary school in the Lower Lenda District.



DEAR FRIENDS,

You have in your hands the report on the sixteenth year of People in Need. The objective of this report is to render our accounts to the public, contributors, and all those who make our work possible, not to portray PIN in a flattering light. Evaluating our work is up to you. The report is based on facts and figures, but the sections describing our activities in text and tables also deserve attention. The financial section gives you a clear view of the resources that we have been entrusted with and how they have been used. Do not expect a report full of incredible development or problem-free solutions. The countries and sectors where we work do not offer such possibilities. From our beginnings, we have chosen to address the most complicated and urgent problems, topics and locations which are also the most difficult to resolve. We believe this is where People in Need is needed most.

In 2008 we experienced growth and development at home and abroad. The volume of our humanitarian and development cooperation grew with the opening of missions in the Congo and Burma and the expansion of projects in a number of other countries. 2008 saw the amazing tenth year of the One World Film Festival in nearly forty towns around the Czech Republic and abroad. The Social Integration Programme continued to address the problem of socially excluded areas, with primarily Roma inhabitants. These projects challenge the majority of society and the political elite to move beyond blame and condemnation and look for rational approaches for the future.

Education and awareness programming remained a priority for us in 2008. More primary and secondary schools joined those already using documentary films through the One World in Schools programme. New information, approaches and teaching methods were expanded by the long-running Variants Programme, and the Human Rights and Democracy Department continued to support democracy and basic human rights in countries where they are only a dream today.

2008 was also a year of challenge. The global financial crisis, the worsening of international relations and the economic and political ambitions of up-and-coming superpowers are new dangers that will affect us all in today's globalized world. I strongly believe that there are answers to these new hazards – after all, in every fairytale the help given by a pauper is the most valuable. Even in a time of economic crisis, we cannot forget that people in many parts of the world are in critical need. In crisis, agreements with authoritative rulers may seem like quick fixes to immediate challenges, but in the long run, democratic partners are needed for true cooperation.

I would like to thank all of my colleagues, in particular our "support" sections. Colleagues who provide financial services and other essential support are the foundation for the activities of the entire organisation. I would also like to give thanks to the volunteers, members of the Club of Friends and donors of public collections, institutions and organisations who support People in Need. We are the link between you and those in need, and without you, our work would not be possible.

Thank you,

Simon Palumh

Partnership & Support:



Photo: © Nigus, Burma 2008 / In the south of Burma, where PIN worked after the destructive cyclone Nargis, problems with water sources and salinated agricultural land persist.



PIN ADMINISTERED WEBPAGES

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

Development Awareness: www.rozvojovka.cz

Real Aid Public Campaign: www.skutecnapomoc.cz

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

Campaign Against Child Labour: www.stopdetskepraci.cz

HIV/AIDS Awareness Raising Campaign: www.virusfreegeneration.cz On-line Catalogue of Handicrafts Produced by Wake Centre, Namibia:

www.nama.cz

Madan Campaign: www.madan.cz

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

Belarus Information Server: www.belcentrum.org

International Committee for Democracy in Cuba: www.icdcprague.org, www.cubalog.eu Raising Awareness on the Human Rights Situation in Cuba: www.hotel-kuba.cz

European Parliamentary Caucus on Burma: www.epcb.eu One World Film Festival: www.oneworld.cz, www.jedensvet.cz

One World in Schools Programme: www.jedensvetnaskolach.cz

Stories of Injustice: www.pribehybezpravi.cz

Media Information: www.bytvobraze.cz

Variants Programme: www.varianty.cz

Awareness Raising Campaign on Political Extremism and Racism: www.chceteho.cz

Social Integration Programmes: www.integracniprogramy.cz Awareness Raising Campaign on the Dangers of Money Lenders: www.spotrebitelskyudel.cz

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ANAEM: Agence Nationale d'Accueil des Etrangers et des Migrations (French National Agency for Foreigners and Migrants) ASRC: Austrian-Swiss Red Cross CEE TRUST: Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe CSO: Civil Society Organisation EC: Delegation of the European Commission ECHO: European Commission Humanitarian Aid Office EEA: European Economic Area ESF: European Social Fund FAMU: Film and TV School of the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague FAO: United Nations Food and Agriculture Program FORS: Czech Forum for Development Cooperation GTZ: Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit – German Technical Cooperation HIVOS: Humanist Institute for Development Cooperation (The Netherlands) HRDC: Human Rights and Democracy Center (PIN)

HRD OP: Human Resources Development Operational Program IBIS: Danish NGO partner

ICDC: International Committee for Democracy in Cuba IDP: Internally displaced person IOM: International Organization on Migration IUVENTA: Slovak State Institute Working with Youth MFA CR: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic NED: National Endowment for Democracy NGO: Non-Governmental Organization NROS: Foundation for the Development of Civil Society NSP: National Solidarity Program (Afghanistan) **OSF**: Open Society Fund Praha **OSI:** Open Society Institute PIN: People in Need SIP: Social Integration Programs (PIN) TFD: Taiwan Foundation for Democracy UN: United Nations **UNDEF:** United Nations Democracy Fund UNESCO: United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization UNICEF: United Nations Children's Fund UN OCHA: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs **USAID**: United States Agency for International Development VOICE: Voluntary Organisations in Cooperation in Emergencies



The areas of activity of People in Need 2008/2009 are marked IN COLOUR.

AREAS OF ACTIVITY 1992–2009

- 1. Afghanistan 2001–2009
- 2. Albania 1993, 1997, 1999
- 3. Angola 2006-2009
- 4. Armenia 1988, 1998, 2003-2009
- 5. Bangladesh 2007
- 6. Belarus 1998-2009
- Bosnia Herzegovina 1993–1998 7.
- 8. Bulgaria 1997
- 9. Burma 1997, 2001–2009
- 10. Cambodia
- 11. Chechnya/Ingushetia 1995, 2000–2006
- 12. Colombia 1999
- 13. Croatia 1993
- 14. Cuba 1997–2008
- 15. Czech Republic 1994–2008
- 16. Democratic Republic of Congo 2008–2009
- 17. Egypt 2002
- 18. Ethiopia 2003–2009
- 19. Georgia 2005–2009
- 20. Great Britain 1997–2000
- 21. Greece 2007-2008
- 22. India 2007
- 23. Indonesia 2006-2007

- 24. Iran 2003-2005
- 25. Iraq 2003-2009
- 26. Jordan 2004-2009
- 27. Kazakhstan 1995–2001
- 28. Kosovo 1998–2004
- 29. Lebanon 2006-2009
- 30. Macedonia 1999
- 31. Moldova 1998, 2003–2009
- 32. Mongolia 1993
- 33. Montenegro 1999–2001
- 34. Nagorno-Karabakh 1992–1993
- 35. Namibia 2003–2009
- 36. Nepal 2006
- 37. North Korea 2002–2003
- 38. Pakistan 2005-2008
- 39. Romania 1995–2009
- 40. Serbia 2001-2007
- 41. Slovakia 1998, 2001–2009
- 42. Somalia 1993
- 43. Spain 2002
- 44. Sri Lanka 2005–2009
- 45. Tajikistan 1998
- 46. Ukraine 1993, 1997, 2001, 2003-2004, 2006-2009



RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Relief and Development Department provides assistance to the victims of natural disasters and wars, joins in the struggle against global poverty and supports universal education. 2008 saw a significant increase in the deliverance of humanitarian assistance, supporting the principle that suffering caused by an urgent crisis cannot be neglected in favour of long-term development. This applied to assistance provided for drought victims in Ethiopia and Afghanistan, as well as relief provided in the armed conflicts in Georgia and the Congo and cyclone relief in Burma.

A screening of the documentary film The Greatest Silence at the One World Film Festival brought to horrifying light the neglected plight of women in eastern Congo, suffering from rape, isolation and violence stemming from years of armed conflict. Funds were collected from PIN's Club of Friends and private donors, allowing PIN to begin projects aimed at improving the lives of women and their children at an asylum in Congo. At the end of 2008, PIN established a permanent office in the South Kivu province to provide water-and-sanitation, health and educational programmes.

In May, Cyclone Nargis ravaged the coast of Burma. Despite the efforts of the military junta to prevent aid organizations from reaching the worst affected areas of the Irrawaddy Delta, PIN succeeded in delivering aid to the tens of thousands of affected inhabitants. PIN has continued to support rehabilitation and development efforts under difficult conditions in the region. In August, the Russian army occupied southern Ossetia. The PIN mission in Georgia immediately began delivering aid and psycho-social support to thousands of the displaced. Projects expanded to address the needs of other displaced communities in western Georgia, some of whom have lived in terrible conditions for almost twenty years. In September, PIN opened a mission in Cambodia with the goal to improving health care services for mothers and children in the Takeo province. PIN



provided water and electricity to more than twenty clinics and facilitated training courses for local midwives.

In June, PIN opened a public collection called Real Aid, which generated almost 120 000 EUR in its first year. The remarkable success of this campaign has given PIN's development projects long term sustainability. PIN is grateful to everyone who has contributed to its efforts, allowing the organization to provide assistance to those most in need.

ACTIVITIES IN 2008: 9 034 707 EUR

133 programmes implemented in 18 countries, permanent offices in 13 countries, 55 international employees, 583 national employees on missions and 42 employees at HQ



Photo: © Kristýna Makovcová, Sri Lanka / A kindergarten, rehabilitated by PIN in the Sri Lankan village of Annal Nagar, is being inaugurated.



DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

The DRC has been ravaged by more than ten years of violent conflict. Regular army forces and local and foreign armed groups have been fighting over the control of the illegal mining of natural resources, inflicting a heavy toll on the civilian population. The brutal torture and rape of women in the DRC has become a cruel symbol of this forgotten war. It is estimated that more than 200 000 women and children have been raped, and that more than four million people have lost their lives in the conflict. The survivors of rape often suffer serious health complications and in many cases are rejected by their families and communities.

VICTIMS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

PIN operations in the DRC were spurred by the public reaction to the screening of the documentary The Greatest Silence: Rape in Congo by Lisa Jackson, at the One World Film Festival. The reaction to the film and the fact that rape victims in the Congo have been mostly ignored pushed the PIN Club of Friends fund to allocate almost 20 000 EUR to begin projects for these victims. In May 2008 PIN began work in the South Kivu province, one of the worst

affected areas in Eastern Congo. The projects focused on the Bunyakiri District, a neglected area of urgent need.

With a local partner, PIN supported an asylum for dozens of women and children who have been raped and subsequently rejected by their communities. Twenty-six traditional houses have been built, sewing and soap-making workshops have been established, distribution of farming animals and seeds has taken place and school fees have been paid for children to attend school. The local pharmacy has been stocked with medicine, and the women's ward of the Bunyakiri Hospital has received beds, meaning women no longer lie on the ground while awaiting operations.

The small funds allocated from the Club of Friends have enabled a positive change in lives of forgotten victims of the conflict and were an essential step to opening a permanent mission in the DRC in 2009.

ACTIVITIES IN 2008: 35 499 EUR

Financed by: PIN's Club of Friends, private donations

PROGRAMS AND DONORS

SUPPORT TO THE VICTIMS OF RAPE AND

SEXUAL VIOLENCE PIN's Club of Friends, private donations

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Medical supplies and equipment provided to pharmacy and hospital in the Bunyakiri District through a local NGO
- 20 houses built for specific families
- 6 houses built to increase capacity
- Clothing and soap-making workshops built
 Animals distributed for breeding
- 50 school scholarships

BENEFICIARIES

- Victims of rape and sexual violence • Residents of the Bunyakiri District
- 100 women and children (20 victimized women and an average of 4 children per woman)
- 30 additional women and children • 26 women received training and employment producing for the local
- market 26 families received animals for
- income generation via breeding • 50 children in families that wer abandoned by husbands accused of

criminal assault

Photo: © Markéta Kutilová, Congo / Women from the Bunyakiri District make their living in the soap-making factory constructed by People in Need.



AFGHANISTAN

People in Need has been working in Afghanistan since the fall of the Taliban in late 2001. What began as a small team with a few employees has grown into the largest PIN mission abroad with more than 250 employees in 2008. For more than seven years, PIN has continuously addressed needs in the fields of education, water, hygiene and sanitation. Recently efforts have also included the support of livelihoods and community development. In addition to development work in Afghanistan, PIN has also focused on humanitarian projects to mitigate the results of severe drought and a significant increase in the price of food.

EDUCATION

A PIN programme rehabilitated agricultural high schools in seventeen provinces by creating and implementing

PROGRAMS AND DONORS	SERVICES PROVIDED	BENEFICIARIES
EDUCATION Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mercy Corps/DFID, USAID, Madan public collection	 Revision of curriculum and new lectures prepared New teaching materials developed Technical assistance and planning for newly designed buildings Preparation of trainings for teachers and school management Workshops for students, teachers, farmers and extensionists 	 17 directors, 45 teachers and 2 224 students of agriculture high schools 8 experts from Agriculture Department, University of Kabul 30 extensionists from the Ministry of Agriculture 14 farmers
MADAN PROGRAM Balkh and Baghlan Provinces Madan public collection	 New equipment and school rehabilitations Literacy courses for girls and young women 	• 21 889 children in 12 schools
WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE Balkh Province ECHO	 Rehabilitation and construction of 232 water sources (79 dug and bored wells, 13 protected springs and water pipeline schemes, 140 traditional water reservoirs or kandaz 540 new toilets, hygiene trainings, hygiene kits for 5 000 people 128 community-based water committees established 	 60 054 indirect beneficiaries in Balkh province 104 maintenance workers, 3 mechanics 13 207 trained in hygiene trainings 10 207 people use new toilets
EMERGENCY CASH FOR WORK PROJECTS province Balkh a Paktiya ECHO, GTZ, PIN Club of Friends	 Cash for work projects in drought affected areas Rehabilitation and cleaning of 274 irrigation channels, rehabilitation of 145 km of roads, 3 new bridges, retention and protection walls 30 new or rehabilitated water reservoirs (kandaz) 	• 1 914 families in Balkh province
NATIONAL SOLIDARITY PROGRAM (NSP) Balkh, Baghlan, Nangarhar and Paktiya Provinces Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development – World Bank	 535 village Community Development Committees established Preparation and implementation of 439 projects (roads, bridges, water sources, irrigation channels, schools, water pipeline schemes, clinics, community centres, hydropower plants, vocational trainings etc.) 	• 95 193 families in 4 provinces
INCOME STABILITY IN NORTHERN AFGHANISTAN Balkh Province EC, MFA CR	 Market analyzes and marketing strategies developed 15 five days trainings on natural resource management Cooperatives established (bee keeping, poultry, orcharding, carpet waving etc) 	• 280 farmers, families

Photo: © Tomáš Drobný, Afghanistan 2008 / Establishing better access to drinking water is one of the main priorities of People in Need in Afghanistan.



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a new agricultural curriculum, providing tailored teaching materials and enhancing the professional and teaching capacities of teachers and school managers. The programme aimed to link the schools with other state and private agriculture actors. PIN also continued to support primary education by supporting twelve neglected rural schools through the Madan public collection.

WATER, HYGIENE AND SANITATION (WASH)

PIN's long term support continued through two projects in 2008 focused on better access to drinking water and improved hygiene and sanitation in the remote rural areas of northern Afghanistan. The construction of wells, water pipe schemes, reservoirs, extensive hygiene training and the distribution of hygiene kits has improved the situation of thousands of people.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

PIN has participated in the nation-wide National Solidarity Program since 2005, aimed at supporting long-term development in rural areas. In the Balk, Baghlan, Paktiya and Nangarhar Provinces PIN is helping communities prepare and carry out community-based projects. Communities elect representatives, discuss the most essential needs and carry out projects based on a common consensus. These projects include the construction of schools, clinics, bridges, irrigation channels, flood control measures, small water power plants, wells and water mains, literacy courses and tailoring or embroidery training for women. A project aimed at increasing the income potential of farmers in three districts of Balkh Province started in 2008. The three-year project will support livelihood improvement through the sustainable utilization of natural resources, upgraded marketing strategies and improved farming skills.



EMERGENCY

Drought in 2008 affected farmers across Afghanistan, and PIN intervened through "cash for work" programmes. PIN helped communities bridge the income gap while improving rural infrastructure.

ACTIVITIES IN 2008: 2 612 328 EUR

Additional funds were spent particularly for construction work. These funds were registered as "Long-term tangible assets in process" at the closure of the 2008 accounts.

Financed by: ECHO, EuropeAid, USAID, GTZ, Mercy Corps/DFID, PIN's Club of Friends, Madan collection, Afghan Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development, Czech Ministries of Education and Foreign Affairs

Photo: © Tomáš Drobný, Afghanistan 2008 / Through the National Solidarity Program, communities cooperate on development projects including the construction of roads.



BURMA

In May 2008, cyclone Nargis made landfall on the densely populated south coast of Burma. The cyclone left behind 140 000 dead, 450 000 destroyed houses, damaged infrastructure and salinated fields and potable water sources. According to official statistics, as many as 2.4 million people were affected.

PIN began relief operations within a week of the catastrophe. Food, clothing, water, medical supplies, water purification tablets and tarpaulin were distributed through local partners. PIN followed up with providing livelihood support to local fishermen, farmers and landless families. Other projects included increasing access to potable water and infrastructure reconstruction in the most affected regions. A psychosocial support project was also conducted.

Activities were carried out with the substantial involvement of PIN's Burmese partners. This method of work proved essential immediately following the catastrophe, when international relief efforts were marred by the ruling military junta and most of the assistance was provided spontaneously by local organizations, activists, Buddhist monasteries and solitary citizens.



ACTIVITIES IN 2008: 422 614 EUR

Financed by: SOS Burma, PIN's Club of Friends, People in Peril, Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs

PROGRAMS AND DONORS	SERVICES PROVIDED	BENEFICIARIES
RELIEF DISTRIBUTIONS SOS Burma, People in Peril, Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PIN's Club of Friends	 Distribution of food, clothing, tarpaulin, water purification tablets, etc. 	• 20 800 families
LIVELIHOOD, INFRASTRUCTURE AND WATER/SANITATION RECOVERY Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs	 Livelihood recovery for farmers, fishermen and others Infrastructure: roads, bridges, jetties, schools Water: wells, water ponds, water filters 	 2 226 families Population of 10 villages Population of 10 villages
PSYCHOSOCIAL ASSISTANCE Public collection SOS Burma, Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Psychosocial programmingField social worker training	• 538 clients • 20 field social workers

Photo: © PIN Archive, Burma 2008 / PIN provided relief assistance to more than 100 000 people in the Cyclone Nargis affected Irrawaddy Delta in southern Burma.



CAMBODIA

Improving maternal and child health care is the main goal of People in Need's activities in Cambodia. PIN aims to raise the quality of medical care provided by midwives in public village health centres. Up to 540 mothers out of every 100 000 die during delivery in Cambodia, and eighty-three children out of every one thousand do not reach five years of age.

HEALTH CENTRES SUPPORTED

PIN began its activities in Cambodia in September 2008 in the Takeo Province, where maternal and child mortality rates are higher than the national average. Nearly every tenth child dies during delivery or within the first year in Takeo. In 2008 PIN supported twenty-eight health centres in the Daun Keo and Bati Operational Districts.

PIN provided twenty-eight village health centres with sustainable access to electricity, access to clean drinking water, medical materials and equipment to help improve the quality of care being provided. A Czech midwife provided Cambodian midwives with training on how to use the donated materials and equipment correctly and how to provide quality obstetric care. The initial training was followed by an intensive three-day review training organized by the Provincial Health Department, which included risk sign recognition, safe delivery, the principles of good hygiene and sterilization procedures. PIN is also continuing to provide on-site training for midwives at the targeted health centres.

In 2009, PIN will focus more on community work and health education that will include information about safe pregnancy and delivery, good nutrition for mothers and their children and the effective prevention of childhood illnesses.

ACTIVITIES IN 2008: 40 475 EUR

Financed by: The Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Real Aid public collection

PROGRAMS AND DONORS	SERVICES PROVIDED	BENEFICIARIES
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CARE AND MIDWIFE TRAINING Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Real Aid public collection	 8 health centres provided with solar electricity systems 12 health centres' electrical systems repaired 28 health centres connected to clean water supply 28 health clinics participate in needs assessment and are provided with medical equipment, obstetric tools and disinfectants Training session for Cambodian midwives with a Czech midwife 3-day follow up session for midwives provided by Cambodian Provincial Health Department in Takeo Continued on-the-job training for health centre midwives 	 403 000 people living in the Daun Keo and Bati Operational Districts 403 000 people living in the Daun Keo and Bati Operational Districts 58 midwives serving the 403 000 people of the Daun Keo and Bati Operational Districts

Photo: © Ivana Poliačiková, Cambodia 2008 / Medical materials are distributed in Takeo Province as part of PIN's efforts to increase the quality of material and child care provided.



SRI LANKA

In 2008 PIN completed projects for the victims of the 2004 Tsunami and continued assistance to communities affected by on-going civil war. PIN assisted in the construction of 141 houses in Mutur and Eachchilampathu, while in other areas destroyed by conflict or Tsunami, PIN constructed water reservoirs, wells, toilets, roads and community buildings. Development of farming, agriculture, crafts and income generation activities were supported throughout the Trincomalee District. Reconstruction of the local market, open to all ethnical communities, was finalised in April in Trincomalee town. In the Ampara and Batticaloa Districts, educational projects aimed at preschool teachers, English teachers and material support to schools continued. In Kinniya District, PIN concluded a two-year programme focused on capacity development of local government and the introduction of the development planning.



Financed by: AmeriCares, ASRC, Concern, FAO, GTZ, IOM, NECORD, SOS Sri Lanka, SLRSC, Solidar, UMCOR, UNICEF, USAID

ACTIVITIES IN 2008: 1 737 913 EUR

Additional funds were spent in the mission, particularly for construction work. These funds were registered as "long-term tangible assets in process" at the closure of the 2008 accounts.

PROGRAMS AND DONORS	SERVICES PROVIDED	BENEFICIARIES
HOUSING AND LIVELIHOODS SOS Sri Lanka, IOM, AmeriCares, Concern, SLRSC, ASRC, UMCOR, FAO	 Requalification courses and new means of livelihood Construction of 141 war-destroyed houses Construction of 25 tsunami-destroyed houses Distribution of agricultural packages and training 	• 648 families • 141 families • 25 families • 1 725 families
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION SOS Sri Lanka, USAID, GTZ, NECORD, Hellenic Aid, Solidar, UNICEF	 Building of roads, community centre, reconstruction of 3 wells and public toilet Renovation of 80 wells Construction of pre school Construction of 110 toilets and hygiene trainings Restoration of market in Trincomalee Training local authorities Trainings for English teachers Trainings teaching quality 	 300 families 1 900 people 165 children 200 families 15 500 inhabitants 80 000 inhabitants 60 English teachers 90 preschool teaches 72 schools

Photo: © PIN Archive, Sri Lanka 2008 / In 2008 PIN concluded construction of 150 houses in Kinniya, including a home for a youth who is reliant on the use of a wheelchair.



PAKISTAN

2008 marked the third year of People in Need operations in Pakistani Kashmir. In 2008 operations shifted from humanitarian assistant for the victims of the October 2005 earthquake to long-term rehabilitation and development projects.

PIN continued projects in the districts of Bagh and Muzaffarabad in the field of psychosocial work, focusing mainly on individual and group therapy for people suffering from posttraumatic disorders. Work continued in mental health awareness and PIN handed over a psycho-social centre to a Pakistani organization.

PIN also continued work on the complex management of solid waste in the city of Bagh through a system of waste collection, segregation and final waste deposition. In addition, an intensive public awareness campaign was very successful in changing the behaviour of local residents, cleaning the city and establishing a sustainable system of waste management. In 2008 the project was handed over to trained staff of the Bagh Municipality.

PIN constructed a girls' high school in Kaful Gar and a primary school in Hammah Mohra. In cooperation with the local NGO Read Foundation, more than one thousand socially disadvantaged orphans were supported and fifteen schools received science laboratory equipment.



ACTIVITIES IN 2008: 1 070 405 EUR

Financed by: DRU, EuropeAid, Technische Universität Braunschweig, UNICEF,Welthungerhilfe, SOS Pakistan, Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs

PROGRAMS AND DONORS	SERVICES PROVIDED	BENEFICIARIES
PSYCHOSOCIAL PROGRAM Welthungerhilfe, UNICEF	 Provision of psychosocial counselling and assistance Free time activities for children Hygiene awareness Training for local social and health workers 	 9800 citizens 25 000 children 50 000 inhabitants 105 employees
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR BAGH CITY EC, Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Technische Universität Braunschweig	 Construction of landfill, collection and disposal of waste Segregation and composting plant establishment Hygiene awareness campaign 	• 32 000 inhabitants of Bagh • Municipality of Bagh
SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION SOS Pakistan, Welthungerhilfe	 Construction of girls' high school in Kaful Gar Construction of primary school in Hammah Mohra Equipment for school labs (with Read Foundation) Support to education of orphans 	• 480 female students • 280 students of the primary school • 6 816 students • 1065 orphans

Photo: © Avzal Cheema, Pakistan 2008 / PIN has created a complex system of waste management that includes public awareness, completely changing the face of the city of Bagh.



ANGOLA

Angola is one of the least developed African countries. Since 2006, PIN has been active in Bie province with the educational and agricultural development. With priorities on school construction and teacher training, work on nine school constructions continued in Kuito and Cuemba districts and five new constructions started in Andulo district. Periodic teacher training to supplement both factual knowledge and pedagogical skills involved eightyfive percent of teachers in Cuemba.

Under the umbrella of the Agriculture Centre project, PIN has set up model animal and chicken farms, fields, conducted series of trainings for farmers and established a sample agro-forestry system.

ACTIVITIES IN 2008: 487 152 EUR

Additional funds were spent by the mission, particularly for construction work. These funds were registered as "Long-term tangible assets in process" at the closure of the 2008 accounts.

Financed by: Rescate, UNICEF, Czech Ministries of Education and Agriculture, Masaryk University Brno, Linhart Foundation



PROGRAMS AND DONORS	SERVICES PROVIDED	BENEFICIARIES
ACCESS TO BASIC EDUCATION Ministry of Education, UNICEF, Masaryk University Brno	• 14 Construction of schools • Construction of pedagogical/ leisure centre	• 4 400 children per year • 25 teachers trained • 1 000 children per year
TEACHER TRAINING Czech Ministry of Education	 Teacher courses Pedagogical centre School libraries and teaching materials 	• 300 primary school teachers • 10 libraries
SUPPORT FOR FARMERS Czech Ministry of Agriculture, Rescate	 Agrarian centre Farmer training, creation of training materials Rental of farming equipment Sample agro-forestry system 	 150 farmers and their families 50 village residents 85 000 inhabitants of the district Cuemba
POULTRY FARM AND COMMERCIAL SUPPORT Czech Ministry of Agriculture, Rescate	 Pilot poultry farm Farmers associations and micro-grants Seminars and exhibitions Equipping agrarian centre and veterinary laboratory 	 600 farming families 60 families from 30 communities The Government of Bie, Caritas Angola Charity, Concern and other NGOs
INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR Linhart Foundation	• Bridge across Kwanza river	• 85 000 inhabitants

Photo: © Michal Novotný, Angola 2007 / People in Need is building a primary school to educate the underserved children of the Ekowongo District in the Bie Province.



ETHIOPIA

In 2008 Ethiopia suffered severe drought which brought crop failure and a shortage of food. PIN responded with rapid humanitarian assistance for malnourished children and breastfeeding mothers. PIN subsequently focused on availability of drinking water with the repair of boreholes, distribution systems and water catchments complemented with hygiene education. Two primary schools were completed with funds collected in fourth annual campaign Let's Build a School in Africa. An awareness campaign for the prevention of HIV/AIDS and family planning targeted 75 000 people, and a tree nursery was established for the afforestation of land degraded by erosion near Lake Awassa.

ACTIVITIES IN 2008: 599 777 EUR

Additional funds were spent in the mission, particularly for construction work. These funds were registered as "Long-term tangible assets in process" at the closure of the 2008 accounts.

Financed by: UN OCHA, Czech Ministries of Education, Agriculture, Health and Foreign Affairs, Let's Build a School in Africa, private donors, PIN's Club of Friends



PROGRAMS AND DONORS	SERVICES PROVIDED	BENEFICIARIES
AID FOR THE VICTIMS OF DROUGHT UN OCHA, Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PIN's Club of Friends	 4 boreholes and distribution systems Hygiene kits distributed 25 roof catchments, 9 latrines Sanitation and hygiene promotion 	• 100 000 people
MODERN TEACHING METHODS Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs	 Centre of modern teaching methods Teacher training 	• 220 teachers • 75 instructors
LET'S BUILD A SCHOOL IN AFRICA Junák – Association of Czech Scouts, private donors	• 2 schools constructed • Teacher training	• 400 children • 30 teachers trained
HIV/AIDS PREVENTION AND SUPPORT OF FAMILY PLANNING Czech Ministry of Health	 Community discussion Support of school clubs Theatre performances Nursery established 	 13 000 people in 250 communities 53 300 students in 21 schools 8 800 people 750,000 seeds
ANTI-EROSION MEASURES Czech Ministry of Agriculture	• Environmental training	• 60 facilitators
EDUCATION AND CARE OF ORPHANS Czech Ministry of Education	 4 classrooms, accommodation and food Practical skill training 	• 213 orphans

Photo: © Jan Faltus, Ethiopia 2008 / In December 2008, PIN opened a primary school in Tulla, Ethiopia.



NAMIBIA

PIN has worked in the desert region of Karas in southern Namibia since 2003. Long-term assistance has been focused primarily on people affected by HIV / AIDS and poverty reduction. For five years, PIN has operated a sheltered workshop in Keetmanshoop which has provided employment opportunities for women affected by HIV / AIDS. Decorative and utility items based on local traditions are sold both in Namibia and in the Czech Republic, with the profit going to support the continued operation of the workshop. PIN is also training the workshop management to eventually allow the workshop to become independent. Staff members can also receive micro-grants to start up small businesses, giving more people the opportunity to work in the workshop. PIN social workers have continued to provide support and advice to people affected by HIV / AIDS through two community centres, and there is a PIN kindergarten in the community centre in Keetmaanshop.

PIN has also supported civil society in the fight against HIV / AIDS. Both NGOs and governmental bodies have been trained, advised and directly supported to develop and improve activities in the fight against HIV / AIDS giving them the opportunity and support for mutual cooperation. PIN has also run a direct observed treatment centre providing comprehensive support to patients with TB and HIV / AIDS. Within the *Preventing Mother* to Child *Transmission* programme, PIN has trained medical staff, pregnant mothers and vulnerable children.

ACTIVITIES IN 2008: 441 738 EUR

Financed by: IBIS (EC), HIVOS, Czech Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Namibian workshop crafts, public collection Loss of Immunity

PROGRAMS AND DONORS	SERVICES PROVIDED	BENEFICIARIES
SOCIO-ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY HIV / AIDS Czech Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs	 Protected workshop Small business support (micro-grants) Counselling individuals and families affected by HIV / AIDS Foster care support for orphans 	 36 families of protected workshop employees 200 families – psychosocial support 13 families of micro-grants recipients
SUPPORTING COMMUNITY RESPONSES IBIS (EC), governments of the partner countries, private resources, Real Aid public collection	 Capacity building of NGOs and governmental organizations Providing rights and services for people affected by HIV / AIDS within the legal, social and political system 	 12 volunteer groups 9 CBOs 7 regional coordination groups 10 school associations 69 000 inhabitants
LOSS OF IMMUNITY Private donations	 Kindergarten School fees and food Education, health and social care, nutrition support to prevent mother/ child transmission 	• 70 people in Karas region
SUPPORTING CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HIV / AIDS IN KARAS REGION HIVOS	\bullet Direct observed treatment centre for patients with TB and HIV / AIDS	 15 clients of DOT centre and their families

Photo: © Jan Mrkvička, Namibia 2007 / PIN organizes awareness campaigns to support the fight against the spread of HIV/ AIDS in Namibia.



IRAQ, JORDAN, LEBANON

IRAQ

PIN projects in Iraq have focused on building the capacity of Iraqi NGOs and local government for the past five years. Through training and the use of micro grants, PIN works to support NGOs and government and join their representatives in efforts to serve the population in the lower south of Iraq. A secondary aim of capacity building in Iraqi is to create the infrastructure needed for community facilitation. In 2008, PIN worked with trained CSOs to hold thirty-nine community meetings for more than one thousand people. Efforts in 2008 also saw several projects including a large-scale school health awareness program and the development of a community centre in Um Qasr. Working through Iraqi NGOs, PIN also oversaw health awareness and income generation projects for the IDP population in the south of Iraq. In October, PIN launched the www.ngo-iraq.org network linking Iraqi NGOs and helping them reach out to the international community.

JORDAN AND LEBANON

Following the war in Iraq, it was estimated that 500 000 Iraqis fled to Jordan. In cooperation with two Dutch NGOs, PIN has organized skill development and stress management training for leading national and international NGO representatives active in the area of psychosocial assistance. In Lebanon, projects continued to support the civilian population traumatized by the 2006 conflict in the south of the country. PIN's efforts focused mainly on the support of senior citizens, a traditionally neglected population in post-conflict development work.

ACTIVITIES IN 2008: 669 476 EUR

Financed by: IOM, NED, SOS Lebanon, Société Saint Vincent de Paul au Liban, UNDEF, UNICEF, War Trauma/Antares, Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs

PR	OGRAMS AND DONORS	SERVICES PROVIDED	BENEFICIARIES
IRAQ	CIVIL SOCIETY SUPPORT Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, NED, UNDEF	 Capacity building training for NGOs, local government officials, university lecturers Community facilitation Conflict resolution seminars at Iraqi universities Conflict resolution grants Citizen's Rights brochure 2 community development projects 	 166 participants 39 meetings/ 1 000 participants 300 students 2 500 people 9 000 brochures distributed 40 teachers trained and 520 students receive health exams, Um Qasr community centre built
	HEALTH SECTOR IOM	 Health training for mothers Birth assistant training st aid training for women 	• 2 400 trained women • 80 trained birth assistants • 200 trained women
	SUPPORT FOR IDPS	• Tailor training for women	• 80 women
JOR.	PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT War Trauma/Antares	• Training for staff providing psychosocial support	• 24 participants
LEBANON	SENIOR CENTRES Czech Embassy / Societé Saint Vincent de Paul, SOS Lebanon	• 5 village senior centres Material assistance and support to small businesses	• 250 seniors • 30 families

Photo: © PIN Archive, Iraq 2008 / PIN projects give women in vulnerable and displaced communities the skills needed to stabilize family income through skills training.



GEORGIA, ARMENIA, CHECHNYA

GEORGIA

PIN focuses on the support of small enterprise, civil society development and the prevention of illegal migration. Following the armed conflict with Russia in August 2008, PIN also distributed food and hygienic packages for the displaced and assisted with the evacuation of foreign tourists. PIN also began psychosocial support in camps for the displaced.

ACTIVITIES IN 2008: 458 374 EUR

Financed by: Anaem, PIN's Club of Friends, Real Aid public collection, People in Peril, SOS Georgia, Czech Ministry of Interior, Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Polish Embassy

ARMENIA

Since 2003, PIN has concentrated on the prevention of illegal migration, civil society development and improving living conditions in the Kotaj region. PIN supports small businesses through micro credit and micro lending. PIN also provides social and legal consulting, media campaigns on the risks of illegal immigration, requalification, educational training and organizes leisure activities.

ACTIVITIES IN 2008: 103 639 EUR

Financed by: Czech Ministry of Interior

PR	OGRAMS AND DONORS	SERVICES PROVIDED	BENEFICIARIES
ARMENIA	PREVENTION OF ILLEGAL MIGRATION Czech Ministry of Interior	 15 small enterprises supported Economic and legal consultation Media campaign NGO capacity building 	• 45 new jobs • 120 consultations • Armenian population • 4 NGOs
	HUMANITARIAN AID Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, SOS Georgia, PIN's Club of Friends, People in Peril	 Food and hygienic supplies Psychosocial and material aid Children's camp 	• 3 500 IDPs • 18 centres in Tbilisi and 3 in buffer zones • 37 children and mothers
	RURAL DEVELOPMENT Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs	 Farmer training and micro grants Small enterprises supported 	• 100 people • 15 new jobs
A	CIVIL SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT Agora Central Europe / Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs	 Increased cooperation between council and citizens Support to youth initiatives 	• 20 people • 2 associations
GEORGIA	PREVENTION OF ILLEGAL MIGRATION Czech Ministry of Interior	 Media campaigns and seminars NGO capacity building 5 small enterprises supported 	 Georgian population NGO partner 8 new jobs
	MILK PROCESSING Czech Ministry of Agriculture	 Opening of processing plant Support of small distributors 	• 3 farmers • 30 small distributors
	REINTEGRATION OF REFUGEES Anaem	• Support for Georgian returnees from France	• 36 families
	TOURISM DEVELOPMENT Polish Embassy	• Capacity development • Educational activities for youth	• 2 500 inhabitants of Kazbegi • People working in tourism • Children and youth
	ECHNYA – RETRAINING CENTRE Czech Ministry of Interior, Activities in 2008: 73 598 EUR	• Carpentry training workshop run with NGO Centre for Humanitarian Assistance (CHA)	• 120 participants

Photo: © PIN Archive, Georgia 2008 / PIN provided basic needs to some of the tens of thousands of displaced victims of the Russian-Georgian conflict in August 2008.



ROMANIA, UKRAINE

ROMANIA

ACTIVITIES IN 2008: 21 166 EUR Financed by: Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs

In Romania PIN is improving the economic conditions in Czech villages. In 2008, PIN continued supporting sustainable tourism by opening horse trails and a horsehire service. By promoting and improving local services, the interest of Czech tourists has risen, increasing the income of local people. PIN introduced regular training for people providing accommodation, marked hiking trails around the villages and updated information for tourists on the website www.banat.cz. In cooperation with the Romanian state authorities and local self-government, a presentation was prepared in the county capital Resita, where a declaration of cooperation with the region of Plzeň was signed. PIN also worked in conjunction with Czech agriculturalists to train local farmers. Using a borrowed GPS station, they measured the dimensions of the land for grants from EU funds. Thanks to good relations with the county council, an EU-funded project for an asphalt road to the village of Svatá Helena was prepared and completed. PIN also arranged for two Romanian Czechs to study at the secondary Agricultural School in Klatovy.

UKRAINE

Based on experience with the Czech villages in the Romanian region of the Banat, PIN launched a project for the development of sustainable tourism in the villages of Carpathian Ruthenia. An arrangement with the Ukrainian Mountain Service allowed for a Czech system of hiking trail markers to be established, allowing for better orientation in the terrain. PIN began cooperation with volunteers from the Carpathian Tourism Society from the Czech Republic (www.karpaty.net), who marked all of the trails with a common system. In total they marked 261 km of trails, which were then measured using a GPS station and the data was made available on www.podkarpatskarus.net. The website concentrates all of the information that tourists require. These activities have supported the tourism industry in the region of the villages of Kolochava, Synevyr, and Ust'-Chorna, which lie in the centre of the Carpathian Mountains in Ukraine.

ACTIVITIES IN 2008: 19 346 EUR Financed by: Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs

PI	ROGRAMS AND DONORS	SERVICES PROVIDED	BENEFICIARIES
ROMANIA	DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO CZECH ROMANIANS Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs	 Support for agro-tourism Support for family businesses and enterprises Support for use of EU funds 	• 70 families • 3 businesses • 2,600 inhabitants in 5 villages
JKRAINE	DEVELOPMENT OF AGRO-TOURISM IN CARPATHIAN RUTHENIA Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs	 Renewal of trail markers Support for agro-tourism Informative website 	• 15,000 inhabitants of the areas of Kolochava and Ust ² -Chorna

Photo: © Ivo Dokoupil, Romania 2008 / In the Romanian Banat, horse owners were trained to provide horse-riding services for tourists.



DEVELOPMENT AWARENESS

PROJECT ROZVOJOVKA

The aim of this ongoing programme is to raise awareness about development issues and the need for development assistance. The main information channel is the regularly updated development awareness website www.rozvojovka. cz. During 2008 PIN contributed to the production of fifty-eight articles on development issues and updated a manual on global development. In May 2008 a special supplement on the environmental problems of developing countries was published in Czech daily Lidové noviny. To mark the Czech presidency of the EU, an on-line interactive course on EU development policies was made available on www.rozvojovka.cz. New quality media analysis provided overview of the development coverage in the Czech media.

TO ACT YOU HAVE TO KNOW

In February 2008 a new information project focused on the Central European region was launched. Together with partners from Poland, Hungary, the Slovak Republic and the Netherlands, this three-year long project aims to increase the interest of decision makers and opinion leaders on development issues and cooperation. In September 2008, a group of Central European politicians participated in a study trip to Ethiopia. Several journalists also travelled to Global South countries as recipients of grants. In November 2008, a four page supplement on leisure time in developing countries was published in Czech daily *Mladá fronta Dnes*.

STOP CHILD LABOUR – SCHOOL IS THE BEST PLACE TO WORK

The aim of this international awareness campaign is to inform the European public about the issue of child labour and its link to education and mobilize the Czech and European public to contribute to its elimination. In June 2008 an event called Stop Child Labour – School is the Best Place to Work was celebrated in Prague with the presence of the Czech Minister of Education. In the same year Africa Tour across five African countries took place and it aimed to create a support for the world movement against the child labour. A delegation consisting of southern NGO and media representatives searched for effective strategies to eliminate child labour and as such to contribute to the MGD Goal 2 – achieving universal primary education for all.

VIRUS FREE GENERATION

This international campaign aims to inform young people about the issues of the HIV/AIDS pandemic and its impact on young Africans. In the Czech Republic a theatre piece based on the script of a seventeen year old Italian author was performed in Prague. An information trip to South Africa for the winners of a competition on HIV/AIDS was organized in 2008. Apart from four young artists, the representatives of national and European Parliaments and media representatives from four participating countries participated in the trip. The objective of the journey was to provide the participants with firsthand experience on the impact of the pandemic and investigate the steps that are being taken against it.

ACTIVITIES IN 2008: 222 503 EUR

Financed by: EuropeAid, Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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Photo: © David Raub, Czech Republic 2008 / PIN organized an event publicizing the more than 200 million working children on the international day against child labour.



SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY

In 2008, PIN's Human Rights and Democracy Department was involved primarily in Belarus, Burma, Cuba, Moldavia (Transnistria) and Ukraine. These countries were chosen for their geographic and cultural proximity, which allows PIN to apply the Czech Republic's positive experience with the advent of democracy and full membership in the EU. PIN's work in each region is attuned to the specific needs of the place, and to those of local advocates for human rights and independent journalists. Activities include direct support for the politically persecuted and their families through financial aid, medicine, access to legal protection and psychological support. This aid is largely financed by PIN's Club of Friends. A considerable portion of direct aid is also devoted to independent groups of local civic activists whom PIN assists by providing small grants, equipment, training, information and relevant literature. Internships are also organised for democratic activists.

PIN also focuses on legal and informative activities in the Czech Republic and in the EU. As a founding member of the European Partnership for Democracy (www. eupd.eu), PIN worked in 2008 to influence European institutions and EU member states to make the promotion of human rights and the support of democracy one of the priorities of European foreign policy.

In 2008 PIN was one of the initiators of the DEMAS platform (www.demas.cz). Its task is to coordinate eleven Czech NGOs working in the field of human rights and the support of democracy in the world with the aim of improving collaboration and maintaining a structured and transparent dialogue on Czech foreign policy and aid. PIN is also an active member of several European and global non-governmental networks. In 2008 PIN took part in several international legal campaigns in support of ratifying the International Criminal Court, the election process for the UN Human Rights Council and a remembrance ceremony for Anna Politkovskaya.

HOMO HOMINI

In 2008, the Homo Homini Prize, which PIN awards each year to people who have made a significant contribution to human rights advocacy, was awarded to the imprisoned dissident Liu Xiaobo and symbolically to all of the signatories of Charter 2008. Liu Xiaobo is a leading Chinese intellectual and figure in the pro-democracy movement in China who is confronting ongoing persecution from the Chinese establishment with dialogue and non-violent resolution of conflicts. In December of 2008, Liu Xiaobo was arrested and transferred to an unknown location where he is being held with no formal legal charges having been brought against him. This occurred two days prior to the 60th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. On the day of the anniversary a group of Chinese dissidents issued the document "Charter 2008", which Xiaobo co-authored and signed. Charter 2008 is a direct successor of the Czech Charter 77, the ethos and values of which they applied to the Chinese situation. Like Charter 77, the document asks the government to adhere to its own laws and requests the reform of the political institutions and constitutional freedoms that are essential for the creation of a free and open society.



CUBA

In many ways 2008 seemed like it could be a turning point for Cuba: Raúl Castro traded in his uniform for a suit and tie, proposed several economic reforms, and under his leadership the government signed fundamental documents on human rights and freedoms. These gestures however were intended more for the West and the media than to bring about benefits for Cubans. Economic reforms such as legalising the purchase of mobile phones and computers are unavailable to Cubans in light of their average pay, and the international agreements signed have never been ratified. In the second half of the year Cuba was also hit by three hurricanes and the global financial crisis, which made things even worse.

DIRECT SUPPORT IN CUBA

Although the European Union cancelled sanctions in 2008 imposed on Cuba in 2003, two hundred political prisoners remain in jail, the number of short detentions has grown enormously and the situation has escalated in the eastern provinces. PIN monitored human rights violations throughout the year and provided material and psychological support to families of fifty-four political prisoners, sponsored the establishment of eight non-profit press agencies and provided small grants to aid activities that supported civil society. PIN contributed to projects monitoring human rights, alternative education courses, free-time centres for politically stigmatised children, social work projects and the organisation of small documentary film festivals.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND COOPERATION

PIN believes it is important that the voices of individuals from Cuban civil society calling for the adherence to human rights and the provision of fundamental freedoms not be lost in the international debate over policies towards Cuba, which is the main focus of the activities of the ICDC. PIN transfers know-how on work in Cuba to other European organisations interested in working in the emerging civil sector. In 2008 PIN worked in cooperation with five organisations from countries of the former communist bloc whose aims include providing information on transformation processes. It is also one of the coordinators of a network of thirty-one European non-profit organisations called the Europe – Cuba NGO Network.

INFORMATION ACTIVITIES

An important element of PIN's work is also to provide unbiased information on Cuba and the changes taking place there. PIN manages the websites Hotel Kuba (Hotel-kuba.cz) which provides advice for responsible travellers to Cuba and Cubalog (Cubalog.eu), which is an international platform for experts on Cuba. The printed form of this platform is the Cuba-Europe Dialogues, a bulletin with professional articles from Cuban and foreign experts. In 2008 PIN organised *Cell* 2008, the fifth such event marking the anniversary of the Black Spring – a massive crackdown on dissidents.

ACTIVITIES IN 2008: 392 112 EUR

Financed by: Center for a Free Cuba, NED, US Department of State, Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PIN's Club of Friends

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Photo: © Lubomír Kotek, Czech Republic, 2008 / The Hotel Cuba event was held to draw attention to the persistent problem of migrants escaping the "Island of Freedom" by sea.



BURMA

The military junta in Burma continued with grave violations of human rights in 2008. In May, it organised a sham referendum on a new constitution only a few days after the destructive cyclone Nargis and arrested a number of political activists and volunteers helping cyclone victims. In November, the junta had more than three hundred participants in the Saffron Revolution condemned to long prison terms.

AID PROJECTS IN BURMA AND THAILAND

In 2008 PIN provided financial aid for thirty-two families of Burmese political prisoners and seven groups undertaking social, journalism and political projects inside Burma. PIN also financially supported a network of underground reporters documenting the real situation in the country for the media-in-exile Mizzima News and Democratic Voice of Burma. Through seminars on experience with transformation, training in journalism skills and study visits in the Czech Republic, PIN provided opportunities for the further education of dozens of Burmese activists.

INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE BURMA MOVEMENT

Together with the British organisation Burma Campaign UK, PIN initiated the European Parliamentary Caucus on Burma (EPCB) in June of 2008. By the end of 2008 this group brought together 135 MPs from eleven European countries advocating greater pressure on the Burmese military regime. In the autumn of 2008, PIN sharply criticised the conviction of the organisers of the Saffron Revolution and became involved in a campaign in which 112 former presidents and prime ministers called on UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon to make it his personal priority to secure the release of all political prisoners in Burma.

ACTIVITIES IN 2008: 163 750 EUR

Financed by: NED, OSI, TFD, Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PIN's Club of Friends

SELECTED ACTIVITIES OF BURMA PROJECTS		
AID PROJECTS IN BURMA	 Financial aid for 32 families of political prisoners Financial aid for 7 civic groups Three-day seminar on modern teaching methods Financial support for undercover journalists and Burmese media in exile Week-long seminar on photo-journalism Three-month internship for a Burmese journalist at PIN 	
AID PROJECTS FOR BURMESE EXILES IN THAILAND	 Week-long study visit to the Czech Republic for 5 activists from Thailand 2 two-day seminars for 50 activists in Thailand 9 interviews with political figures for Democratic Voice of Burma 	
SUPPORT FOR THE BURMA MOVEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE	 Visit of 2 Burmese activists in Prague Awarding of 2007 Homo Homini prize to three activists in the Saffron Revolution Exhibition of photographs of Burmese refugees in the Czech Republic, Brussels and Bratislava Formation of the European Parliamentary Caucus on Burma (EPCB) Organisation of several Burma-themed public debates and events 	

Photo: © Lubomír Kotek, Czech Republic 2008 / Congratulatory group photograph made by Czech citizens on the occasion of the 63rd birthday of Burmese dissident Aung San Suu Kyi.



BELARUS

PIN has been dedicated to supporting civil society and the democratic opposition to the ruling regime in Belarus for many years, and 2008 was no different. The Belarusian regime increased pressure on the democratic opposition at the beginning of 2008. During the year, there were more than 450 trials of participants in various demonstrations and memorial events. Peaceful demonstrations were forcefully dispersed and the demonstrators were charged with participating in unauthorised assembly, using vulgarisms in public and "malicious disturbance". Dismissal of employees for their political activities is common practice in Belarus, as is expulsion from secondary school or university. Very few organisations, movements or initiatives have a chance of being officially recognised, and the Belarusian authorities consider officially unrecognized activity to be criminal. For these reasons People in Need continued working with civic activists in Minsk and around Belarus in 2008, providing them with aid for continued projects.

PARENTS COMMITTEE

For many parents and family members the arrest of a loved one is a shock, and they often do not know where to turn for help. They do not understand the notifications they receive from the police or courts and they cannot afford a lawyer or administrative fines. This is why the Parents Committee was created in 2008, which works as a legal advisory centre bringing together dozens of active parents. The Parents Committee fund covered legal and administrative fees and parents wrote up scores of appeals and lawsuits with lawyers. The Parents Committee also offers family members further practical and psychological support following the arrest of a loved one. This has given rise to an informal group of people who disseminate independent information and get involved in the wider circle of the democratic movement.

HUMANITARIAN AID AND PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

In 2008 PIN supported more than sixty families of politically persecuted individuals. Based on their stories, a photographic collection was created in 2007 called Spark of Bravery. In 2008 the exhibition was held in Washington, Brussels and Bucharest. By the end of 2008 PIN completed a related exhibition *The Real Belarus*, which was officially launched in Prague on the occasion of the EU conference on the support of human rights and democracy.

SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL ACTIVITIES AND DISTRIBUTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS FILMS

Using micro-grants PIN supported twenty projects of regional activists. This involved a very diverse campaign with legal assistance for problems in work, assistance in dealing with the authorities and holding round tables with citizens on the state of housing developments and city quarters. Eight Belarusian activists whose projects were supported by the organisation in 2008 took part in an internship in the Czech Republic. Through this programme the Belarusian activists met with Czech experts and expanded their knowledge of the Czech experience with transition. During 2008 PIN selected eleven documentary films which were screened in cooperation with Belarusian coordinator in nine cities in Belarus.

ACTIVITIES IN 2008: 161 798 EUR

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

Photo: © People in Need archive, Belarus, 2007 / Opponents of the regime of Alexander Lukashenko face repression, dismissal from work, fines and imprisonment.



UKRAINE, MOLDOVA

UKRAINE

Ukraine faced a number of serious challenges in 2008. The global economic crisis severely hit the country, and political infighting made it impossible to take protective measures. Ukrainian-Russian relations reached a political bowling point in the gas dispute at the end of 2008. The unstable environment also increased the number of people willing to listen to extremist and populist voices. A specific problem in Ukraine is the escalating situation in Crimea where three large ethnic groups live: Russians, Ukrainians and Crimean Tartars. PIN's projects therefore focused on preventing ethnic conflicts in Crimea by improving the quality of journalistic work in south-eastern Ukraine.

Courses in investigative journalism in the regions of eastern Ukraine were established. Under professional supervision and feedback, young journalists gathered information and wrote articles on topics frequently neglected in the Ukrainian media. Examples of those topics are: the bribes that Ukrainian families have to pay in maternity hospitals or when adopting a child, as well as the illegal construction taking place on attractive city tracts.

A critical issue in Ukraine is the deteriorating situation in Crimea. The region lacks a balanced political or media voice to seek solutions rather than intensify the situation. PIN began working with journalists, local government and teachers on the Crimean peninsula. These target groups were trained in ways to avoid ethnic conflicts and in techniques to cooperate in resolving ethnic tensions. The idea of the project is to inform local journalists and local government representatives of extremism and nationalism as well as how to confront them, in order to help resolve the Crimean ethnic conflict in the long term.

MOLDOVA

PIN has long worked in the separatist region of Moldova – Transnistria. For a third year, PIN administered a programme supporting the development of civil society. In 2008 the programme concentrated on supporting organisations working with youth and on increasing the effects of local NGOs. Two brochures were published on the rights of children and teenagers and seminars on the subject were held in schools. Similar publications focusing on issues of civil rights were then made for the general public. Other activities included the preparation and broadcasting of a series of radio reports on the activities and possibilities of local NGOs that are systematically suppressed in Transnistria. At the end of the year several representatives of the Transnistrian NGO sector were invited to the Czech Republic for a study trip.

PIN began projects in regional Moldova cities in 2008 that focused on sharing the Czech experience of transformation with representatives of local government. The projects targeted towns led by democratic and reformoriented mayors who are considerably disadvantaged in their work. After their main problems were assessed, some went on study trips to the Czech Republic where they met their Czech counterparts and discussed topics and problems important to the Moldovans. At the end of the year, a guidebook entitled Financial Opportunities for Moldovan Cities was published to provide local governmental leaders with a practical guide to opportunities for acquiring finances for community development projects.

ACTIVITIES IN 2008: 168 656 EUR

Financed by: NED, Open Society Fund Praha, Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PIN's Club of Friends



ONE WORLD

The jubilee tenth annual One World International Human Rights Film Festival took place in March and April 2008 in Prague and twenty-eight other cities in the Czech Republic. The total turnout surpassed 100 000 viewers who could choose from 138 documentary films. The festival was symbolically dedicated to Nobel Peace Prize winner, Aung San Suu Kyi, and the people of Burma, who are being tyrannized by a brutal military regime.

In 2008, the world commemorated the 60th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which was reflected in the festival program. A special program section named Dictatorships in the Spotlight offered a reminder that despite the fact that many dictatorial regimes have collapsed in a number of countries in recent decades, there are many other places where concepts such as freedom and human rights are still taboo. Besides dictatorships that the media at least sometimes notice, such as Cuba, Belarus, Burma, Sudan and North Korea, this also concerns countries that have been ignored, such as Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Zimbabwe.

A conference entitled Dissidents and Freedom was held as an accompanying event with the participation of festival patron Vaclav Havel and the members of the Rudolf Vrba Jury, made up of activists and dissidents."The name of the

PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES	DESCRIPTION
ONE WORLD 2008 Prague, March 5–13, 2008 www.oneworld.cz	 44 911 viewers Under the auspices of Václav Havel, the Minister of Culture, the Mayor of Prague 138 documentary films from 39 countries, 3 international competitions, non-competition thematic categories 135 Czech and international guests, 385 accredited journalists 220 000 visits to the festival webpage 10 327 students attend school screenings World music, discussions, workshops
ONE WORLD IN REGIONS	• 55 095 viewers • Echoes of One World in 28 cities • 33 597 students attend school screenings
ONE WORLD IN THE WORLD	• Echoes of One World in Brussels, New York, Washington DC, Kiev, Madrid and Paris • One World co-founded in 2008 also human rights film festivals in Bulgaria, Romania and Austria
FESTIVAL SPECIALS	 90 000 users of One World page on Czech TV's webpage 236 000 viewers of One World night on Czech TV One World Daily Special on Czech television every day Festival specials on Czech radio and news servers Festival supplements in main Czech and English newspapers
YEAR-LONG ACTIVITIES	 Co-founder of Pavel Koutecky Award for Czech film makers Screenings for schools and scout groups One World films on Czech television and in art cinemas Echoes of One World at important Czech festivals
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION	 The Association of Human Rights Festivals Year-long support and consultations for human rights festivals in Slovakia, Hungary, Poland, Ukraine, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Russia, Georgia

Photo: © Lubomir Kotek, Czech Republic 2008 / The opening ceremony was attended by festival patron Václav Havel, the Minister of Culture Václav Jehlička and the Mayor of Prague Pavel Bém.



ONE WORLD

One World festival is not just a reference to the cultural and spiritual environment and civilization that we live in as well as to the interconnectedness of its parts and the mutual interdependence of all things. It is also a warning that we don't have another world at our disposal and we never will," stated Vaclav Havel.

One World offers strong documentary films with high informational value, which provide a deeper understanding of the world. One World is driven by the belief that it is possible to fight evil, injustice and violations of basic human rights, freedom and dignity by revealing them to the public. At the same time, the festival clearly shows the deep confidence that lies on the side of freedom fighters and those who strive for basic human rights and dignity.

FESTIVAL CITIES

The 10th annual One World festival took place in 29 cities throughout the Czech Republic: Praha, Bílina, Brno, České Budějovice, Český Krumlov, Hlinsko, Hradec Králové, Hrádek nad Nisou, Chrudim, Jablonec nad Nisou, Karlovy Vary, Kladno, Libčice nad Vltavou, Liberec, Mělník, Olomouc, Opava, Ostrava, Pardubice, Písek, Plzeň, Rožnov pod Radhoštěm, Tábor, Tanvald, Teplice, Třinec, Ústí nad Labem, Vsetín and Zlín.

ACTIVITIES IN 2008: 536 226 EUR

Financed by: Czech Ministry of Culture, Prague City Hall, Pilsner Urquell, European Union (EU Media Program), National Fund for Support and Development of Czech Film, Czech Ministry of the Environment, Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czech Centres, Czech-German Fund for the Future, Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe

FESTIVAL PROGRAM	
FILM THEMATIC CATEGORIES	• Dictatorships in the Spotlight, Putin's Empire, Why Democracy, Asian Panorama, A Blue and Green Planet, After the Rain, Caged, My Way, Tolerant – Intolerant, Contemporary French documentaries, Czech Films, Frontline, Docs for Kids
RETROSPECTIVES	 Films that Changed the World Silenced Testimonies (banned Czech and German films of the 60s)
DEBATES	 Political Murders in Russia, Political Islam, Cuba: Island of Bondage, Autocracy in Central Asia, International Justice, Where Policy Was Lost by the People, Shadows of the Serbian Past, A Blue and Green Planet, Day for Tibet and Burma, Changing China, Virus Free Generation, Caged: Institutional Care
FILM RELATED ACCOMPANYING EVENTS	 Filmmakers' dialogues Master classes of Jean-Gabriel Périot, Olivier Zabat and Olly Lambert Workshop – How to finance human rights documentaries Workshop – How to set up a human rights film festival
ONE WORLD AND NGO SECTOR	 Film against injustice and poverty NGO Forum
ACCOMPANYING EVENTS	 Exhibitions of posters and photographs Concerts Film marathons

Photo: © Lubomir Kotek, Czech Republic 2008 / The visual presentation of the festival used the theme of dictators who get driven off the stage by an infuriated audience.



ONE WORLD IN SCHOOLS

One World in Schools, in its seventh year, provides teachers with documentary films and other audio-visual materials. Film has clearly proven to be a strong source of information for students that they can generally relate to more than textbooks. Schools began using the *Being in the Picture* set to increase students' media literacy in 2008. New materials on development education and didactic texts to accompany films on Czechoslovak history were also introduced. These materials provide teachers with a modern means of teaching contemporary history using a number of archive documents, personal and official letters, prisoner files and verdicts from judicial show trials.

STORIES OF INJUSTICE

ONE WORLD IN SCHOOLS

The Stories of Injustice project also deals with the era of communism. In 2008, 616 schools in 373 towns took part. Stories included discussions with eyewitnesses, a series in a major Czech daily, a student competition and an exhibition on Wenceslas Square. 2008's Stories were dedicated primarily to people who were active objectors to totalitarianism.

WHO ELSE?

Taking an active civic stand is the theme of the new project *Who Else*? It shows young people that they can they can actively shape the world in which they live. Groups of students participating in the project looked for ways to draw attention to specific social problems and get involved in resolving them.

ONE WORLD IN SCHOOLS ABROAD

The know-how of One World in Schools expanded abroad and partners in Slovakia, Poland, Estonia and Romania began implementing projects on the One World model.

ACTIVITIES IN 2008: 390 412 EUR

Financed by: CEE Trust, EC, ESF, Czech Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Culture, Czech National Agency for Youth, Prague Municipal Government, State Fund of the CR for the Support and Development of Czech Cinematography, Office of the Government

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CONNECTED TO THE PROJECT	• 2,600 primary and secondary schools
FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS	 260 documentary films and other audiovisual materials Synopses, activities, worksheets, Q&A, methodologies Seminars Assistance from experts Support for creating The School Education Program Electronic bulletins, website
FOR STUDENTS	 56 One World Film Clubs Meetings of film club organisers One World International School of Documentary Film Team projects Link magazine One World Festival school screenings Literary and art contests Electronic bulletins, website

Photo: © Lubomír Kotek, Czech Republic 2008 / The basic concept behind the One World in Schools project is to use documentary film to approach young people.



Social exclusion is becoming an increasingly serious problem in the Czech Republic. There is virtually no highquality central social policy, and the issue is dealt with unsystematically at the level of individual ministries. Local self-government is incapable of resolving the ever-growing social tension which has led to an increase in the activities of extremists, the climax of which came at the end of the year with public unrest in the streets of the Litvínov neighbourhood of Janov.

Another serious problem is the fact that poverty in the Czech Republic is becoming a highly desired object of commerce. Usury, or the activity of loan sharks, is a prevalent phenomenon in areas of social exclusion. Recently, the threat of usury has been joined by the activities of real estate agencies and "normal" financial services companies. These agencies and companies are aware of the fact that social benefits can be seized if a client is unable to repay a loan. The poor living in areas of social exclusion have become a money-making commodity.

CURRENT SITUATION

Determining the true number of socially excluded people is next to impossible. According to the last relevant survey by the company GAC in 2006, some eighty thousand people live in the modern ghettos of the Czech Republic. Modern ghettos (from single buildings to entire neighbourhoods) can be found in nearly every large Czech town, and the global economic crisis is expected to continue the trend. The Czech state is incapable of creating a long-term solution to the situation. The quality of the approaches taken depends on the capabilities of individual municipal governments and local self-governments, which often opt for solutions that ultimately bring these situations to a critical boiling point.

Social Integration Programmes in these situations try to mitigate the difficult living conditions of people who

find themselves socially excluded. Using a network of field workers, they go straight to the affected individuals themselves. The excluded are helped to enforce their rights, which are very often violated, and are also encouraged to fulfil their civic responsibilities. The objective of Social Integration Programmes is to free clients from the vicious circle of social exclusion and help them to set their lives back on track as soon as possible.

SOCIAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMMES – DATA

In 2008, PIN's Social Integration Programmes operated in sixty Czech and Moravian towns and communities, and its team consisted of roughly one hundred employees – from field workers and employment advisors to educators and coordinators. In addition to social work, staff also tried to influence local governmental bodies to introduce tools to resolve problems of social exclusion.

ACTIVITIES IN 2008: 1 911 693 EUR

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Photo: © Iva Zímová, Czech Republic, 2008 / Social Integration Programmes try to ease complicated situations for those who face social exclusion.



FIELD SOCIAL WORK

A main focus of the work of the Social Integration Programmes has long been field social work. PIN has provided registered social services (field programmes) in eight regions throughout the Czech Republic. Field workers cooperate with the socially excluded to assist clients in improving their lives. In 2008, in spite of the adverse financial climate, PIN offered clients support in dealing with government bureaus, composing requests, making payment calendars and resolving debts.

Social work in the field also included arranging legal consultation. In August, PIN was authorised to provide socio-legal protection for children. Field workers assisted families in the north-eastern city of Usti nad Labem and in the region of Olomouc. Field social workers cooperated with clients to address long term low-income earning, dependence on social benefits, high debts and decreased parental capability and childcare skills.

CAREER AND EMPLOYMENT COUNSELLING

The aim of the programme is to motivate clients to take a more active approach in looking for employment and make maximum use of available work opportunities. With regards to engaging the socially excluded on the Czech labour market however, 2008 is a break point. After several years of economic prosperity and growth, accompanied by an excess of job supply over demand, the opposite situation developed in 2008. More and more often, clients are only finding work in employment requiring no qualification, such as in construction or odd jobs. In many cases such jobs are "off the books" and make long-term professional growth impossible. To address this, PIN established the Work Consultation Project as part of the Career and Employment Counselling Programme. The programme provides services determined in part by the demand for students in vocational schools, indicating a need in the market for specific skills.

2008 also saw the development of a wide range of group activities and interactive seminars with elements of hands-on learning. 2008 was the first year of a weekly social reality simulation in which participants were able to try various life strategies. Over the course of the year, PIN managed to fully integrate elements of career guidance, and in coming years this service will be offered to more clients, schools and parents.

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

2008 saw the continuation of a pilot project for a new social service in Plzeň, Social Assistance in Criminal Proceedings (registered according to act 108/2006 Coll. under the category of specialised social consultation). It supports people who have found themselves in adverse situations in their lives or social situations as a result of a criminal act and do not know their rights and obligations. Clients do not have sufficient information and communications skills needed to resolve these situations independently.

In 2008 the service was provided for forty-seven clients. Through the project From Social Exclusion to Civil Society, which was supported by the European Commission, 106 policemen from the West Bohemian region were trained in issues of social exclusion. At the same time a methodological guide called Social Exclusion and the Role of the Police of the Czech Republic was created for those training the courses.

OPEN CLUBS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS

Open Clubs are places for long-term systematic work with children and adolescents. People in Need has been operating Open Clubs in the Czech Republic since 2006 in Ústí nad Labem and Bílina. The Clubs are centres for free-

Photo: © Iva Zímová, Czech Republic, 2008 / In 2008, PIN worked in partnership with its clients to improve their lives in spite of an unfavourable financial climate.



time activities and help children decrease the kinds of risks that arise in the environment of exclusion, aiming to prevent their exclusion from mainstream society. In Bílina, the Open Club also caters to mothers with small children and offers a pre-school. Preschool prepares children for primary school and ultimately forestalls their being eliminated from mainstream schools. Pre-school attendance can greatly impact the learning handicaps of children who grow up in environments of social exclusion.

PIN also hosts camps for children from poor families and supports staff in organizing both regular and one-off activities. Weekend events, holiday celebrations, in-city camps and international work camps are organized to enrich the lives of children from areas of social exclusion. Individual activities are carried out with the help of volunteers, mainly college students to work in the Club and provide support to participating children. Workers receive specialized training that enables them to provide children with specialised assistance through the Open Club and its services.

EDUCATION SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Most children who come from socially excluded environments attend "special schools". The vast majority of children have little motivation to continue in their studies once they are no longer obliged to do so. Dropping out of school substantially lowers a child's chance of finding gainful employment and a place in society. The reason for these children's scholastic failure is not because they are intellectually incapable, but that they are socio-culturally handicapped. The children do not have the appropriate support at home, their parents are uneducated, often have been unemployed for long periods and do not associate their standard of living with higher qualifications. The children lack the necessary positive examples to show them that education is an important prerequisite to successful involvement in society.

The Education Support Programme tries to help these children prepare for school and offers them tutoring free of charge. This is done by trained volunteers who are primarily college students. The goal of the programme is not only to improve the children's marks in school but to improve the overall learning environment in the family in order to create a suitable background for their outof-school education. A major component of creating this environment is to get the parents involved, motivating them to take an interest in their children's scholastic achievement and seeing to it that they fulfil their parental responsibilities. The program is supplemented with free-time activities. Trips, sleep-over events, special interest clubs and sport activities are organized for participating children. These extra activities support the children's overall development, particularly social and communications skills, which are just as important in school as good marks.

RESEARCH AND ANALYTICAL ACTIVITIES

Proposals to include any measures are preceded by an understanding and description of an environment in which there are inverse processes of social exclusion. To

ACTIVITIES IN 2008	CLIENTS	NO. OF REQUESTS	CONSULTATIONS	REQUESTS MET
EMPLOYMENT COUNSELLING	1 311	2 092	12 399	68 %
FIELD SOCIAL WORK	2 392	4 979	43 325	70 %
SUPPORTING EDUCATION AT HOME	201	448	5 373	79 %

Photo: © Iva Zímová, Czech Republic 2008 / Our field workers try to help clients not only to enforce their rights but they also drive them to fulfil their responsibilities.



that end, People in Need has been conducting research and analyses with a wide thematic focus for a number of years. In 2008, research and a situational analysis of social exclusion in the town of Roudnice nad Labem was carried out. At the request of the Ministry of Education, extensive research was made into the success of inclusive education programmes underway in primary and secondary schools throughout the Czech Republic.

As in previous years, PIN was the national coordination centre for monitoring signs of racism and xenophobia and related discriminatory actions. In 2008 three periodical bulletins were prepared for the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights as well as a technical report on organisations dealing with the issue and a consolidated annual report.

PUBLIC COURSES AND SEMINARS

The Social Integration Programme offer a wide range of educational courses, seminars and workshops through which it tries to explain the issue of social exclusion to state and local government workers, police officers, students, teachers and social workers. These activities help officials make competent decisions and develop conceptual solutions to problems related to social exclusion that they face on a daily basis.

Educational courses are also prepared and carried out for people threatened by social exclusion. The courses focus on psycho-social skills and the personal qualifications of the participants; the courses try to support awareness of the legal rights and overall self confidence. In 2008 dissemination seminars about social exclusion and options for dealing with it were prepared, based on experience with resolving the problem in places where PIN workers have been operating. Representatives of city and community government were also informed of positive and negative experience in dealing with issues of social exclusion.

INFORMATION AND PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

A vast majority of the general population in the Czech Republic still sees the inhabitants of modern ghettos as undesirables merely taking advantage of the social system. Insufficient information leads to ethnic stigmatisation and the mistaken impression that social exclusion can only be resolved within the community in question. Without public support however, political representation does not feel obliged to undertake specific, long-term and often financially demanding measures to eliminate social exclusion. The Programme works through local and national media to explain the issue in general and also to break down the contributing factors and explain them in detail.

In 2008 PIN provided information on the issue of indebtedness through its Consumer's Fate campaign. In January PIN published a brochure called The Issue of Debt which described the situation, explained the phenomenon of repossession, analyzed the possibilities of the insolvency act, mapped the causes of indebtedness and proposed options for solving it. In the methodological guide Programmes for the Support of Family Education, PIN described procedures for tutoring children in socially excluded areas, while the guidebook Social Exclusion and the Role of the Police of the Czech Republic explained the issue of social exclusion to police officers.

Photo: © Iva Zímová, Czech Republic 2008 / The successful struggle against social exclusion must begin with a precise analysis of specific problems.



SOCIAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMMES- SLOVAKIA

PIN's Slovak branch is working for the fifth year in the region of Prešov, which is known for having the highest concentration of centres of social exclusion (over 250) called the "Romany settlements". Individual programmes are coordinated with beneficiaries and staff tries to promote successful experience to state and local government.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAMMES

In 2008 the branch operated two community centres in the communities of Roškovce (2006) and Petrovany (August, 2008) which focus on working with children and teenagers. They include an Open Club, group tutoring and individual tutoring and career consultation for teenagers. An integral part of the work of the centres is supporting young volunteers from among the inhabitants of socially excluded areas. Both community centres are gradually becoming coordination points for the provision of social and other support services for disadvantaged inhabitants of the areas. The Slovak branch of PIN was part of the coalition of non-profit non-governmental organisations that commented on the new school act and thanks to their activity the act included a paragraph prohibiting all forms of discrimination including segregation in schools.

RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMME

In 2008 a prototype straw-mud house was completed in Spišské Podhradí. The house met certain attributes for further use in the programme for the support of low-standard residences. The construction used local materials and the total costs were lower than with classic construction technology. The house has considerably better energy-saving qualities and the simple technology allows its occupants to contribute significantly to its construction. The prototype technology was offered to the Slovak Ministry of Construction and presented to the community management in the region. Both the state and local government declared an interest in building a larger number of similar houses, which fulfilled one of the project's objectives – to implement alternative technologies in programmes supporting construction for low income groups of inhabitants.

COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF ROMANY SETTLEMENTS

Branch workers provide consultation and assistance to communities in creating a local concept for social inclusion and other developmentl documents. These then systematically increase the development potential of the community with an emphasis on the personal involvement of the socially disadvantaged.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

In 2008 extensive research was conducted focusing on prostitution, the victims of which are often women leaving institutional facilities as teenagers. The research was complemented by a preventative programme for clients of orphanages and training for their employees. Based on the research, a methodology of preventative activities in institutional facilities was drawn up.

ACTIVITIES IN 2008: 54 484 EUR

Financed by: EU, Kolpings Society Slovakia, Children of Slovakia Foundation, Slovak-Czech Women's Fund, The Office of Plenipotentiary for the Roma Communities, IUVENTA 33

Photo: © Miroslava Hapalová, Czech Republic 2008 / A prototype straw-mud house was completed in Spišské Podhradí which is to serve as an alternative home for low-income people.



VARIANTS

In 2008 people interested in intercultural and global development education could choose from an offer of seminars, teaching materials, bulletins and information on the website www.varianty.cz. A number of schools also became involved in long-term projects in 2008.

INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION

The aim of the Variants Programme is to aid the development of inclusive schooling and contribute to the involvement of children with specific educational needs, particularly children from environments of social exclusion, in mainstream education. Projects to support inclusive schools in the Central Bohemia and Ústí nad Labem regions began in 2008. In keeping with international trends in intercultural education, a guide to new approaches, *Before Getting Started with Multicultural Education*, was compiled in conjunction with leading

SEMINARS AND COURSES

355 teachers 1 947 secondary and primary school students 189 college students 103 office workers 117 others

PUBLICATIONS

Analysis of courses of multicultural education for future teachers Climate Change Teachers Manual Economic Globalisation Teachers Manual Human Rights Teachers Manual

Before Getting Started with Multicultural Education

Can I Even Imagine? – The Threats of Neo-Nazism

How to Begin with a Cross-curricular Topics Framework

A World Without Conflict

Czech experts. The Variants programme also conducted research in how multicultural education is taught in colleges. The information campaign NEO-Nazi – Do you want him? responded to the growth of xenophobia in the Czech Republic. Through these activities students were introduced to the dangers of neo-Nazism through seminars, contests and exhibitions.

GLOBAL DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION

Through the international Global Action School project, criteria were set for awarding a certificate of the same name. Nine Czech schools received the prestigious award. Teaching materials were created for teachers on the topics of human rights, economic globalisation and climate change. An e-learning course combined with seminars offered a new educational tool for teachers. College students were involved in the *Event for Africa* project, where they learned about development problems in African countries. Open Clubs took place for the third time in training focusing on non-violent problem solving through the international project PeaceXchange.

A new educational tool for teachers was the e-learning course combined with seminars.

ACTIVITIES IN 2008: 291 794 EUR

Financed by: European Union, Financial Mechanisms of the EEA/Norway, Anne Frank House, Czech Ministries of Education and Foreign Affairs, Czech Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Prague Municipal Government, OSF, Office of the Government CR

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Photo: © Iva Zímová, Czech Republic 2008 / Interactive methods are often used in seminars on global developmental education.



INFORMATIVE AND MEDIA PROJECTS

One of the most important activities of People in Need is providing information on crisis areas, developing countries, violations of human rights and societal problems facing the Czech Republic. The media dimension of People in Need's work allows greater transparency for donors and mobilisation of public collections.

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

An immediate media response is essential when humanitarian catastrophes occur and emergency aid must be mobilized. In 2008 PIN announced two SOS collections for aid for cyclone-devastated Burma and for the displaced in the Russian-Georgian conflict and provided regular information from the affected areas. Media support was provided for the Let's Build a School in Africa and Real Aid public collections. PIN provided information on its activities and related topics through reports, analyses, editorials and interviews in print and on the radio, television and Internet. The website www. peopleinneed.cz is regularly updated, an information service is available for journalists and several thematic supplements have been prepared for national and regional periodicals. At the end of the year PIN took part in preparing media seminars for journalists from Burma and the Crimea, which suffer from unbalanced reporting on the ethnic and political conflicts.

MIGRATION PROGRAMME

For eight years, People in Need has informed the media and the general public about the phenomenon of migration to the Czech Republic through the Migration Programme. The objective is to broaden knowledge of the issue and contribute to a balanced image of foreigners in the media and positive coexistence between immigrants and the majority society. The programme's coordinators cooperate with Czech and European non-profit, migration-oriented organisations and work together to create more accommodating attitudes towards immigrants. In 2008 PIN focused primarily on building relations with members of the Vietnamese community, for whom training was organised and practical advice was provided on how to communicate with the media and state government.

Ninety-four publications on the theme of migration were put out in print, on television, radio and the Internet. In cooperation with Radio Wave, PIN prepared a project called Crossings. Through a series of radio reports they presented the life stories of people from other countries who have settled in the Czech Republic. At the same time they also created their photographic portraits with accompanying texts and organised exhibits in Prague and Plzeň. In 2008 the programme coordinators also prepared a project for Ukrainian journalists who reported on the risks of illegal residence in the Czech Republic in their media, and thus helped prevent illegal migration. A new website was created for the project, Migration4media.net, and specialised seminars were held in Ukraine and in Prague. Ukrainian journalists published a total of forty-six articles. A greater orientation towards European cooperation was made possible thanks to a new source of financing from the Network of European Foundations.

ACTIVITIES IN 2008: 34 970 EUR

Financed by: Czech Ministry of Culture, OSF, Network of European Foundations – European Programme for Integration and Migration

Photo: © Iva Zímová, Czech Republic, 2008 / When presenting serious topics People in Need uses unconventional methods to help get media attention.



CLUB OF FRIENDS

In the spring of 2008, Ethiopia was struck by a catastrophic drought. People were forced to drink dirty water from the rivers because traditional water sources had dried up. This resulted in the speedy spread of diarrhoeal diseases and malnourishment which could end in death, especially for children. In response to the pending catastrophe, the Ethiopian branch of PIN requested financial support from PIN's Club of Friends. Money was available the next day, allowing rescue work to begin immediately. Medicine was distributed to temporary emergency tents for malnourished children, and Club funds were used to renew sources of drinking water. The intervention in Ethiopia illustrates how regular contributions from individual members of the Club of Friends help and often save lives.

Most of the members of the Club send ten to fifteen Euros a month. These donations form a humanitarian fund that can respond to crisis immediately and ensure PIN can help when people most need it. In the first weeks following Cyclone Nargis, finances from the Club of Friends and the SOS Burma collection provided aid for people in 122 villages. During 2008, 120 tonnes of food was distributed, as were clothes for nine thousand people. 1 720 blankets, eight thousand metres of canvas and temporary shelter, medicines and tablets for the treatment of 3 million litres of water were distributed.

Thanks to members of the Club of Friends, aid was also provided to people suffering from the ten-year war in the Congo, where a centre providing aid to rape victims was equipped. Further care, including accommodation and employment, was provided for dozens of these women. At the end of the year PIN also started to prepare programmes aiming to help thousands of IDPs in Congo.

Thanks to Czech donations there was also aid for the displaced in Georgia and drought-stricken farmers in Afghanistan. After the brutal suppression of a demonstration





in Tibet, medical supplies were purchased on the spot for the use of doctors treating the injured.

The donations of members of the Club of Friends provide long-term assistance for people persecuted by totalitarian regimes in Cuba, Burma and Belarus. Political prisoners and their families receive medicine or money for food or legal support. People in Need also supports independent journalists and other figures of civil society.

Members of the Club of Friends receive information on the use of their contributions and free accreditation to the One World Film Festival. If the idea of human solidarity is important to you, become a member. People in Need thanks the current 4 500 members for their continuing support!

Photo: © Jan Mrkvička, Ethiopia, 2008 / Women standing in a queue for water in the Alaba woreda of southern Ethiopia, which was hit by a devastating drought in 2008.

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PUBLIC COLLECTION REAL AID

In mid-2008 People in Need launched a new, longterm fundraising campaign called Real Aid. Its aim is to collect funds for development aid to poor people in the developing world. Proceeds from the campaign will be used primarily to build schools, health-care centres, and sources of drinking water in areas of drought, and to support poor farmers in being able to sustain their families through their work. Unlike the PIN's Club of Friends, donors contribute to the elimination of long-term problems and improving lives in poverty-stricken countries rather than immediate humanitarian aid after catastrophes. Every year, poverty kills more people in the developing world than widely publicised natural disasters and wars combined.

USE OF DONATIONS

Contributors have already donated nearly 120 000 EUR in the campaign's half-year of existence. In Namibia, where every fifth person is afflicted with HIV and there is one doctor per nine thousand persons, Real Aid allowed a programme to be launched for preventing the transfer of AIDS from mother to child and training for healthcare workers in three clinics. In Cambodia the proceeds supported a total of twenty-eight obstetric centres and health-care facilities for which instruments were purchased. Some of the centres were equipped with solar panels, which are the only source of electricity. In Georgia the campaign aided small farmers who can borrow newly acquired technology and machines for cultivating their fields.

In Cambodia and Georgia, money from the campaign has gone towards co-financing projects supported by institutional contributors. In light of the fact that cofinancing is in many cases an obligation or condition for commencing a project, money from the campaign helps acquire amounts that are many times higher from important contributors, such as the Czech government or the European Union.

To support the campaign PIN seeks contributors who decide to donate as little as 50 cents a day. Feedback and regular information bulletins keep contributors aware of how their donations are being used. The promotion of the campaign has been possible primarily thanks to the media support of Czech Television and Czech Radio and the auspices of the Prague mayor's office. The first year of the campaign's costs was covered for the most part by donations from the companies Crocodile ČR and Optreal s. r. o., and grants from the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The campaign provides information on the repercussions of the unavailability of drinking water, sustenance, and inadequate health care and ways that these problems can be dealt with on the website www.skutecnapomoc.cz. Visitors can also learn about the specific stories of those who PIN has assisted with the help of Czech contributors. By the end of the year nearly 1 500 regular donors had supported the campaign, with most of them sending eight or twelve Euros a month.

To all those who have contributed we send our thanks for their support! If you like the idea of Real Aid, become a regular contributor!

More information available at www.skutecnapomoc.cz.

Photo: © MARK/BBDO / The visuals for PIN's Real Aid collection work to draw attention to long-term the problems faced by people in the developing world. FINANCIAL REPORT

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ORGANIZATION'S REVENUES IN 2008

6	
Source of Revenues Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the	1 519 383
Czech Republic (state budget and EU)	
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic	1 456 986
European Commission The Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development	1 366 301 987 199
of Afghanistan (The World Bank)	907 199
Donations to public collection SOS Sri Lanka	656 132
Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic	535 749
Welthungerhilfe e.V. Currency exchange profits	492 180 403 491
Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic	328 529
DAI - Development Alternatives, Inc. (USAID)	319 696
Other revenues	310 308
Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic Donations to PIN Club of Friends	303 609 290 324
National Endowment for Democracy	290 324
IOM - International Organization on Migration	253 294
Donations to public collection SOS Pakistan	228 329
Concern Worldwide	208 551
GTZ - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit Donations to public collection SOS Burma	182 845 176 628
US Department of State - Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labour	170 020
Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic	163 801
Donations to public collection Ethiopia - Let's build a school in Africa	152 097
UNOPS, Jordan	131 914
Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic City of Prague	127 627 120 411
ANAEM	115 432
Revenues from sale of assets, products and materials	114 197
IBIS (EU)	98 850
NROS (EU, EEA and Norwegian Financial Mechanisms and own funds)	90 453
Office of the Government of the Czech Republic Other donations	84 389 83 519
Mercy Corps Afghanistan	83 172
HIVOS (EU, NGO)	80 995
Australian/Swiss Red Cross	79 439
Ticket sale at One World Film Festival	77 336
Central Bohemia Region (EU, state and local budget) ARD Inc. (USAID)	63 897
OSI	62 275
UNICEF	62 079
Olomouc Region (EU, state and local budget)	57 194
Czech Television Karlovy Vary Region (EU, state and local budget)	56 698 52 412
NECORD - North East Community Restoration and Development Project	50 330
UMCOR - United Methodist Committee On Relief	49 715
National Fund for Support and Development of Czech Cinematography	47 603
"Czech National Agency ""Mládež"" (EU, NGO)"	46 629 45 841
Pilsen Region (EU, state and local budget) The Centre for a Free Cuba	45 805
Pilsner Urquell brewery	37 133
The Sigrid Rausing Trust	36 312
Liberec Region (local budget)	35 296
City of Usti nad Labem The Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Tbilisi	35 061 33 422
Trust for Civil Society in Central & Eastern Europe	32 374
People in Peril Association Slovakia (Člověk v ohrožení)	30 813
Revenue from financial assets	28 928
Interest Action Aid (EU)	27 325
Action Aid (EU) Lidové noviny, a.s.	23 929 23 332
SOLIDAR INGO Consortium	23 036
"Donations to public collection ""Skutečná pomoc""	21 313
Donations to public collection Afghanistan - Schools for Afghan Children	20 419
IUVENTA (EU)	20 125
SSVP - Societé de Vincent de Paul USAID	20 104 18 523
Arts Institute - Theatre Institute (EU)	18 368
Other revenues from own activities	17 547
Odvárková Jitka	16 263
Crocodile Czech Republic, s.r.o. Czech-German Fund for the future	14 853 14 853
	14 033

Source of Revenues	in EUR
Anna Kolínská	14 853
Linhart foundation	14 853
OPTREAL, s.r.o.	14 853
Donations to public collection Georgia UNDP	13 799 11 999
City of Pilsen	11 999
Donations to public collection SOS Greece	11 457
Panasonic Czech Republic, s.r.o.	11 037
AmeriCares Foundation Inc.	10 555
Czech News Agency - ČTK	10 137
Tereza Maxová Foundation	9 744
ATELIER SPEKTRUM s.r.o.	8 865
The Taiwan Foundation for Democracy	8 858
The Vodafone Czech Republic Foundation	8 742
02 Foundation	8 479
La Strada Czech Republic, o.p.s. (EU)	8 134
Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (EU) Kolping-Foundation, Slovakia (EU)	8 066
Network of European Foundations for Innovative Cooperation	7 754
Technical University Braunschweig	7 734
ČEZ, a.s.	7 427
EuroPartners Consulting, s.r.o.	7 427
City of Olomouc	6 785
Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic	6 241
Weltfriedensdienst e. V. (EU)	5 822
FAO - Food and Agriculture Organization	5 683
War Trauma Foundation	5 631
City Quarter of Prague 5	5 570
RWE Transgas, a.s.	5 570
British Embassy Prague	5 182
Donations of other Embassies for One World Film Festival	5 178
Centre for International Services MŠMT (EU)	4 926
Ambassade de France - SCAC	4 827
Goethe Institute Prague CEZ Foundation	4 827 4 725
The Embassy of the United States of America	4 687
Government commissioner of the Slovak Republic	4 601
The International Visegrad Fund	4 559
Other funding and grants	4 528
Sri Lanka Red Cross Society	4 512
SPF Group, v.o.s.	4 456
The Children of Slovakia Foundation	4 317
Student Agency, s.r.o.	4 233
Centre for integration of foreigners (EU, MoLSA)	4 075
Donations to public collection SOS Libanon	3 908
RESCATE - Comité Internacional de Rescate España	3 819
Socioklub - Association for the promotion of theory	3 713
and practice in the area of social policy	3 713
The Usti Region (EU, state and local budget) Dom Spotkan im. Angelusa Silesiusa	3 188
City of Přerov	3 156
The Slovak-Czech Women's Fund	3 093
UN OCHA	3 005
Royal Netherlands Embassy	2 987
City of Ostrava	2 971
City of Pardubice	2 971
Brno University of Technology	2 971
Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic	2 852
Donations to public collection Lost Immunity:	2 677
Support for Namibian Victims of HIV/ AIDS	
City of Liberec	2 541 2 400
Other foreign government authorities	2 400
Health Insurance Company Metal-Aliance UNAMA North East Region	1 986
Josef Kvapil a.s.	1 986
Martin Kříž	1 857
Jan Petrák	1 857
Severočeské doly a.s.	1 857
City of Hradec Králové	1 857
Other public collections	981
TOTAL	13 732 379
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Original source of funds is named in brackets unless solely own funds were provided by donor agency.

TOTAL REVENUES BY TYPE OF SOURCE

Type of Source	in EUR
UN Organizations and IOM	469 960
Czech Television	56 698
Donations and revenues from individual companies	1 851 018
Foundations and other NGOs	1 155 707
EU funding	2 220 830
Czech local administration	288 150
Czech Government	4 221 878
Revenues from own activities and other revenues	942 930
Foreign government authorities	2 525 206
TOTAL	13 732 379

FUNDS FROM EUROPEAN COMMISSION ACCORDING TO DEPARTMENTS

European Commission Directorates-General European Community Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO) EuropeAid Co-operation Office

European Commission Directorates-General	in EUR
European Community Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO)	676 234
EuropeAid Co-operation Office	717 600
Directorate-General for Justice, Freedom and Security	52 148
Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities	532 317
Directorate-General for Education and Culture	131 216
Directorate-General for Information Society and Media	25 341
Directorate-General for Enlargement	12 269
Other	73 706
TOTAL	2 220 830

Total sum includes funds provided by European Commission directly to People in Need as well as fund provided to partner organizations for joint projects.



TOTAL EXPENDITURES BY TYPE OF ACTIVITY

Type of Activity	in EUR
Project support from Prague office and administration	386 679
Fundraising	31 36
Relief and Development Department Projects	
Development Water & Sanitation	192 36
Development Health & Psycho-Social	450 992
Development Education	1 582 02
Development Community Development	1 029 36
Development Livelihoods	825 19
Development Democracy & Governance	675 63
Development Information and Awareness-raising	203 30
Environment Protection	245 08
Subtotal Development Cooperation	5 203 95
Relief Water & Sanitation	660 61
Relief Shelter & NFI (Non Food Items)	170 64
Relief Food & Nutrition	418 39
Relief Health & Psycho-Social	298 00-
Relief Coordination, Support, Protection	36 11
Subtotal Humanitarian Aid	1 583 77
Rehabilitation Infrastructure	658 14
Rehabilitation Education	675 70
Rehabilitation Housing	334 152
Rehabilitation Livelihoods	578 97
Subtotal Rehabilitation	2 246 98
Total Relief and Development Department Projects	9 034 70
Human Rights and Democracy Projects	
Belarus	161 79
Cuba	392 112
Moldova	113 95
Burma	163 75
Ukraine	54 69
Other (Czech Republic)	48.24
Total Human Rights and Democracy Projects	934 55
One World Film Festival	536 22
One World in Schools	390 412
Social Integration Programs	1 911 69
Educational programs on immigration issues	34 970
Education – Variants Program	291 79
Projects in Slovakia	54 484
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TOTAL	13 606 883

TOTAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROJECTS



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FUNDS RECEIVED FORM DONORS AND SUBSEQUENTLY PROVIDED TO PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS FOR REALIZATION OF JOINT PROJECTS

These funds are not costs or revenues of People in Need and do not appear in Profit - Loss Account. It is posted as other receivables in the Balance Sheet.

Partner organization	EUR 31. 12. 2008
Jaan Tonisson Institute	55 717
Polska Akcja Humanitarna	54 644
Foundation for Development of Democratic Rights	54 546
Človek v ohrození	46 502
Fundacja Centrum Edukacji Obywatelskiej	41 621
Slovak NGDO Platform	21 645
University of West Bohemia in Pilsen	17 690
Partners for Democratic Change Slovakia, o.z.	16 948
Společnost Tady a Teď, o.p.s.	4 733
European Journalism Centre	1 813
Ponton, o.s.	721
TOTAL	316 580

Funding sources: state budget of the Czech Republic, local budgets, EU

In 2008 People in Need has mediated further development projects in total amount of EUR 3 756 081. These funds are not costs or revenues of People in Need and do not appear in Profit - Loss Account. Funds for these activities were provided by World Bank through The Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development of Afghanistan to development committees in Afghan villages. People in Need participated as technical adviser in preparation and realization of the projects.



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 29 June 2009 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 2008 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 Člověk v tísni, o.p.s. (PEOPLE IN NEED), i.e. the balance sheet as at 31 December 2008, profit and loss account from 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2008 and notes to these financial statements including the relevant accounting methods used. Information about Člověk v tísni, o.p.s. is presented in Note 1.1. to these financial statements.

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

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on 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 standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the assets, liabilities, equity and financial position of Člověk v tísni, o.p.s. as at 31 December 2008, and of the expenses, income and results of its operations for the year 2008 and were prepared in accordance with the respective accounting regulations of the Czech Republic."

In Prague on 30 June 2009

Auditing firm:

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