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Czech Forum for Development Co-operation

Platform of Czech NGOs in Development Co-operation

FoRS

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Czech Forum for Development Co-operation

INTRODUCING FoRS

FoRS - Czech Forum for Development Co-operation - is a platform of Czech non-governmental non-profit organisations (NGOs) and other non-profit subjects, involved in development cooperation, development education and humanitarian assistance.

FoRS was founded by 15 NGOs in September 2002 and legally registered as an association of legal entities in October 2002. By the end of 2008, FoRS already represented 29 member organisations and 16 observers - among those are NGOs, foundations, international organisations, universities and others.

FoRS organisations share the common interest of pursuing more relevance and effectiveness of both Czech and international development cooperation and enhancing its positive impact on people living in developing and transforming countries. The main task of FoRS is to represent the common interest of its members and to strengthen the relations and cooperation between the state administration in the Czech Republic, the European Union, and non-governmental organisations in the field of development cooperation.

In 2003, FoRS was one of the founding members of CONCORD, the European NGO Confederation for Relief and Development (www.concordeurope.org). CONCORD is an umbrella association of national platforms and networks of NGOs from the EU Member States that represent all together over 1600 NGOs.

CONCORD regularly engages in dialogue with the European institutions, and FoRS can defend the interests of Czech NGOs at the European level by means of active participation in CONCORD.

Vision: the long-term aims of FoRS

- **Extreme poverty elimination, environmentally sustainable and socially just development, defending and protecting human rights, and non-violent conflict resolution**

Mission: why FoRS exists

- **Jointly enhance effectiveness, quality and volume of the Czech official development and humanitarian assistance, strengthen the positive impacts of Czech development and humanitarian organisations and institutions in partner countries as well as in the Czech Republic, and at the related policies making (in accordance with the vision of FoRS)**

Values: the key principles FoRS wants to pursue

- **Cooperation and inclusion, participation and transparency, sustainability and accountability, respect to diversity, justice and solidarity**

Activities: what FoRS does

- **Information and education:** organising educational actions, seminars, international conferences; ensuring participation of the representatives and members of FoRS in similar international events abroad; publishing materials related to development issues
- **Coordination and dialogue:** supporting joint cooperation among members; definition of jointly agreed standards and how to meet them; coordination of common development activities targeting policy makers and officials, non-governmental sector, public and other target groups
- **Representation and advocacy of members' common interests:** development of partnership with key institutional partners at the national and international levels; active monitoring and influencing of the legislative and financial framework of the development and humanitarian NGOs; general pressure on the Czech state administration to support the civil society in order to establish dialogue and foster participation in decision-making

Sources of Funding

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FoRS Membership

Membership in FoRS is open to all independent NGOs and academic institutions from the Czech Republic working in development and relief. Organisations can access FoRS firstly as observers and later become full members. Membership rules and criteria are published in legally registered statutes at the website of FoRS (www.fors.cz).

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FoRS Structure

FoRS is governed by all its members represented by the General Assembly. The Executive Board and the Advisory Board are elected by the General Assembly. The Executive Board's Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson(s) are elected by the Board itself. The Chairperson of the Executive Board is the statutory body of FoRS. The daily agenda and the organisational and financial management are carried out by the Secretariat lead by the Director who is accountable to the FoRS Executive Board.

FoRS member organisations and observers come together into working groups according to the thematic and geographic focus of their activities. FoRS working groups are the key way for FoRS organisations to engage in the common activities of the platform. The working groups can participate in the formulation of positions and the overall direction of FoRS.

Co-operation of FoRS with institutions

In the Czech Republic

- Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Department of Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid – www.mzv.cz/aid
- Czech Development Agency – www.czda.cz
- Other Czech ministries – www.gov.cz
- UN Information Centre in Prague – www.osn.cz

- Campaign Czechia Against Poverty – www.ceskoprotichudobe.cz
- Green Circle (association of environmental NGOs working in the Czech Republic) – www.zelenykruh.cz
- Climate Coalition – www.zmenaklimatu.cz

Abroad

- CONCORD (European NGO Confederation for Relief and Development) – www.concordeurope.org
- TRIALOG (Development NGOs in the Enlarged Europe) – www.trialog.or.at
- Project DEEEP (Development Education in Europe Exchange Project) – www.deeep.org
- GCAP (Global Call to Action Against Poverty) – www.whiteband.org
- GENE (Global Education Network Europe) – www.gene.eu
- North-South Centre of Council of Europe – www.nscentre.org
- UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) – www.undp.org

Some specialised Czech websites

- Campaign Czechia Against Poverty (Česko proti chudobě) – www.ceskoprotichudobe.cz
- Project on public awareness raising in the Czech Republic – www.rozvojovka.cz

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CZECH REPUBLIC
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ADRA

□ Aims and Mission

ADRA is a Czech NGO which aims at providing humanitarian and social assistance abroad as well as in the Czech Republic. ADRA helps in the immediate incidents (natural disasters, armed conflicts) or within the long-term development projects (support of education, employment, etc.).

The primary mission of ADRA is to help people in need to take control over their own lives and to encourage them to use the resources available to them. ADRA provides help regardless race or confession.

■ Key Projects and Activities

ADRA works in Ukraine, Moldova, Kenya, Zambia, Mongolia, Bangladesh, Pakistan and South-East Asian countries effected by tsunami. The projects often start as humanitarian aid and later on transform into more complex development cooperation projects. ADRA mainly focuses on improving the educational field. ADRA also has several projects in the Czech Republic.

□ Background Information

- 67 employees
- Revenues 67,675,000 CZK (2,687,648 EUR) and expenditures 69,303,000 CZK (2,752,303 EUR) (in 2007)

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Agency for Development Assistance and Humanitarian Aid of the Olomouc Region (ARPOK)

▣ Aims and Mission

The mission of the Agency for Development Assistance and Humanitarian Aid of the Olomouc Region is the organisation of development assistance and humanitarian aid abroad as well as in the Czech Republic. Due to a strong academic background of the university, ARPOK also aims at development education and increasing awareness about development assistance and humanitarian aid.

- Awareness raising
 - Public discussions with experts in the development field – “Development evenings”
 - Exhibitions – “Common joys, different worries”, “Path through life - path through the world”
 - Participation in campaigns – “Czechia against Poverty”, Football for Development”

■ Key Projects and Activities

- Development assistance
 - Mongolia, Moldova, Serbia – capacity building of representatives of state administration, NGOs and private sector
- Development education
 - Educational programmes and interactive programmes for kindergarten, elementary and high school students – “People for People”, “Bringing the world to schools in another way”, “Jug full of cultures”, “Multicultural education in Olomouc region”, “Anyana - children and the world”
 - Seminars for pedagogical workers and university students – trainings on development education methods and principles

▣ Background Information

- 3 employees, 10 external co-operators and 20 volunteers participating in the implementation of the projects
- Annual revenues about 2,500,00 CZK (100,000 EUR)

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Association for Development Co-operation (ARS)

□ Aims and Mission

In developing countries: to open new perspectives to young people through a basic entrepreneurial education, allowing them to reach necessary self-esteem and know-how for running own business activities.

In the Czech Republic: to raise awareness of the private sector about development issues and its engagement in developing countries by stressing Corporate Social Responsibility through information campaigns and consultancy.

■ Key Projects and Activities

- The project "Illustration and Information for Private Sector Involvement in Global Poverty Alleviation" is a project supported by the European Commission from the budget line 21-02-03, carried out in connection with international partners, in the period 2006–2008. The aim is to provide opportunities of private sector involvement in global poverty alleviation.

- The project "Strengthening of business capacities in agriculture" is a small-sized project aimed at local farmers realised in cooperation with local partner CENADE, San José de los Remates, Nicaragua.
- The project "Entrepreneur Capacity Building for Women" is a small-sized project aimed at women, carried out in cooperation with local partner ACOEN.

□ Background Information

- 1 employee and 5 volunteers participating in the implementation of the projects
- Revenues about 800,000 CZK (31,800 EUR) (in 2008)

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Association Sdružení Podané ruce

□ Aims and Mission

- To provide high-quality service in prevention and treatment of drug abuse
- To provide true and full information on the drugs problem and to participate in its research
- To protect the public health against the potential negative effects of drug abuse
- To develop cooperation with local communities, focused on mastering the drug misuse problem
- To provide consulting and humanitarian services to developing countries
- I.E.S. – Institute for Education and Supervision
- Project “Breaking the Circle” in Afghanistan - this project has two main objectives:
 - To present people engaged in heroin production and consumption with an alternative way of living that will give them enough money to have a decent life, so that they will not be forced to return to the poppy fields
 - To develop and evaluate a network of services to prevent drug abuse and rehabilitate those who are already addicted

■ Key Projects and Activities

- Primary prevention
- Contact and counselling programmes including training
- Injection Sets Exchanged
- Services for clients in prison or in conflict with the law
- Jamtana Therapeutic Facilities and Therapeutic Community Podcestný mlýn
- Psychotherapy Day Clinic “Elysium”
- Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic Podané ruce
- Supported employment and return to the labour market programme Eikón, Brno
- Spiritual/pastoral service

□ Background Information

- 98 employees and several volunteers
- Regional branches in Blansko, Vyškov, Uherské Hradiště, Prostějov, Olomouc, Znojmo and Kostelní Vydří.
- Revenues 51,224,000 CZK (2,034,300 EUR) and expenditures 50,368,000 CZK (2,000,300 EUR) (in 2007)

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Caritas Czech Republic

▣ Aims and Mission

Caritas Czech Republic ensures:

- Expert and methodical support for diocesan and regional Caritas organisations in the Czech Republic in the area of social care and health services
- Humanitarian and development aid abroad
- Coordination of the migration and asylum work within the Caritas network in the Czech Republic
- Coordination of economical activities
- Administration of the Czech Republic-wide campaigns
- Coordination of media and PR activities
- Mongolia – education, training and skills development of social workers
- Ukraine – migration prevention, assistance for asylum infrastructure building
- Moldova – job creation assistance
- Sudan – support for IDPs in Darfur
- Senegal – support for women groups: education, small businesses, health facilities building and health campaigns
- Support of world-wide Caritas relief programmes
- Media and PR – Caritas Czech Republic publishes bi-monthly newsletter Caritas, press releases, publications, leaflets, administers website
- Caritas runs the Educational Institute in Prague

■ Key Projects and Activities

- Humanitarian aid and development cooperation (2008)
 - Northern Caucasus – pre-school education, consultation services, HIV/AIDS prevention programmes, food supplies
 - Indonesia – village communities revitalisation, livelihood projects, shelter construction, children education
 - Sri Lanka – kindergarten reconstruction, psychosocial work with IDPs, preventive green belts building
 - Georgia – rising of competing capability of the farmers, building local authorities capacity and civil participation, humanitarian aid

▣ Background Information

- 47 employees at Caritas Secretariat
- Revenues 161,762,000 CZK (6,424,200 EUR) and expenditures 164,855,000 CZK (6,547,000 EUR) (in 2007)

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Counselling Centre for Refugees (CCR)

□ Aims and Mission

The Counselling Centre for Refugees is a humanitarian and legal organisation, aimed at ensuring observance of the rights of foreign nationals and refugees. It recognises the right of every human being to independent and free assistance. Another major aspect of the Counselling Centre's work is to influence the legislative bodies in the sphere of migration and the rights of refugees and promote tolerance among the public at large and combat xenophobia and racism. The Centre's main activities are legal assistance, psycho-social assistance, legislative work and public awareness campaigns.

■ Key Projects and Activities

- **Legal assistance** – general information on rights and duties of asylum seekers on the territory of the Czech Republic
- **Psycho-social assistance** – counselling in the area of social security, medical services, social benefits, education, and employment
- **Assistance to unaccompanied minor asylum** – unaccompanied minor asylum seekers without a parent or a close relative
- **Legislative work** – monitoring the position of foreign nationals in our country, attempting to change unsuitable, restrictive or discriminatory regulations

- **Influencing the public** – communication with the media as well as informing the public; taking part in discussions and conferences regarding specific issues; giving lectures at schools throughout the Czech Republic

□ Background Information

- 13 employees and 12 volunteers participating in the implementation of the projects
- Offices in Prague and in the Multicultural Centre in Teplice
- Revenues 6,031,957 CZK (240,000 EUR) and expenditures 6,249,274 CZK (245,000 EUR) (in 2007)

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Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (CULS)

□ Aims and Mission

The Czech University of Life Sciences Prague belongs to the important Czech universities with long tradition and is targeted to research and educational activities. It provides a wide spectrum of education at specialized faculties which prepare their graduates for work in the most fundamental areas of economic and social life. The University is involved in different international activities and is a recognized partner of foreign universities.

■ Key Projects and Activities

- Main activity: education of accredited study programmes and research activities
- Active in different programmes of the European Union (Tempus, Ceepus, Leonardo da Vinci, Socrates/Erasmus, Minerva, Aktion, Erasmus/Mundus), member of the international organisations ICA, NATURA, and plays active role in consortium "Euroleague for Life Sciences"
- Cooperation with universities in Far East, Africa and South America
- Coordinator of development projects in different countries (e.g. Angola, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Mongolia, Peru, Vietnam, and Zambia) (mainly by the Institute of Tropics and Subtropics)

□ Background Information

- 22,000 students and 1250 employees (including academics, researchers, technicians and administrative staff)
- Faculties: Faculty of Agrobiological Sciences, Faculty of Forestry and Wood Sciences, Faculty of Environmental Sciences, Faculty of Economics and Management, and Faculty of Engineering
- Institutes: Institute of Tropics and Subtropics and Institute of Education and Communication

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Development Worldwide (DWW)

□ Aims and Mission

The key topic of DWW is development effectiveness. All DWW actions are focused on strengthening partnerships at the national and international level, on raising the quality of development projects including the transparency of decision-making processes, and in particular, on real improvements of the development partners' situation.

■ Key Projects and Activities

DWW carries out development and capacity building projects and provides consultancy and training services particularly in the following fields:

- Development education
- Human resources development
- Project management with focus on project preparation, implementation and evaluation
- Introducing development effectiveness principles
- Facilitating contacts with developing countries and donor

Training activities are carried out mostly in the Czech Republic, development projects in Vietnam and Malawi. DWW also represents

FoRS in the Working Groups of the European NGO confederation CONCORD and in the international Global Facilitation Group for CSO Development Effectiveness. DWW is also represented in the Board of IDEAS (International Development Evaluation Association) and the Czech Evaluation Society.

□ Background Information

- 6 part-time employees, 27 members, and a network of cooperating experts
- Most of the activities implemented on project or voluntary basis
- Revenues 4,049,000 CZK (158,000 EUR) and expenditures 3,749,000 CZK (146,400 EUR) (in 2007)

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Divoké husy Foundation

▣ Aims and Mission

Divoké husy Foundation is a mediator between good donors and those who can help.

■ Key Projects and Activities

- Public collections in the media
- Doubling of benefit events organized by NGOs
- Project “Change the Game” (development education)
- Distribution of yields from Foundation Investment Fund

Educational programme “Change the Game”

The “Change the Game” project is a three-year educational programme financed by the European Commission and directed at Czech elementary and secondary schools and youth clubs. With the help of interactive games, the programme brings participants into the atmosphere of Brazilian slums in the city of Fortaleza and thus gets the participants more acquainted with the very different and at the same time very similar life of their peers in this country. Games take a central place in the programme – the children have a chance to see pictures from slums and to learn how to play typical slum games or how to make toys out of waste (e.g. a soccer ball out of newspapers and plastic bags).

The example of Brazilian slums is used to refer to the global poverty problem and its impact on the life of children, who are the same all over the world – they like playing and enjoying life. Thanks to the programme, Czech children can find out that playing can be fun without having to buy expensive toys, and are encouraged to think of the abundance they are living in themselves.

▣ Background Information

- 5 employees and 2 volunteers participating in the implementation of the projects
- Revenues 7,000,000 CZK (254,500 EUR) (in 2008)

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Ecumenical Academy Prague (EAP)

□ Aims and Mission

The Ecumenical Academy Prague is focused on dialogue within the civic society, adult education and raising awareness of the public about development issues, social justice and social responsibility, human rights, alternative concepts of globalisation ensuring sustainable development and the responsibility of churches.

■ Key Projects and Activities

In the field of development education EAP concentrates on related structural issues, e.g. debt crises (within the campaigns for debt relief Jubilee), policies of international financial institutions, world trade, energy and agriculture. Projects focus on solutions of partner trade (since 2004, EAP runs wholesale with Fair Trade products), Corporate Social Responsibility (campaign Procure IT fair), promoting human rights (Czech and international coalition Social Watch). Other activities focus on the support of campaigns (founding member of the Czechia Against Poverty campaign) and cooperation in international networks (EURODAD, OIKOSNET and others).

□ Background Information

- 8 employees (some of them part-time)
- Annual revenues about 6,000,000 CZK (240,000 EUR)

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EDUCON

▣ Aims and Mission

The mission of EDUCON is to facilitate the sharing of know-how, information and experience from various areas of the Czech economy, including providing technical assistance to developing and transition countries. Furthermore, EDUCON promotes public awareness on development assistance in the Czech Republic.

■ Key Projects and Activities

- Organising educational courses and study tours for managers and specialists from developing countries, in particular focused on:
 - Regional development and good governance
 - Parliament and ombudsman institutions
 - Sustainable development
 - Small and medium enterprises
 - Millennium Development Goals
- Raising public awareness on development assistance with the aim to increase their support and involvement

In the period 2000-2008, EDUCON realised more than 40 projects consisting of trainings and consultations for 800 participants from developing countries. Since 2004, EDUCON has been intensively involved in raising public awareness activities focusing on achieving the MDGs, including participation on EU MDG projects. EDUCON is one of the six national coordinators of the campaign "Czechia Against Poverty".

▣ Background Information

- 5 employees and a network of cooperating experts and institutions (about 370)
- Revenues 3,079,000 CZK (123,160 EUR) and expenditures 3,297,000 CZK (131,880 EUR) (in 2007)

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Humanist Centre Dialog

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Humanist Centre Dialog is a civic association which was founded in 1998 from the initiative of members of the international humanist movement. Its main objective is supporting and spreading the humanist ideas, the protection of human rights, and the development of civil society through different forms of cultural and social activities. The association is mainly based on voluntary work.

■ Key Projects and Activities

- “Human Support Campaign” in Guinea, Kenya, and Benin:
 - Foundation of new schools and medical centres
 - Courses on handicrafts, literacy
 - Awareness raising programmes (HIV/AIDS, female genital mutilation)
 - Agricultural projects
 - “Stop Malaria” – programme for the prevention of and the fight against malaria
 - Donations, festivals, photo exhibitions in the Czech Republic for the support of projects in Africa
- “Ball for Africa” at Lucerna in Prague
- Programmes of “Human Support Campaign” for Czech schools, addressing discrimination and xenophobia among youth in the Czech Republic

- Courses for volunteers
- Adoption of African children – sponsorship project to help at a distance
- Multicultural activities – projects for overcoming intercultural differences and convergence of different cultures in the society, against discrimination and xenophobia
- Courses and workshops of techniques of personal growth and self-knowledge
- Projects about non-violence and disarmament
- “New generations” project – project of development cooperation focused on students of secondary schools and universities in the Czech Republic

▣ Background Information

- 2 employees and 83 volunteers participating in the implementation of the projects
- Annual revenues about 8,000,000 CZK (317,000 EUR)

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■ Key Projects and Activities

In 2000, the Humanist Centre Narovinu joined the international "Human Support Campaign" and introduced projects for Kenya. Currently, the centre carries out projects of development cooperation for Africa, education for development and for non-violence and training of volunteers.

- Distant Adoption of African Children – sponsorship project of help at a distance
- Programme "Africa at Czech schools"
- Courses "Volunteers for World without wars and poverty" – training of volunteers
- A small shop "Africa" based on Fair Trade principles

- Co-organisation of the "Ball for Africa" and the "World March for Peace and Non-Violence"
- Development cooperation projects in Kenya (in the field of education, health service, human rights and agriculture)
- Construction and operation of orphanage "Island of hope for orphans from Chennai" in India for 100 children
- Construction and operation of community centre "Island of hope" in Kenya, Rusinga Island

□ Background Information

- 5 employees and 10,000 volunteers in Kenya, more than 200 in the Czech Republic, 100 in Slovakia, and 12 in India
- Revenues 21,521,000 CZK (827,730 EUR) (in 2007)

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Humanitas Afrika

□ Aims and Mission

Founded in 2000, Humanitas Afrika is an African-Czech initiative based in Prague. It is a non-governmental organisation with no political or religious underpinnings. It was founded with the aim to promote mutual understanding between Czechs and Africans, and raise awareness on African issues within the local Czech society. Since 2002, Humanitas Afrika is actively engaged in projects supporting education and development in Africa.

□ Background Information

- 1 employee and 25 members
- Revenues 2,537,000 CZK (103,551 EUR) (in 2007)

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■ Key Projects and Activities

- Helps to source funding for the education of needy children and school drop outs in Ghana, Benin, and Kenya
- Helps to organize vocational training courses for young women in poor communities in Ghana and Burkina Faso
- Supports small-scale project activities that seek to empower women and other vulnerable members of society
- Operates the African Information Centre in Prague, a public library collection including about 1000 titles from all areas of interests with a focus on Africa (since 2005)



INEX – Association for Voluntary Activities (INEX – SDA)

□ Aims and Mission

The mission of the civic association INEX – SDA is to give people opportunities to contribute to their environment through voluntary activity, and thus support volunteering as a way towards tolerance, understanding and a sustainable future. INEX – SDA was established in 1991.

- Local projects on the renewal of countryside and micro-regions, protection of the environment, historical and cultural heritage
- Programme Five P (“Big Brothers – Big Sisters”) – prevention programme for children and youth from socially disadvantaged environments

■ Key Projects and Activities

- Sending volunteers abroad – more than 700 volunteers every year
- Voluntary projects in the Czech Republic – almost 50 voluntary projects, receiving about 400 volunteers from all over the world
- Participation in GLEN (Global Education Network of Young Europeans) – programme of 11 EU countries for capacity building for young people in the field of development cooperation and education
- “Football for Development” – raising awareness on development issues through football
- Projects on intercultural learning, development education and awareness raising – exchanges of volunteers, South-North study visits, preparation seminars, debates, public events with the involvement of the returned volunteers

□ Background Information

- 7 employees and 27 members
- Regional branches in Brno, Kostelecké Horky, and Tvarožná Lhota
- Annual revenues about 5,000,000 CZK (178,570 EUR)

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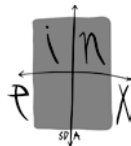
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LL – LIKVIDACE LEPRY

□ Aims and Mission

The civic association LL was founded in March 1992. The aim of LL is to get leprosy and tuberculosis in countries of the South under control, to save the lives of people affected by leprosy, tuberculosis as well as malaria, to protect their dignity.

- To help financially, by medicines and other things necessary to eradicate leprosy and tuberculosis
- To build up hospital complexes with services for leprosy and tuberculosis affected people, including social care
- To raise awareness in the Czech Republic on the problem of leprosy and other terminal infectious diseases

■ Key Projects and Activities

- Sending pharmaceuticals, health equipment and orthopaedic material to 60 leprosy-tuberculosis clinics in Africa, Asia and South America for 50,000 patients per year
- Operating the first Czech-Indian Hospital Complex of St. Joseph for leprosy and tuberculosis in Bhilai Pahari in India (5000 patients per year) contributing to a vast decrease of these diseases in this area

- Construction of the second Czech-Indian Hospital Complex
- Cooperation in projects with partners abroad
- Publishing own newsletter "Missionary of Leprotics", postcards, books for members and donors, production of documentary movie

□ Background Information

- Advisory committee: 2 employees (administrative staff) and volunteers
- Annual donations 13,000,000 CZK (448,276 EUR) and 4,9% administrative costs (in 2007)

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MAHA – Management and Administration for Health Activities

□ Aims and Mission

MAHA aims at transferring know-how in the framework of the health sector into the developing countries through the implementation of innovative projects such as the setting-up of a Financial Shared Service Centre for the benefit of the Health Centres. MAHA makes an effort to improve the processes of a Drug Pooled Purchasing Organisation or the management of an Equity Fund targeting the indigenous people.

■ Key Projects and Activities

MAHA introduces wide approaches in the health sector (so called SWAP), focusing mainly on carrying out different monitoring missions on behalf of the EU, in Africa mainly. Involvement in SWAP enables MAHA to play a role in providing high quality technical inputs. In June 2005, one of the founders was appointed, on behalf of a Belgian company, as a coordinator for health projects funded by the European Fund for Development in Guinea, involving two health programmes:

- Quality of services inside the country, and
- Implementation of the Sector Wide Approach.

At this moment, however, there is too limited documentation on how SWAP works in practice; although it is a clear label, the content is unclear. That is why MAHA has set up specific training tools.

□ Background Information

- 1 employee and 3 volunteers
- Annual revenues about 1,500,000 CZK (53,570 EUR)

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Palacky University Olomouc

□ Aims and Mission

Palacky University in Olomouc was the first Czech university to offer a university degree in International Development Studies (IDS). IDS is located at the Faculty of Science, Department of Development Studies, and offers both bachelor and master studies. The aim of the IDS degree is to prepare students for work in the re-emerging Czech development assistance programmes but also for work on the international level. The lecturers of IDS participate in development research and various development projects. Other activities also include development education and awareness raising.

□ Background Information

The lectures in the IDS department come from various areas of study, including development, environment studies and international relations. In cooperation with the lecturers, the students of IDS participate in a number of development programmes and projects.

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■ Key Projects and Activities

- Education in the area of development studies
- Development research
- Publishing of publications and studies
- Cooperation with Czech and foreign universities focusing on development studies
- Organising conferences with the emphasis on development issues and development studies



People in Need

□ Aims and Mission

The Czech organisation People in Need (PIN) was established with the aim to provide relief and development assistance and to defend human rights and democratic freedom. At present, PIN also carries out social integration programmes in the Czech Republic and in Slovakia. Raising public awareness on global problems, emergencies, migration and development cooperation also represents an essential part of PIN's work.

■ Key Projects and Activities

- Relief and development assistance – PIN provides relief and development assistance in 15 countries in Asia, Europe and Africa. PIN also delivered aid to thousands of families affected by the floods of 1997, 2002, and 2006 in the Czech Republic. A development education and development awareness project also forms an integral part of PIN's relief and development department
- Support towards democratisation processes and human rights protection – PIN is active in Belarus, Burma, Cuba, Moldavia, and Ukraine, and also runs the annual human rights documentary film festival One World

- Social integration programmes addressing poverty and social exclusion problems in the Czech Republic and in Slovakia
- Educational and informative programmes raising awareness on issues such as global problems and development cooperation, migration and multiculturalism among the public, the state administration and the media in the Czech Republic

□ Background Information

- 202 employees
- Branch office in Slovakia and operational offices in Afghanistan, Angola, Armenia, Ethiopia, Georgia, Iraq, Lebanon, Namibia, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka
- Revenues 332,246,000 CZK (12,481,083 EUR) and expenditures 334,102,000 CZK (12,550,803 EUR) (in 2007)

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Prague Global Policy Institute – Glopolis

□ Aims and Mission

Prague Global Policy Institute is a non-partisan, non-governmental organisation which focuses on the analysis of economic globalisation, trade, development, agriculture, and climate change.

- Enhancing the understanding and critical reflection of the globalisation processes in the media, schools, civil society, and on the Czech political scene
- Raising of public awareness and development of competent capacities
- Increasing transparency and effective control of national policies
- Encouraging a broad political discourse about sustainable development, international trade and global governance
- Responsible and active engagement of the Czech Republic in the process of finding solutions to global problems

■ Key Projects and Activities

- Policy studies – analyses of political, economic, trade, development, agricultural, climate change and other globalisation issues and related subjects
- Seminars – meetings of experts addressing politicians, media, NGOs

- Workshops – facilitation of workshops on specific issues dedicated to smaller groups with the emphasis on training or teaching in the field of global and development education
- Capacity-building – organisation or facilitation of seminars, workshops, lectures, and educational programmes

□ Background Information

- 7 employees
- Annual revenues about 5,500,000 CZK (211,500 EUR)

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Society for Fair Trade

□ Aims and Mission

- To contribute towards the development of Fair Trade in the Czech Republic
- To raise awareness of the Czech public about development issues
- To encourage Czech consumers for socially and environmentally responsible consumption
- Projects for bringing together development, consumer and environmental education (educational programmes for primary and secondary schools called "The World in a Shopping Cart")
- A project integrating development education into the English lessons ("Global Issues")

■ Key Projects and Activities

- Awareness raising – organising public events, creating information tools
- Capacity building for education and awareness raising about Fair Trade (library, website, support for local groups of volunteers and active individuals, e-newsletter Jambo, training for multipliers)
- Running of Fair Trade sales and information points "NaZemi" in Prague, Brno, Olomouc, Pardubice, and Trutnov
- Innovative forms of development education:
 - Combining development education and multicultural education for kindergartens (project "Watoto - Children from around the world")

□ Background Information

- 9 employees, 20 external employees and 85 volunteers
- Offices and volunteer groups in Brno and Prague; volunteer groups in Olomouc, Trutnov, Pardubice and Ústí nad Labem
- Revenues 3,325,000 CZK (127,900 EUR) and expenditures 3,420,000 CZK (131,500 EUR) (in 2007)

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SOZE - Society of Citizens Assisting Migrants

□ Aims and Mission

SOZE is a non-governmental, non-profit organisation aiming to assist refugees as well as other categories of foreigners coming to the Czech Republic. Towards the majority of the society, SOZE makes efforts to remove mistrust, intolerance and xenophobia directed at foreigners. SOZE was established in response to the first wave of refugees coming to Czechoslovakia in 1990. SOZE is a long-term partner of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

■ Key Projects and Activities

- Legal counselling for foreigners seeking international protection from persecution in the territory of the Czech Republic as well as to foreigners residing in the Czech Republic on the grounds of the Aliens Act
- Social counselling for asylum seekers and foreigners
- Psychological counselling to help asylum seekers coping with serious psychological problems and difficulties
- Delivering humanitarian aid, especially to Serbia, Romania and Moldavia
- Courses of Czech language, computer courses, re-training courses for foreigners with different status of stay in the Czech Republic and at diverse levels, courses of socio-cultural minimum

- Integration activities – assistance with job search, courses of work integration, assistance for recognised refugees at equipping the apartments they have received under the state integration programme, informing the town mayors about the state integration programme as regards the field of accommodation
- Teaching in the clinic of asylum law at the Law Faculty and in asylum clinics at the Faculty of Social Studies and at the Faculty of Arts at the Masaryk University; for theoretical preparation of students and follow up with work experience at the organisation

□ Background Information

- 25 employees, 40 external employees and volunteers
- Offices with counselling in Brno, Olomouc, and in all asylum facilities in the territory of Moravia and Silesia
- Revenues 21,000,000 CZK (807,700 EUR) (in 2007)

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Sue Ryder International CZ

□ Aims and Mission

The mission of Sue Ryder International CZ is to spread awareness on the importance of development cooperation and to provide support and aid to the needy in the developing world.

■ Key Projects and Activities

- Organisation of seminars and trainings for partners abroad
- Awareness raising
- Organisation of aid to local public authorities and other local organisations
- Czech development assistance
 - Administration of running projects
 - Project preparation and implementation in Albania, Kosovo, Malawi, and Zambia in the course of years 2008-2010

Domiciliary care and first In-Patients-Hospice in Albania

- First hospice in Albania (more than 80 patients a year) and domiciliary (home) care of terminal ill (more than 2,500 visits in patients' homes a year)
- Preparation of National Concept of Palliative Care of oncological and terminal ill and its financing in cooperation with state Ministry of Health Care
- Educational centre for General Practitioners and students

- Raising awareness among public on dying and death issue – how to overcome taboo

Field palliative care of terminally ill in Pristine-Kosovo

- Domiciliary (home) care of terminal ill (about 1,800 visits in patients' homes a year)
- Integration of palliative care into the National Health Care plan in cooperation with local authorities
- Educational centre for General Practitioners

European Partnership for people in need

- Coordination of other European Sue Ryder organisations in their effort to implement development projects for people in need with effectiveness

□ Background Information

- 2 employees
- Revenues about 3,200,000 CZK (123,000 EUR) (in 2008)

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SVĚTLO PRO SVĚT – Light for the World

□ Aims and Mission

SVĚTLO PRO SVĚT - Light for the world is an organisation working in the area of avoidable blindness and systematic support of people with disabilities in developing countries all around the world. The aim is to build sustainable structures (clinics, mobile units) in this field, to directly support permanently handicapped people, and to give education in this area. Furthermore, the mission is to increase awareness about the problem of people with disabilities in developing countries as well as in the Czech Republic and the EU, and to advocate positive changes in this area. The organisation was established in August 2007.

□ Background Information

- 3 employees and 15 volunteers

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■ Key Projects and Activities

SVĚTLO PRO SVĚT - Light for the world carries out development projects in developing countries. The target country is currently Ethiopia, where the organisation is supporting two projects. The projects are focused on the prevention and treatment of blindness, e.g. operations of cataract, the most common cause of avoidable blindness, and trachoma prevention. Another project focuses on community based rehabilitation of children with disabilities, mainly physiotherapy, and integration into the society.

TODERO – Association for Development Aid

□ Aims and Mission

TODERO aims at transferring know-how from various areas of the economy and environment protection, including the provision of technical help, through consulting and training activities. The objective of TODERO is to increase the level of knowledge and skills of management and technical staff of institutions, educational organisations, companies, etc. from the developing and transition countries.

■ Key Projects and Activities

- Organisation of training programmes, workshops and study tours for managers and specialists from developing and transition countries
- Advisory and consultancy missions to developing countries
- Dissemination of information about various economic branches of the Czech Republic
- Systematic collection of information and upgrading of information databases
- Maintaining and development of a network of cooperating institutions, firms and experts as well as a database of lecturers
- Systematic creation and improvement of necessary technical and material capacities
- Twenty-five years experience in many projects, both within the Czech economy and abroad (e.g. through UNDP, UNIDO, ECE, UNEP, World Bank, EBRD)
- More than fifty advisory missions to dozens of countries (Europe, Asia, Africa, Latin America)

- Extensive information services, several hundreds specialized publications issued
- Development assistance and consultancy in:
 - Economic restructuring including improvement of technology, energy efficiency, and environmental aspects of production
 - Energy management: energy audits; energy conservation
 - Environment protection: waste management; waste water management; utilisation of natural sorbents in environmental engineering; old ecological burdens
 - Non-metallic industries (raw materials, ceramics, glass, building materials): company restructuring; troubleshooting; technologies; machinery; optimisation and control of quality and production cost; reduction of environmental impacts

□ Background Information

- 6 employees and wide network of cooperating experts and institutions
- Training centre with own accommodation and library

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University Humanists

□ Aims and Mission

The association University Humanists was established in 1999 and is based on the International Humanist movement, which now operates in more than 130 countries around the world. It is based on voluntary work and brings together people of different faiths, races, cultures and ages, who wish to create a more human world. The aim is to support and promote humanist ideas, protection of human rights and the development of civil society. In 1999, the association joined the international "Campaign of Human Support" and introduced projects for Guinea. The main values are active non-violence, tolerance, solidarity, respect for diversity and reciprocity.

■ Key Projects and Activities

- **"Campaign of Human Support"**
 - "Adoption of African children" – a project of help at a distance
 - Building of schools and (multifunctional) health centres in Guinea
 - Collections, festivals, and photo exhibitions in the Czech Republic, to support projects in Africa
- "Ball for Africa" in Prague
- Lectures and presentations for schools targeting discrimination and xenophobia among young people in the Czech Republic
- Courses for volunteers

- **Campaign "World without Wars"**

- World march for peace and non-violence
- 2 October – International day of non-violence
- Symbols of peace and non-violence

- **Integration camps** and leisure activities for refugee children and physically and mentally handicapped children in the Czech Republic

- **Multicultural evenings**

- **Seminars** on techniques for personal growth, self-knowledge, managing difficult situations, etc.

□ Background Information

- No employees, 50 volunteers in the Czech Republic and 3860 volunteers in Guinea
- Revenues 4,222,000 CZK (168,000 EUR) and expenditures 3,597,000 CZK (143,000 EUR) (in 2007)

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University of Economics Prague, Faculty of international relations

□ Aims and Mission

The Faculty of International Relations offers graduate students a study programme called Development Studies. The aim is to educate young professionals in the field of development with a wide approach to the issue. Besides, the Faculty focuses on development research. This emphasis has been stressed by the establishment of a Research Centre on Developing Economies in 2008. The aim is to enhance development research in the Czech Republic.

■ Key Projects and Activities

- Teaching of subjects in development issues
- Internationalisation of the study programme – connecting with universities abroad (one of the main activities consists of “teacher hosting”)
- Interconnection of a study programme with praxis – mainly via “expert hosting” in classes, cooperation on master’s thesis, etc.

- Research activities focused on socio-economic aspects of development in developing countries
- Activities aimed at enhancing cooperation among Czech universities offering study programmes (or particular subjects) in development issues

□ Background Information

- 6 employees and several Ph.D. students teaching courses on development issues

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Volonté Czech

□ Aims and Mission

Volonté Czech is a non-profit organisation, established 14 September 2000. It focuses primarily on the development cooperation of the Czech Republic abroad, including the areas of development education.

■ Key Projects and Activities

- Preparation and implementation of bilateral development projects financed by the Czech Republic
- Cooperation with the Czech Ministry of the Interior, the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, FoRS, Palacky University Olomouc, Czech Development Agency, FOCSIV, ICN, and other NGOs
- Participation in FoRS – Czech Forum for Development Co-operation activities

□ Background Information

- 1 employee and a number of volunteers and ad hoc experts
- Projects financed by programmes of governmental and non-governmental organisations, EU programmes (Leonardo da Vinci) and others

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■ Caritas of the Archdiocese of Prague

Aims and Mission

Caritas of the Archdiocese of Prague provides social services to disadvantaged groups of people in the Prague archdiocese (Central Bohemia, the City of Prague). Important activities include development aid, humanitarian aid, and aid to migrants and refugees. In development cooperation, the main aim is to support education and community development in the target areas in India, Uganda, Zambia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Thailand, and Belarus.

Key Projects and Activities

- Adopce na dálku® (Child Sponsorship Programme) – comprehensive approach involving support of education and children's general development in addition to providing support for their families and communities
- Microfinancing – supporting the poor by providing small loans to commence or develop their own profit-making activities
- HIV/AIDS – prevention of HIV dissemination and awareness raising
- Basic and specialised training – increasing availability and quality of education, construction of schools, providing school equipment, vocational courses, etc.
- Elimination of child labour – education and support to children that are in due to work
- Czech-Slovak-Ugandan hospital of St. Charles Lwanga (Uganda)
- Support to migrants and refugees – social and legal counselling, providing assistance in dealing with authorities, material aid, health care and leisure activities
- Aid to victims of human trafficking – aid to migrants who are victims of human trafficking; basic emergency intervention and subsequent care, social and legal counselling, health care and psychological help, re-training and prevention
- MEDEVAC project – health care for children who cannot be treated at home (e.g. Pakistan) in cooperation with the Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic

Background Information

- 110 employees (4 of them in missions abroad)
- Revenues 185,356,000 CZK (713,000 EUR) and expenditures 156,489,000 CZK (602,000 EUR) (in 2007)

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■ Czech Development Organization

Aims and Mission

The Czech Development Organization implements its projects in order to achieve the Millennium Development Goals in coherence with the priorities of the development policy of the Czech Government. Projects, which systematically support democratisation processes and sustainable development, are focused on the primary agricultural production, forestation, alternative energy sources, landscape conservation and environmental protection, community planning in developing countries, and global partnership.

Key Projects and Activities

- Projects of support of civil society and direct public participation in decision making processes in Kazakhstan in compliance with the Århus Convention – holding seminars for NGOs, local authorities and enterprises on sharing good practices of direct public participation in decision making from the Czech Republic
- Construction and running of Centre Inka Wasi in Pucamarca in Peri (in cooperation with INKA endowment fund) – community centre for children and adults, Andes cultural centre and Centre of Czech-Peruvian/Amerindian friendship
- Projects in the Czech Republic – construction of bike trails along the Romže River, establishment of public benefit organisation Romže aiming at the construction and administration of bike trails and connecting infrastructure for increasing the tourist and cultural potential of the region

Background Information

- No employees, network of expert cooperators and volunteers
- Revenues about 7,000,000 CZK (270,000 EUR) (in 2008)

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■ Endowment Fund Microfinance

Aims and Mission

The Endowment Fund Microfinance was founded to effectively support the idea of helping poor regions on our planet with the tool of microfinance. It aims to create collection of donations to support small entrepreneurs in developing regions. Together with individuals as well as companies, the Endowment Fund Microfinance wants to pursue generally rewarding goals especially with focus on projects and activities with developing and social dimension.

Key Projects and Activities

The Endowment Fund Microfinance aims to support and help the poor in the developing regions in their way to independency and in their fight against poverty.

- Gathering of resources to provide material as well as immaterial support and assistance in education and organisation to people using microfinance
- Promotion of the tool of microfinance, making microfinance accessible to the whole spectrum of public
- Promotion of human rights and social values, protection of natural environment and cultural heritage

Background Information

- No employees, 10 cooperating experts and volunteers
- Operating yet with the minimum financial assets given its recent establishment

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■ Eurosolar.cz

Aims and Mission

Eurosolar.cz is a national section of the European Association for Renewable Energy and follows for humanistic and ecological reasons the aim of total replacement of today's energy produced from fossil and nuclear sources by variable forms of renewable natural energy.

Key Projects and Activities

- Prepares and realises political activities on renewable energies as well as implements specific projects on renewable energies and environmental works
- Leads information campaigns about possibilities of renewable energies
- Publishes the latest information about renewable energies sources
- Sets up lectures and international seminars on renewable energies
- Awards Czech Solar Prize
- Helps to realise development projects of renewable energies
- Advises on renewable energies

Background Information

- No employees, 12 association members and about 10 volunteers participating in the implementation of the projects
- Revenues about 100,000 CZK (3,850 EUR) (in 2008)

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■ Fair

Aims and Mission

Fair is an association aiming at contributing to the development of rural areas and thereby preventing rural people from leaving for urban slums, as well as raising awareness about slum areas, and making an effort to improve the living conditions in slums.

The association also focuses at the street children problem as one of the main results of migration from rural to urban areas.

- To examine the reason for populations' migration from the countryside to the city in the developing countries and to focus on their solution
- To improve living conditions in slums
- The protection of children's rights

Key Projects and Activities

- A travelling picture exhibition about Kenyan street children in the Czech Republic
- Presentations for public and academics in the Czech Republic about development issues
- Project in Kenya: photo exhibition on the slums and workshops in countryside areas in Kenya
- Streetlights-centre for children in Ngando slum in Nairobi
- Watoto kwa watoto

Background Information

- 7 members and 3 external volunteers

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■ International Gender Policy Network (IGPN)

Aims and Mission

- To generate policy, knowledge and advocacy for women's rights and gender equality at local, regional and global levels
- To ensure accountability of national, regional and global mechanisms, institutions and actors in the area of women's rights and gender equality

Key Projects and Activities

IGPN is influencing policies at all levels, building on and using the capacity and expertise of its members. Underpinning the concept of access to sources in order to empower women, IGPN guarantees their access to the power and sharing responsibility for public affairs. The work on development cooperation and gender is continued. IGPN concentrates on advocacy activities on enhancing funds for women's movement, monitoring of where the money is channelled, participating at UN reform discussions and working on increasing political representation of women. Through training and collaboration IGPN is fostering the capacity of its members.

Background Information

- 2 employees and 24 actively cooperating member NGOs from 24 countries in Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia
- Revenues 60,000 USD (46,176 EUR) (1,279,075 CZK) and expenditures 52,700 USD (40,558 EUR) (1,123,457 CZK) (in 2007)

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■ Institute of International Relations (IIR)

Aims and Mission

The Institute of International Relations (IIR) is an independent research organisation. It conducts scholarly research, as well as analytical activities concerning international relations and Czech foreign and security policy. It organizes conferences, seminars, and round-table discussions of experts, academics, and political professionals on international relations, security, and development issues. It represents a link between the academia and the political establishment. It strives to foster communication between the academic community and the government and helps to formulate recommendations for Czech foreign policy, including the development policy.

Key Projects and Activities

- Publication of three journals (Mezinárodní vztahy, Mezinárodní politika, and Perspektivy), specialized publications, handbooks, and policy papers
- Close cooperation with number of foreign institutions on various projects ranging from international relations policy formulation to security and development analyses
- Member of EADI (the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes)
- Library service providing students and the public with an extensive collection of foreign publications and documents, including in the field of development studies, to support their individual research activities

Background Information

- 50 employees (including 20 research fellows)

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■ IOM - International Organization for Migration Prague

Aims and Mission

The International Organization for Migration is an intergovernmental organisation established in 1951 with headquarters in Geneva. It has a network of missions in more than 120 Member States. IOM works to help ensure the orderly migration with respect to human dignity, to promote international cooperation on migration issues, and to provide humanitarian assistance to migrants in need.

Key Projects and Activities

IOM was established in the Czech Republic in 1998, and in development issues, its main areas of concern are the following:

- Support to the concept of migration and development, benefiting migration for development
- Implementation of projects of the Czech development cooperation with a migration aspect in priority and non-priority countries relevant due to the migration situation of the given country or locality
 - Georgia: support to human resources development, capacity-building of state administration in employment issues and in vocational education
 - Mongolia: prevention of human trafficking, informed labour migration and capacity building of local institutions and NGOs
 - Capacity building projects of migration management in Georgia, Moldavia, Central Asia, Iraq, and Bosnia and Herzegovina to effectively manage migration issues

Background Information

- 13 employees
- Revenues 19,790,000 CZK (761,000 EUR) and expenditures 15,025,000 CZK (578,000 EUR) (in 2007)

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Aims and Mission

Lenka Černá, M.A., graduated from the prestigious Dutch Institute of Social Studies in Den Haag with a degree in Poverty Studies. She has experienced life in the most deprived areas of the world. She lived for example two years in Uganda where she initiated a Child Sponsorship programme for Caritas Prague, in which she also worked for the following three years. After one year and a half working for the Development Centre at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, she started a family company called EXCELLENT Plzeň that promotes the concept of Fair Trade among the Czech public as well as among commercial companies. She also works as a lecturer and a consultant.

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■ Médecins Sans Frontières (Lékaři bez hranic)

Aims and Mission

Médecins Sans Frontières (Lékaři bez hranic) is an independent international humanitarian organisation that provides emergency medical assistance to people affected by armed conflicts, epidemics, natural disasters and people excluded from medical care in more than 70 countries around the world. Hand in hand with medical assistance goes the commitment of “witnessing”, the obligation to speak out about the reasons for suffering and the obstructions in providing medical help to people without access to it. In 1999, the organisation was awarded the Nobel prize for Peace.

Key Projects and Activities


The main goal is to provide medical assistance to people in distress, an important part of which is to provide psychological support to people who are traumatised. Médecins Sans Frontières also provides humanitarian assistance in emergencies including distributing food, clean water and building sanitation facilities. Humanitarian programmes are also implemented in countries, where populations are excluded from health treatment. The organisation runs approximately 400 humanitarian programmes in more than 70 countries around the world.

Background Information


- 4 employees, more than 60 medical and non-medical expatriates from the Czech Republic and Slovakia working on missions abroad, and 60 volunteers supporting the activities in the Czech republic and Slovakia


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■ Multicultural Centre Prague

Aims and Mission

- To inform about the coexistence of different ethnic groups
- To create space for communication between diverse cultures
- To initiate debate about migration processes, intercultural relations and cultural pluralism
- To research the situation of various socio-cultural groups in the Czech Republic
- To realize projects aiming at creating a better functioning multicultural society

Key Projects and Activities

- Multicultural and development education: for schools, teachers, librarians, public administration officials
- Influencing public opinion: public debates, cultural events, exhibitions, campaigns (e.g. against racism), educational programmes for foreigners
- Specialised websites:
 - www.migrationonline.cz: about migration in Central and Eastern Europe, migrants' work conditions, development of legislation, etc.
 - www.europeancity.cz: on integration and multicultural cohabitation in the modern city
- Diversity management: educational programmes for private companies
- Research and studies: on migration issues in the Czech Republic (migration and the media, etc.)
- Legislative work: monitoring and influencing development of legislation concerning migration and foreigners in the Czech Republic
- Information services: public library specialised in multicultural literature, resource centre, press monitoring, multicultural newsletter, co-operation with public libraries

Background Information

- 10 employees
- Revenues 10,519,000 CZK (404,600 EUR) (in 2007)

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Aims and Mission

- Founding and supporting of development projects
- Support of education in developing countries and fight against illiteracy
- Economic effectiveness, long-term self-sufficiency and sustainability of projects
- Support of enterprise in developing countries
- Active participation of locals in the development projects, raising their qualifications
- Support and intermediation of commercial exchange with developing countries in accordance with the principles of Fair Trade

Key Projects and Activities

- African Child Sponsorship Programme in Guinea – aims at support of education and children's general development in addition to providing the children medical attendance in case of either common diseases (malaria, bowel diseases) or serious ones (including surgeries)

Background Information

- 2 employees and 5 volunteers

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■ Salesian Association of Don Bosco (SADBA)

Aims and Mission

The main aim of SADBA is to subvert the development of education aimed at children and young people towards their ethic values in the Salesian style. It associates legal entities like Salesian youth centres with the aim of common projects overlapping the activities of particular centres.

Key Projects and Activities

- Voluntary service of young people in the projects of Don Bosco aimed at the education of children and youth (in the Czech Republic, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, India, Mexico, Zambia, Lesotho, Ethiopia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, and other countries)
- National educational activities for youth
- International meetings and training courses for youth in Europe
- Awareness raising

Background Information

- 2 employees, 15 external cooperators, around 300 volunteers participating in the implementation of the projects
- 13 association members (3 physical entities and 10 legal entities)
- Revenues 3,400,000 CZK (136,000 EUR) and expenditures 3,200,000 CZK (128,000 EUR) (in 2007)

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■ Siriri

Aims and Mission

- Development aid to the least developed countries, which are out of focus of other organisations and official development aid, but which cannot manage without outside help (donor orphans)
- Enlightenment and education towards consciousness of co-responsibility for the situation in Africa

Key Projects and Activities

- Projects of sustainable development, organized in the Central African Republic (CAR) in cooperation with a reliable partnership organisation operating in the CAR – aim: final independence of the people in the CAR from outside help, to “stand on its own feet”
- Core of development aid in health service and education
- Examples of development projects: day care centre for orphans in Bozoum (CAR), well in Bangui (CAR), on-line shop with t-shirts (tricka.siriri.org), public humanitarian gathering of eye-glasses (CR/CAR)
- Awareness raising and cultural events in the Czech Republic aiming at informing about the African culture, the current situation in Africa, the importance of and ways to support this region
- Examples of awareness raising events: social evening for Africa in Dobříš, lectures of MUDr. Marcel Drlík (one of the SIRIRI founders) about his work as a doctor in CAR, awareness raising events at schools (workshops, cooperation with primary schools, lectures)
- In 2008, first volunteer sent to the CAR for a one-year mission.

Background Information

- No permanent employees, about 40 coordinators and volunteers participating in the implementation of the activities
- Revenues 767,000 CZK (29,500 EUR) and expenditures 543,000 CZK (20,500 EUR) (in 2007)

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■ South Moravian Centre for International Mobility (JCMM)

Aims and Mission

- Scholarships for students from “partner countries” (third countries)
- To support international mobility of students from partner countries
- To support internationalisation policy of the universities in South Moravian Region
- To promote universities in South Moravia, promotion of the South Moravian Region and municipality itself, and other cooperating institutions in the Partner countries

Key Projects and Activities

- Making contacts with universities in the chosen priority regions, offering study programmes of the partner universities to the students from foreign universities, mainly PhD study programmes
- Scholarships to students from partner countries and support to incoming students for study arrangements (administrative and advisory help, visa, recognition of diploma, etc.)
- Scholarships for talented Czech students from secondary schools and universities
- Grant support to academic and scientific research organisations in the region, hosting of foreign scientists

Background Information

- 7 employees and 1 intern
- Revenues about 17,000,000 CZK (654,000 EUR) (in 2008)

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■ ŽIVOT 90

Aims and Mission

ŽIVOT 90 is a Czech Association that represents elderly people's interests and needs. ŽIVOT 90 is working with and for older people in the Czech Republic since 1990. The seat of the association is in Prague and ŽIVOT 90 has more than 10,500 members and 3 main branches all over the Czech Republic. The main goal of the association is to create conditions for the exchange, storing, and the dissemination of experiences, knowledge, and proficiency regarding older people and striving for the improvement of the quality of life of older people.

Key Projects and Activities

- Help line AREÍON (messenger of quick help)
- Care giving service
- Home care
- Advices on law, social situation, etc.
- Volunteers' activities
- Social meetings for elderly people
- Transport of disabled older people
- Since 2006, in participation with HelpAge International and Slovenian Philanthropy: development project “Taking action on and listening to the forgotten poor in European development policy”, targeting elderly people in Africa
- Since 2008, project “Decent work for all”, targeting elderly people in Africa.

Background Information

- 59 employees, 9 637 members, and 165 volunteers
- Revenues 42,000,000 CZK (1,560,000 EUR) (in 2008)

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