

# ANNUAL REPORT



# 2020

PEOPLE IN NEED SLOVAK REPUBLIC





# DIRECTOR'S SPEECH

DEAR FRIENDS,

The year 2020 witnessed a change in the management of our organization. The first stress test was the outbreak of the pandemic which for a while disrupted our activities. At first, we knew very little about the coronavirus, and we worried about the health of the people we have been helping, as well as the health of our workers. But we managed to react promptly and were able to keep helping people in need and on the margins of society despite the pandemic – both home and abroad.

A significant feature was our support of excluded communities in Slovakia where we have been helping people to stand on their own feet for years. With the outbreak of the pandemic our help focused on protection against the spread of the virus and mitigation of the socio-economic effects of the crisis. Thanks to the distribution of face-masks, hygiene packs and water canisters for hand washing people were able to better protect themselves and their surroundings. We provided counselling in various situations regarding loss of employment and the shut-down of government offices. For the hundreds of children who had all of a sudden become isolated we provided extra teaching, so that they could catch up on what they had missed. In this way we helped to alleviate the impact

of the crisis on the life of people from excluded localities.

Despite the difficulties, we kept on helping in countries where people already lived in danger or which couldn't provide for basic needs before the pandemic. The pandemic has made such living conditions even more noticeable. In eastern Ukraine we have installed water pumps in hospitals and care homes in order to provide full-day access to water. For dozens of elderly people we provided briquettes for heating so that they wouldn't need to worry about winter. After the enormous explosion in Beirut, we repaired damaged windows and helped with food provisions. We continued the support of long-term development in the poorest countries. To families in Kenya, Nepal and Myanmar we helped initiate self-subsistence by donating goats, chicken, seedlings and crops.

We approached the crisis as an opportunity to transfer some activities to the online space and to further expand our work with teachers, future journalists, the young and public. We increased the mutual

understanding of the complicated world we live in. The inaugural online edition of the One World documentary film festival attracted a record number of visitors and extremely positive feedback. Global education guides created as a tool for important themes and discussions were ordered by hundreds of teachers across Slovakia. I'm pleased that interest in this area of our activities has been growing every year.

I value and appreciate that our work was praised by the Slovak Public Defender of Rights and the European Economic and Social Committee. There was so much commitment and professionalism on the part of our colleagues, volunteers and external co-workers and I would like to use this opportunity to once again thank all of them.

Our work would not be possible without the support of our individual donors, companies and institutions. I want to thank everybody for standing behind us during such a difficult year and thus help us to contribute to Slovakia as an open, tolerant and giving country.

Andrea Najvirtová,  
*Director*



# ABOUT US

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**People in Need Slovak Republic (SR) is a non-governmental non-profit organization. It was established in 1999 by a group of journalists who were touched by the crushing effects of the conflict in Kosovo on civilians at that time. Their spontaneous humanitarian response resulted in a desire to establish an organization that would address emerging crisis situations in the world.**

**Our mission** is to help those who find themselves in danger, whether they are suffering because of the effects of conflict, natural disasters or desolate generational poverty. Working with excluded communities in Slovakia as well as providing educational activities we also contribute to the building of an open, tolerant and inclusive society.

Since then, our activities have grown and developed significantly. We operate across the world, as well as at home in Slovakia. Besides humanitarian aid we focus on long-term development cooperation projects, support of human rights, social integration and global education. Our priority remains real-world help as well as sustainable cooperation with local partners and efficient use of financial resources.

In the middle of 2016 we joined forces with the People in Need Czech Republic and we took on their projects focusing on excluded communities in Slovakia. Thus we started helping with the social integration of people pushed to the margins of society by poverty.

We also organize the international documentary film festival One World. The festival introduces serious issues from across the globe, as well as Slovakia. Our organization is a part of the international network People in Need.

## Countries where we have operated so far:

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# HUMANITARIAN AID

## Lebanon

### WE CONTINUED TO HELP MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF THE ONGOING CRISIS IN THE COUNTRY

The people of Lebanon went through an extremely difficult period in 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic represented only one, rather marginal issue. Throughout the year people witnessed multiple increases in the prices of basic foods and fuel which caused half the population to fall under the poverty line, unable to provide for basic necessities. Lebanon is also a country still recovering from the long-

term aftermath of the civil war that ended in 1990. It provides shelter to three generations of Palestinian refugees. In the last decade it became a refuge for 1.5 million refugees from Syria. Lebanon has the largest share of refugees in the world, in total 6.9 million people. For a country as small as Lebanon this represents an extremely demanding humanitarian and socio-economic challenge.

The devastating explosion in Beirut which destroyed a significant part of the city centre intensified the feelings of helplessness and worsened prospects for a better future. We have been operating in Lebanon continuously since 2017. Because of the worsening situation we are aware that our help will continue to be needed there, although we wished otherwise.



### WE PROMPTLY REACTED TO THE EXPLOSION IN BEIRUT

On 4 August 2020 a huge explosion occurred in the port of Beirut. It claimed 200 lives, destroyed many residential houses and left 300,000 people without a home. People lost their shops, taxi drivers their cars and many others their entire means of earning a living. Whole neighbourhoods and infrastructure in several parts of Beirut suffered tremendous damage. All of this happened at a time when the country was already on the verge of economic collapse and for months had been tested by political and social convulsions and the



COVID-19 pandemic. Immediately after the explosion we decided to put to use our familiarity with the area. In order to help the people of Beirut we provided almost 18,000 EUR, and we sent out our field coordinator to the location. In the first days after the catastrophe we were providing basic foods, hygiene packs and medical supplies to the inhabitants directly in Beirut.

Straight after the explosion we participated in the official humanitarian aid effort provided by the government of the Slovak Republic. We flew 3.2 tonnes of chickpeas to Beirut that were donated to public canteens providing free food to the people from the areas

struck by the explosion. In the following phase we joined forces with the German non-profit organization Grünhelme. We helped to establish a provisional joinery workshop and started to repair windows and doors, so that the city inhabitants could return to their homes as soon as possible. We repaired 379 dwellings in total.

In total we provided help to 11,367 people after the Beirut explosion.

**Prompt aid after the catastrophe was provided thanks to the Friends Club, the Real Gift, our donors, the Slovak Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, the Slovak Ministry of the Interior and Alfa Bio, Ltd.**

“ My husband worked in the port. He came home from work 30 minutes before the explosion. I thank God. I thank God for every day that we are alive and have each other. That we lost only our windows, doors, and my husband's job.

**Stephanie,**  
*mother of three girls*



## IN TRIPOLI WE HELPED CHILDREN AS WELL AS WHOLE FAMILIES

In 2020 in Tripoli we continued the education of children and youths from Lebanon and refugee families. We provided psychological support to them, their parents and close relatives. We transferred to distance forms of education and consulting in order to maintain regular contact, which helped to overcome this difficult period. For several weeks our education was the only one provided, since schools were closed and didn't transfer to online teaching as promptly. In this way, children could work on tasks and improve their basic

knowledge in maths, Arabic, French and English. In total we supported 65 children of school age who thanks to the efforts of our teachers managed to stay in their grade. We succeeded in enrolling 69 children into the state programme of accelerated education which makes up for missed education for older children. For smaller children aged 5-6 years we provided pre-school education which is compulsory in Lebanon only before entering the first grade. Refugee families can't afford it and it's not provided to them

by the state. In 2020 entering school is even more difficult for these children, as the starting of school in autumn was delayed. It was also unclear whether the Lebanese ministry of education would accept their certificate of pre-school education since it was partially attended in distance form via mobile phones. After a long, tense wait, in November we were informed that the ministry had approved the certificates of 152 children and allowed them to enter into local schools. Thanks to this support children from deprived back-



grounds will have the chance of a better future. The pandemic also placed a significant burden on the poorest families. We provided vouchers to purchase basic foods and hygiene essentials to 186 of them. We also helped them to top up credit to their mobile phones so that their children could participate in online tasks and education.

To 80 parents we provided a positive parenting course in order to contribute to the creation of a supportive environment for the development of children and youths. During the summer we increased aid and distributed emergency food vouchers to 100 families to purchase basic foods and meet their hygiene needs.

” This success (approval of certificates) is so important because we managed to achieve it despite all the complications related to closed schools, the significant worsening of the financial situation of families, and institutions paralysed by protests. Our education continued in distance form also in a time of uncertainty on the side of the state authorities.

**Viola Ternényová,**  
project manager



Our activities in Tripoli were supported by SlovakAid and were performed in cooperation with our partner organization SEED.

## OUR HELP IN TRIPOLI IN NUMBERS:

**186**

families  
obtained  
vouchers to  
purchase food  
and hygiene  
products

**80**

parents  
completed  
the course  
on positive  
parenting

**69**

children  
enrolled  
in the state  
programme  
of accelera-  
ted education

**65**

children  
were helped  
to remain in  
their grade

**161**

young people  
participated  
in vocational  
courses



## Albania

### WE SUPPORTED THE VICTIMS OF THE EARTHQUAKE

At the end of 2019 a powerful earthquake occurred in Albania. Thousands of people were left without housing, food, medicine, electricity and warm clothing. Immediately after the catastrophe we set out to the location in order to evaluate needs and opportunities for help. Based on that more colleagues joined in January and helped in areas where official help did not arrive or was insufficient.

From the many affected families we selected those whose houses were damaged, who were living in tents or other non-sustainable conditions. We also did not forget the people who had lost their income or who had a close relative with a health impairment. In total

we helped 136 people, from little children to seniors.

We gave each family financial aid of 206 EUR to cover their most basic needs with a condition that 40% of the sum would be used in order to protect themselves from winter. In total we handed over 5,352 EUR.



**136**  
people we helped

**This help could be provided thanks to regular supporters and the Real Gift.**

## Ukraine

### A PLACE WHERE THE PANDEMIC MEETS CONFLICT

The elderly who remain living near the front line often don't have anyone to take care of them. Despite the war they didn't want or couldn't leave their homes because of trauma. With the minimal pensions they receive they can hardly cover their basic needs. They are afraid of the onset of winter, shortage of food as well as loneliness. Therefore, we provided the elderly near the front line with someone to take care of them, to be with them and to ensure they were able to heat

and survive the cold months in the warmth of their homes.

In 2020 we completed our year-long presence in Ukraine aimed at supporting elderly inhabitants in the villages of Myrne, Pavlopil, Kamianka and Anriivka near the front line near Maruipole. In total we repaired 50 houses and provided care to 144 seniors in need who were taken care of by 24 local carers. Carers whom we employed brought them water, groceries, medicine, tidied up their houses, helped with their gardens



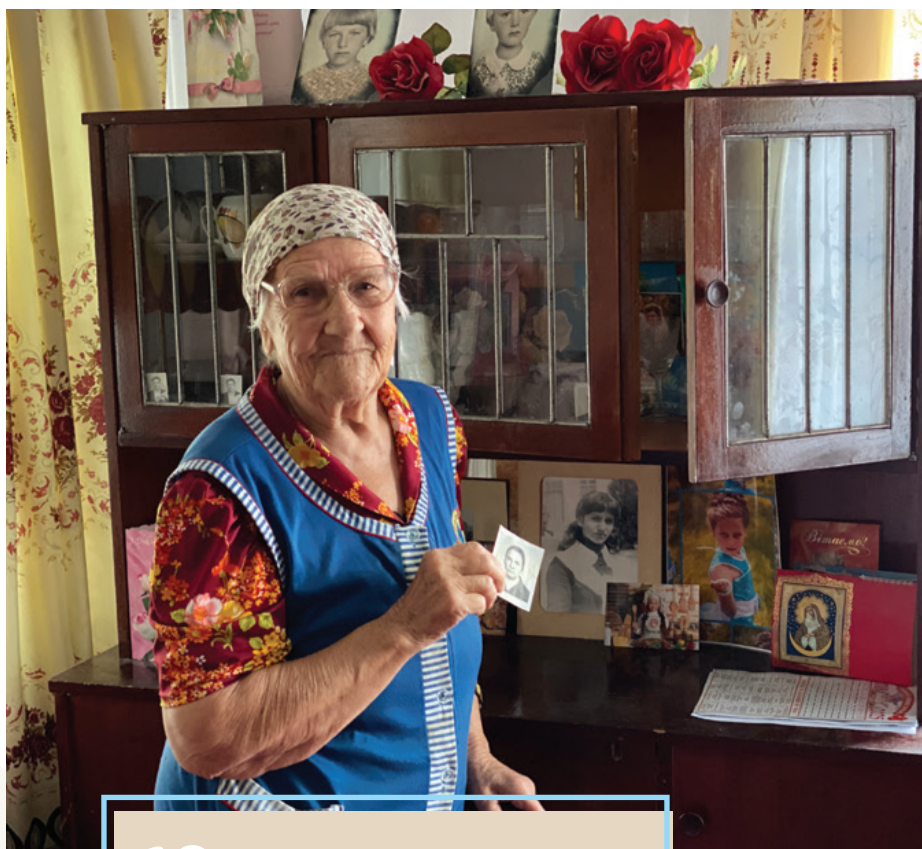
and even cut their hair. Besides the basic needs they provided, they also became companions.

Thanks to our donors we collected more than 15,000 EUR that we used for buying 116 tonnes of wooden briquettes for 58 households in the villages of Hranitne and Kamyanka.



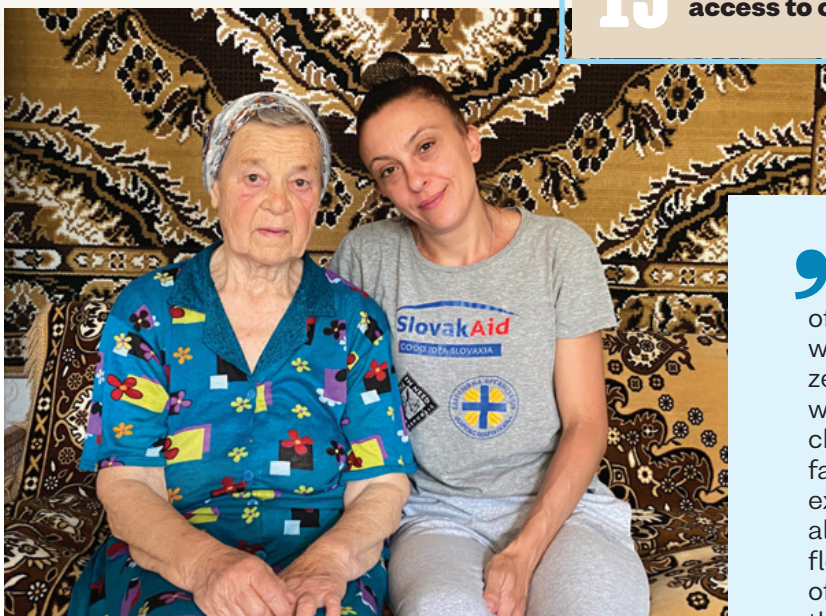
## WE ALSO PROVIDED WATER FOR THE ELDERLY

The pandemic in Ukraine mostly endangered the elderly and vulnerable population near the front lines in Donetsk and Luhansk. Therefore, we decided to give them a helping hand. We provided stable access to clean water for 13 hospitals, 6 care homes and 1 shelter for internally displaced persons. These facilities often didn't have sufficient access to water manifested for example by several-day water cuts, access to water for only six hours a day or no access to water higher than the ground or first floor of a building. Two of the hospitals for which we secured access to water focused on the treatment of pandemic patients. We also provided further education on prevention and hygiene as well as accessible sanitary amenities. In summer our coordinator of humanitarian work Veronika Filipek set out to eastern Ukraine.



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**hospitals were provided stable access to clean water**



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It was a difficult period full of overtime, work in hospitals with infection departments, dozens of PCR tests, complications with passing through military checkpoints. All the clinical facilities and care homes were extremely excited to have water all of a sudden also on the upper floors where it was missing. All of a sudden they could use it for the whole day.

**Veronika Filipek,**  
*coordinator of humanitarian work*

**Our activities in Ukraine were supported by SlovakAid and were provided in cooperation with our partners NEW WAY, Child Smile and Caritas Mariupol.**





Our activities were supported by SlovakAid and were performed in cooperation with our partner organization Child Smile.



## WE FOCUSED ON SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

After helping the elderly, in autumn 2020 we initiated help for children and young people in Donetsk. By the end of the year we managed to reconstruct 2 out of 5 social centres in the localities of Avdiivka and Bakhmut. These centres focus on psychosocial support and education of children. We provided equipment for didactic games and education to 15 centres of this kind. With the help of psychologists and social workers we started to provide psychosocial support for children, young people and their parents so that they could handle the effects of life in a conflict zone, high unemployment and poverty better. We also offered employment counselling to increase their employability. For parents we organized positive-parenting meetings in order to provide children with a more supportive environment in their development. These activities were adapted according to actual pandemic measures and therefore took place partially in distance form.

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The realization that the situations around us cannot always be influenced comes continuously. What can be changed though is our point of view. During practical group tasks positive changes in lowering stress, tension and anxiety occur.

**Irina S.,**  
psychologist



# DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

## Moldova

### WE OPENED CLIENT CENTRES TO PROVIDE EASIER ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Moldova is one of the poorest countries in Europe. Young people often leave abroad in search of better prospects and no longer participate in the life of the country. Therefore in 2020 we continued sharing our experience in building democracy and civil society. In the Gagauz region in the south we helped to open new client centres. According to the Slovak example these provide inhabitants with simple and transparent access to information and services in one place.



By initiating video coverage of local authority meetings and an information campaign we contributed to transparency in the operation of municipalities. For young people we organized trainings, counselling and financial support of their activities.



**The project was supported by SlovakAid.**

## Albania

### WE STRENGTHENED THE VOICE OF COMMUNITIES IN THE REGION

Also in 2020 we continued with the development of local communities in Tropojë – the poorest region of Albania. Besides an almost 80% unemployment rate, people suffer from poor schooling, limited access to information and deeply rooted governmental corruption. Tourism in the Albanian Alps is crucial for the future development of the region. Mining and construction of hydropower plants however interfere with biodiversity and endanger the lives of local people.

Therefore, we involved the inhabitants of the Albanian

Alps in activities aimed at their protection. Together we organized a petition against illegal sand mining which we managed ultimately to stop. We continue with our fight against the construction of hydropower plants.

We also organized a series of trainings and study visits in order to support community tourism, sustainable agriculture and development of business in the region.

**This project was supported by the International Visegrad Fund.**



# HUMAN RIGHTS

## Cuba

### A SLIGHTLY FREER ISLAND

In 2020 intense repression of human rights and freedom of speech continued in Cuba. We tried to provide locals with independent and uncensored information in order to provide a realistic overview of the situation on the island. We supported the work of independent journalists, academics and activists. We contributed to the opportunity for 5 local partner organizations to freely publish information about the violation of human rights, to educate and to organize events and workshops. By attending

negotiations in the European Parliament and interviews with Cuban activists living in exile, we supported the advocacy activities.

Because of the pandemic, a planned visit of students from Cuba could not be organized. Therefore we provided it successfully in an online format. We focused on areas such as communication, fundraising, human rights and activism at the local level. We also supported the technical capabilities of 2 partner organizations – via initiation of a functional web-

site and international trainings aimed at the creation of their own podcast. Also this year the film festival One World introduced a film from the Cuban milieu. The documentary film *On the Starting Line* truthfully depicts the reality of the lives of young people on the island.

**Our activities were financially supported by National Endowment for Democracy.**



## Philippines / Myanmar

### IN THE PHILIPPINES AND MYANMAR WE TAUGHT YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT MUTUAL TOLERANCE



The Philippines and Myanmar are countries that face serious conflicts due to poverty, religious and ethnic differences and struggles for territory and natural resources. Violence and tensions in the poorest regions have gone on for decades. Conflicts lead to discrimination and violent extremism, with local youth the most vulnerable. Supporting a long-term culture

of peace and mutual respect is crucial for the future lives of local inhabitants.

In 2020, despite worsened conditions, we educated and supported 231 young leaders. We helped them to build relationships, mutual respect and understanding, as well as to increase tolerance towards other communities. Young participants who completed

our trainings consequently initiated activities in their own communities and thus set an example to others. We also involved 26 community non-governmental organizations in trying to build peace. We supported their operations and capabilities to complete their own projects focused on supporting tolerance and dialogue. We also helped them with mitigation of the aftermath of the pandemic.

**This project was financed by the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) and co-financed by the Czech Development Agency. Partners of the projects: People In Need Czech Republic and local organizations the Pailig Development Foundation and Building Better Society.**



## VOLUNTARISM

In 2020 the pandemic affected our plans for sending out volunteers. Moldova and Lebanon therefore had to wait until 2021. We were able to send out one volunteer to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

### Bosnia and Herzegovina

## WE HELPED PEOPLE WITH HEALTH IMPAIRMENT TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY

Volunteer Ivana Godulová focused on the social inclusion of people with health impairment in Bosnia and Herzegovina. At the local branch of our sister organization People in Need Czech Republic she worked on activities so that these people could fully integrate not only into society but also into the labour market as well as to

strengthen their independence and economical status. Ivana for instance helped with research and organized training for employment counsellors who will accompany people with mental impairment throughout the whole working process. Thanks to Ivana's help the public became more sensitive towards people with impairment.

“ They can give us much more than we can give to them. They can be great workers. We should perceive them positively – see what they can offer, not negatively, seeing what they can't.

**Izabela,**  
*employment counsellor*



# SOCIAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMMES

## Slovakia

ALTHOUGH THE PANDEMIC DISRUPTED OUR ACTIVITIES, IT ACTUALLY ENABLED US TO HELP MORE

In Slovakia we've been leading community centres in five excluded localities: Plavecký Štvrtok, Petrovany, Rošovce, Kojatice and Sveržov. We provide social, financial as well as employment counselling. We lead pre-school clubs, provide extra teaching, develop career consultancy, and organize various community and leisure activities. Our community centres provide a space where people living in generational poverty can develop and find support. Our services and premises are also used by people from the majority society in the villages where we operate.

We try to dispel myths that the community centres are only for Roma people. Cooperation with partners – mainly municipalities, schools, kindergartens, doctors and various authorities and institutions is essential in all our efforts.

In spring 2020 the outbreak of the pandemic endangered all our activities. All group activities were cancelled and our work was temporarily limited to helping with the crisis situations of our clients. In

times when protective equipment was still unavailable, we were looking for ways in which to protect our workers. Our highest priority was addressing the dire situation in excluded communities.

Besides looking for protective equipment we developed an emergency plan for the operation of our community centres. The design of the crisis management plan that we created was also adopted by the Implementation Agency of the Slovak Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family for dozens of other community centres in the country. We cooperated with representatives of central and local government and became a part of the crisis staff in the regions of Prešov and Banská Bystrica. One of our experts with experience in refugee camps was provided as a manager for the quarantining of 92 people in the village Zehra. We regularly informed the public about the situation and we participated in the information campaign #koronatemerall. We were also invited to debates on the situation in excluded communities.



## WE HELPED FIGHT THE PANDEMIC ALSO BEYOND OUR COMMUNITIES

From the start of the pandemic we distributed face-masks thanks to our volunteers in all our communities. At the beginning when there was a shortage, our colleagues were sewing them in community centres. Throughout the year we distributed hygiene packs with shampoo for children and adults, disinfection for surfaces and hands, soap, toilet paper and face-masks in 5 of our centres. We carried out surface disinfection in 4 localities and we provided one disinfection machine to the firefighters in Lučenec.

To the most badly affected families who had lost

their income because of the pandemic we repeatedly provided food aid. Food packages usually contained basic foods such as flour, salt, sugar, beans, peas, bread-crumbs, rice, several packs of pasta and instant soups, long-lasting milk, oil, spices, cans of meat, pates and bread. In some localities – such as Kojatice – we also helped with clothing. To the most vulnerable households we provided also medicine or special help with stoves and wood for winter.

Many families from the poorest localities didn't have access to tap water without which they could not wash their



hands, clean their households and thus protect themselves from the virus. To 350 households in 7 localities with limited access to water (Kojatice, Svinia, Mníšek, Lipany, Arnutovce, Rožkovany, Lomnička) and another 10 localities in cooperation with Healthy Regions we distributed 10-litre canisters with a tap together with soap and face-masks.

Thanks to our colleagues who enthusiastically worked in difficult conditions we managed to help thousands of people over the year, not only in our communities, but also in many others. Our help in this area together with our other activities were awarded by the Slovak Public Defender of Rights, awarding us with the "Public Defender's Thanks 2020". We also received an award from the European Economic and Social Committee for our initiative "Their Health is Our Health" focused on help for families in excluded communities. We cherish both awards tremendously.



**WITHIN OUR  
HUMANITARIAN AID  
EFFORT IN SLOVAKIA  
WE HELPED:**

**27** dwellings to whom we provided professional disinfection

**339** households who repeatedly received food aid

**WE DISTRIBUTED:**

**15,000**  
face-masks

**700**  
hygiene packs

**950**  
water canisters also for people outside our communities

**Our individual donors contributed to the fight against coronavirus in excluded communities with more than 16,500 EUR.**



## WHEN YOU CAN'T COME TO THE CENTRE, THE CENTRE COMES TO YOU



Despite the difficult situation and initial complications we managed to continue with our work; we didn't shorten our working hours or hours for our clients. We were forced to improvise and change the forms of provided services. From indoors we moved outdoors; we worked more via phone and

online. After ensuring protective equipment we fully focused on fieldwork among communities. Thus, we could inform them about the current situation and measures, and map the needs of people.

Since children could not spend their free time in the community centres as they were used to, in some localities we provided board games and distributed them to households. In this way they could spend their time meaningfully with their parents or siblings.

Throughout the whole year we continued with counselling in all forms: social, financial and employment. The pandemic emphasized the value of the community centres. They became more relevant partners for schools, authorities and public institutions since we were able to provide a connection between them and people

from the communities. Contacts with local authorities, the post office and doctors were provided more than before, since telephone and online communication for many people from excluded communities was difficult. The counselling services at the community centres were used by 570 adults to whom we provided 3,025 interventions.

In total we worked with 1,047 children and adults in our community centres and we provided our services and interventions 8,297 times.

Our activities within the socio-legal protection of children and social guardianship, provision of preventive measures, support in education and low-threshold activities in our centres as well as in the field could be provided thanks to the support of the Bratislava and Prešov regional authorities.

## PROJECT HOME (DOM.OV) FULFILLING DREAMS OF HOME OWNERSHIP

In 2020 we continued with our efforts to provide people from Slovak excluded communities with decent housing. Our non-profit daughter organization Project Home which we established in cooperation with the Association for a Better Life and the Slovenská sporiteľňa bank assists people in self-building low-cost family houses in the Košice, Prešov, and Banská Bystrica regions.

To obtain such a house is far from easy. Clients have to build up their savings for a year, and after that they apply for a loan from the bank so that together with the construction consultants they can build their houses. The construction process itself is preceded by

a long process of preparation of land and infrastructure, as well as education and advice on how to free themselves from debts. After building approval they start paying off the loan.

By 2020 Project Home managed to complete and approve 16 houses in the villages of Rankovce and Lenartovce. The number of active clients in the programme rose from 110 to 174. The pandemic has partially slowed down the preparations for construction, several clients have lost their jobs and their income has fallen, which has negatively affected their ability to save. Despite these complications we are very happy that in 2020 Project Home received the SozialMarie award for social



innovation and the Roma Spirit award for their unique approach to housing solutions in excluded communities.

## WE HELPED WITH EMPLOYMENT AND WITH FREEING THEM FROM DEBTS

Because of the pandemic many people lost their jobs as well as the opportunity of temporary work. Besides looking for job opportunities we helped our clients to sort out their financial problems. Thanks to the possibility of claiming personal bankruptcy some of them received the chance of a fresh start. Besides our five community centres we assisted also with the employment counselling centre that we run in the village of Spišské Podhradie.

Via our BBSK labour agency we developed cooperation with the Banská Bystrica regional authority and the city of Lučenec. Thanks to the agency it was



possible to find jobs (short-term or long-term) for dozens of clients from the region, out of which more than half were members of the majority society. The agency also provided dozens of courses – from financial literacy to digital skills and practising job interviews. It created a 700-plus-member database of people interested in jobs which we used also when looking for help in quarantine centres, care homes and for help with area testing in the Banská Bystrica region.

## EMPLOYMENT AND FINANCIAL COUNSELLING IN NUMBERS:

**46**

**people started paying off their debt regularly (despite the complicated situation)**

**30**

**people finalized personal bankruptcy or started preparing for the process**

**149**

**people found job placements**

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Our clients speak Slovak, but often don't understand the speech of clerks. With our help they can deal with their debts or find a good job and feel respected.

**Jarmila Holubová,**  
*job counsellor,  
Spišské Podhradie*



## BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC WE INTENSIFIED THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN

Because of the pandemic, children across the whole of Slovakia moved to distance learning. Those affected by generational poverty often don't even have a table on which to work on their homework assignments, never mind a computer or tablet. The education of children who all of a sudden ended up being isolated therefore became our priority.

The communities in which we operate are varied; therefore, we helped each of them slightly differently. Where possible, children worked on their homework assignments in the community centres. Later

we provided consultations outdoors, via phone, email or social networks. In families with access to the internet we helped teach both children and their parents how to work with websites used by teachers for assignments. For children

from the poorest localities with no access to phones or internet we delivered printed assignments in person and we looked for ways in which to connect community centres with schools. Community workers also involved parents

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In the first half year I got a tablet. It helped me a lot because I could access distance learning. Thanks to you I am moving further. I hope you will keep supporting me and I value it very much.

**Bohuš from Sveržov,**

*student of the Combined School in Bardejov, specialization: marketing*



**PODPORA VZDELÁVANIA  
V KOMUNITÁCH V ČÍSLACH:**

**18**

**students  
supported with  
scholarships**

**1,758**

**hours of extra teaching  
in 5 community centres**

**131**

**children attending  
summer school**

**2**

**students entering  
a dual learning  
programme**

in teaching so that they could further help children at home and create time and conditions for learning.

During the holidays we organized a summer school where we connected formal education with the informal. Besides reading comprehension and counting, children learnt about nature and growing vegetables. In a playful way they revised or caught up on various subjects and kept up the learning habit. Entering the next school year was then much easier for them.

During the whole year we worked with children from the second stage of elementary schools and we also maintained contact with high-school students and teachers. For students who were supported by our scholarship we provided tablets and computers instead of covering their costs for travel to and from school. In Plavecký Štvrtok we managed to set up a mentor programme for high-school students within which the students with the help of volunteers work on their personal growth. Two students continued in a dual learning programme.



## ONE SMALL STEP FOR A MAN, ONE GIANT LEAP FOR THE FUTURE OF THE WHOLE COMMUNITY

The long-term and complex work of our colleagues at the community centres is like a long-distance race. Results often show after months or years of intensive cooperation. It seems however that the personal approach, dedicated time and acceptance the people from excluded communities find in the community centres helps them not to give up on their path to a better future. Therefore, we value every small success. Besides fighting the pandemic last year and our traditional counselling we noticed several of those:



- ▶ We provided several pilot meetings of women's groups in Petrovany and Sveržov which created a good base for more regular meetings in the following year.
- ▶ During the period of online teaching we initiated very fruitful cooperation with several elementary schools. We presented ourselves as an important partner. In Kojatice we initiated cooperation with the local elementary school as well as during the summer school.
- ▶ We persuaded several parents to come for extra teaching together with their children.
- ▶ More finishing students expressed interest in studying at high school. Thank to employment counselling several adults started searching for job offers individually.
- ▶ Members of the community in Sveržov organized a group of volunteers to remove illegally dumped waste, revitalize the children's playground and build a gazebo.
- ▶ Several families in Roškovce connected to the village well and self-built bathrooms in their households.

## WE SHARED OUR EXPERIENCE ALSO IN A THEORETICAL FORM

In October 2020 a final conference took place. Together with non-governmental organizations from the Prešov region we shared our experience on the integration of excluded Roma communities. We believe that in this way we can achieve significant improvements in the process of integration of excluded communities in Slovakia as well

as at the level of public policy. The project resulted in a series of analyses, studies, measures, legislative proposals and methodologies which can be found at our website: [www.clovekvohrozeni.sk/co-robime/programy-socialnej-integracie/](http://www.clovekvohrozeni.sk/co-robime/programy-socialnej-integracie/)

[lepsie-verejne-politiky-pre-marginalizovane-romske-komunity/](http://lepsie-verejne-politiky-pre-marginalizovane-romske-komunity/).

The conference was organized within the project Better Public Policies for Marginalized Roma Communities.

**Our activities in excluded communities were supported by: the Slovak Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family; the Slovak Ministry of the Interior - Office of the Government Plenipotentiary for Roma Communities; the regional authorities of Prešov, Banská Bystrica and Bratislava; the ESET Foundation; the Orange Foundation; the Tesco Foundation; Continental AG; Albatros Media Slovakia s.r.o.; Henkel; Zľavomat; Mary Kay; Accenture; the Pontis Foundation; the Carpathian Foundation; the National Bank of Slovakia; LDS Charities; and last but not least our donors via the Real Gift, regular donations and humanitarian aid.**

# GLOBAL EDUCATION

## Slovakia

### TEACHING (AND LEARNING) IN GLOBAL CONTEXTS

Within the Global Education Department we have been developing a so-called course approach. It's very much appreciated by teachers and associated professionals at schools since it doesn't add unnecessary "extra" work but can bring global themes into teaching plans. It enables us to introduce sensitive topics to teachers for whom e.g. migration or gender equality might seem uncomfortable.

Within this approach we prepared several training publications in cooperation with teachers. Global Education in subjects such as Slovak language, ethics and geog-

raphy was ordered by 1,599 teachers. Based on the data they filled out when submitting their order our guides reached 134,863 pupils across Slovakia. A further 378 teachers ordered our educational materials when working with documentary films from our One World festival. These served in total 43,230 pupils.

We helped to improve competences in topics such as poverty, climate change, migration, human rights, gender equality, extremism and critical thinking for 356 teachers and associated professionals. We organized webinars, online trainings, as well as an intensive course for teachers lasting several months combining in-person training with e-learning.



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I really like the way the guide is conceived. It opened my horizons and helped to orient the topics of my lessons towards crucial social issues which I had found rather demanding before.

**Jana,**  
*high-school teacher from eastern Slovakia on the guide for Slovak language and literature*



The project was supported  
by the European Commission  
and SlovakAid.



## WE ENABLED PEOPLE TO SEE THE WORLD BETWEEN THE LINES

Within the World Between the Lines initiative, which has been running for several years and focuses on current and future journalists, we organized 48 educational workshops and seminars. These were attended by 222 participants who have – or will have – the opportunity to cover important social issues not only in Slovakia. We published 4 sets of educational materials, including academic texts, and completed 3 analyses on topics of migration and climate change.

Also in 2020 we continued to develop our cooperation with media, including the daily newspaper *Hospodárske noviny* (HM Global and HN Global

Academy), Ringier Axel Springer (Digital Media Campus) and with two university departments of journalism – at the Faculty of Arts of Comenius University in Bratislava and the Faculty of Arts of Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra. We participated in the preparation of media content that was read by hundreds of thousands of

people. On the topic of migration alone we reached 270,000 people.

Within the courses Global Development Journalism and Global Challenges for Journalists and Non-Journalists we published a university guide and thus supported the institutional anchoring of our work in the academic sector.



## CORONAVIRUS SPECIAL

During the first coronavirus wave we reacted to the acute demand for home education and the new needs of teachers and associated professionals. We prepared an educational coronavirus special for teachers. In one place they could find a lot of high quality training content which could also be

used during online teaching. Materials were also provided by the organizations Živica and the Milan Šimečka Foundation. The website [www.globalnevzdelavanie.sk/vzdelavaciematerialy/](http://www.globalnevzdelavanie.sk/vzdelavaciematerialy/) was recommended by the Slovak Ministry of Education (including the teaching-organizational instructions).

“ The article that I produced reignited my love for my work and for stories about people. I’m more aware of whom my work is being done for – for people, not for me.

**Ivana,**  
participant in the course  
Global Development  
Journalism

**This project was supported  
by the European Commission  
and SlovakAid.**



## CHOICE 2050

The artistic-educational exhibition Choice 2050 emphasized the importance of a stable climate. It artistically presented two possible scenarios for the path of mankind in the context of climate change. The first reflected path was based on our current approach. The second scenario represented a positive path which would take into consideration the recommendations of the world scientific community. The exhibition consisted of drawings, videos, objects and two timelines

represented in space. It also contained educational materials for schools. The exhibition could be viewed at the cultural and creative centre Nová Cvernovka. The web version is available at: [www.volba2050.world](http://www.volba2050.world)

“ We are confronted by a choice that can't be compared to any other challenge of our generation nor the whole of mankind in its history. We have until 2050 – 30 years to transform our lives, industry, economy and the whole of society in order to avoid the inevitable impacts of climate change.

**Lukáš Osvald,**  
*head of Global Education*



**The exhibition was created in cooperation with the initiative No Time to Lose and the Cvernovka Foundation. The project was supported by the European Commission.**



## SUMMER SCHOOL RESOLVED SYSTEMIC CHALLENGES

Our great (fulfilled) dream was the organization of a summer school for young people from across Slovakia. Over five days we created a safe space in which we overturned the pre-conception of leadership based on individualism. We focused on the importance of the collective and cooperation in solving the challenges we face. We talked mainly about climate change, poverty and migration. We also focused on personal growth based on group dynamics and the challenges of permanently sustainable development.



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I met inspirational people with whom I could talk about important topics and create new friendships. The content of the whole summer school was enriching and I learned a lot. For example, I found out how teams and projects function and I also learnt new things about myself.

**Martina,**

*participant in the summer school*



**The project was supported by the European Commission.**

## WE ENABLED FILMMAKERS TO DEPICT MIGRATION WITHOUT STEREOTYPES

In cooperation with the UNHCR and the Film Faculty of the Academy of Performing Arts in Bratislava we prepared a one-year workshop in documentary directing. During 2021 the production of three student films is planned. These will feature in the programme of the One

World film festival. The aim of the project is to support young authorial documentary creation as well as to help filmmakers find a way towards less stereotypical portrayals of migration.

# THE ONE WORLD FILM FESTIVAL

## IMPORTANT THEMES BROUGHT TO SLOVAK HOUSEHOLDS BY ONE WORLD

The 21st year of the One World international film festival represents a fine example of how a responsible approach and good planning can change a crisis into an opportunity. The One World team not only prepared an online version of the festival, they also decided to organize a first-rate festival which managed to reach out to people who normally don't attend cinema theatres.



**99** I want to praise the way in which the team of the One World film festival dealt with transfer to a digital form. At this time surely one of the best Slovak events.

**Michal Hvorecký,**  
*writer*



**28** percent of viewers attended One World for the first time.

**43** documentary films received 10,708 registered viewings.

**63** partners joined the realization of One World.

Based on feedback we estimate that the real number of viewers reached almost

**30 000.**

**9** online school screenings with debates attended by 2,102 pupils from schools across Slovakia.





We renewed our community screenings project named One World on Demand via which *Mr. Toilet* reached more than 500 people.

One World had a presence also in the regions. In 2020 it took place for example in Košice and Lučenec; however, partners from Humenné, Spišský Hrhov and Liptovský Mikuláš also participated in the Slovakia-wide online festival.

The winning film of the Czech One World Festival *Sing Me a Song* and the Slovak premieres of *Grief* and *Unseen*

could also be watched by viewers with hearing and sight impairment. Special screenings were prepared in cooperation with the Department of Translation Studies of the Faculty of Arts of Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra and the company Teledata. Audio-descriptions were voiced by the Slovak actress Táňa Pauhofová.

**The festival took place under the auspices of the President of Slovakia Zuzana Čaputová and the Mayor of Bratislava Matúš Vallo.**



**93**

**guests invited to 34 accompanying events**



**99**

If you had asked me a month ago what I knew about Afghanistan, I would probably only say that Muslims live there. After seeing the documentary, I feel I know how to empathize with these people and I can be more thankful for what I have. I want to thank our school for the opportunity to broaden our horizons. And I am thankful for living in a free country.

**Monika,**

*elementary school pupil in the Senec district after watching the film *Orchestra from the Land of Silence* and the follow-up debate*



**110 000**

**views of 16 debates organized during the festival.**

The festival was financially supported by the City of Bratislava, the Slovenská sporiteľňa Foundation, the Audiovisual Fund, the Embassy of the United States of America, UNHCR, SlovakAid, the Slovak Ministry of Justice, the European Union and many others.



# THE FRIENDS OF PEOPLE IN NEED SR CLUB

## FRIENDS CLUB DONORS FREE US TO HELP PEOPLE IN NEED

The Friends Club consists of donors who help People in Need SR with donations on a monthly basis. Their regular support enables us to create a financial fund which can be used e.g. in case of a sudden natural or humanitarian disaster when speed of assistance is crucial.

People from excluded communities found themselves in a very difficult situation in 2020 because of the coronavirus. They soon needed help in terms of food. Thanks to Friends Club donors we could support the distribution of humanitarian aid and protective equipment in our community centres. We provided regular aid with food to 339 households.

The prompt help of the Friends Club also extended to Lebanon. After the warehouse

explosion in Beirut that left hundreds dead and thousands of homes damaged and destroyed we could help immediately thanks to the regular donors and the financial reserve we created. In this sorely tested country we could help repair damaged homes and provide food for inhabitants.

Thanks to the Friends Club we also helped after the

earthquake in Albania that destroyed the homes of thousands of people at the end of 2019. We took to the field and looked for those who hadn't received any help, those for whom the help hadn't been sufficient and those living in unsustainable conditions. We helped to cover their most urgent needs and protect them from the cold.

Besides immediate humanitarian aid the Friends Club also helps with our long-term projects based in Slovakia and abroad.

For example in Slovakia we could support employment and education in excluded communities. The resources of the Friends Club enabled us to use a service car and accompany our clients at the start of their employment. They also supported employment counselling for adults and youth from excluded communities. Within the Global Education Department we could provide training to teachers and associated professionals and help improve the quality of future journalists from across Slovakia.



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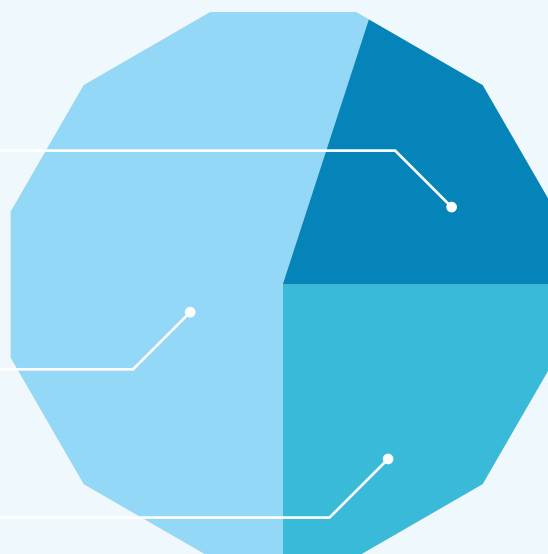
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nám prispelo  
v roku 2020**

## WHERE DO FRIENDS CLUB DONATIONS GO?

**20%** goes to the humanitarian aid fund for urgent aid interventions in Slovakia and abroad

**55%** is divided into three equal parts – for work in excluded communities in Slovakia, education programmes in Slovakia and development projects abroad

**25%** is used for logistics, organization of aid and other development activities



Thanks to the Friends Club we could develop our foreign branches in Kenya and Lebanon. We are delighted with their success and the opportunity to better support these communities.

The Friends Club also enables us to move forward in

our work. Strengthening the internal capabilities and employees of People in Need SR means better and more professional help for the people we work with.

With each member of the club our ability to help increases. Towards the end of

2020 we had 1,532 precious regular donors. Thanks to them we managed to collect financial support of 167,575 EUR. We also rolled over an unused 35,342 EUR from 2019 to 2020.

Unused funds of 98,477 EUR from the Friends Club were rolled over to be used in 2021. We don't plan to use the full fund of the Friends Club since it also serves as a reserve fund for cases of sudden natural or humanitarian disaster. It enables us to promptly help people in need.



# THANK YOU

to all Friends Club donors who enable us to help. You are an important part of our work.



# THE REAL GIFT

## WHEN YOU GIVE SOMETHING REALLY IMPORTANT

The charity e-shop Real Gift has again offered gifts that provide real help to people in need. Donors could choose at [www.skutocnydarcek.sk](http://www.skutocnydarcek.sk) from 21 gifts which could help in 4 areas: health, livelihood, education and help in Slovakia.

Thanks to Real Gift we could provide extra teaching to Slovak children who could not attend school because of the pandemic. Domestic conditions can be unsuitable for online learning, which was the case for most of the pupils. Thus the need to help was very significant. Besides extra lessons we also distributed work sheets, helped with homework assignments and communicated with schools.

In Slovakia we could also distribute protection and hygiene equipment as well as

water canisters. Those helped to improve hygiene in localities with no access to mains water. Thanks to the Real Gift named First Steps children from excluded communities could go for a summer trip, some of them for the first time in their lives. They visited a swimming pool, cinema or went for a trip to the city or Spiš Castle. A unique experience was also a pizza or an ice-cream. We could also print more of the methodological guides of Global Education for teachers of Slovak language and ethics and provide them to schools.

In Lebanon we could provide summer holiday experiences, learning aids and aids for

art therapy to children thanks to Real Gift. Many children in the country suffer from anxiety and need help to process the difficult situation they live in. After the warehouse explosion in Beirut we could promptly help with food aid as well as with hygiene equipment.

In Ukraine we helped solitary elderly people living near the front line of the civil war to prepare for the cold of winter. In the village of Piesky, because of the conflict the inhabitants had lost basic belongings such as underwear and warm clothing. From their small pensions these seniors find it difficult to ensure the basic necessities for a dignified life.

This year again we distributed Real Gifts in Kenya. These were goats, chickens, sheep as well as seedlings. All of these went to internally displaced families in central Kenya so they could build up their small farms and make a living.



# 122,699

**EUR was spent on  
Real Gifts by our  
donors in 2020.**

We delivered 460 animals and 3,000 tree seeds as well as tools and training for the effective breeding of animals.

Chicken and goats were distributed to 68 vulnerable families in Nepal in the regions of Gorkha and Sindhupalchok where agriculture remains the main source of income for locals. Since the earthquake in 2015 landslides have kept occurring and made it more difficult for farmers to start over and get back on their feet. The animals we provided are serving as a source of eggs, milk and also future income in the shape of offspring.



In 2020 we delivered gifts to the value of 82,962 EUR. Remaining gifts are to be delivered in 2021.

In 2020 our donors bought Real Gifts in the record sum of 122,699 EUR. Also in 2021 we will be able to deliver joy and help more people around the world and in Slovakia. The generosity of donors reveals itself mainly during the Christmas season when many people seek how to give in a sensible and original way. We want to thank all who chose Real Gifts.

## 2% INCOME TAX

YOUR 2% CAN  
MAKE THE WORLD  
A BETTER PLACE

**In 2020 we asked our supporters for help via the donation of 2% of income tax for 2019. In this way we managed to obtain 19,422 EUR. Thank you all for supporting our work.**

Because of the limited opportunities during the pandemic we decided to roll over these funds to the following year. They will help us with our long-term education activities, development of social aid and support of human rights.

# FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION

## REVENUES FOR 2020 (IN EUR)

### PUBLIC SOURCES 1,358,454

European Union sources	536,560
State budget of the Slovak Republic	790,481
Other public sources	31,413

### PRIVATE SOURCES 522,877

Legal persons ( <i>companies, foundations, foreign partners</i> )	274,377
Physical persons ( <i>Friends Club, one-time donations, etc.</i> )	164,464
The Real Gift	82,980
Public collections	1,056
Income tax of physical and legal persons	0

### OWN ACTIVITIES 12,632

### OTHER 4,296

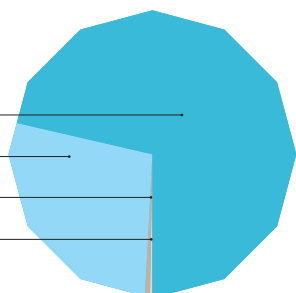
(*interest, courses, profits, etc.*)

71.6 % Public sources

27.6 % Private sources

0.7 % Own activities

0.1 % Other



REVENUES IN TOTAL:  
**1,896,629**



## EXPENDITURES FOR 2020 (IN EUR)

### HUMANITARIAN AID **311,315**

Covid-19 Slovakia	81,066
Lebanon	121,876
Ukraine	105,335
Albania	3,038

### SOCIAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMME **353,333**

Plavecký Štvrtok	29,799
Kojatice	45,687
Sveržov	43,584
Roškovce	44,093
Petrovany	44,379
Employment counselling	22,757
Better Policies for Marginalized Roma Communities	49,272
Support of Education in Communities	36,577
Community Centre as a Safe Place for Children	16,185
Social Protection of Children	21,000

### DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION **586,488**

Myanmar and Philippines	279,061
Kenya	17,038
Ukraine	105,601
Cuba	48,749
Nepal	5,000
Moldova	117,518
Albania	9,028
Volunteering	4,413

### SUPPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS **117,822**

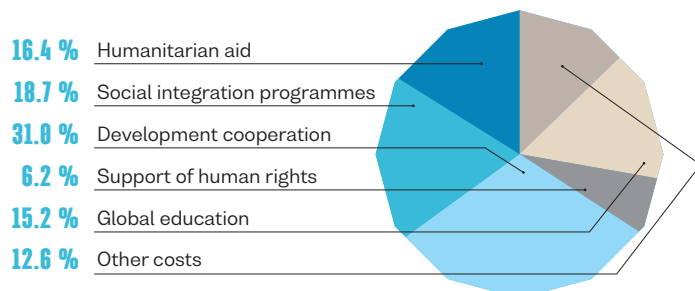
One World documentary film festival	117,822
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### GLOBAL EDUCATION **288,253**

Teaching in Global Contexts	82,934
Migration Stories and Facts for the 21st Century	83,236
Support for Youth, European Values and Solutions for Climate Change	80,438
People in between the Lines	20,088
Global Education for Future Journalists	21,557

### OTHER COSTS **238,164**

(management and development, fundraising, rent, administration, membership of other organizations, fees, etc.)



**COSTS IN TOTAL:**  
**1,894,495**

## The People in Need Slovak Republic team of 2020 consisted of:

### Directors

Braňo Tichý (*until 31. 1. 2020*)  
Andrea Najvirtová

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### One World Festival

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Eva Križková  
Zuzana Mačurová  
Zuzana Mathernová  
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Erika Štefíková Čisáriková  
Suzanne Verschueren  
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Lukáš Andrejčák  
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Marián Dudra  
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Mária Švedová  
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## **Independent auditor's report**

**To the management and executive board of the non-profit organization  
People in Need Slovak Republic, 811 03 Bratislava, Baštová 343/5:**

### **Report on the audit of financial statements**

#### ***Opinion***

We have audited the financial statements of the non-profit organization People in Need Slovak Republic (hereinafter “non-profit organization”) that consist of a balance sheet as of 31 December 2020, a profit and loss statement for the year ending as of the abovementioned date and notes of significant accounting principles and accounting methods.

**In our opinion, the enclosed financial statements of the non-profit organization People in Need Slovakia give a true and fair reflection of the financial position as of 31 December 2021, management results for the year ending as of the abovementioned date in accordance with Act no. 431/2002 Coll. on Accounting as amended (hereinafter “act on accounting”).**

#### ***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audit in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Responsibilities of the Auditor for the Audit of Financial Statements. We are independent of the non-profit organization in accordance with the provisions of Act no. 423/2015 Coll. on Statutory Audit as amended and Act no. 431/2002 Coll. on Accounting as amended (hereinafter “act on accounting”) related to ethics, including the Code of Ethics for Auditors relevant to our audit of financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical duties in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### *Responsibilities of the Management and Executive Board for Financial Statements*

The management and executive board of the non-profit organization is responsible for the preparation and fair representation of financial statements so that it provides a true and faithful representation according to the act on accounting and for those internal controls that are considered to be necessary for the preparation of financial statements that do not contain any significant misstatements due to fraud or error.

The management and executive board is responsible for assessing the non-profit organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and the going concern principle of accounting unless the state fund intends to liquidate or cease its operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the non-profit organization's financial reporting process.

### *Responsibilities of the Auditor for the Audit of Financial Statements*

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement if they exist. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if they could be reasonably expected to individually or in the aggregate influence the financial decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of the audit in accordance with ISAs we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- ❑ identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the overriding of internal controls;
- ❑ obtain an understanding of internal controls relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate to the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the non-profit organization's internal controls;



- ☐ evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the non-profit organization's management and executive board;
- ☐ conclude on the appropriateness of the management and executive board's use of the going concern principle of accounting and, based on the obtained audit evidence, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the non-profit organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the non-profit organization to cease to continue as a going concern;
- ☐ evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of financial statements, including disclosures, and whether financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair representation.

## **Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

### *Report on the Information Referred to in The Annual Report*

The management and executive board of the non-profit organization is responsible for the information referred to in the Annual Report compiled in accordance with the requirements of the act on accounting. Our abovementioned opinion on the financial statements does not relate to any other information referred to in the Annual Report.

With respect to the audit of the financial statements, it is our responsibility to familiarize ourselves with the information referred to in the Annual Report and to evaluate whether the information is not substantially inconsistent with the audited financial statements, with our knowledge obtained during auditing the financial statements, or whether the information appears to be otherwise materially misinterpreted.

We evaluated whether the Annual Report of the non-profit organization People in Need Slovak Republic contains the information required according to the act on accounting.

Based on our works performed during the audit of financial statements we express our opinion that:

[?] the information referred to in the Annual Report for 2020 is in compliance with the financial statements for the relevant year;

[?] the Annual Report includes information according to the act on accounting.

Furthermore, based on our knowledge about the entity and its situation we obtained during the audit of the financial statements we are obliged to state whether we revealed any significant misrepresentations in the Annual Report that was provided to us before the issuance of this auditor's report. In this respect we confirm no finding that should be stated.

Bratislava, 29 March 2020

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