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#### **ABOUT US**



People in Need Slovakia helps people who have lost their security, dignity or livelihoods. We respond to sudden-onset disasters, lend a helping hand to people from marginalized communities and contribute to open and inclusive societies, both in Slovakia and across the world. People in Need is a non-governmental, non-profit organization that was founded in 1999 by a group of journalists who were deeply moved by the devastating impact of the conflict on civilians in war-torn Kosovo. Their spontaneous humanitarian response led to the need to establish an organization that would specifically address crises and emergencies around the world.

Since then, our activities have expanded significantly and evolved. In addition to providing humanitarian aid, we also focus on long-term development projects and support for human rights. However, we increasingly respond to sudden humanitarian crises where rapid and professional assistance is needed. Sustainable partnerships with local organizations, effective use of financial resources, and targeted assistance remain our top priorities.

In Slovakia, we have long been focused on supporting the development of marginalized communities. We assist with the social integration of people who have been pushed to the margins of society due to poverty. We provide advice on employment, social issues, and finances. We also create spaces for children and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds where they can not only meet and engage in group activities, but also work on their education.

We support teachers to bring important global education topics into classrooms and teach children critical thinking. We also organize the international One World Documentary Film Festival, which brings important topics from all over the world, as well as from Slovakia, to audiences.

We are part of the international network of People in Need, together with our sister organization Člověk v tísni.

#### **VALUES**

Professionalism
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RESPECT
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TRANSPARENCY
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EFFICIENCY
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Adressability
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Partnership
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TOLERANT,
SOLIDARITY-BASED
SOCIETY

#### Where we are helping:



## DIRECTOR'S WORD



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#### Dear friends,

In the second year of the pandemic, we at People in Need Slovakia have continued to combine our experiences in humanitarian aid abroad with help at home, linking crisis assistance with long-term development support. I am pleased to present on the following pages how we have helped people in need or on the edges of society.

With your help, we have been able to respond quickly to sudden humanitarian crises. When a tornado destroyed homes and roads and left people injured and dead on the evening of June 24th in Moravia, Czechia, we helped cover basic needs. In Afghanistan, after the Taliban took power, we provided financial support to the most vulnerable and endangered groups of people for the purchase of basic necessities. I am glad that joining forces with Czech colleagues from People in Need, which took place in 2016, allows us to cooperate closely and help even more.

In Ukraine, we helped children and their parents on the front line of the conflict to cope with trauma, and we helped improve access to water for residents. As I write this report, we are actively helping people who have fled war to Slovakia or neighboring regions.



Our largest aid operation is possible thanks to the enormous solidarity of the public, the private sector, and institutional donors. Meanwhile, we have continued our long-term assistance to vulnerable groups of people around the world, especially in Lebanon, Moldova, and Kenya.

Despite the pandemic, we continued provide social, financial, to employment counseling to adults in Slovakia. During school closures, we supported children and schools by mediating and developing tasks. We involved high school students in a dual education program, so in addition to theoretical knowledge in school, they could also gain practical experience and help their strained family budgets. We began to support more intensive meetings of women from excluded communities, through which they can find advice and assistance. In addition to long-term development support, we provided humanitarian aid to the most vulnerable, who lost their income for a long period due to the pandemic's consequences. We helped ensure access to water with water tanks, protective equipment, as well as expert assistance in locations both within and beyond our permanent sites.

In addition to direct assistance to people, it is still crucial for us to contribute to a society capable of better understanding the interconnectedness of the world and able to engage in solving problems such as climate change, migration, or poverty. Our educational materials help teachers reflect on current issues, and educational activities have been used by hundreds of teachers, journalists, and future journalists.

Our festival One world documentary movies festival, which took place for the first time in a hybrid format, was accepted as a member of the Human Rights Film Network, which brings together human rights festivals from around the world. We are succeeding in changing the systemic setting of institutions towards increased accessibility of audiovisual content for disadvantaged groups of viewers.On the following pages, you will read about everything we have accomplished in 2021. I sincerely thank all of you who support us, as well as all colleagues for our joint work.

> Andrea Najvirtová Director

## HUMANITARIAN AID



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#### **MORAVIA, CZECHIA**

#### Huge wave of solidarity with people affected by tornado

On the evening of June 24th, 2021, a tornado and severe storms swept through Moravia. The element left behind enormous material damage, numerous injuries, and also 6 fatalities. The most affected were the villages of Moravská Nová Ves, Mikulčice, Hrušky, Lužice, and the districts of Hodonín Bažantnice and Pánov.

Many people lost everything they had built with their own hands from one minute to the next. Together with our sister organization Člověk v tísni, we immediately decided to help the people who had lost their safety and shelter. The day after the disaster, we allocated 20,000 euros from the Friends Club. Thanks to the enormous wave of solidarity that arose in Slovakia, we sent a total of 129,815 euros to the people in Moravia.

In the first few days, we helped to cover basic needs such as food, drink, medicine, or temporary shelter. In addition to the quick financial aid to affected residents and psychological support, financial assistance to municipalities and environmental restoration was also very important. We were present in Moravia long after the media's attention had subsided. We helped 44 families. Specifically, we provided 75,000 CZK to 8 households, and another 13 households shared 150,000 CZK. In the first phase of aid, we also provided material assistance to municipalities in the form of nails, boards, and tarps.

Rapid disaster relief was made possible thanks to individual donors and the Friends Club. We were able to help thanks to larger donations from companies such as **HOLLEN s.r.o.** and **ŠKODA AUTO Slovakia s.r.o.** 



"I have a technical school education, and I dug, poured, and covered my house with my own hands for 15 years. I enjoyed it, and I was happy with the pool, but I'm still paying for it. In the end, a tornado comes and takes everything away from you. The garage, shelter, the pond, the fish, the motorcycle, and the children's bicycles are all gone."



The situation of people living in Afghanistan was challenging even before the August coup. They have long been facing a humanitarian crisis caused by military conflicts, high levels of poverty, and the impacts of climate change. The takeover of power by the Taliban has only worsened their difficult living situation.

Furthermore, due to security reasons, humanitarian workers initially did not have access to people who needed help with their basic needs. International negotiations lasted for weeks. Fortunately, they were successful and humanitarian organizations were able to start distributing aid to people who were suffering from hunger and poverty, before winter began. In collaboration with our sister organization, People in Need, we helped the most vulnerable people who had not been able to flee the country or did not want to leave their homeland. However, they had to leave due to immediate danger and remained internally displaced in their own country. The priority was to provide them with basic necessities such as shelter, food, hygiene, and drinking water. Direct financial support for threatened families and individuals was also important, which is an important form of assistance in such conditions, so that they can buy food, soap, and other basic necessities.

Thanks to the help of individual donors and funds allocated from the Friends Club, we were able to send €19,336 to Afghanistan. Specifically, €150 went to multiple members family per each. So in total we helped a total of 126 families with this type of support.

We have been operating in Afghanistan as an organization for 12 years, during which we have focused mainly on education, support for women, and farmers. "We must remember that the situation of the locals, which was already bad before, will now be even more complicated. Most people are not concerned about politics, but their own survival," adds Marián Cehelník, humanitarian worker from People in Need Slovakia.



Increasing poverty is just one of the consequences of the huge inflation rate in Lebanon. The aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic and the unexpected explosion in the port of Beirut in 2020 have worsened the difficult humanitarian and socioeconomic situation. Lebanon has also long been recovering from the civil war that ended in 1990. Furthermore, the country has the world's largest refugee population per capita (mostly from Syria and Palestine), which is making it even more difficult to improve the situation in the country.

We have been operating in Lebanon continuously since 2017. In 2021, in Tripoli, one of the poorest cities in Lebanon, we continued to mitigate the effects of the country's long-standing challenges. We focused on alleviating the impact of the ongoing economic and environmental crisis in one of its neighbourhoods, Beddawi, in particular. Dysfunctional sewerage with sewage leaking into basements

where the poorest families live was a daily reality for residents. The common consequences of living in an unhealthy environment were illness, weakened immune systems and frequent displacement.

We trained vulnerable young people in plumbing, helping them to improve their chances in the labour market. The project successfully contributed



"I was delighted to work on a project that addresses unemployment in Lebanon during the economic crisis. We gave locals the opportunity to prepare for the labour market and start their own entrepreneurship. All phases of training are important: from business-skills training where they learn how to manage their business, how to treat customers, how to promote their business, to training in the field."



to strengthening equal opportunities and gender equality. Thanks to the project, 32 women (35% of the total number of participants) participated in plumbing courses and had the opportunity to acquire skills in a profession traditionally associated with men. We have also started with the selection of 10 small local enterprises which employees and owners, thanks to financial and material support, will be able to continue working and supporting their families despite the difficult economic situation.

The successful implementation of the project has created or sustained employment opportunities in a vulnerable area that will meet local infrastructure and market needs. The micro-funds provided under this project have increased the productivity of small enterprises which in turn have created 34 new jobs – thus strengthening the local labour market.

In addition to training and supporting entrepreneurs, we renewed 1,040 metres of pipeline and connected it to the sewerage network. This will contribute to long-term environmental and sanitation improvements for up to 4,000 residents of the Beddawi district.



"The course that our trainees completed was also work experience as they were paid for the work they did in renovating the pipelines. All of them were thus employed in the short term."

## WE TRAINED YOUNG PEOPLE IN LEBANON

In Lebanon, we also helped more than 400 young people of Syrian and Lebanese origin living in vulnerable communities in Tripoli. They have limited access to higher education and to the labour market. They attended foreign-language courses, learning to improve their communication and digital skills, and they reflected on their future paths. They were also given important information about study opportunities and current trends in the labour market. For the 13 best students who performed exceptionally well in the language courses, we provided financial support to cover an official language exam.

We also taught 150 students how to succeed in an interview, prepare a cover letter and CV, choose an internship or job, and how to start their own business in Lebanon and abroad. We connected

them with experts from Slovakia. Approximately 32% of the students were of Syrian or Palestinian nationality, 68% were Lebanese.

We helped high-school students in their final year to successfully complete their final exams. Over the four months, they took courses in mathematics, physics, chemistry, economics, sociology and biology, among other subjects. We encouraged students to pursue higher education in Lebanon or abroad in order to improve their chances of a better life.

Our activities in Lebanon have been supported by funds from SlovakAid and the European Union under the HOPES-LEB project. It was developed in cooperation with local partner organizations SEED National and LebRelief.



"The course helped me develop my communication skills in English. I also learnt a lot of new digital skills."

## WE HELPED THE ELDERLY IN LEBANON TO SURVIVE THE WINTER

Northern Lebanon is one of the most vulnerable parts of the country. Due to the worsening economic situation, people often do not have access to

healthcare or even food. Job opportunities are scarce, fuel crisis is ongoing and power cuts are a daily routine in the country. often rains in winter and many houses are deteriorating, as people have fallen into poverty in recent

years. Most of the elderly are dependent on the income of their children and grandchildren since they do not receive pensions.

In the autumn of 2021, we therefore decided to respond to the critical situation of many elderly. During the rainy winter, their homes leaked and they had no blankets or mattresses to

keep them warm. Besides the cold and damp in their decaying homes, their situation was often compounded by severe illnesses that required costly

treatment.



spend the winter in warmth. We also provided families with a small one-off financial contribution to ensure that they had the basic necessities they needed during a difficult time.

We were able to help thanks to individual donors and funding from **the Real Gift Warmth of Home**.



"I saw him on the street, begging from drivers, standing between cars. Such a frail, extremely thin and very old gentleman. That was my first encounter with Mr Khodar, an 88-year-old from Lebanon, whom we helped to keep warm during the winter."



The catastrophic state of the water infrastructure in Luhansk and Donetsk in eastern Ukraine has long made it difficult for the population to access drinking water. Additionally, at the time of the Covid-19 pandemic, it had a negative impact on the provision of care in health facilities. We installed water tanks, pumps and pipe systems in two hospitals, three facilities for the elderly, three kindergartens and six schools. As a result, more than 64,000 people gained access to quality water. Seniors were able to enjoy hot water throughout the day and hospitals had access to an uninterrupted water supply.

We also focused on sharing knowledge and during six training sessions for 73 people from 14 municipalities, we explained what the right to groundwater and the right to equal access to water mean,

how to calculate tariffs, what water contamination is, and how to obtain different permits allowing people to access water in practice. We were also able to technically train 44 representatives of municipalities



and public service providers in water management. We have recorded all the knowledge and experience in a practical manual that serves the local

communities. In this way, we have helped to protect the health of the most vulnerable groups – children, the elderly and the sick.

Our work in Ukraine was supported with funds from SlovakAid, United States Department of State Office of the Coordinator of U.S. Assistance to Europe, Eurasia, and Central Asia. We implemented it in cooperation with our partner NEW WAY.





## WE HELPED CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS ON THE FRONT LINE TO MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF TRAUMA

For those who live for many years in an area where military conflict persists, it is not only their physical health that suffers, but also their mental health. In eastern Ukraine, entire families suffer from psychological trauma. A generation of more than half a million children is growing up surrounded by violence and fear. That's why in 2021 we also focused on ensuring that young people, children and their parents who live close to the front line in Ukraine have the opportunity to take care of their mental health and have a safe space in which they can develop.

Both children and their parents found important psychosocial support in five renovated and 15 equipped socio-educational centres. A total of 1,030 children had the opportunity to use the new, safe spaces. We repaired floors, painted walls, installed lights, replaced windows and doors and purchased interactive toys and materials. We also hired social workers, psychologists and staff to help unemployed parents find work. A total of 164 people benefited from job counselling. This team worked

regularly in the schools and social centres we equipped.

We have thus created safe spaces for children, young people and entire families in which teaching, psychosocial activities and didactic games to ease trauma and improve quality of life could be carried out in a progressive Stimulating development a welcoming environment full of warm and cheerful colours, the centres made the war-torn towns of Bakhmut and Avdiivka feel like another place. Both group sessions and individual counselling with psychologists helped adults to process their trauma and talk about what they were experiencing in a structured manner. We provided psychological consultations to 298 clients and 212 people attended positive parenting classes.

Our work in Ukraine is supported by **SlovakAid**. It is implemented in cooperation with our partner organization **Child Smile**, which later changed its name to **Smile UA**.



"The lengthy military conflict and the coronavirus pandemic have caused confusion, discontent and increased anxiety among people. For many, it is difficult to cope with their emotions in their families and at work. In classes we work on awareness of our feelings and their impact on our behaviour. Stress, tension and anxiety are reduced during practical exercises in the group."

# DEVELOPMENT WORK



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Moldova is one of the poorest countries in Europe. Even in 2021, we continued to share our experience in building democracy and civil society. We managed to open 2 more clients centres (total of 6) that, following the Slovak model, help local governments provide efficient and transparent services to citizens. We also involved civil society in our activities, providing mini-grants to local civic initiatives.

We also helped municipal employees efficiently use new IT tools in their centres. We organized a three-day workshop series with a Slovak IT expert. A pleasant change from the forced online training was the personal meeting. The locals learned inspiring examples of good practice in Slovakia and also had the opportunity to consult on topics relevant to specific municipalities, such as the introduction of electronic voting

or an internal communication system. We also successfully launched activities aimed at improving the social inclusion of vulnerable groups of the population and selected a region in which we will implement a new program focused on their participation and social inclusion.

Our activities in Moldova were supported by **SlovakAid**.



In 2021, we continued with the social and economic development of local communities in Tropojë, the poorest region of Albania. In addition to an unemployment rate of nearly 80%, people here are affected by the poor state of education, poor access to information and deep-rooted government corruption. Tourism in the local Alps is key to the further development of the region, but mining and the construction of hydroelectric power plants are severely affecting biodiversity and the lives of locals.

Together with our local partner TOKA (The Organization to Conserve the Albanian Alps) and partner organizations from the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland, we have involved local people in the conservation of the Albanian Alps, their home. We organized a summer conference and training in Tropojë where we managed to connect people from seven rural areas affected by the construction of small hydropower plants with experts in lobbying, campaigning, access to information and storytelling. The newly formed collaboration resulted in a joint

declaration "Together for Rivers", which was part of a successful campaign to address the harmful impact of small hydropower plants on the environment and the lives of local people, and reinforced a strong unified voice for the region. We also facilitated the creation of a library for local communities with materials on sustainable tourism and agricultural development, as well as mentoring for business development.

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



The Philippines and Myanmar are countries that have long been facing serious conflicts arising from poverty, religious and ethnic differences, or fighting over territory or natural resources. These conflicts lead to discrimination and violent extremism, with local youth being particularly vulnerable.

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic not only threatened people's health, but also limited gatherings of people from different groups, which are so important for building mutual trust. In 2021, we continued to support young people in building relationships, mutual respect, and understanding, as well as increasing tolerance towards other, different communities.

We organized a series of 24 educational meetings for more than 200 young leaders, as well as initiatives and organizations bringing together active young people on the topics of building relationships, mutual respect,

and understanding towards other, different communities, as well as to develop their organizations so they can continue to support their communities in a sustainable and effective way. We supported 40 meetings of young leaders with representatives of religions and local communities. Young people and organizations that completed our training subsequently launched 25 projects to support dialogue and tolerance in their own communities.

In Myanmar, where a military coup took place in early February, returning the country to times of repression, persecution, and killing of civil activists, and deepening the economic and humanitarian crisis in the country, we redirected our support to the immediate needs of local organizations and initiatives. We supported them in the areas of security, mental health and psycho-hygiene, as well as financial assistance to cover the greatest needs of the communities they work with. Project activities strengthened friendship, mutual respect, and the



confidence of the participants. They significantly contributed to the creation of a group of active young people and better connections among representatives of local government, civil society organizations, youth, and women through the creation of a dialogue platform. The project was funded by **the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR)** and co-financed by **the Czech Development Agency**. Project partners were **People in Need** and local organizations **Pailig Development Foundation** and **Building Better Society**.



"The ongoing violence has driven us, young people, to form an organization to oppose activities that threaten the safety of our homes."

Misbah Zacaria, who along with other young people founded the organization Butig Youth Movement for Peace BYMP.



The prolonged armed conflict in eastern Ukraine has caused local residents to become alienated from political processes, leading to a breakdown of civil society. The most active and educated members of the communities have moved away, and those who remain often lack the motivation or skills to engage in discussions with local government representatives. As a result of the poorly managed decentralization process, the gap between the poor and the powerful has deepened in eastern Ukraine.

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poorly managed decentralization process, the gap between the poor and the powerful has deepened in eastern Ukraine.

With our help, local people began to actively participate in decisions that affected the places where they live. We proceeded from the conviction that one of the basic prerequisites for the transition to a democratic

society is the involvement of citizens in dialogue and their participation in decision-making processes. Using our existing experience with community development in Slovakia, we mobilized the local community, connected active people with each other, and inspired them with examples of good practice. In addition, we also created a very important dialogue between local representatives and the locals. Through media literacy training, we also fought against disinformation.

In two communities along the contact line – in Shulhynske and Nyzhnoteple – we formed community initiative groups consisting of 56 representatives of municipalities. Women were often the leaders of these communities, who people often turned to for help. In the

rural areas of eastern Ukraine, the stereotype still prevails that women do not belong in decision-making processes and their role is mainly to be caregivers for children, the elderly, and the sick. Therefore, we contributed to the higher emancipation of local women and disrupted this stereotype. With our assistance, both community initiative groups proposed a joint project on access to drinking water. Unfortunately, this intervention was not realized due to the premature termination of the project in March 2022, as a result of the beginning of the war in Ukraine.

This project in Ukraine was supported by **SlovakAid**. We carried it out in cooperation with partners **NEW WAY** and **Civic Union Educational Human Rights House**.



"In every village you will find at least one leader who is approached by other residents who are asking for help and who care about the future development of their community. They are mainly women – teachers, librarians or social professionals. They are motivated by the fact that, thanks to the project, they can educate other members of the community, develop and improve the environment in which they live and start to actively cooperate with the local authorities."

### VOLUNTEERING



This year, despite the ongoing pandemic, we managed to send five volunteers to countries such as Lebanon, Kenya and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

#### **KENYA**

In rural Kenya, Matej Spodniak built a chicken farm together with the locals. It will serve the community in Molo and contribute to their food security. Even-

tually it should also serve as a basis for the development of our other activities in the region.

#### **LEBANON**

This time we had three volunteers in Lebanon. Their deployment to the country was made possible thanks to the support of SlovakAid. Kristína Lopatková worked in the north of the country in Tripoli, where together with the partner organization SEED (Arabic for BEZRET AMAL – "Seed of Hope"), which runs an educational centre for children and youths from the community of refugee and vulnerable Lebanese families, she was mainly engaged in supporting activities aimed at the protection and education of children.

Gabriela Urbaníková worked mainly in Beirut and later in Tripoli. She worked in our partner organization Leb Relief, focusing mainly on environmental improvement, skills enhancement for young unemployed people in technical fields, and community support for poor Lebanese and refugee families in Akkar, Tripoli and Beirut localities.

Expert volunteer Martina Minárová spent three months in the country's capital, Beirut, where she helped us to better establish ourselves in the country, helped build the capacity of our partner organizations, supported our efforts to raise our profile and build awareness of our work and Slovak development and humanitarian aid in order to help us expand the range of our activities in Lebanon.

#### **BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

In Bosnia and Herzegovina, our volunteer Barbora Maráková was active in the local branch of our sister organization People in Need, which supports social inclusion and deinstitutionalization of people with disabilities. Barbora has assisted in the implementation of projects aimed at promoting economic inclusion and worked to improve the position of challenged people in exercising their rights in society and to improve their economic opportunities.

## THE REAL GIFT LEBANON

Gift of warmth and warm clothing in Lebanon helped elderly and sick people in the Tripoli area and northern Lebanon to get through the harshest winter in comfort. Thanks to it, in collaboration with the local organization SCOW, a social center for orphans and widows, we helped 35 families with home insulation, repairing windows, providing warm blankets, and a small financial contribution for purchasing basic necessities, totaling €8824.

"I saw him begging from drivers on the street, standing among cars. He was so frail, extremely thin, and very old," our colleague Viola recalls her first encounter with 88-year-old Khodar Haddar, who was sleeping on the floor on his family's balcony. We provided him with a bed and foil to protect him from wind and rain.

The Real Gift of Seedlings helped women in Lebanon become successful farmers. Growing crops is the main source of livelihood for poor Lebanese and Syrian families in the rural area of Dannieh.

Therefore, we distributed potato and garlic seedlings worth €3708 to local women and organized motivational and farming training to help them learn more about quality crop growing and improving their product sales.

The Real Gift of Happy Classroom also helped in Lebanon. Both children adults suffered and have from unpredictable power outages, which made their learning difficult during summer months. The power outages caused unbearable heat and, during the pandemic, made distance learning almost impossible. We purchased and installed a solar panel worth €2300 in the SEED education center, which powered fans, lights, and internet in the classrooms. The center was no longer dependent solely on state electricity, which was available for only an hour a day, and gasoline generators, which were environmentally unfriendly. significantly increased in price during the fuel crisis, and had irregular operation.



## THE REAL GIFT UGANDA



In western Uganda, in cooperation with the Rwenzori Foundation, we helped families who have a child with a disability. Such a child cannot help them as much as other children, and in addition to the challenging situation of securing a livelihood, they also require

additional care. We helped with Real Gifts from the Food category: 100% Goat, Cow, Sheep, Chickens, in a total amount of €9178. The new addition to Real Gifts, the Horned Goat, also helped.

## THE REAL GIFT KENYA

n Kenya, Real Gifts from the Livelihood category: 100% Goat, Cow, Sheep, and Chickens helped families who were internally displaced to empty fields. Animals will help them secure their livelihood and stand on their own feet. People in Need Kenya, as the Kenyan branch of People in Need, started building a chicken farm in Molo in

November 2021, where they have been supporting local communities through the Real Gift campaign in cooperation with the local organization NECOFA for several years. Real Gifts worth €20,000 were used for the construction. The farm was put into operation in April 2022, when the first 100 chicks were brought to the farm.

## THE REAL GIFT MYANMAR

The Real Gift Hour of Therapy was used for psychosocial support for civil society workers in Myanmar after the government coup at the beginning of 2021. In this challenging social situation, it helped them in their further work with people.

#### THE REAL GIFT **MOLDAVIA**

In Moldova, the Real Gifts School Supplies, School Board. and Clean Hands provided health and educational supplies to socially and health disadvantaged children. We bought textbooks, orthopedic pads, toys, creative tools, as well as tablets and hygiene products to manage the pandemic, for a total of €5296 in collaboration with the Pro-Europa organization based in Comrat, the capital of the autonomous region of Gagauzia.



#### THE REAL GIFT **UKRAINE**

Gift Roof over the Head at a height of 2400 € helped with the reconstruction of additional socio-educational centers

Near the front line in Ukraine, the Real in the cities of Bakhmut and Avdiivka. where people negatively affected by the war conflict in eastern Ukraine found a safe space.

# SOCIAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMMES



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As part of our long-term work in excluded localities, we operate five community centres in Plavecký Štvrtok, Petrovany, Roškovce, Kojatice and Sveržov. They provide a place where people from the local area can come together and get different stimuli than their daily routine offers them. Various community activities take place, as well as basic and specialized counselling in the field of employment, social affairs and finances.

Despite the second year of the pandemic, we continued our daily work in the community centres. As the pandemic cut many people's budgets and others lost their jobs, one-to-one consultations with adults on social, financial and employment advice were a necessity. We provided it in various forms to more than 600 people, helping nine of them through personal bankruptcy. One of our colleagues managed to win a court case after two years for a wrongfully indebted woman from an excluded community. People from excluded communities are already scarred by generational poverty, which has only been deepened by recent events. Thanks to our help, they have been given the chance to regain employment and learn how to better manage their finances.



"People who live in marginalized communities have low financial literacy. Often they do not have a realistic idea of finances and find themselves in a difficult financial situation. Long-term support and education are therefore very important."

#### INDIVIDUAL CONSULTING IN NUMBERS:

600

people received social, financial or employment counselling

9

people we helped through personal bankruptcy



As part of our financial counselling, we also built financial literacy through preventive activities. We organized lectures on how to manage money and how to manage monthly income. Financial counselling for adults, or teaching financial literacy to children, is a long-term and complex process. However, it is another step towards enabling people living in generational poverty to improve their situation and gain greater self-confidence and independence.

Our work in the community centres was supported by the The Office of the Plenipotentiary for the Development of the Roma Community of the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic, the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, the Prešov and Bratislava Self-Governing Regions and the companies Hollen and Kaufland.



For children and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds, community centres are places where they not only meet and develop in group activities, but also work on their education. At the centres, they have ideal conditions to do their homework in a calm and focused manner, have access to school supplies and a computer. Community workers and staff also help them and explain things they had trouble with at school.

Last spring, our colleagues at the communitycentresbecamecrisisworkers and education workers as well. Unlike the previous autumn, when smaller groups of children could be tutored, they had to switch to one-to-one sessions during the strict spring pandemic measures, which meant a heavy time burden on

top of their regular agenda. A total of 439 children received tutoring in community centres last year. The dedicated help of our colleagues was later appreciated by the teachers who work with the children in schools.

Children's needs varied from community to community. Many children without access to the internet received printed assignments instead of online ones. Our colleagues checked the children's assignments and made sure they were completed correctly. In Kojatice, 50 primary school pupils are served by our community centre. All of themwere without access to the internet and lacked the conditions for individual tutoring. In Petrovany, our colleagues helped children without internet access



"Initially, in some cases it was necessary to persuade teachers not to give up on children just because they live in excluded localities. We reassured them that we could convey the tasks to children and help them. In the end we managed to establish good cooperation with the schools, but of course the situation is not the same across all localities."



(less than half of all children) with their homework at least remotely. In Sveržov, parents picked up the assignments for their children, who then brought them to the centre themselves. In Roškovce and Plavecký Štvrtok, children had the possibility of individual tutoring at the centre if needed.

The individual approach of our colleagues made a big difference. It was appreciated also by the head of the school in Sveržov. He stated that the level of the children, who worked on their tasks in the community centre with the help of our colleagues, was higher than in the surrounding villages,

where only field workers came and there was no one to advise the children.

In the summer, for the second time, we organized the summer school in our community centres. During the weekdays, 177 children reviewed what they had already learned, but also learned new things in a playful way. They tried physics on a scooter, nature in the immediate surroundings and mathematics in the world around them. A new element was the summer camp in Sveržov, where four days of diverse activities were filled with cooperation. The fact that people from the community actively participated in



"Teachers brought prepared materials to our community centre. We divided them by class, distributed them and then collected the completed ones. If a task was more difficult for the children, they wrote a note on it for the teachers, who then adjusted the level of the tasks based on their feedback."

the camp was also an essential aspect. In addition to our colleagues, local older children were involved in the organization and parents helped with the preparation of the daily meals.

However, the community in Sveržov did not neglect other areas either: after cleaning up the illegal dumpsite behind the community on their own, they started systematic waste separation.

In 2021, we financially supported a total of 16 secondary and university students who could not afford the costs due to their difficult social situation. The funds helped them to buy, for example, backpacks and school supplies, winter jackets and boots, and practical learning equipment. They were also able to pay for a bus ticket to and from school, and we could provide them with a computer, printer and software during online classes.

Two of our undergraduate students managed to successfully complete bachelor's degrees and are continuing on to master's courses. In addition, among the scholarship recipients, we had two older women – mothers Ingrid and Renata – who are completing their secondary education. Because we believe that it is never too late to get a chance for a better future.

Wewere also able to support the education of children and youths thanks to the TESCO Foundation, Pontis Foundation, Slovenská Sporiteľna Foundation, Volkswagen Foundation, PPG and Dentons.



# COMMUNITY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE IN NUMBERS:

439

children received tutoring in our community centres

**177** 

children attended summer school

16

students were supported with scholarships

2

students completed bachelor's degrees thanks to us



One of the activities of the community centres is to support people from excluded communities in their search for work. Our employment counselling centre in Spišské Podhradie and our subsidiary BBSK Employment Agency based in Lučenec were dedicated specifically to employment. Whether through the employment agency, the centre in Spišské Podhradie or our community centres, we managed to find employment for 133 people.

In May, the employment agency ran a course in which 20 women were taught how to use a computer, search for job offers on the internet, prepare for online interviews and how to prepare and send a CV.

As part of the dual education project, we established cooperation with the vocational secondary school of gastronomy and services in Prešov. We continued our cooperation with DM Drogerie Markt, and we also established cooperation with two other employers: Tesco and Milk Agro. Four children entered the first year of dual education at secondary school. These children are among the first from the community who decided to continue with secondary education.

In 2021, we also implemented a pilot employment integration programme with Volkswagen Slovakia, in which we employed eight people from excluded communities. We continued



"It is very difficult for people living in generational poverty to travel far from home for work. They lack the funds to pay for travel or accommodation and have practically nothing to buy, not even basic groceries, until their first pay-check. Our support is therefore very much needed in the early days."

Michaela Mudroňová, head of social integration programmes – Employment and Preparation for the Labour Market, People in Need



to support them after they started work. One of them was Julo, who grew up in two orphanages and despite his best efforts could not find a job in the Prešov region. When the opportunity for employment came up at a car factory in Bratislava, with the help of our colleague, he prepared for the interview at the Petrovany Community Centre and learned a lot about his future employer. He also gained motivation, self-confidence and the skill to present himself. He got the job after a successful interview and kept it thanks to the support in Bratislava. Since he was initially penniless as an unemployed person, we helped him to pay for his travel, accommodation for the first few days and he also received a basic food package. We helped him to find his way around Bratislava and with other practical things.

We were also able to help with employment and dual education thanks to the support of the Ministry of Informatization and Regional Development, the Volkswagen Foundation and the cooperation with DM Drogerie Markt.



### HELP WITH EMPLOYMENT IN NUMBERS:

133

people were helped to find a job

4

children entered the first year of dual education



Since May, we have also focused on raising awareness about gender equality and empowering women in marginalized Roma communities. The empowerment activities to support girls and women from excluded communities were based on their real needs. Regular meetings in our community centres concentrated on strengthening parenting skills and also gender equality. Already after the first months they started to yield results. More and more women are interested in employment, which was previously more the domain of men. Within the women's groups, women were also taught how to combine parental and work responsibilities.

We run women's groups in four community centres in eastern Slovakia (Roškovce, Petrovany, Kojatice and Sveržov).

The project also includes educational activities in schools, which are carried out in cooperation with **EsFEM** and **the association Equalising Chances**. The Gender Equality for Roma Communities project was supported by the **Norwegian Financial Mechanism** and is co-financed by a contribution from **the state budget of the Slovak Republic**.



"During the women's groups, we try to take women out of their daily routine. They really have enough to do during the day: taking care of the family, cooking a hot meal several times a day, providing firewood. We want them to get to know each other and be able to support each other, to form new friendships where they can help each other when needed or just share their problems."



Our long-term work in excluded Slovak communities could not do without humanitarian aid even in the second pandemic year. Two of our communities were in partial quarantine at the beginning of the year. In Petrovany, where up to 25 households had no access to running water, we distributed 10-litre water containers with taps. In Roškovce, where up to 72 households were affected by the quarantine, we distributed food, hygiene packages and vitamins to the most socially vulnerable families without supplies.

Food aid, hygiene kits, heating briquettes and protective equipment were also distributed in other communities. Although the pandemic situation improved compared to the

previous year, people in excluded localities felt the effects of the pandemic strongly in deepening their poverty. Families who previously had their main income from temporary jobs and community work placements lost their earnings for a long period of time. Children who stayed at home because of the pandemic needed to provide food that they would otherwise have received at school. Poor households, whose incomes have fallen significantly, have also seen their costs increase. More than 800 relief packages were therefore distributed in Kojatice, Sveržov and Plavecký Štvrtok.

At the end of the year, we provided heat for families in Roškovce and single mothers in Spišské Podhradie. A total of 416 packages of briquettes

# WITHIN HUMANITARIAN AID IN SLOVAKIA WE HAVE DISTRIBUTED:

More than

800

humanitarian packages

416

packages of briquettes for heating

**25** 

households were given water containers

**72** 

households in quarantine were supplied with food



for heating helped them to cope with the winter season a bit more smoothly.

In December, we initiated vaccinations in our communities. Our colleagues from the community centres also personally helped to organize vaccinations in two of our communities, in Roškovce and Kojatice.

Humanitarian aid for vulnerable people in our communities and beyond was supported by the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, the British Embassy in Bratislava, the ESET Foundation, the Orange Foundation and CBRE, Continental AG and Henkel.



**SLOVAKIA:** 

CONDEMNED
TO FAIL PODCAST

ODSÚDENÍ NA NEÚSPECH

In cooperation with the daily SME, we have cre-

ated eight thematic podcasts focused on breaking down prejudices and myths against the Roma minority. The podcasts shared the title Condemned to Fail and were hosted by Zuzana Kovačič Hanzelová, who won the 2021 Journalism Award in the Podcast category for this cooperation. We managed to reach a wide audience, as the total listenership of the podcast reached 185,307 people. Podcasts on housing, education and generational poverty attracted the most interest.

We have also discussed the difficult situa-

tion of Roma men and women in interviews and articles on our website. For example, we have discussed prejudices in the employment of Roma men and women, myths about the health of people in Roma settlements, and the education of children from Roma communities.

The series of interviews and articles was produced as part of the Roma Among Us project. The project was supported by KULT MINOR – Minority Culture Fund.



"The number of people who manage to integrate is significantly lower than the number of people who are reborn into generational poverty. And if you are from one social class and you start living in another, it takes a lot of courage."

Alexander Mušinka, anthropologist

# GLOBAL EDUCATION



People in Need Slovakia helps people who have lost their security, dignity or livelihoods. We respond to sudden-onset disasters, lend a helping hand to people from marginalized communities and contribute to open and inclusive societies, both in Slovakia and across the world.



In 2021, we continued to publish publications that support teachers to deliver better quality education. They enable teachers to reflect on topical issues while creating a respectful environment among children.

We produced 14 educational publications and materials in total, including Global Learning in Mathematics, educational materials for the climate exhibition Choice 2050, as well as educational material on How to Measure Change in attitudes while Teaching, to name a few. These have been ordered by 1,579 teachers for 117,600 pupils across Slovakia.

We also made global education available in a foreign language. Teachers

from many EU countries worked together to publish the Global Education Handbook in English and Hungarian. Another new publication was How to understand informational environment in the 21st Century. It helped teachers to teacher better media literacy and critical thinking.

During the year we continued to distribute educational publications Global Education for the subjects of Slovak Language, Ethics and Geography, which were ordered by a total of 2,330 teachers. Based on the information they provided at the time of ordering, these guides reached 178,205 pupils across Slovakia. Our educational publications for teaching and professional staff was or-



dered by 3,909 teachers for 295,805 pupils in total.

We organized webinars, weekend training sessions and a several-months-long blended learning course on Global Learning in Mathematics, which combined a face-to-face component with e-learning. During the year, we thus helped 184 teachers and professionals to improve their competences on the topics of poverty, climate change, migration, human rights, gender equality and extremism.

We are very pleased that institutions such as the Slovak National Gallery expressed interest in cooperating with us in 2021. Together we started working on educational materials that will contribute to a better understanding

of migration as a phenomenon with a great impact on our lives. We created a new educational video People on the Move from the series Art Warm-up, which brings the reasons for human migration in different historical periods closer to us.

In cooperation with the Gymnasium Púchov, we launched a project focused on climate change. Together we revised the curricula and started preparing new educational materials. These will enable climate change to be taught in a contextual, systemic and human-centred way.

The programme was implemented thanks to the support of **the European Commission** and **SlovakAid**.



"My pupils were impressed. Since the end of the course, I have been constantly thinking about how to design the lessons in such a way that they are not bored during the course and at the same time that they learn new things. This is the perfect motivation for global education; let learning not be boring."

Teacher and graduate of the e-learning course Global Education in Slovak Language and Literature



The second edition of the summer school in Modra was attended by 24 young people from all over Slovakia. Over the course of five days, we worked together to create a safe space in which the perception of leadership built on individualism and pressure to perform was disrupted. We focused on making the importance of the collective and collaboration visible in tack-

ling the challenges we face. Together we also learned how to reflect on our own position in the world. Topics such as climate change, poverty and also migration featured throughout the summer school.

The summer school was organized thanks to the support of **the European Commission.** 



"I met amazing people and gained a better understanding of how the world works. If we don't know how it works, we can't improve it. Thanks to the summer school, I got to see a lot of things from a different perspective."



As part of the World Between the Lines media initiative, which focuses on working with journalists and future journalists, we hosted 19 educational workshops, seminars and webinars. They were attended by 439 people who have or will have the opportunity to cover important social issues, not only in Slovakia. We published two educational materials, including academic texts.

Also In 2021, we maintained our media collaborations with Hospodársky noviny (HN Global and HN Global Academy), Ringier Axel Springer (Digital Media Campus) and Comenius

University in Bratislava (Global Development Journalism and Global Challenges courses). We have established new collaborations with the universities in Nitra, Trnava and SME daily newspaper. We have financially supported the press trips of journalists to Syria, Iraq, Portugal, Poland, Belarus and other countries.

Again, we had our own category in the Slovak Journalist Award called The World Between the Lines. This was awarded for an article about the life of people from Vietnam in Slovakia and their relatives in their native country, published by Denník N.



We participated in the preparation of media content that has been read by hundreds of thousands of people. Most recently, this has included our podcast The World Between the Lines, which we produced in collaboration with the daily SME. The first series contains 24 episodes and deals with global topics such as migration, colonialism, critical thinking and development aid.

In collaboration with Hospodársky noviny and influencers, we prepared

Smartt Videos series to help us communicate complex global topics in a clear way. In a series of six videos, Adela Banášová, Viktor Vincze, Fero Joke and comedian Nasi explained what migration, climate change, global tax architecture, decarbonization of industry and sustainable development are.

The programme was realized thanks to the support of **the European Commission, SlovakAid** and **the International Visegrad Fund**.



"This course taught me the most in my 3 years of study. It got me thinking about topics I knew about before but had no one to debate with. I learnt a lot and became very confident in what I would like to do in the future."

Journalism student at Comenius University Bratislava on the subject Global Challenges



The artistic and educational exhibition Choice 2050.world demonstrated the importance of a stable climate in 2021. Artistically, it elaborated two possible scenarios for humanity in the context of climate change. The first was based on our current approach. The second scenario represented a positive outcome that would take into account the recommendations of the global scientific community. The exhibition consisted of drawings, videos, objects and two timelines depicted in space. It also included educational materials

for schools, which were also created in collaboration with EduDrama and are used by more than 30,000 pupils across Slovakia. An online version of the exhibition, including a virtual tour of the physical exhibition, is available at www.volba2050.world. The exhibition was created in cooperation with the initiative Let's Waste No Time and the Cvernovka Foundation.

The exhibition was realized thanks to the support of **the European Commission**.



### WE IMAGINED THE YEAR 2050

### PREDSTAVME SI 2050

Viac ako polovica ľudí na Slovensku vníma budúcnosť negatívne. Môže za to klimatická zmena, rozpad ekosystémov, masové vymieranie druhov a umelá inteligencia.

Do online prieskumu organizácie Človek v ohrození sa v termíne od 26.4.2021 do 10.5.2021 zapojilo 2785 ľudí naprieč Slovenskom. Tí dostali možnosť vyjadriť sa k tomu, ako vnímajú budúcnosť, akú by si ju želali a na akých hodnotách by mala byť postavená.

In the Imagine Year 2050 communication campaign, we drew attention to our lives in the context of the climate crisis. We explored how people in Slovakia perceive the future, what they think will influence it, but also what they are willing to do to make it the best it can be.

The communication campaign involved people and organizations from the arts, civil society, education and students. It included well-known personalities such as Róbert Bezák, Lucia Pašková, Nikoleta Kováčová, Anna Karolína Schmiedlová, but also ordinary young people who expressed

their vision of the future through banners on social networks.

The campaign followed the exhibition volba2050.world. It reached 919,559 people on social media. It was also covered in the media, including Denník N, Radio Express, Nový čas, and Refresher. The strongest message it delivered was that more than half of the people in Slovakia have a negative perception of their future. The overall results are available at www.predstavmesi2050.sk.

The campaign was funded by **the European Commission**.

Students from Nexteria Leadership Academy were involved in the preparation of the campaign.



"The results put up a mirror to what we are doing today and the picture we see is not a good one. It points to societal distrust and the systemic problem of negative expectations for the future. The dominance of climate change as the factor that will most influence the shape of the world in 2050 came as a surprise."

Lukas Osvald, Head of Global Education and Human Rights



On the occasion of International Women's Day in March 2021, we launched the Women and Migration campaign. We drew attention to the gender aspects of migration and how it impacts women. We also looked at how women influence their communities and what they experience when they migrate. The campaign focused on the stories of three strong women from Syria, Kenya

and Slovakia who have been marked by the migration experience. These women are role models for their communities and empower other girls and women in their neighbourhoods. The social media campaign reached 683,048 people.

The campaign was realized thanks to the support of the European Commission and SlovakAid.

### WE SUPPORTED THREE ORGANIZATIONS VIA SUB-GRANTS

In2021, we launched a sub-grant call on the theme of migration. Three organizations were successful. They focused on the themes of migration, identity, diversity

and intercultural dialogue.

The sub-grants were supported by **the European Commission**.

### WE HELPED CREATE THE CLIMATE FACTS WEBSITE

n the spring, we financially contributed to the creation of a website loaded with information, infographics and data visualizations related to climate change called www.faktyoklime.sk. We also organizedawebinarforjournaliststogether with Faktyoklime.cz. We introduced them

to the Facts about Climate website and what can be expected from it. We also talked about specific data on the topic of climate change.

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



In 2021, the first edition of One World in hybrid form took place. During the festival, 45 screenings were made available online and 18 live in cinemas. Ten Slovak and Czech films were made accessible to visually and hearing-impaired viewers. For the first time we organized a special screening for parents with children, for whom we prepared our own programme during the screening of My Sunny Maad.

We continued to make culture accessible to the disabled, homeless, those on parental leave and pensioners. In particular, we succeeded in promoting a new priority in the support structure of the Audiovisual Fund – increasing the accessibility of audiovisual content for audiences with specific needs.

During the seven days of the festival, we recorded 12,191 online viewings and live visits to cinemas in Bratislava. Online school screenings were attended by 4,069 pupils from 99 schools all over the country.

Inspiring debates on topics that resonate in society and appear in films are already an essential part of One World. After the success of the first online edition, this year we decided to maintain the online studio model, which brought our programme to viewers across the country. Twenty-four online debates were viewed 41,538 times during the festival. The festival was also attended by 14 guests from abroad and dozens from Slovakia.

The actors of Theatre With No Home, together with the international jury,

presented the award for the best film of One World 2021. During the closing night, they performed a show about dreams. They reminded the audience that homeless people have dreams too.

We are pleased that the quality of the festival has been recognized abroad and One World has been accepted as a member of the Human Rights Film Network, which brings together human rights festivals from all over the world.



In 2021, we continued the One World on Demand community screenings, bringing the film experience directly into people's homes, gardens, cafes and bookstores. Throughout the year we screened six new films, many of them feature winners from past editions of the One World Festival. They were seen by 2,383 people from all over the country during 193 community screenings.

We also launched a pilot edition of a programme for professionals called Days of Change. Their aim was to connect Slovak and Czech documentary filmmakers



The One World Festival offers something you won't find in any textbook. Topical issues that many prefer to overlook so that they don't have to think about them. Who is going to get the younger generation to think critically if not schools?"

Teacher of the Gymnasium of St. John , Prešov Region

with potential donors, non-profit organizations, media, experts on specific topics and documentary campaigns. Experts on specific topics helped Slovak and Czech documentary filmmakers to create a campaign that made their films resonate in society. The winning project of the pilot Days of Change was the film After Us, the Flood by producer Roman Pivovarnik and director Dorota Vlnova.

In cooperation with UNHCR and the Film Faculty of the Academy of Performing Arts, we enabled filmmakers to perceive migration without stereotypes. prepared We year-long workshop for documentary filmmaking students, during which three student films were produced. The audience was able to see them within the One World programme. The films dealt with the topic of illegal migration of Slovaks in the USA, the encounter of Aladdin, a Turkish refugee, with people in Slovakia and the possibilities of migration beyond our planet. In





this way we also supported young documentary filmmakers.

The festival was supported by the European Commission, the Audiovisual Fund, the City of Bratislava, the City of Bratislava Foundation, Slovenská sporiteľňa Foundation, the US Embassy, UNHCR, SlovakAid, the Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic, the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Heinrich-Bölll-Stiftung and other donors.



"It was a week that set in motion a remarkable cluster of enthusiasts. The One World team worked like a Swiss watch. At various locations in Bratislava, they performed the possible and the impossible in order to provide the audience with a multi-sensory experience. The message of inclusion hovered over the festival throughout."

# OUR DONORS



People in Need Slovakia helps people who have lost their security, dignity or livelihoods. We respond to sudden-onset disasters, lend a helping hand to people from marginalized communities and contribute to open and inclusive societies, both in Slovakia and across the world.

#### Friends Club -

https://clovekvohrozeni.sk/klub-priatelov/

More than 2,077 regular donors have contributed in excess of €242,000. The donations were used for humanitarian aid, long-term aid, aid organizing and organizational development.

#### Real Gift -

https://www.skutocnydarcek.sk/

Through the Real Gift scheme, people made 2,937 orders and bought 5,413 Real Gifts worth €117,000. These gifts provide help in four categories: livelihood, education, health, and help directly in Slovakia.

#### **Donation Appeal**

https://clovekvohrozeni.sk/darcovska-vyzva/

A new way to contribute in which individuals call on their networks to donate. Through five appeals, people have donated more than 2,400 EUR to support the activities of People in Need.

#### 2% income tax

https://clovekvohrozeni.sk/2-z-dane/

support in the amount of €34,907 was provided via the donation of 2% of income tax for 2020.

### Supporting women from excluded communities

89 donors supported the work of women's groups in excluded communities in Slovakia by donating €3,705.

#### Tornado relief in Moravia, Czechia

more than 2,500 people donated €111,000 to help those affected by the tornado.

#### Helping the people of Afghanistan

290 donors contributed nearly €11,000 to help ease the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan. Afganistane.

#### Winter relief in Lebanon

294 people donated more than €11,600 to help the elderly people in Lebanon ahead of the coming winter. We repaired their homes and provided them with necessities.



The Friends Club – that's what we call supporters we can count on when we need help fast. Their regular monthly contributions have enabled us to help those in need also in 2021. The financial fund that we have built up thanks to these donations is the first and most important source of support when sudden natural or humanitarian disasters arise.

In May 2021, we were all struck hard by the news of the devastating **tornado** in Moravia, Czechia. Thanks to the Friends Club, we immediately allocated €20,000 from the humanitarian fund to help the people affected. Together with a subsequent collection, we were thus able to contribute more than €130,000 to the relief effort. The funds were used to help repair damaged homes, to provide necessary materials, and also to provide social support to impacted families.

After the Taliban took power in Afghanistan in August 2021, the humanitarian crisis in the already badly stricken country threatened to deepen. Thanks to the Friends Club, we were able to send the first €10,000 straight away. Together with the subsequent collection, we sent more than €20,000 EUR for vulnerable groups, mainly women and children. Humanitarian aid is needed especially for securing access to drinking water and basic foods.

In addition to immediate humanitarian aid, the Friends Club also helps with our long-term projects both abroad and in Slovakia. The Friends Club has also helped in Kenya, Uganda, Lebanon and Moldova.

In Slovakia we have been, for example, able to support employment and education in excluded communities.

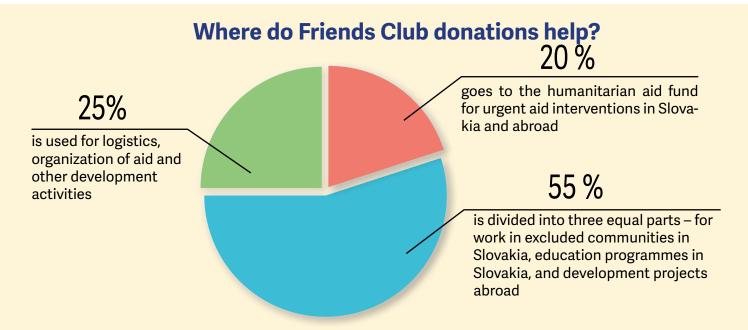
### Thank to all the donors of the Friends Club! Thanks to you, we are able to help people in their time of need.

Funds from the Friends Club have enabled us to guide clients through the early stages of employment, and to support job counselling for adults and young people from marginalized communities. The work of the Global Education Department has allowed us to educate teaching and professional staff, impact young leaders, and improve the work of future journalists from across the country. Thanks to the Friends Club we can keep developing our foreign branches in Kenya and Lebanon within our long-term efforts. We are delighted to have achieved this success as well as 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 Slovakia 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 2021 we had 2,077 precious regular donors. Thanks to them we managed to collect record financial support of €242,677. We also rolled over an unused sum of €191,095 from 2021 to 2022.

Unused funds from the Friends Club were transferred to be used in 2022. It is very important that the resources from the Friends Club are used efficiently. We therefore don't intend to use the full fund of the Friends Club since it also serves as a reserve fund for sudden natural or humanitarian disasters. It enables us to promptly help people in need.





The charity e-shop Real Gift has again offered gifts that provide real help to people in need. At www. skutocnydarcek.sk donors can choose from 24 gifts which could help in four areas: health, livelihood, education, and help in Slovakia. Besides the goat and the chickens, which are very popular every year, new items such as the Humanitarian Package and Sustainable World have been added. Another newcomer is the Big Human gift which directly supports the work of People in Need.

The gift Warmth of Home and Warm Clothes to the Elderly in Lebanon has helped people to get through the worst of the winter. It helped the elderly and sick living in inadequate conditions to insulate their draughty homes, repair windows, obtain warm blankets and a small donation to buy

basic necessities, totalling €8,824. In altogether we helped 35 families.

The Real Gift Seedlings enabled women in Lebanon to become successful farmers. Growing crops is the main source of livelihood for poor Lebanese and Syrian families in the rural area of Dannieh. We therefore distributed potato and garlic seedlings worth €3,708 EUR to local women. We also organized motivational and cultivation training where they could learn more about good-quality crop cultivation, as well as how to improve the sale of their products.

In Lebanon, the Real Gift Happy Class was also helpful. The children and adults have long suffered from unpredictable power cuts, which made it difficult for them to learn during the summer months. The power outages



not only resulted in unbearable heat, but also made distance learning almost impossible at the time of the pandemic. We

therefore bought a solar panel worth €2,300 for the education centre which powered the fans, light and internet in the classrooms. The centre was thus no longer dependent solely on state-provided electricity an hour a day, or petrol generators which were environmentally unfriendly, had become significantly more expensive to run during the fuel crisis and were unreliable.

The Real Gifts 100% Goat, Cow, Sheep and Restless Chickens have been helping throughout the year in Uganda and Kenya. For families who have been internally displaced to empty fields in Kenya, the animals will provide a livelihood and help them get back on their feet. In Uganda, we supported families who have children with disabilities. Such children cannot help them to the same extent as other offspring and, in addition to the challenge of securing a livelihood, require additional care. The gifts were worth a total of €9,178. Thanks to the Real Gift Restless Chickens, we established a new branch in Kenva. which has started the construction of a chicken farm in Molo. This enables us



to continue our long-term support of local communities for whom chickens are an important source of income. For the construction, Real Gifts worth €20,000 were used.

In Moldova, Real Gifts School Supplies, Blackboard to School, and Clean Hands provided development and educational aids to physically and socially disadvantaged children from the impoverished region of Gagauzia. We purchased textbooks, orthopaedic pads, toys, creative aids as well as tablets and hygiene products to help them cope with the pandemic, at a total of €5,296.

Close to the front line in Ukraine, a Real Gift named a Roof Over Your Head in the amount of €2,400 helped children and adults to cope with the trauma of war. We helped with the reconstruction of extra social and educational centres in the towns of Bakhmut and Avdiivka where those negatively affected by the war in eastern Ukraine found a safe space.

The Real Gift Hour of Therapy was used to provide psychosocial support to staff of civil society organizations following the government coup in Myanmar in



early 2021. In this challenging social situation, it helped them to continue to work with people.

Real Gifts also continued to help with education in the country in the second year of the pandemic. Real Gifts Tutoring and First Books were used in our tutoring programme in community centres which involved a total of 439 children. We also ran a summer school again – it was attended by 177 children. We have not forgotten older students either. We provided scholarships to 16 secondary school and university students who, due to difficult social circumstances, could not possibly afford the expense otherwise.

Thanks to the Real Gift First Steps Out, we have organized trips for children, and also for whole families. From all communities, around 120 people were able to participate in the trips. Children from the centre in Kojatice for the first

time visited the historical centre of Prešov, where they climbed the tower. Boys from the centre in Petrovany enjoyed a game of laser-quest at the recreation centre. Girls from the centre in Sveržov went to a swimming pool, some for the first time. Our colleagues from Roškovce took children to the ZOO, and the children from Plavecký Štvrtok visited the cinema.

The Real Gift Women's Power has enabled us to organize regular meetings for women in our communities. During these meetings they learned, for example, how to harmonize their work and parental responsibilities and thus get better employment opportunities. Within the women's groups, women cooked and made art together, practised crochet, and also planned trips outside their communities to explore new places. Around 30 women thus created a safe space together to exchange with

each other, as well as to learn new skills.

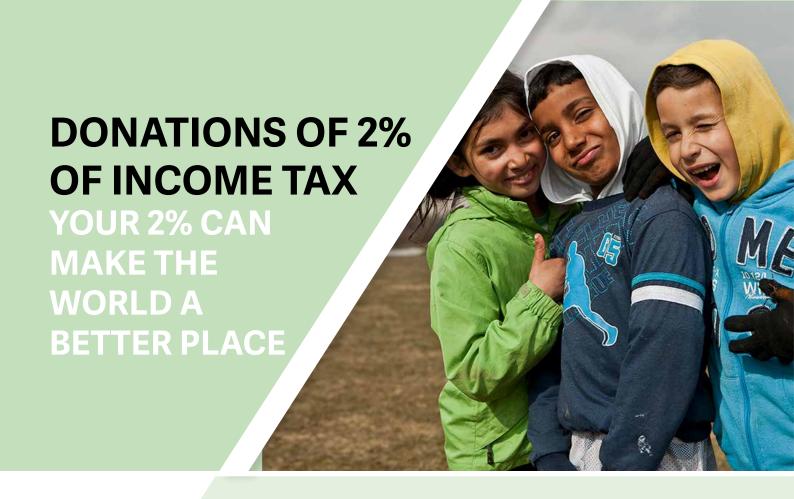
Thanks to Real Gift, we were able to translate the best activities from our educational publication Ethics and Slovak Language and Literature into Hungarian language. In this way, global education has also reached schools with Hungarian as the language of teaching. Real Gift also allowed us to distribute and store more easily the subject based educational materials for mathematics, geography, Slovak language literature, and ethics. These have been ordered by 2,330 pedagogical and professional staff members for 295.805 pupils. Thousands of young people thus have the opportunity to experience education that better reflects the needs of the contemporary world.

#### In 2021 we delivered gifts to the value of €90,484. Remaining gifts are to be delivered in 2022.

In 2021, our supporters bought Real Gifts to the amount of €117,336. Also in 2022, the charity e-shop will be open for those looking for original and useful gifts. We will thus be able to help more people in the world as well as in Slovakia. Traditionally, Real Gifts are purchased especially during the Christmas season. This way more

> people can find meaningful and helpful gifts under the





In 2021 we asked our supporters for help via the donation of 2% of income tax for 2020. In this way we managed to obtain €34,907. Thank you all for supporting our work.

Thanks to the donations we received last year, in 2021 we were able to provide social assistance in our five community centres as well as to support human rights and educational programmes.

# ANNUAL REPORT

O Človek v ohrození



People in Need Slovakia helps people who have lost their security, dignity or livelihoods. We respond to sudden-onset disasters, lend a helping hand to people from marginalized communities and contribute to open and inclusive societies, both in Slovakia and across the world.

Revenues 2021 People in Need Slovakia Total	€	%
Public sources	1 477 608,57	67,0%
European Union sources	575 021,50	
State budget of the Slovak Republic	774 521,79	
Other public sources	128 065,28	
Private sources	705 821,69	32,0%
Legal persons (companies, foundations, foreign partners)	334 974,70	
Individual donors (Friends Club, one-time donations, etc.)	260 850,74	
Real Gift	90 484,18	
Public collections	70,00	
Income tax of physical and legal persons	19 442,07	
Own activity	19 765,00	0.9%
Other (interest, courses, profits, etc.)	3 286,08	0.1%
Revenues in total:	2 206 481,34	

Costs 2021 People in Need Slovakia	€	%
Humanitarian aid	281 539,71	12,8%
Covid-19 Slovakia	32 235,67	
Slovakia	2 106,00	
Morava, Czech Republic	130 487,72	
Ukraine	51 242,87	
Lebanon	46 131,45	
Afghanistan	19 336,00	
Social integration programme	436 484,75	19,8%
Plavecký Štvrtok	50 289,19	
Kojatice	54 043,22	
Sveržov	50 402,15	
Roškovce	43 715,77	
Petrovany	47 177,66	
Employment counselling	49 360,62	
Gender Equality for Marginalized Roma Communities	22 920,41	
Support of Education in Communities	36 814,33	
Community Centre as a Safe Place for Children	16 185,00	
Social Protection of Children	21 000,00	
Support for families in marginalized communities	26 045,35	
Roma people between us	13 531,05	
Volunteers in Marginalized Roma Communities	5 000,00	
Development cooperation	283 783,10	12,9%
Kenya	25 231,66	
Ukraine	75 627,77	
Uganda	11 190,00	
Lebanon	33 806,57	
Moldavia	82 188,04	
Albania	34 842,00	
Bosnia and Hercegovina	12 496,03	
Volunteers	8 401,03	

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Costs 2021 People in Need Slovakia	€	%
Support of human rights	658 840,75	30,0%
One World documentary film festival	155 437,11	
Myanmar and Philipines	500 801,67	
Cuba	2 601,97	
Global education		12,1%
Teaching in Global Contexts	119 868,75	
World between the lines	146 506,85	
Other costs (management and development, fundraising, rent, administration, membership of other organizations, fees, etc.)	272 234,68	12,4%
Costs in total	2 199 258,59	



### **PEOPLE**



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z auditu individuálnej účtovnej závierky a výročnej správy za obdobie 01.01.2021 – 31.12.2021

neziskovej organizácie

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Správnej rade a štatutárnemu orgánu neziskovej organizácie Človek v ohrození, n.o., 811 03 Bratislava, Baštová 343/5:

#### Správa z auditu účtovnej závierky

#### Názor

Uskutočnili sme audit účtovnej závierky neziskovej organizácie Človek v ohrození, n.o. (ďalej len"nezisková organizácia"), ktorá obsahuje súvahu zostavenú k 31. decembru 2021, výkaz ziskov a strát za rok končiaci sa k uvedenému dátumu, a poznámky, ktoré obsahujú súhrn významných účtovných zásad a účtovných metód.

Podľa nášho názoru, príložená ročná účtovná závierka neziskovej organizácie Človek v ohrození, n.o. poskytuje pravdivý a verný obraz o finančnej situácii k 31. decembru 2021 a výsledku jej hospodárenia za rok končiaci sa k uvedenému dátumu podľa zákona č. 431/2002 Z.z. o účtovníctve v znení neskorších predpisov (ďalej len "zákon o účtovníctve").

#### Zakiad pre názor

Audit sme vykonali podľa medzinárodných auditorských štandardov (International Standards on Auditing, ISA). Naša zodpovednosť podľa týchto štandardov je uvedená v odseku Zodpovednosť auditora za audit účtovnej závierky. Od neziskovej organizácie sme nezávislí podľa ustanovení zákona č. 423/2015 o štatutárnom audite a o zmene a doplnení zákona č. 431/2002 Z. z. o účtovníctve v znení neskorších predpisov (ďalej len "zákon o štatutárnom audite") týkajúcich sa etiky, vrátane Etického kódexu audítora, relevantných pre náš audit účtovnej závierky a splníli sme aj ostatné požiadavky týchto ustanovení týkajúcich sa etiky. Sme presvedčení, že audítorské dôkazy, ktoré sme získali, poskytujú dostatočný a vhodný základ pre náš názor.

#### Zodpovednosť štatutárneho orgánu za účtovnú závierku

Štatutárny orgán neziskovej organizácie je zodpovedný za zostavenie tejto účtovnej závierky tak, aby poskytovala pravdivý a verný obraz podľa zákona o účtovníctve a za tie interné kontroly, ktoré považuje za potrebné na zostavenie účtovnej závierky, ktorá neobsahuje významné nesprávnosti, či už v dôsledku podvodu alebo chyby.

Prí zostavovaní účtovnej závierky je štatutárny orgán zodpovedný za zhodnotenie schopnosti neziskovej organizácie nepretržite pokračovať vo svojej činnosti, za opísanie skutočností týkajúcich sa nepretržitého pokračovania v činnosti, ak je to potrebné, a za použitie predpokladu nepretržitého pokračovania v činnosti v účtovníctve, ibaže by mal v úmysle štátny fond zlikvídovať alebo ukončiť jej činnosť, alebo by nemal inú realistickú možnosť než tak urobiť.

Osoby poverené spravovaním sú zodpovedné za dohľad nad procesom finančného výkazníctva neziskovej organizácie.

#### Zodpovednosť audítora za audit účtovnej závierky

Našou zodpovednosťou je získať primerané uistenie, či účtovná závierka ako celok neobsahuje významné nesprávnosti, či už v dôsledku podvodu alebo chyby, a vydať správu audítora, vrátane názoru. Primerané uistenie je uistenie vysokého stupňa, ale nie je zárukou toho, že audit vykonaný

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podľa medzinárodných audítorských štandardov vždy odhalí významné nesprávnosti, ak také existujú. Nesprávnosti môžu vzniknúť v dôsledku podvodu alebo chyby a za významné sa považujú vtedy, ak by sa dalo odôvodnene očakávať, že jednotlivo alebo v súhrne by mohli ovplyvniť ekonomické rozhodnutia používateľov, uskutočnené na základe tejto účtovnej závierky.

V rámci auditu uskutočneného podľa medzinárodných auditorských štandardov, počas celého auditu uplatňujeme odborný úsudok a zachovávame profesionálny skepticizmus. Okrem toho:

- Identifikujeme a posudzujeme riziká významnej nesprávnosti účtovnej závierky, čl už v dôsledku podvodu alebo chyby, navrhujeme a uskutočňujeme audítorské postupy reagujúce na tieto riziká a získavame audítorské dôkazy, ktoré sú dostatočné a vhodné na poskytnutie základu pre náš názor. Riziko neodhalenía významnej nesprávnosti v dôsledku podvodu je vyššie ako toto riziko v dôsledku chyby, pretože podvod môže zahŕňať tajnú dohodu, falšovanie, úmyselné vynechanie, nepravdívé vyhlásenie alebo obídenie internej kontroly.
- Oboznamujeme sa s internými kontrolami relevantnými pre audit, aby sme mohli navrhnúť audítorské postupy vhodné za daných okolností, ale nie za účelom vyjadrenia názoru na efektívnosť interných kontrol neziskovej organizácie.
- Hodnotíme vhodnosť použitých účtovných zásad a účtovných metód a primeranosť účtovných odhadov a uvedenie s nimi súvisiacich informácií, uskutočnené štatutárnym organom.
- Robíme záver o tom, či štatutárny orgán vhodne v účtovníctve používa predpoklad nepretržitého pokračovania v činnosti a na základe získaných audítorských dôkazov záver o tom, či existuje významná neistota v súvislosti s udalosťami alebo okolnosťami, ktoré by mohli významne spochybniť schopnosť neziskovej organizácie nepretržite pokračovať v činnosti. Ak dospejeme k záveru, že významná neistota existuje, sme povinní upozorníť v našej správe audítora na súvisíace informácie uvedené v účtovnej závierke alebo, ak sú tieto informácie nedostatočné, modifikovať náš názor. Naše závery vychádzajú z audítorských dôkazov získaných do dátumu vydania našej správy auditora. Budúce udalostí alebo okolnosti však môžu spôsobiť, že nezisková organizácia prestane pokračovať v nepretržitej činnosti.
- Hodnotíme celkovú prezentáciu, štruktúru a obsah účtovnej závierky vrátane informácií v nej
  uvedených, ako aj to, či účtovná závierka zachytáva uskutočnené transakcie a udalosti
  spôsobom, ktorý vedie k ich vernému zobrazeniu.

S osobami poverenými spravovaním komunikujeme okrem iného o plánovanom rozsahu a harmonograme auditu a o významných zisteniach auditu, vrátane všetkých významných nedostatkov internej kontroly, ktoré počas nášho auditu zistíme.

#### Správa k ďalším požiadavkám zákonov a iných právnych predpisov

#### Správa k informáciám, ktoré so uvádzajú vo výročnej správe

Statutárny orgán neziskovej organizácie je zodpovedný za informácie uvedené vo výročnej správe, zostavenej podľa požiadaviek zákona o účtovníctve. Náš vyššie uvedený názor na účtovnú závierku sa nevzťahuje na iné informácie vo výročnej správe.

V súvislosti s audítom účtovnej závierky je našou zodpovednosťou oboznámenie sa s informáciami uvedenými vo výročnej správe a posúdenie, či tieto informácie nie sú vo významnom nesúlade s audítovanou účtovnou závierkou alebo našimi poznatkami, ktoré sme získali počas audítu účtovnej závierky, alebo sa inak zdajú byť významne nesprávne.

Posúdili sme, či výročná správa neziskovej organizácie Človek v ohrození, n.o. obsahuje informácie, ktorých uvedenie vyžaduje zákon o účtovníctve.

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Na základe prác vykonaných počas auditu účtovnej závierky, podľa nášho názoru:

- informácie uvedené vo výročnej správe zostavenej za rok 2021 sú v súlade s účtovnou závierkou za daný rok,
- výročná správa obsahuje informácie podľa zákona o účtovníctve.

Okrem toho, na základe naších poznatkov o účtovnej jednotke a situácii v nej, ktoré sme získali počas auditu účtovnej závierky, sme povinní uviesť, či sme zistili významné nesprávnosti vo výročnej správe, ktorú sme obdržali pred dátumom vydania tejto správy audítora. V tejto súvislosti neexistujú zistenia, ktoré by sme mali uviesť.

Bratislava, dña 27. júna 2022

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