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The Report on the Official Development Assistance provided by the Slovak Republic (hereinafter referred to as ODA SR) is annually submitted by the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic (MFEA SR) to the Government of the Slovak Republic as of 2002.

The ambition of MFEA SR, responsible for the development cooperation of the SR, is to map in this report the activities of state entities involved in the provision of development assistance of the SR in 2014. The material includes detailed statistical data providing information on the total amount of ODA of the SR, its bilateral and multilateral components, trends of SR ODA from the territorial perspective, volumes of assistance provided by individual institutions, structure of humanitarian aid and other useful data. The material also comprises evaluation of progress in the accomplishment of tasks resulting from the Mid-term Development Cooperation Strategy of the SR for 2014 - 2018 (hereinafter referred to as Mid-term Strategy).

As of 2014, the recording and reporting of development flows of the SR is more detailed and comprehensive (besides ODA, it also includes official, private and other development flows). The reason being the accession of the SR to the Development Assistance Committee of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (

hereinafter referred to as OECD/DAC) in September 2013 and the obligations resulting for the SR from this step as a member of the Committee. For this purpose, MFEA SR in cooperation with the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic (hereinafter referred to as MF SR) and a private IT company developed an information system launched at the beginning of 2014.

Based on the Slovak Republic's (SR) Government Resolution No. 333 of 3 April 2002, in compliance with the Act No. 617/2007 Coll. on official development assistance, as amended and on supplements of the Act No. 575/2001 Coll. on organisation of the activities of the government and on organisation of the central government, as amended, as well as in compliance with the OECD Converged Statistical Reporting Directives for the Creditor Reporting System (CRS) and the Annual DAC Questionnaire - DCD/DAC(2013)15, DCD/DAC(2013)15/ADD1 and DCD/DAC(2013)15/ADD2 (*Development Co-operation Directorate/Development Assistance Committee*). 2013 data were submitted by the SR to OECD/DAC in the so-called CRS++ format (Creditor Reporting System) for the first time in September 2014.

OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC IN 2014 / INTRODUCTION

In 2014, the volume of provided ODA by the SR reached **EUR 61.3 million**, out of which bilateral ODA represented EUR 13 million and multilateral ODA EUR 48.3 million. Regarding the priority countries, most of ODA of the SR went to **Kenya**, followed by **Ukraine** and **Afghanistan**. Despite the increase of bilateral ODA by almost 7%, in comparison with year 2013 there was a decline in the **total volume of ODA of the SR by 5%**. The reason is the payment of mandatory membership fees of the SR to some international organisations for 2014 in advance during 2013.

In its ratio of **ODA and the gross national product (GNI)**, which in 2014 achieved the value of **0.084%**, SR is lagging behind in reaching the targets it committed to when acceding to the EU (to achieve an ODA/GNI ratio by 2010 at the level of 0.17% and a share of 0.33% by 2015). All the other new EU Member States are in the same situation. The decline of ODA/GNP last year was partially caused by the change of GNP calculation methodology and better performance of the Slovak economy.

In the field of development cooperation, MFEA SR and other institutions and organisations faced three parallel challenges in 2014:

To actively enter and participate in the preparation of the new international development architecture after 2015. To efficiently implement concrete programmes and projects of development cooperation and humanitarian aid under the head of SlovakAid; To perform important system changes in ensuring development cooperation.

In the first of the above mentioned areas, MFEA SR entered into the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing at the UN and the Task Team on the role of Civil Society Organisations (CSO) in development cooperation under the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation. At the

same time, the SR also participates in the preparation of new sustainable development goals after 2015, as well as in the preparation of financial and other tools, which shall ensure achievement of these goals. The negotiations continue in 2015 and they will culminate in September 2015 at the 70th UN General Assembly in New York. The cooperation of individual entities involved in the SR is also facilitated by the Coordination Committee for Development Cooperation of the SR, which was strengthened in 2014 and increased the frequency of sessions.

In the second of the above mentioned areas, the SR started to fulfil the Mid-term Strategy, in particular eight of the programmes defined therein. To ensure achievement of the goals of the Mid-term Strategy, the SR employed several instruments of SlovakAid, mainly small grant scheme, financial contributions from the representative offices of the SR (hereinafter referred to as RO SR) (so-called micro grants), the Centre for Experience Transfer from Integration and Reforms (CETIR), start-ups for entrepreneurial partnerships, financial contributions for sending volunteers, etc. In 2014, the SR almost doubled the humanitarian aid due to the rise of new humanitarian crises in the world - the conflict in Ukraine, floods on the Western Balkans, spread of Ebola virus, or the conflict in Syria and Iraq.

In the third of the above mentioned areas, MFEA SR started to implement significant system changes resulting primarily from the recommendations of OECD/DAC and the goals defined in the Mid-term Strategy. An important step towards programme approach of development cooperation was compilation and **approval of three strategic documents** for all the three programme countries of SlovakAid (Kenya, Moldova and Afghanistan). The strengthening of cooperation with the programme countries was also facilitated by the system of **sending development diplomats**. The first two were sent in 2014 to Moldova and

Kenya. An important contribution to building development capacities was the **launch of the pilot education programme for state administration**. The positive feedback from the departments led to the decision of MFEA SR to continue with this programme also in 2015. MFEA SR prepared and approved a strategy for monitoring and evaluation of bilateral development cooperation, programme document to the transfer of transformation experience (CETIR) and updated the programme document on sending volunteers and experts. In 2014 the work on **preparation of a new law** on development cooperation started, which is currently in the course of comments proceedings. The transparency of SlovakAid was also supported by **activation of the system for recording and reporting on development flows**, launch of the new website of SAMRS agency, as well as of the new web page www.slovakdev.sk An important step to harmonisation of the governmental policies with the development policy was the **creation of the Working Group for the Coherence of Policies for Development** under the Coordination Committee for Development Cooperation of the SR.



Summary indicators

2014

In 2014 the SR provided ODA in the total sum of **EUR 61,288,452.97**. The share of ODA of the SR on the gross national product (GNP) was in 2014 at the level of **0.084%**

Table No. 1

ODA expenditures of the SR in 2014 (at current prices in EUR)

Bilateral official development assistance	13,006,699.80
Multilateral official development assistance	48,281,753.17
Total ODA of the SR	61,288,452.97
GNP of the SR (Statistical Office of the SR, as of 6 March 2015)	72,851,731,000.0
% of ODA in GNP	0.084%

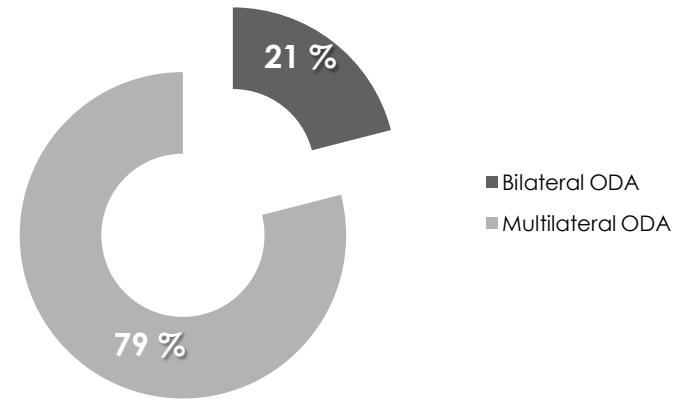
The SR provided EUR 13003,699.80 for bilateral development assistance representing a 21% share in ODA of the SR and EUR 48,281,753.17 for multilateral development assistance through contributions to international organisations and international financial institutions representing a 79% share in the total ODA of the SR (Graph No. 1). The detailed structure of bilateral ODA of the SR according to individual providers in 2014 is included in Annex No. 1 and the overview of multilateral ODA of the SR in 2014 is in Annex No. 2.

FINANCIAL INDICATORS FOR 2014

In comparison with year 2013, when ODA was at the level of EUR 64,842,480.80 there was a **decline by EUR 3,554,027.80** mainly due to reduction of the volume of contributions of the SR to international organisations, where some of them were paid in the form of advance payments already in 2013.

However, in 2014, in comparison with year 2013, there was an **increase in the volume of the provided bilateral ODA of the SR** by approximately EUR 850 thousand (almost 7%), inter alia, owing to the increase in the volume of provided humanitarian aid and provision of new purpose-specific contributions of the SR to the EBRD funds.

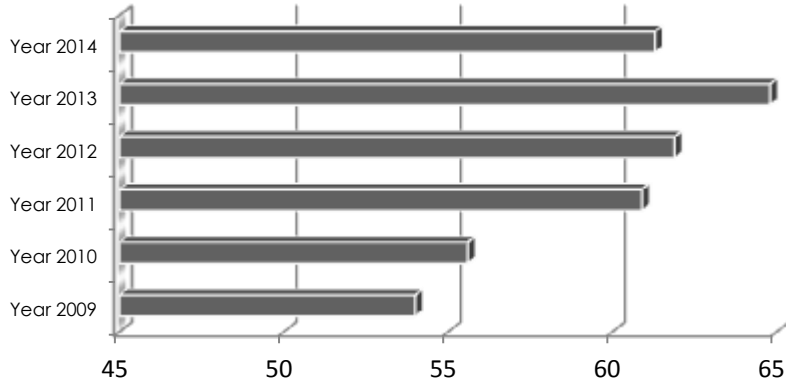
The share of ODA in GNP decreased in 2014 to **0.08%** (in 2013 0.09%), which was also caused by the change of GNP calculation methodology and better performance of the Slovak economy. As well as all the other new EU member states, the SR is long far behind the schedule in the achievement of goals that it undertook after accession to the EU (to achieve an ODA share in GNP by 2010 at the level of 0.17% and a share of 0.33% by 2015).



Graph No. 1
Structure of ODA of the SR in 2014 in percentage

In 2014, Slovak Republic provided the total ODA in amount of **61,2 mil. EUR** representing **0.084%** of the GNP.

Graph No. 2
Development of ODA of the SR in years 2009 - 2014 in mil. EURO



Territorial Division of Bilateral ODA

2014

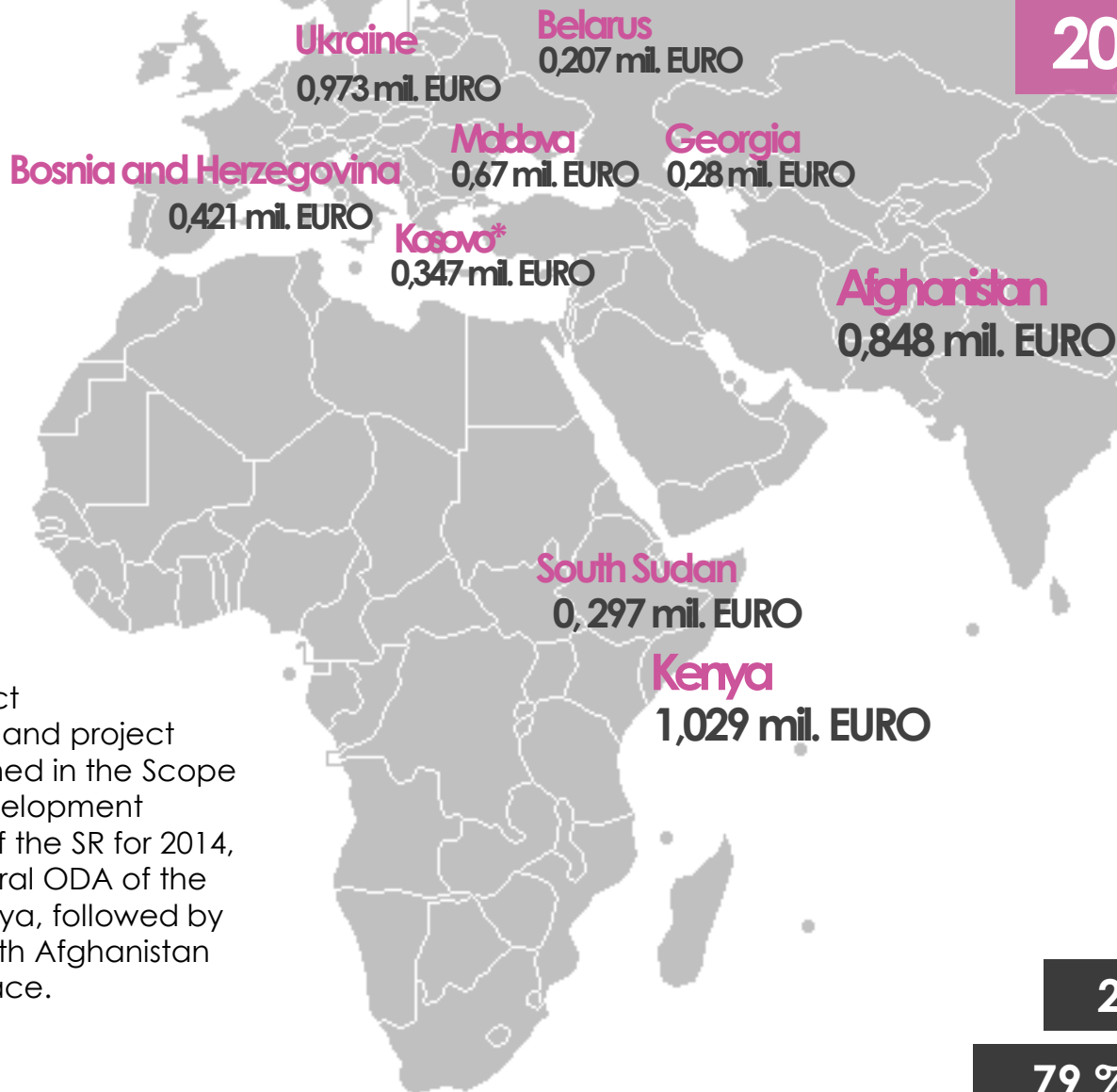
In 2014, the **largest volume** of official development assistance of the SR headed for **Europe**, followed by Africa and America. Out of the European countries, the first place concerning the volume of provided ODA of the SR belongs to Serbia, from Asia to Afghanistan, from Africa to Kenya and from America to Peru.

From the aspect of programme and project countries, defined in the Scope of Bilateral Development Cooperation of the SR for 2014, the most bilateral ODA of the SR went to Kenya, followed by Ukraine and with Afghanistan on the third place.

Table No. 2
Bilateral ODA of the SR in 2014 according to the programme and project countries

Country / Region	Volume of ODA in EUR
Kenya	1,029,937.22
Ukraine	973,964.16
Afghanistan	848,743.72
Moldova	670,795.85
Bosnia and Herzegovina	421,956.71
Kosovo	347,473.92
South Sudan	297,658.64
Georgia	280,392.09
Belarus	207,667.97
Albania	54,122.89
Total:	5,109,912.17

2014 in figures



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21 % Bilateral Aid

79 % Multilateral Aid

*In compliance with the Resolution 1244/99 of the United Nations Security Council.



Based on the Resolution of the Government of the SR No. 332/2002, the MFEA SR is the coordinator of providing ODA of the SR. At the same time, it is also the sponsor of the interdepartmental programme 05T (Official Development Assistance) and the interdepartmental programme 097 (Contributions of the SR to International Organisations).

The participants of the 05T programme in 2014 were the MFEA SR, Ministry of Finance of the SR (MF SR), Ministry of Interior of the SR (MI SR), Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sports of the SR (MESRS SR), Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the SR (MARD SR), Ministry of Environment of the SR (ME SR) and the Ministry of Defence of the SR (MD SR).

The participants of the programme 097 in 2014 were MFEA SR, MF SR, MESRS SR, Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic (IPO SR), Slovak Office of Standards, Metrology and Testing (SOSMT), Nuclear Regulatory Authority of the SR (NRA SR), MI SR, Ministry of Economy of the SR (MSc SR), Ministry of Health of the SR (MH SR), Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the SR (MLSAF SR), Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the SR (MTCRD SR), MARD SR and ME SR.

The MF SR covered the contributions to the European institutions and international financial institutions from the chapter of General Treasury Management and from State Financial Assets.

OVERVIEW OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ODA ACCORDING TO MINISTRIES AND OTHER CENTRAL GOVERNMENT BODIES

Overview of Bilateral ODA of the MFEA SR/SAMRS

2014

The total ODA of the MFEA SR in 2014 amounted to **EUR 6,743,257.30** representing 11% in the total ODA of the SR. In 2014, the bilateral development assistance provided by the MFEA SR (including projects and activities of SAMRS - SlovakAid) achieved the value of **EUR 5,928,542.90**. Within the sub-programme 09701 – Contributions of the SR to international organisations, the MFEA SR contributed to multilateral development assistance with the sum of **EUR 814,714.40**.

SAMRS (Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation) in 2014 implemented mainly bilateral projects, which were contracted within the framework of national programmes of ODA of the SR in the previous years and the Scope of Bilateral Development Cooperation of the SR for 2014 (hereinafter referred to as Scope), and at the same time ensured financing, monitoring and review. In compliance with the scope for year 2014, SAMRS announced 10 calls for the submission of applications for subsidies and in cooperation with the MFEA SR it ensured their administration, evaluation, selection of projects and contracting.

Overview of Bilateral ODA of the MFEA SR/SAMRS according to individual instruments/programmes

Development Projects based on Calls

The value of **development projects of SAMRS**, which were implemented based on the calls in the programme and project countries announced in 2014, as well as in the previous years, amounted to **EUR 2,063,045.70**. The most of development activities were implemented in Kenya, followed by Moldova and with South Sudan on the third place. In case of Kenya and South Sudan, the projects were focused on the area of social development with emphasis on health care and education, environment protection and agriculture. The development projects in Moldova were aimed at good governance and the area of water and sanitation.

The Financial Contributions of Representative Offices of the SR - Micro Grants

The financial contributions (so-called micro grants maximally up to the amount of EUR 5,000 per project) represented also in 2014 an efficiently exploited instrument of development cooperation of the SR.

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Within the framework of this, in cooperation with the representative offices of the SR, a total of 59 projects were supported in 11 countries (Serbia, Kosovo, Kenya, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Ukraine, Vietnam, Albania, Georgia). The overview of micro grants approved in 2014 is included in Annex No. 4. In total, the department of foreign affairs expended the sum of **EUR 271,835.80** on the support of micro grants. This form of assistance was most commonly focused on better equipment of the educational institutions.

Centre for Experience Transfer from Integration and Reforms - CETIR

In 2014, the MFEA SR continued with the use of the instrument, through which 28 activities were implemented in the form study visits of the representatives of state administration from the partner countries in Slovakia, expert consultations of Slovak specialists from state administration abroad or internship of diplomats from partner ministries of foreign affairs at the MFEA SR. The CETIR projects were implemented in 11 countries – Albania, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Georgia, Iraq, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Serbia, Ukraine, and Vietnam and 2 projects at the regional level (Western Balkans) in the total value of **EUR 141,906.40**. The overview of CETIR activities performed in 2014 is included in Annex No. 3.

Volunteering

The MFEA SR also continued in implementing the programme of **deployment of volunteers**, which focuses on capacity building for Slovak development workers, as well as on the increase of the awareness of development cooperation in the context of after-return activities. In 2014, in total 43 volunteers were sponsored in 15 countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burkina

Faso, Burundi, Ethiopia, Georgia, Cambodia, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Moldova, Mongolia, Rwanda, Uganda, Vietnam) with the total sum of **EUR 202,150.60**. The overview of volunteers sponsored in 2014 is included in Annex No. 5.

Calls for Development Education, Public Awareness, Building of Capacities and Co-financing of EC Projects

Also in 2014, attention was paid to the activities focused on development education supported with the sum of EUR 57,433.30. Within the framework of the National Strategy for Global Education for years 2012 - 2016, the action plan for accomplishment of tasks resulting from the above mentioned strategy for 2014 was implemented.

In the field of public awareness activities in the value of EUR 82,967 were implemented. The MFEA SR co-organised and/or co-financed several events intended for the general or expert public (e.g. Development Day at Bratislava's Old Marketplace, Conference of SlovakAid 2014). Further from the above mentioned funds media and audiovisual outputs (e.g. journalist trip to Moldova, production of a short spot on SlovakAid, documentary films on development projects of the SR in Kenya and Moldova), print of information materials, regular publishing of information and press releases on the website of SAMRS and in the social media, etc. were financed.

In the field of capacity building, the MFEA SR supported the activities of the Platform of Non-governmental Development Organisations in the sum of EUR 21,334.80.

Co-financing of development projects of Slovak entities, which obtained a subsidy from the grant scheme of the European Commission, continued also in 2014. Within the respective call, projects in the total

value of EUR 38,814 were implemented. From a thematic point of view, these projects were focused mainly on development education.

Purpose-specific Financial Contributions

With the aim to support certain activities of international governmental and non-governmental organisations performed in the development countries, and/or activities implemented within the framework of international initiatives, in 2014 the MFEA SR provided several purpose-specific financial contributions in the total amount of EUR 270,449:

Contribution to the project CARE of the organisation European Council on Foreign Relations (EUR 15,449),

Contribution to the activities of the initiative Pro Europe Platform in Moldova (EUR 15,000),

Contribution to support the participation of the representatives of partner countries at the session of Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation in Mexico (EUR 10,000),

Contribution to the fund of the Community of Democracies to support Civil Society (EUR 15,000),

Contribution to the United Nations Fund for Mediation (EUR 15,000),

Contribution to the joint project of the SR and UNDP (EUR 200,000).

The last of the above mentioned contributions is related to signing of the project "Partnership of the Slovak Republic and UNDP for Results in International Development Cooperation". In June 2014, the project was signed by the MFEA SR and MF SR with UNDP and based on it continues the successful cooperation between the SR and the Regional Centre for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) of UNDP for 2014 - 2016. The aim of the project is to exploit the expert capacities and the network of regional UNDP offices in order to improve the quality and efficiency

of the SlovakAid system, including the support of knowledge and experience transfer of the SR from its transformation period for the benefit of partner countries. The MFEA SR contributed to the implementation of the project with the sum of EUR 200,000.

Projects of the International Visegrad Fund

Last year the MFEA SR backed development cooperation projects in the Western Balkans and in the Eastern Partnership countries implemented through the International Visegrad Fund, with the sum of EUR 407,270.

Experts within the activities of crisis management and observation missions of OSCE.

Last year the MFEA SR also participated in crisis management activities outside the territory of the SR through the deployment of a civil expert to the EUMM mission in Georgia. In 2014, these expenditures amounted to EUR 33,743. In the election observation missions of OSCE in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova and in Ukraine more than 9 Slovak observers operated. The expenditures of their participation amounted to EUR 15,601.20.

Financial Humanitarian Aid

Also in 2014, MFEA SR provided financial humanitarian aid in the amount of EUR 499,869 (for more information see Chapter 5.4).



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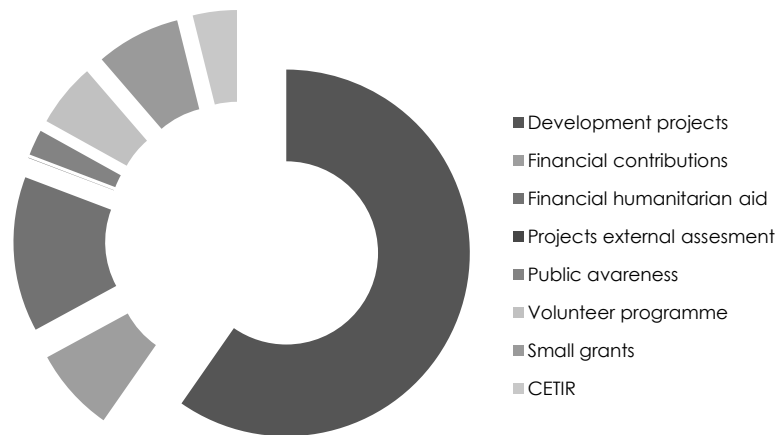


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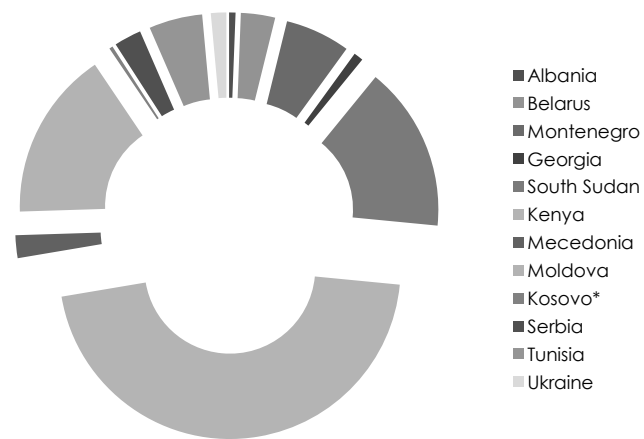


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Graph No. 3
Bilateral ODA spending in 2014 (SAIDC)



Graph No. 4
Bilateral ODA spending in 2014 per countries (SAIDC)



2014 in figures

SAIDC bilateral projects spending

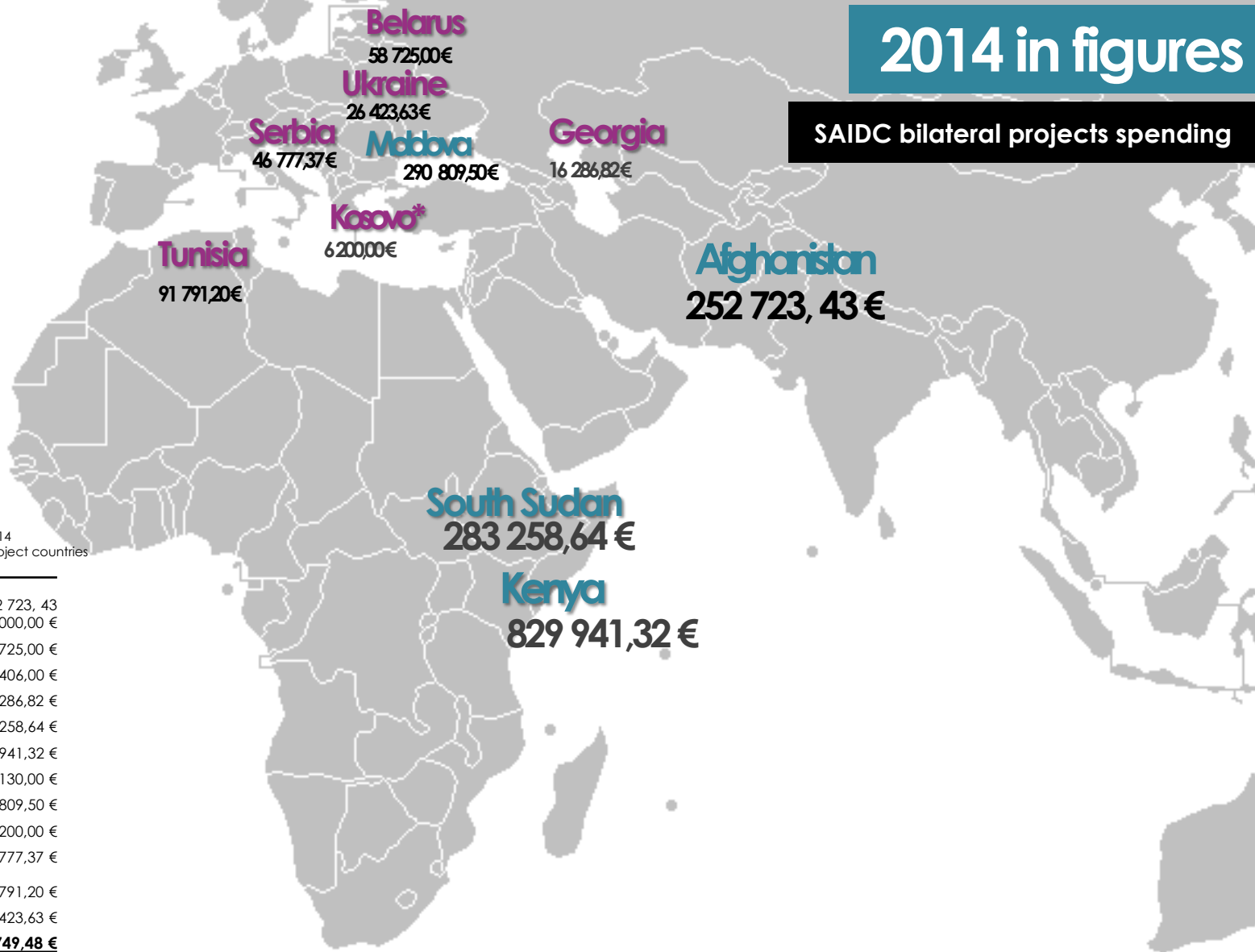


Table No. 3
Bilateral ODA (SAIDC) spending in 2014
according to the programme and project countries

Afghanistan	252 723, 43
Albania	11 000,00 €
Belarus	58 725,00 €
Montenegro	111 406,00 €
Georgia	16 286,82 €
South Sudan	283 258,64 €
Kenya	829 941,32 €
Macedonia	39 130,00 €
Moldova	290 809,50 €
Kosovo*	6 200,00 €
Serbia	46 777,37 €
Tunisia	91 791,20 €
Ukraine	26 423,63 €
Total:	1 811 749,48 €

*In compliance with the Resolution 1244/99 of the United Nations Security Council.

In 2014, the total contributions of the MF SR to ODA reached the level of **EUR 48,091,997.10**, representing 78% of the total ODA of the SR. In 2014, the contribution of the SR to the EU budget for development cooperation expenditures amounted to **EUR 37,490,000** and the financial contribution to the **European Development Fund (EDF)** in 2014 represented the sum of **EUR 6,603,048.40**. In 2014, the MF SR also provided to the **European Investment Bank (EIB)** a guarantee in the amount of **EUR 476,008** as a deposit of the SR to the account of member country guarantee opened at the EIB regarding loans that the bank shall provide in favour of the investment projects in the states of Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific and in overseas countries and territories.

Within the framework of cooperation with the World Bank Group in 2014, the MF SR paid the third instalment for the 16th supplementation of funds of the **International Development Association (IDA)** in the amount of **EUR 830,000**, which shall be used for financing development projects in the least developed countries of the world. The MF SR also contributed with the sum of **EUR 70,000 EUR** within the Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative (MDRI), which is intended for selected IDA developing countries.

Within the framework of bilateral ODA, the MF SR provided **EUR 20,322.50** for the payment of wage costs of a civil expert - customs officer in the EC border assistance mission EUBAM in Moldova. On administrative expenses related to development activities, the MF SR expended **EUR 352,618.20**. These expenses comprise the building of information system for recording and reporting of development assistance, salaries of employees dealing

with development cooperation and the Slovak advisor of the EBRD Director within the EBRD Constituency. Within the framework of technical assistance, the MF SR received study visits from Ukraine and Moldova.

In 2014, the MF SR continued in the implementation of activities within the programme **Public Finances for Development** implemented jointly with UNDP. In July 2014, the programme became a part of the joint project of the MFEA SR, MF SR and UNDP "Partnership of the Slovak Republic and UNDP for Results in International Development Cooperation". In 2014, the MF SR contributed to the joint project with the sum of **EUR 200,000**.

During the year, the partners of the MF SR and UNDP actively cooperated with two partner countries, Moldova (in the field of programme budgeting) and Montenegro (macroeconomic and fiscal analyses and prognoses, improvement of the accounting and reporting system).

The experts of the MF SR and external consultants provided the partners with consultations according to the pre-assessed needs. In Moldova, a training for the Moldovan local governments and a training directly for the representatives of Moldovan local governments at the level of municipalities took place, focused on

Table No. 4
Bilateral ODA (Ministry of Finance) spending in 2014

Ministry of Finance of the SR / Bilateral ODA in 2014

Financial contribution to the Fund of Technical Cooperation between the SR and EBOR	2,000,000.00
Financial contribution to the regional fund EBOR E5P	50,000.00
Project of the SR and UNDP	200,000.00
Involvement of a civil expert in the EUBAM mission on the Moldovan-Ukrainian frontier	20,322.50
Technical assistance (providing expertise, consultations)	250.00
Administrative expenditure - Salaries of employees of the MF SR and of the Slovak consultant of director of the EBOR Constituency	88,434.20
System of Slovak Development Flow Recording and Reporting	263,934.00
Total:	2,622,940.70

programme budgeting. UNDP and the MF SR organised a study visit in the SR for the Moldovan partners. With the aim to build sustainable capacities, they also finalised the methodology of monitoring and evaluation, which shall be comprehensively applied to MF MD and with prospects of using along the public administration institutions. In Montenegro, the MF SR shared its know-how from the transition to accrual accounting and analyses of accounting transactions. It also contributed to the evaluation of the mid-term strategy of transition to accrual accounting. In both countries the project management in 2014 also concentrated on the evaluation of needs and negotiations on the activities in the coming phases of cooperation (2015 - 2016) and preparation of implementation plans.

The MF SR also contributed in cooperation with the **European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)** within the framework of the **Technical Assistance Fund**, intended for the financing of projects of consulting services and technical cooperation for EBRD. In 2014, the MF SR provided a contribution to the fund in the amount of **EUR 2 million**. The fund supported four new projects, which are aimed at the field of telecommunications (Serbia), legal system transformation (regional project), municipal and environmental infrastructure (Turkey) and communications/social services - capacity building in the field of energy efficiency of buildings (Kyrgyzstan). By supporting the projects in Kyrgyzstan and Turkey, the MF SR also contributed to the accomplishment of tasks within the framework of the *fast-start* mechanism for the financing of climate change policy in the developing countries.

In 2014, the MF SR also contributed to the **Regional Fund for Energy Efficiency and Environment**, managed by EBRD in the amount of **EUR 50 thousand**. The Slovak

Republic indicated its preference for the use of contributions coming from the Fund to finance projects in Moldova.

The SR (MFEA SR and MF SR) together with Germany and Norway initiated the inclusion of the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEDB) in Annex No. 2 of the statistical directive of OECD, so-called "List of ODA-Eligible International Organisations". Hereby it will be possible to report operations and contributions to CEDB as eligible for official development assistance. OECD/DAC adopted the decision in June 2014.

Graph No. 5
Multilateral and bilateral ODA of the Ministry of Finance of the SR in 2014

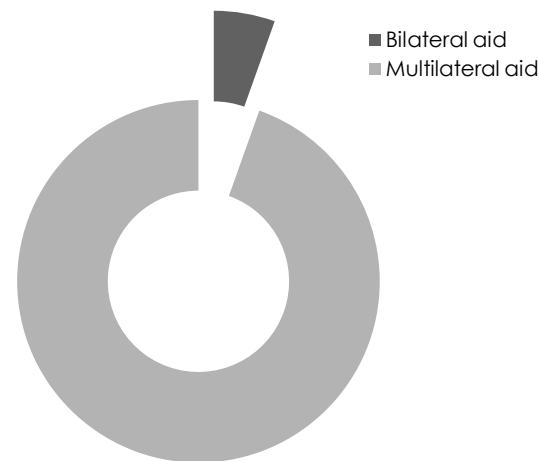


Table No. 5
Multilateral ODA of the Ministry of Finance of the SR in 2014

Ministry of Finance of the SR / Multilateral ODA in 2014	
EC – European Commission Budget Development (European Commission, EU budget)	37,490 000.00
EIB – European Investment Bank, a guarantee agreement of the EIB member states in favour of the ACT and OCT countries	476,008.00
EDF – European Development Fund	6,603,048.43
MDRI – Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative	70,000.00
IDA – International Development Association - 16th IDA source amendment	830,000.00
Total:	45, 469 056,43

Ministry of Interior of the SR

In 2014 the MI SR provided ODA in the total value of **EUR 2,094,675.9**. Through the Crisis Management Section, material humanitarian aid in the total amount of **EUR 411,250.70** was provided (for more information see chapter 5.4).

The Migration Office of the MI SR (MO MI SR) provided in 2014 a membership fee to the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) in the sum of **EUR 65,463.50**. Furthermore in 2014, the MO MI SR assigned the sum of **EUR 743,480.70** for the financing of the project "Accomplishment of Tasks Resulting from the Act No. 480/2002 Coll. on Asylum and on Amendments and Supplements of Certain Acts, as amended", within the framework of which assistance was provided to asylum seekers and persons with granted international protection.

The MI SR also paid in 2014 the wage costs of participation of 17 officers of the Police Forces of the SR in the international police missions of the EU and OSCE in the total value of **EUR 874,481**.

Ministry of Education of the SR

In 2014, the MESRS SR provided ODA in the total volume of **EUR 2,353,170** mainly in the form of scholarships. **Scholarships** were preferentially provided to students from the countries representing the territorial priorities of development cooperation of the SR. The MESRS SR spent **EUR 1,668,27910** on scholarships, contributions to students, general expenses of individual universities related to the education of scholarship

holders of the Government of the SR, on teaching, as well as administrative expenses of individual universities related to the assurance of their study visit.

Within the framework of the education programme "Slovak Language as a Foreign Language" implemented by the University of Comenius in Bratislava, the Faculty of Arts was provided with funds, out of which 30%, i.e. **EUR 3,500** may be reported as ODA expenses. The MESRS SR further paid **EUR 651,884.90** for the financing of lecturers, teachers and material aid. Administrative expenses for the development agenda represented at the MESRS SR in 2014 the sum of **EUR 29,506**.

Ministry of Agriculture of the SR

In 2014, the MARD SR contributed to ODA of the SR a total sum of **EUR 290,144.10**. The biggest item was the 51% share of the contribution to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in the amount of EUR 217,287.70. The MARD SR contributed to the fund based on the UN Convention to Combat Desertification Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought (UNCCD) with the sum of EUR 12,833. The contribution to the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO) represented the sum of EUR 25,490 and the contribution to the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) the sum of EUR 9,756.40.

Apart from the contributions to the multilateral organisations, the MARD SR also participated in the bilateral ODA, namely in the form of a contribution amounting to EUR 24,777 EUR within the framework of FAO-CEECFOODS (*Central and Eastern European Countries Food Data Systems*), aimed at professional and technical support of countries of Central and Eastern Europe in the field of food databases.

Ministry of Environment of the SR

The ME SR provided ODA in 2014 in the form of contributions to the international organisations and environmental conventions in the total sum of **EUR 367,889.80**. The most important receivers of the contribution included the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol in the amount of EUR 268,126. The ME SR further contributed to the United Nations environment programme (UNEP) in the amount of EUR 40,644.40, to the implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) with the sum of EUR 46,473.50, as well as to the implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES) with the sum of EUR 8,969.60. In 2014, the ME SR also contributed to the budget of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) after application of the 4% coefficient with the sum of EUR 3,676.40.

Other ministries and bodies

Ministry of Defence of the SR through the Centre of Ecumenical Pastor Service in the Armed Forces of the SR (AF SR) and Armed Corps of the SR and in cooperation with other institutions, provided humanitarian aid in the countries where the AF SR operates, particularly in Afghanistan and Bosnia and Herzegovina. At the same time it also financed training of Ukrainian experts in the field of land mine clearance. It financed costs for the above mentioned purposes in the amount of **EUR 24,056.76**.

The Ministry of Health of the SR provided in 2014 official development assistance in the sum of **EUR 481,654.32** in the form of membership fee to the World Health Organisation (WHO) (76% of the total membership fee). The department also



in cooperation with the MFEA SR and MI SR participated in the provision of humanitarian aid to Ukraine in the form of medicine from pharmaceutical companies.

The Ministry of Economy of the SR contributed to ODA of the SR in 2014 in the form of membership fee to the budget of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in the amount of **EUR 174,798**.

The Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the SR reported in 2014 as ODA of the SR a contribution to the budget of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) in the amount of **EUR 321,797.30** (60% of the total membership fee).

The Nuclear Regulatory Authority of the SR reported total ODA in the sum of **EUR 301,455.80**. In the field of peaceful uses of nuclear energy, in 2014 ODA was provided in the form of voluntary contribution to the Technical Cooperation Fund (TCF) of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in the amount of EUR 114,216. The NRA SR provided in the form of ODA also 33% from the ordinary membership fee to IAEA in the amount of EUR 163,239.80. Apart from that, in 2014 in cooperation with IAEA expert internships and scientific visits of the representatives from developing countries were performed in Slovakia, which were financed in the amount of EUR 24,000.

The Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the SR reported in 2014 as total ODA of the SR the sum of **EUR 40,194.30**, out of which, the contribution to the Universal Postal Union (UPU) was of EUR 16,478.70 (16% of the total membership fee) and the contribution to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) was of EUR 23,715.60 (18% of the membership fee).

The Industrial Property Office of the SR reported in 2014 ODA in the form of payment of the membership fee to the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) in the amount of **EUR 3,362.30** (3% of the total amount of the membership fee).



Programme of Development Interventions

The Programme of Development Interventions is focused on cooperation with three programme countries of SlovakAid - Afghanistan, Kenya and Moldova, as well as with South Sudan as the country with extraordinary humanitarian and development needs. In 2014, strategies of development cooperation were elaborated for all programme countries, known as Country Strategy Papers, which specify the goals, priorities and instruments of bilateral development cooperation for the given country.

EVALUATION OF PROGRAMMES OF THE ODA OF THE SR

Development Interventions Programme is a key programme of Slovak bilateral cooperation with three programme countries (Afghanistan, Kenya, Moldova) of SlovakAid and South Sudan. Cooperation with these countries is based on long-term strategic partnerships and is characterised by a bigger volume of financial resources.





AFGHANISTAN

The Strategy of the SR for Development Cooperation with Afghanistan for years 2014 - 2018 defines three main areas of development cooperation of the SR in Afghanistan.

Official title	Afghan Islamic Republic
Population	31,108,077
GNI per capita	1 100 USD
Median age	17,9
Life expectancy	50
Infant mortality	119.41 deaths/1,000 births
Literacy	28,1 % (men 43.1 % , women 12.6%)
Poverty rate	36 %



Education

education with a focus on labour market access and entrepreneurship with emphasis on women and young people, specialised education of health care staff and education in agriculture and in the field of efficient public administration and good governance;



Agriculture

food security, modernisation of the sector of agriculture (production and processing);



Security Sector Reform

mainly in the form of financial contributions to the multi-donor funds.

During implementation of the strategy in 2014, projects of small grant scheme and government scholarships were used.





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Small Grant Scheme

In 2014, 3 projects were implemented in Afghanistan. The first of them was the project approved in 2014 under the name "Laboratory of Basic Bioprocesses for the Analysis of Foodstuff at the Herat University", which is aimed at quality improvement of vocational education in Afghanistan. At the faculty of Natural Sciences of the Herat University, a modern laboratory of basic bioprocesses (microbiology, biochemistry) will be established, which will serve for the food analysis. It also includes the creation and improvement of the curricula and training of experts.

The second project approved in 2012 under the title "Laboratory of General Chemical and Food Industry Technology and Study Programmes for the Disciplines - Inorganic Technology and Metallurgy of the Kabul Polytechnic University" focuses on quality improvement of technical education, building a laboratory, introduction of new study programmes and training of experts at the university. Within the framework of implementation of the project, facilities were purchased to equip the laboratory, and their transportation to Afghanistan was performed, including their testing. A joint team of experts was created, whose task is to design new study programmes. Also a professional training of teachers at the Kabul Polytechnical University took place.

The third project approved in 2012 under the title of "Support of Higher Vocational Education through Accredited Study Programmes in the Province of Parwan" is aimed at establishing a sustainable institute of higher education providing annual specialised courses of agriculture for boys and two-year management and journalism courses for girls. It will be completed in 2015.

Government Scholarships

In the academic year of 2014/2015 6 scholarships of the Government of the SR were granted to students from Afghanistan to study at the public universities in Slovakia.



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KENYA

Official title	Republic of Kenya
Population	44 037 656 (July 2013)
GNI per capita	1 290 USD (2012)
Median age	19,3 years
Life expectancy	63,7(2011)
Infant mortality	39,3 deaths/1,000 births
Literacy	78 %
Poverty rate	45,9 % (2005)

The Strategy of the SR for Development Cooperation with Kenya for years 2014 - 2018 defines four main areas of development cooperation of the SR in Kenya.



Health

To improve the health condition of the citizens of Kenya, with special emphasis on children and mothers, by making good quality and preventive health care accessible to them.



Education and training

To reduce the level of unemployment by improving the access to good quality education and acquirement of practical skills.



Agriculture

To reduce poverty and strengthen food security through the support of economic growth in the agricultural sector.



Security Sector Reform

To contribute to the strengthening of the democratic political system, legal state, good governance and implementation of reforms, mainly through the sharing of transformation and reform experiences.

Throughout the implementation of the strategy, in 2014 projects of small grant scheme, micro grants, start-ups, volunteer programme and government scholarships were used. The projects of small grant scheme were implemented during the fulfilment of goals No.1, 2 and 3.





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Small Grant Scheme

Goal No. 1: To improve the health condition of the citizens of Kenya, with special emphasis on children and mothers, by making good quality and preventive health care accessible to them.

In 2014, the implementation of the project approved in 2013 called "Operation of Health Care Centre, Agriculture and Farming as a Tool to Increase Economic and Food Self-sufficiency of the Community Centre on the Island of Rusinga" continued. The purpose of the project is to provide qualified healthcare and medical awareness to the citizens. The centre obtained a licence for testing and treatment of TBC, malaria, HIV - AIDS and vaccination of children. Besides the treatment of diseases and injuries, child births also take place here and a prenatal advisory service also operates here. Preventive examinations of children at the clinic are also included in the programme Adoption of African Children takes place and also medical awareness is spread among the local population. The health care centre is able to treat approximately 6,000 patients annually and the local community has hereby the basic medical care ensured.

Goal No. 2: To reduce the level of unemployment by improving the access to good quality education and acquirement of practical skills.

In 2014, the implementation of three projects focused on acquirement of practical skills was launched. The project "Craftsman Education for Socially Vulnerable Groups in Kenya" focused on women in need and on acquirement of practical skills in the undeveloped slum area of Eldoret was completed. The newly established education centre in the slum Langas in Eldoret

provides free lower vocational education (certified education and practice) for female students in the field of dressmaker, hairdresser, and personal computer skills. It also supports entrepreneurship among the graduates by providing a start-up package for their own independent economic activity.

The project "Slovak-Kenyan Cooperation for Modern Schools: Project-oriented Education and Training Companies" had the aim to increase the placement of students from the area Taita Taveta in South-eastern Kenya through the introduction of vocation project-oriented education using training companies and exploiting information and communication technologies. Computer clubs were established at schools, where the students created school magazines, videos on local craftsmen and nature, and processed different outputs for the school. The products of craftsmen and their own products were then in cooperation with the training companies from the Business Academy in Levice promoted in Slovakia and they simulated mutual trade. In cooperation with the local partner organisation another five schools were equipped with computers and technical facilities and approximately 1,200 new students joined the activities.

The project "Building of Institutional Capacity of the Children's Centre Providing Social Protection to Children from the Street in Mihango" made it possible to increase the accommodation capacities for children from 16 to 40. At the same time, it supported the agricultural activity through purchasing cattle and leisure activities for 150 children from the street. 26 university students were involved in the rehabilitation process within the framework of training and practical education.

Goal No. 3: To reduce poverty and strengthen food security through the support of economic growth in the agricultural sector. The project "Increase of food security of Small Farmers through Spreading Practical Knowledge of Vocational Secondary Schools in the Region of Nakuru" introduced into practice new agricultural methods and production of food products. The tool for transfer of these methods was 7 vocational secondary schools, which became the centre of knowledge for approximately 10,000 small farmers. Demonstration gardens, breeding of animals, food manufacturing facilities, qualified teachers and students were available for the farmer communities living in the vicinity of the secondary schools. At the same time, the project also helped the secondary schools to adjust their practice-oriented coursework in order to better reflect the needs of local communities and inspire the young generation towards a profession in agriculture.

The main goal of the project "Support of the Social-Economic Development of cashew growers in the area of Lamu, Kenya" was the creation of production and trade chain of cashew production in the sense of Fair Trade in the area of Lamu. The recipients of aid are 2,000 African farmers. The farmers are associated and trained in growing and processing of nuts in compliance with Fair Trade criteria and BIO, which is the basis to obtain competence certificate.

Micro Grants

In 2014, 10 micro grants were provided. Most of them were sector-oriented focusing on education (6). Others were oriented to the field of health care (2) and to the field of food industry and agriculture (2).

Start Up

Within the Start-up tool in 2014, the project "Information and Communication Technologies in Kenya" was approved, which is focused on the creation of software solutions for the sector of the Kenyan insurance market. The project reflects the need of Kenya in the fields of fighting against crime, safety and management of data and information management.

Volunteers

In 2014, 7 non-governmental organisations sent volunteers to Kenya

Government Scholarships

In the academic year of 2014/2015 6 scholarships from the Government of the SR were granted to students from Kenya to study at public universities in Slovakia.





MOLDOVA

Official title	Republic of Moldova
Population	3,546,847 (July 2015 est.)
GNI per capita	2 560 USD (2012)
Median age	36 years
Life expectancy	69 years
Infant mortality	12.5 deaths/1,000 births
Literacy	99,4 %
Poverty rate	12,7 % (2013)

The Strategy of the SR for the Development Cooperation with the Republic of Moldova for the years 2014 - 2018 sets as goal to support the country in building a steadily functioning democratic state and improving the living conditions of its citizens. This goal is achieved by the interventions in two thematic priorities:



Good governance

implemented by sharing the transformation experience of the SR with the aim of supporting the build-up of a stable and democratic Moldova with efficiently operating state administration, local governments and strong civil society;



Water and Sanitation

improvement of the quality of life and health of the citizens of Moldova through the efficient and sustainable management of water resources and waste (building an infrastructure for improvement of access of the rural population to good quality drinking water, institutional capacities, protection of water resources).

During the implementation of the strategy in 2014, projects of small grant scheme, micro grants, CETIR, volunteer programme, the cooperation instrument of the SR with UNDP and government scholarships were used.





Small Grant Scheme

In 2014, three projects approved in 2013 were implemented. In the project "Technical Assistance upon the Introduction of Measures for Environmental-Friendly Management of Electric Waste into the Practice" with the assistance of Slovak experts managed to prepare a draft system for electric waste management. The system introduces extended responsibility of producers and approval by an interdepartmental committee. The project "National Convention on the EU in Moldova" was the third edition of this activity. It became a "respected brand" for the general expert public participating in the integration process of Moldova with the EU. The National Convention on the EU in Moldova is a successful and long working example of the transfer of Slovak integration and transformation experience. The project "Extension of European Dialogue in Moldova" has the aim of contributing to the increase of support of the Moldovan public for European integration ambitions of Moldova and its gradual rapprochement with the EU.

In 2014, Moldova became a programme country of the Slovak ODA and a separate call was announced for the country. There were six projects approved. Their implementation started in the months of November 2014 - January 2015. The project "Building Capacities of Local Governments and Civil Society in the region of Gagauzia" is implemented through a permanent field worker from a contractor in Moldova, who made contacts with the relevant organisations and performed the introductory activity with students from the Comrat State University. The project "Independent Local Government:

Precondition for Democratization at the Local Level" builds on the previous joint activities of umbrella organisations of local governments in Moldova and in the SR. The following projects are in the initial phase of implementation: "Access to Drinking Water in the region of Hincesti" and "Building Capacities for Municipalities in the Field of Integrated Urban Planning". The aim of the project "Perspective of European Future of Moldovan Regions" is the increase of awareness of European integration in the Moldovan regions with mainly negative approach to the EU. The project "Supporting the Process of the Programme of Measures in the Field of Water Sanitation as a Part of Flood Management Plans in Moldova" has the purpose to improve the functionality of the waste water sanitation system and control activities for water protection in Moldova.

During the year 2014, in cooperation with the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Chisinau we managed to define the method of implementation of the trilateral development project in Moldova. Water and sanitation were chosen as topics in the educational institutions in the districts of Causeni and Leova. The Slovak team focuses on activities at schools and the Czech team in nursery schools. The call was announced in February 2015.

CETIR

In 2014, in cooperation with Moldova, five CETIR projects were implemented. They concerned expert visits/consultations related to European matters, study visit of the representatives of the Office of the President of Moldova in the SR, exchange of experience of the Court Guards and Prison Wardens Corps of the SR with the Moldovan partner, exchange of experience of the Antimonopoly Office of the Slovak Republic and Competition Council of Moldova, inclusion of Slovak experts in the explanatory campaign on the EU in Moldova.

Micro Grants

In 2014, 20 micro grants were approved for the Representative Office in Chisinau. This form of support was needed and has considerable importance for smaller rural communities. Most of them were focused on small reconstructions of school facilities or other public amenities of the municipalities. Two micro grants were intended for the delivery of (used) vehicles for urgent medical aid purposes for the needs of the Moldovan emergency service.

Volunteers

In 2014, within the framework of the programme SlovakAid, one volunteer was sent, who worked for the non-profit organisation ADRA Moldova in a children's centre.

Financial contributions

In September 2014, the platform of Moldovan non-governmental organisations called "Pro Europe" associating 56 local entities and focused on the support of pro-European direction of the country was supported through a financial contribution from the resources of SlovakAid. The contribution was intended for the coverage of costs of the platform secretariat activities during the first six months of its operation.

Cooperation of the SR and UNDP

Within this tool, the programme "Public Finances for the Development and Strengthening of Capacities in the Field of Public Finances in the Countries of the Western Balkans and the Community of Independent States" was implemented. For more information see section 3.2 of the material. In 2014 continued the implementation of several bilateral projects, in cooperation with the Regional Office of UNDP in Moldova, focused on the transfer of Slovak reform experience. These were projects in the field of financial decentralisation, support of local governments, environment protection and prevention of catastrophes. The project was financed from the Trust Fund of the SR - UNDP.

Government Scholarships

In the academic year of 2014/2015 6 scholarships of the Government of the SR were granted to students from Moldova to study at the public universities in Slovakia. Other scholarships were granted within the Modernisation Programme Slovakia 21.





SOUTH SUDAN

Official title	Republic of South Sudan
Population	12,042,910 (July 2015 est.)
GNI per capita	970 USD
Median age	17 years
Life expectancy	55 years
Infant mortality	66,4 deaths/1,000 births
Literacy	27 % (40 % men, 16 % women)
Poverty rate	45,9 % (2005)

In 2014, there were 2 projects implemented in South Sudan, both of them focused on agriculture and the other related to the increase of food security.

The first of the projects (in 2013) contributes to the strengthening of agricultural methods of food crops, which represent the dominant economic activity in the target area. The strengthening of food security is implemented mainly through increased work efficiency in the fields and following the sale of agricultural products. The result of the project should be the increase in harvest of 540 farms by 50% owing to the strengthening of practical knowledge and the associating of farmers into cooperative communities. The intervention also focuses on the increase of farmer's sale profits by 25% and environment protection.

The second project (approved in 2014) aims to the increase of food security in the area of Deim Zubeir in the north of South Sudan. The main goals of the project are the increase of crop production in farms, the increase of income from growing, processing and sale of crops, reduction of the negative impact on the farms due to environmental degradation. The target group is represented by 200 farmer communities and, indirectly, the activities will have an effect on 9,500 inhabitants in the zone covered by these projects.





Programme of Transfer of Transformation Experience

The Programme of Transfer of Transformation Experience is a programme of technical assistance for six selected countries of the Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo⁶) and Eastern Partnership (Belarus, Georgia, Ukraine) oriented to the transfer of know-how and experience of the SR in reform and integration processes.

EVALUATION OF PROGRAMMES OF THE ODA OF THE SR

ALBANIA

In 2014, the development cooperation with Albania was implemented in the form of a small grant scheme, through CETIR, micro grants, and government scholarships.

Small Grant Scheme

In 2014, two projects were approved for Albania. The first project "National Convention on the EU in Albania" is focused on the institutionalisation of the public debate regarding issues of European integration. The purpose of the project is the inclusion of the expert community (governmental, non-governmental, entrepreneurial and interest institutions) in the creation of national policies. The second project "Improvement of the Entrepreneurial Environment in Albania" consists in allowing for the introduction of expert evaluation of the adopted legislation and its impacts on business, a comparative analysis of the quality and barriers of the entrepreneurial environment in Albania and in Slovakia with recommendation proposals for changes in Albania, fighting against corruption, etc.

CETIR

Within the framework of this tool, there were three activities implemented, out of which 1 had a regional scope. In May 2014, a delegation from the Office of the Parliament of Albania visited the SR and in June 2014 a one-week study visit (internship) of employees from the section of parliamentary research services and the section of legislative services of the Office of the Parliament of Albania took place at the Office of the National Council of the SR. The regional activity was the work seminar of representatives of the countries of the Western Balkans in the field of justice, in relation to their accession negotiations with the EU (Chapters 23 and 24).

Micro Grants

The micro grant called "Tirana Green" was focused on spreading awareness among elementary school children on topics of waste sorting.

Government Scholarships

In the academic year of 2014/2015 3 scholarships of the Government of the SR were granted to students from Albania to study at public universities in Slovakia.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

In 2014, the development cooperation with Bosnia and Herzegovina was implemented in the form of a small grant scheme, through CETIR, and government scholarships.

Small Grant Scheme

In 2014, the project "Institution Capacity Building in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the Field of Renewable Energy Resources" was approved for this partner country. The project assesses the current situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the field of granting licences, market rules and practices aimed at the identification of possible obstacles to investment towards renewable energy resources. The implementation of the project will allow for the strengthening of the capacity of human resources and the conditions for cooperation between the institutions from Slovakia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Micro Grants

Micro Grants

In 2014, 10 micro grants were provided, out of which the majority was aimed to the purchase of equipment (facilities) to improve the living and working conditions of citizens (8 micro grants). One micro grant was focused on the development support of the entrepreneurial environment and one on the elaboration of a compatibility study of the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina with the European standards.

CETIR

Within the framework of this tool, a study visit of the employees of the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina took place focused on the implementation of the directive on the reduction of emissions polluting the atmosphere from large incineration plants. The study visit provided the information necessary for the creation of the respective legislation. The second activity was a regional work seminar of the representatives of the countries of the Western Balkans in the field of justice, in relation to their accession negotiations with the EU-

Government Scholarships

Within the programme of governmental scholarships, in the academic year of 2014/2015 3 scholarships of the Government of the SR were granted to students from Bosnia and Herzegovina to study at public universities in Slovakia.

KOSOVO

In 2014, the development cooperation with Kosovo was implemented in the form of a small grant scheme, micro grants, through CETIR, and government scholarships.

Small Grant Scheme

In 2014, the project "Building Capacities of Civil Society of Northern Kosovo through the Slovak Fund for Public Policy on the Balkans" was approved for Kosovo. The purpose of the project is to contribute to the support of democratisation processes in Northern Kosovo through the sharing of experiences from the Slovak civil society in participatory democracy. Groups of students, young people and engaged NGOs will get an opportunity to cooperate with Slovak mentors, who will transfer the Slovak experience in building an active civil society. The project builds on the good experience from the successful operations of the Slovak Fund for Public Policy on the Balkans.

Micro Grants

In 2014, 8 micro grants were implemented in Kosovo, which focused on the build-up of civil society and the cooperation of the governmental and the non-governmental sector. The direction of the micro grant aid was addressed to minority and nationality groups. The majority of the projects focused on technical assistance and the purchase of different technical facilities.

CETIR

Within the regional activities, there was a work seminar of representatives of the countries of the Western Balkans in the field of justice, in relation to their accession negotiations with the EU (Chapters 23 and 24).

Government Scholarships

In 2014 for the first time Kosovo was provided with 15 scholarships for studying at public universities in Slovakia, and at the same time the ethnic composition of Kosovo was taken into consideration when assessing the candidates.

BELARUS

In 2014, the development cooperation with Belarus was implemented in the form of a small grant scheme, through CETIR, and government scholarships.

Small Grant Scheme

In 2014, the project "Building Capacities and Increase of Mobility of the Representatives of the Civil Society at the Local and Regional Level" was approved. The aim of the project is to support the democratisation process in Belarus by sharing the transformation experience of the SR in the field of civil society build-up. In particular it aimed to increase the mobility of representatives from the Belorussian civil society and concerned also the capacity building of the local NGOs in the regions.

CETIR

Within CETIR, two activities were performed: 1) business trip of the representatives of the Slovak Medical Chamber to Minsk in order to meet with the top representatives and the Belorussian Medical Association, 2) participation of the former government envoy of the SR to the adoption of the Euro at the international conference "Transformation Programme for Belarus: Regional Experience and Challenges".

Government Scholarships

In the academic year of 2014/2015 1 scholarship of the Government of the SR was granted to a student from Belarus to study at the public universities in Slovakia.

GEORGIA

In 2014, the development cooperation with Georgia was implemented in the form of a small grant scheme, through CETIR, micro grants, volunteer programme and government scholarships.

Small Grant Scheme

In 2014 the project called "Reform of Security Sector in Georgia" was implemented. The project is focused on strengthening the capacities in the field of security sector reforms, building of democratic institutions and experience sharing of the transformation process in the Slovak Republic. At the end of 2014, the project "Strengthening of the Process of Water Protection through the Control of Waste Water Release and Monitoring of Risk Water Bodies in Georgia" was also launched.

CETIR

The following two activities were carried out through CETIR: 1.) Traineeship for a diplomat of the Georgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the MZVaEZ SR, 2) Study tour of two representatives of the Georgian Ministry of Interior at "Správa štátnych hmotných rezerv SR"/Administration of State Material Reserves.

Micro grants

In 2014, 1 micro grant was awarded. Its aim was the reconstruction of the library at the local elementary school Saguramo.

Volunteers

As part of the volunteer program, 4 stays of Slovak volunteers took place in Georgia.

Government scholarships

The Slovak Republic awarded 2 scholarships to Georgian students to study at public universities in Slovakia in the academic year 2014/15.

UKRAINE

In 2014, the development cooperation with Ukraine was significantly influenced by the ongoing military conflict. It could be seen in a substantially increased volume of assistance and in the number and scope of activities carried out. Development cooperation had a form of a small grant scheme provided via CETIR, micro grants, and the volunteer program and government scholarships.

Small grant scheme

In 2014, 4 projects were carried out in Ukraine, of which 2 were approved in 2013. The goal of the „Truly Together - Supporting Comprehensive Rural Development in Ukraine via Mobilisation of Local Cross-Sectorial Cooperation and Transfer of Slovak Good Practices/Experience" project is to engage the Ukrainian rural community in the planning, preparation and implementation of development projects and to strengthen capacities of the local rural development players.

The objective of the „Europe at School II "project is to create efficient tools for further education of teachers in four Ukrainian regions (Zakarpattia Oblast, Odessa, Donetsk and Zhytomyr). The goal of the "School of Local Democracy, Ukraine - Slovakia" is to pass/transfer good practices gained in the field of establishing authentic democratic administration, community initiatives, local citizen participation, protection of rights as well as settling conflicts and issues related to regional and community development. The "Establishment of Ukrainian Civil Society via Strengthening Capacities of Ukrainian Non-Governmental Organisations in the Field of Security Sector Reform" project will contribute to democratisation processes in Ukraine and improved administration of public matters.

Micro grants

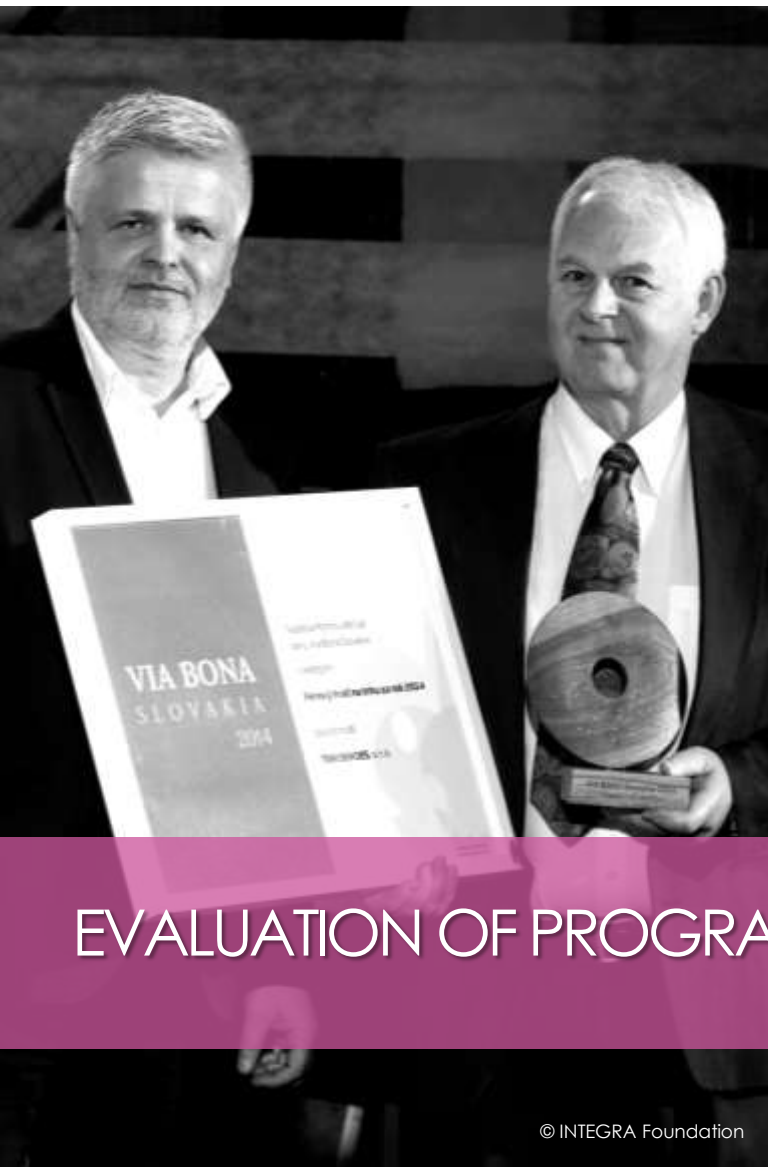
In 2014, 4 micro grants were implemented in Ukraine. As regards their content, the aim was to increase the EU awareness of Ukrainian citizens, provide equipment for a centre for the visually impaired children of pre-school age, provide equipment for a student parliamentary centre in Uzhhorod and organise an international conference dedicated to the 20th anniversary of Slovak studies in Uzhhorod.

CETIR

There were 4 projects focusing on the reform of the secondary education system, decentralisation of public administration, training of Ukrainian doctors in the field of crisis surgery and mobility stay of a representative of the Ukrainian Ministry of Foreign Affairs at MZVaEZ SR carried out in Ukraine.

Government scholarships

The Slovak Republic awarded 3 scholarships to Ukrainian students for their study at public universities in Slovakia in the academic year 2014/15.



Business Partnership Programme

The program of business partnerships aims at involving the private sector in development activities carried out by SlovakAid. The program supports the synergy between the goals of Slovak development cooperation and business goals in developing countries. The deliverables of the program are newly established partnerships with local entrepreneurs.

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There is a small grant scheme "Start-ups" available to Slovak enterprises. In 2014, historically first project related to the "Start-ups" tool was approved. The project named „Information and Telecommunication Technologies in Kenya" focuses on forming software solutions for the sector of Kenyan insurance market.

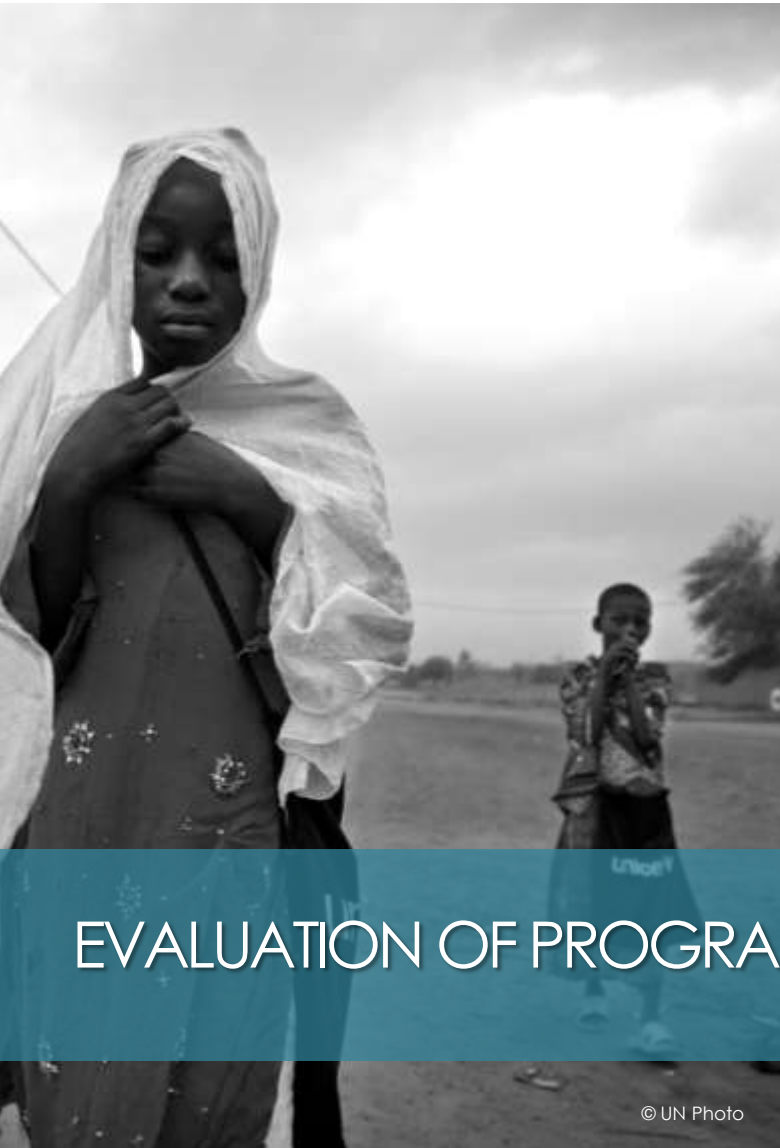
The integration of entrepreneurs in development activities is also supported by cooperation between SR and UNDP and Technical Cooperation Fund of the SR and EBOR (for details see sections 3.1 and 3.2).

Some of the tools defined in the Medium-Term Strategy will be available once the new development cooperation act is approved. The new act will include, among other things, provisions stipulating the granting of export loans on preferential terms.

In order to develop business partnerships it was important to launch the activities of the Entrepreneurs' Platform for Development Cooperation in 2014. In order to ensure its effective functioning it is, however, necessary to have a relevant number of business entities involved in its activities.

Private investment is a powerful catalyst for innovation, economic growth and poverty reduction. The right market conditions, the private sector can alleviate poverty and contribute to human development in many ways.





Humanitarian Aid Programme

The number and criticality of humanitarian crises in the world show an increasing trend each year, which was also confirmed in 2014. Apart from the crisis related to the armed conflict in Syria, there was also the crisis in Ukraine, floods in the Western Balkans and the Ebola outbreak in West Africa in 2014.

EVALUATION OF PROGRAMMES OF THE ODA OF THE SR

The SR reacted on new humanitarian challenges in a prompt and flexible manner. The total humanitarian aid of the SR in 2014 reached the value of **EUR 936,474.00** and had the form of financial contributions provided by the MZVaEZ SR in the amount of **EUR 519,869.00** and material aid provided by the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic and the Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic in the amount of **EUR 416,605.00**.

The structure of the 2014 humanitarian aid can be seen in table No. 5. It shows that the SR provided **the most of its humanitarian aid to Bosnia and Herzegovina** representing the amount of EUR 346,225.00 (reaction on the May floods). The humanitarian aid in the amount of over EUR 200,000.00 was given to Ukraine and the financial assistance to Syrian and Palestinian

refugees exceeded the amount of EUR 100,000.00.

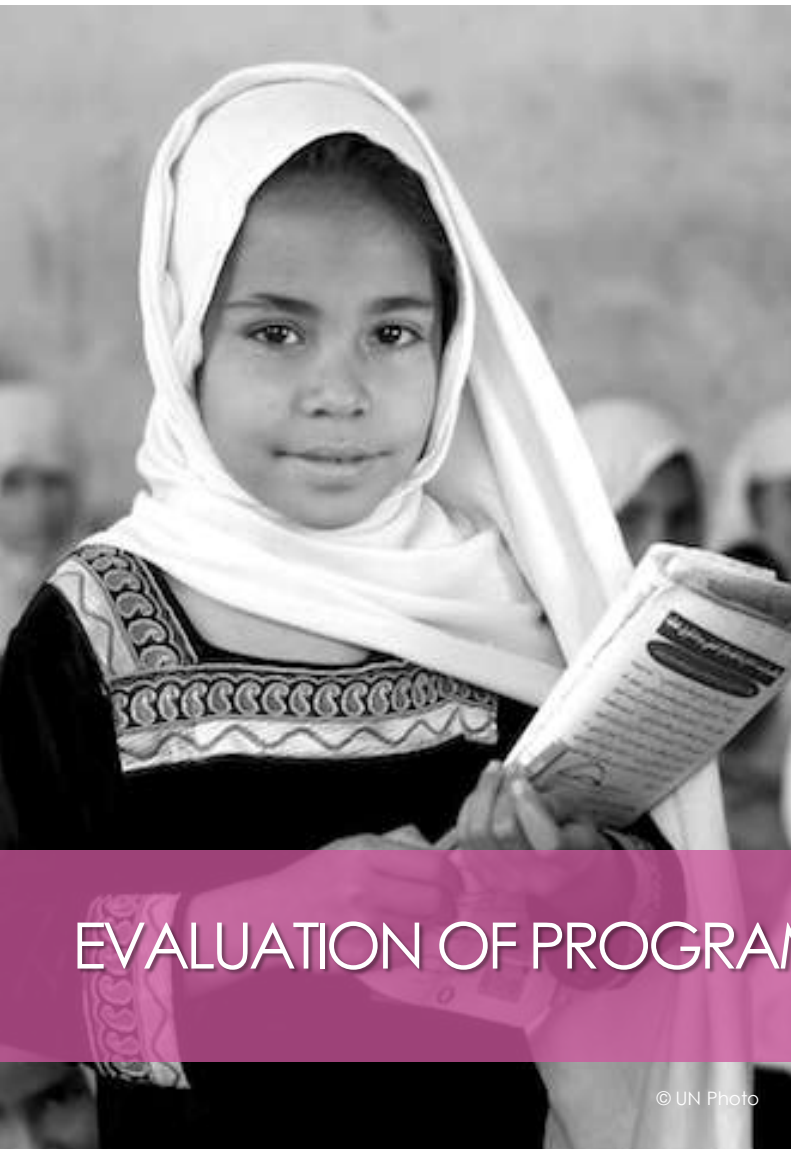


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Table No. 6
Humanitarian Aid of the SR in 2014 according to countries

Country	Type of humanitarian aid	Humanitarian aid, material in EUR	Humanitarian aid, financial in EUR
Ukraine	Humanitarian aid for the Ukrainian Red Cross	11,282.10	
	Humanitarian aid for the Ministry of Defence	28,104.00	
	Humanitarian aid for the Ministry of Defence	39,754.50	
	Health care for Ukrainian citizens staying in Slovakia	22,801.00	
	Humanitarian aid for the Kiev Children Neurosurgery City Centre		10,000.00
	Humanitarian aid for the Ministry of Health Care		10,000.00
	Humanitarian aid - NGO ADRA, Ukraine		10,000.00
	Humanitarian aid –Training specialists in mine clearance (MO SR)		20,000.00
	Humanitarian aid for Ukrainian citizens		35,369.00
	Humanitarian aid for Ukrainian children		10,000.00
	Humanitarian aid for the NATO trust fund dedicated to Ukraine		30,000.00
	Humanitarian aid for the Ministry of Security	51,367.34	
	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Humanitarian aid for the Bosnia and Herzegovina Red Cross (MV SR + MO SR)	17,758.76
Humanitarian aid for the Ministry of Security		72,099.48	
Humanitarian aid for NGOs and Caritas Bosnia and Herzegovina			5,000.00
Humanitarian aid for Bosnia and Herzegovina			200,000.00
Serbia	Humanitarian aid for the Serbian Red Cross	78,118.48	
	Humanitarian aid for the Serbian Republic		50,000.00
	Humanitarian aid for NGO, Trag and Help		5,000.00
Montenegro	Ministry of Interior of Montenegro	60,200.00	
Belarus	Humanitarian aid for Ukrainian children		9,500.00
Afghanistan	Humanitarian aid for Afghan drivers supplying the air force base in Kandahar	1,298.00	
Liberia	WHO - Fighting Ebola	33,821.32	
Guinea	WHO - Fighting Ebola		15,000.00
Jordan	UNHCR Jordan –Syrian refugees		20,000.00
Iraq	IOM - Kurdish refugees		20,000.00
Palestine	UNRWA Palestine		40,000.00
Lebanon	UNHCR Lebanon – Syrian refugees		30,000.00
Total:		416,604.98	519,869.00

Note: Apart from state institutions, there were also some non-governmental organisations and private companies (e.g. pharmaceutical companies or chain stores) involved in material humanitarian aid in 2014. This data, however, is not stated in the table, as it is not ODA.



Government Scholarship Program

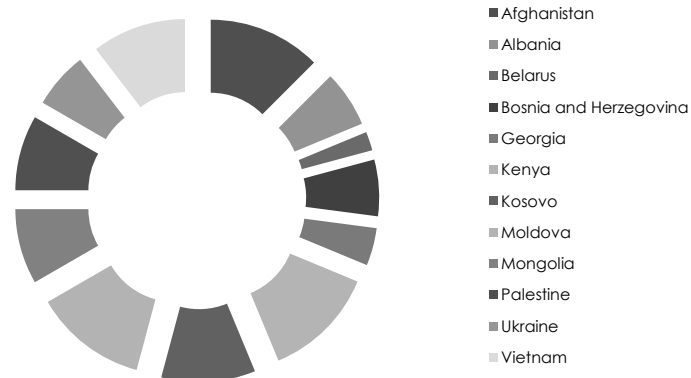
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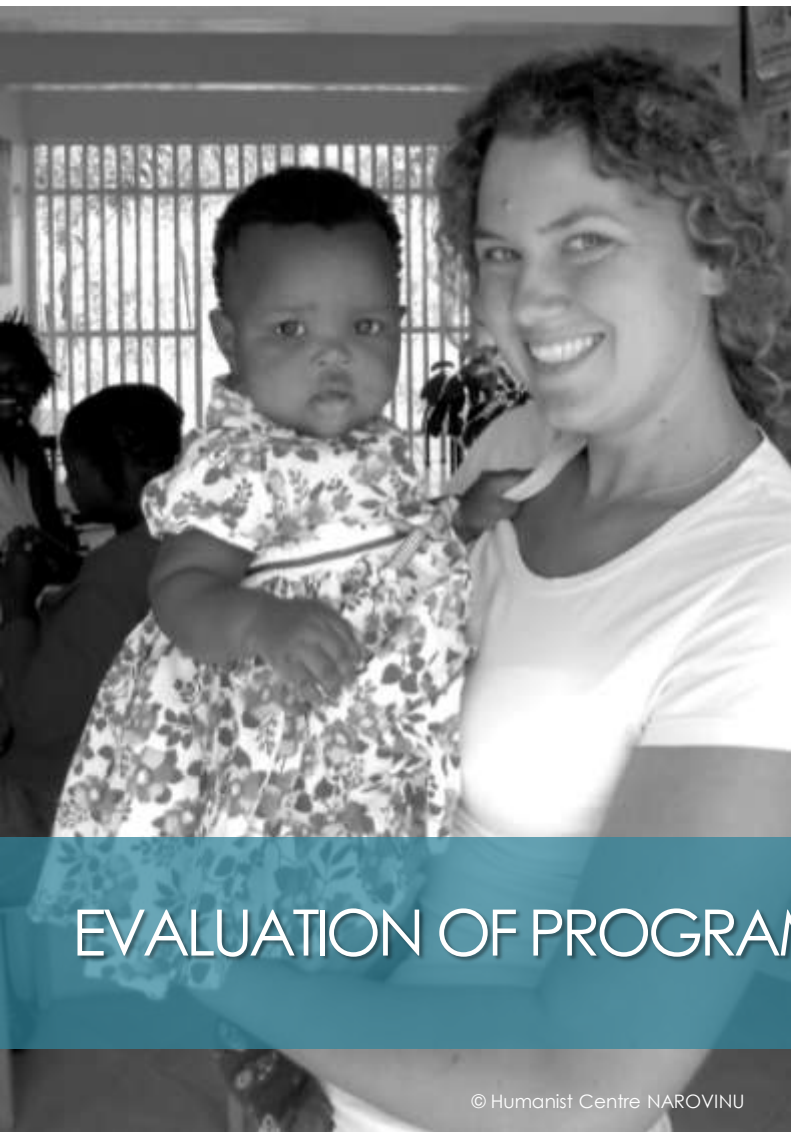
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In accordance with the territorial focus of the Government Scholarship Program stipulated in the Medium-Term Strategy of Development Cooperation of the SR for 2014-2018, 48 new scholarships were awarded for the academic year 2014/2015, as follows: Afghanistan (6), Albania (3), Belarus (1), Bosnia and Herzegovina (3), Georgia (2), Kenya (6), Kosovo (5), Moldova (6), Mongolia (4), Palestine (4), Ukraine (3), Vietnam (5).

Moreover, MŠVVŠ SR also funded the expenses related to the provision of Slovak government scholarships to 306 students from partner countries, to which the scholarships were awarded in preceding academic years. The ministry also paid the expenses of 68 students studying in the SR as per bilateral international agreements forming part of the Modernisation Programme Slovakia 21 or based on their non-reciprocal scholarships awarded to them by MŠVVŠ SR. Detailed information concerning the amount of expenses paid by MŠVVŠ SR is stated in section 3.4 hereof.

Graph No. 6
Government scholarships per countries of the SR in 2014





Programme for Sending Development Workers and Civil Experts to Developing Countries

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Since 2012, the programme for sending volunteers has become an integral part of development activities provided by SlovakAid and gained positive feedback from the non-governmental sector, media and general public. Its main objective is to support projects and activities by SlovakAid. At the same time, young people are able to gain practical experience of working in developing countries through this programme. It contributes to the establishment of personnel capacities, which can in turn assert themselves in state institutions, development non-governmental organisations, academic or private sector. The volunteer projects also include the activities following the return of a volunteer, such as presentations at schools or at events aimed at general public. The programme contributes to better public awareness and to the support of development education.

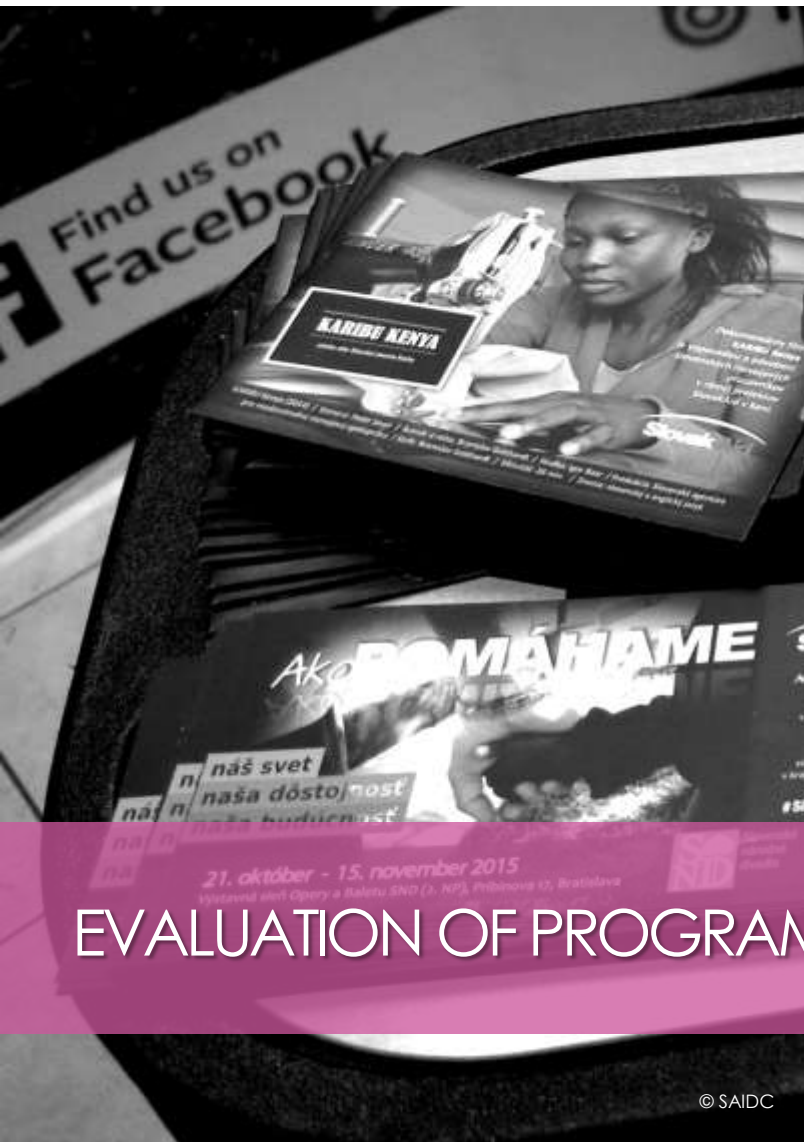
In 2014, 43 applications for the support of sending volunteers to 15 developing countries in the total amount of over 200 thousand EUR were approved. It represents almost double increase compared to 2013 figures when 24 applications were approved in the amount of 134 thousand EUR.

In 2014, the MZVaEZ SR updated the programme document concerning the sending of volunteers, which defines in detail its rules and conditions.

The awarding of prizes to the best volunteers sent abroad as part of SlovakAid activities that takes place in the premises of the MZVaEZ SR under the auspices of Mr. M. Lajčák, the PPVaMiZVaEZ SR, has been given a lot of attention for the last three years. The volunteering awards for 2014 took place in January 2015.

Last year, just like in the previous years, the MZVaEZ SR participated in crisis management activities outside the territory of the SR through its civil experts involved in the EUMM mission in Georgia.





Programme of Development Education and Awareness-Raising in the SR

In 2014, the activities of development education were carried out as part of the Action Plan for the fulfilment of the tasks arising from the National Strategy for Global Education for 2014 forming Annex No. 3 of the Medium-Term Strategy (approved by the government of the SR on 15th January, 2014).

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The activities also included the approval of three projects of the MZVaEZ SR forming part of the call for development education in the contracted value of EUR 97,685.00. A complete evaluation of the 2014 Action Plan fulfilment is included in the document called "Focus of the Bilateral Development Cooperation of the SR in 2015" approved by the government of the SR on 14th January, 2015.

In order to raise the awareness of Slovak general and expert public, media and other relevant players as well as their involvement in development cooperation topics in 2014, the MZVaEZ SR/SAMRS carried out or co-funded several activities in the field of public awareness. October was the month of an international conference, which included the awarding of Slovak Aid prizes, and of the traditional Development Day that took place in the Stará tržnica/Old Market Hall.

The deliverables of the journalist trip to Moldova were 3 pieces of coverage broadcasted in RTVS (Slovak State Radio and Television). SAMRS prepared a SlovakAid television spot and documentaries talking about the development cooperation with Moldova and Kenya. There were several information materials and brochures published. The web page of the agency, www.slovakaid.sk, has undergone significant changes.





Capacity Building Programme

As part of the Capacity building Programme, several activities were carried out in 2014. Based on the appeal for capacity building that focuses on the support of implementation and coordination capacities of Slovak non-governmental organisations and business entities actively involved in interest groups/associations and umbrella organisations, the MZVaEZ SR approved two projects in the contracted amount of EUR 55,000.00.

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In order to increase the expertise of public administration employees working with development agenda, the MZVaEZ SR and the Faculty of Health Care and Social Work, the Trnava University, carried out a pilot educational programme called "International Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid". The goal of the project was to hand over to the selected participants, who have been involved and will be involved in the ODA system in the future, basic theoretical knowledge and, more importantly, practical experience and skills, whether in connection with project management, monitoring, effectiveness assessment or decision-making process related to the strategic direction of development cooperation. The programme activities were attended by representatives of ministries, self-governing authorities and non-governmental organisations. The diplomas were handed over to 21 people. Apart from academic community lecturers, development diplomats of the ministry of foreign affairs, representatives of non-governmental organisations with extensive experience in the field of project delivery and representatives of traditional bilateral donors from Ireland and Canada participated in the programme. In 2015, the educational programme "Recent Trends in the Development Agenda and Preparation for the Presidency in the EU Council" continued.

In order to increase the involvement of Slovak entrepreneurs in development cooperation, the MF SR established a prerequisite for a contact place for the business sector (PSLO - Private Sector Liaison Officer) as part of the „Slovak Republic - UNDP Partnership for Results in the International Development Cooperation“ project. The main goal of the PSLO will be to provide information on forthcoming trends/projects of international financial institutions and organisations, including EBOR, the World Bank and UN agencies, and to train companies and consultants in relation to the processes of procurement, consortium establishment and negotiation. UNDP called for bids in December 2014. PSLO will start its activities in 2015.

In order to increase the number of Slovak entities participating in the projects funded from the grants provided by the European Commission as part of its development tools, the MZVaEZ SR continued to support the delivery of the projects, for which EK resources were provided. In 2014, the ministry of foreign affairs approved the funding of two projects in the contracted value of EUR 41,732.00, of which both were focused on global education.

As regards the improvement of quality of Slovak development cooperation recording and statistical reporting, a system of Slovak development flow recording and reporting that was based on cooperation of the MZVaEZ SR and the MF SR was activated in January, 2014. For the first time ever, the above-mentioned system enabled the SR to send the OECD Development Assistance Committee data on 2013 development flows in the detailed structure required. The DEV system data was published on the new website www.slovakdev.sk in 2014. There the data on development assistance provided by the SR is presented in a transparent and graphically interesting manner.

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Bilateral ODA of the SR in 2014 in EURO	
Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic	1,943,236.3
SAIDC / Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation	3,985,306.6
Ministry of Interior of the SR and Migration Office of the Ministry of Interior of the SR	2,029 212.4
Ministry of Defense of the SR	24,056.8
Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the SR	24,777.0
Nuclear Regulatory Authority of the SR	24,000.0
Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the SR	2,353,170.0
Ministry of Finance of the SR	2,622,940.7
Total:	13,006,699.8



List of Abbreviations

BR OSN	UN Security Council	OS SR	Armed Forces of the Slovak Republic
CETIR	Centre for Experience Transfer in Integration and Reforms	OSN	United Nations Organisation
CSP	Country Strategy Paper	ODA	Official Development Assistance
DAC/OECD	OECD Development Assistance Committee	ORPO	Section of Development and Humanitarian Aid
DEV	System of Development Flow Recording and Reporting	PRR	Programme Reporting Support
EUMM	EU Observation Mission	SAMRS	Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation (SAIDC)
EDF	European Development Fund	SNŠ	Commonwealth of Independent States
EIB	European Investment Bank	TCF	Technical Cooperation Fund
EK	European Commission	UNIDO	UN Organisation for Industrial Development
EBOR	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development	UNCCD	UN Convention to Combat Desertification
EPPO	European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organisation	UNHCR	UN High Commissioner for Refugees
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations	UNRWA	UN Agency for Palestinian Refugees
HND	Gross National Income	ÚOŠS	Central State Administration Authorities
ISTA	International Seed Testing Association	UNFCCC	UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
IDA	International Development Association	UNEP	UN Environmental Programme
ILO	International Labour Organisation	ÚNMS SR	Office of Standards, Metrology and Testing of the SR
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency	ÚJD SR	Nuclear Regulatory Authority of the SR
ITU	International Telecommunication Union	UNDP	UN Development Programme
LDC	Least Developed Country	UPU	Universal Postal Union
MF SR	Ministry of Finance of the SR	V4	Vysegrad Four
MŠVVaŠ SR	Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the SR	WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organisation
MV SR	Ministry of Interior of the SR	WMO	World Meteorological Organization
MO SR	Ministry of Defence of the SR	NR SR	Representative Office of the Slovak Republic
MŽP SR	Ministry of Environment of the SR	ZMOS	Association of Municipalities of the Slovak Republic
MH SR	Ministry of Economy of the SR		
MPRV SR	Ministry of Culture and Rural Development of the SR		
MDVaRR SR	Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the SR		
MZVaEZ SR	Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the SR		
MÚ MV SR	Migration Office of the Ministry of Interior of the SR		
MDRI	Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative		
MVO	Non-Governmental Organisations		
NR SR	National Council of the Slovak Republic (Parliament)		
OBSE	Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe		
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development		



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