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“Slovakia is currently going through a third, challenging wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, and yet it hasn't stopped thinking about other countries. The lesson we all have learned during these two years is – “nobody is safe until everybody is safe.”

Those words of the State Secretary, Ingrid Brocková, of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic, are a perfect definition of our efforts in the Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation under the brand SlovakAid in 2021: together with our partners, we strive to provide help and assistance even under the challenging, epidemic-related circumstances, within our capacities.

Already back in January and February, we opened **eleven calls for proposals** for development cooperation projects of, **with a total allocation of more than 4 million euro**. A call for **external project/grant evaluators** was opened until the end of March 2021. We also organized two information days for grant applicants and a follow up seminar for **21 recipients** of grants implementing **47 projects** of development cooperation and humanitarian aid approved in 2021, all with to the aim of offering assistance in the application process and increasing efficiency in communication. The projects were targeting **three programme areas and thirteen partner countries** of Slovak development cooperation (humanitarian projects co-funded by the European Commission, projects supporting development education, and projects targeting the development of Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova, Kenya, East Sub-Saharan Africa, the Western Balkans and support for business partnerships). Slovak diplomatic missions in **fifteen countries** implemented activities funded through **79 microgrants**. We offered **29 financial contributions to thirteen countries**.

The SAIDC met the tough criteria and passed an audit by the European Commission, thus becoming one of the entities that can, upon its authorisation, oversee the implementation of development projects funded with EU funds. We will implement the very first project of delegated EU cooperation in Moldova based on an agreement signed in November, with the SAIDC being the lead partner. The first project of delegated cooperation from the European Neighbourhood instrument funds is both an important milestone and a challenge. I am glad it will be implemented precisely in Moldova, since it is a SlovakAid programme country, where Slovakia has rich experience with development cooperation.

2021 was also a milestone on our way to developing and scaling up our SSE tool (Sharing Slovak Expertise). It is a self-standing tool for bilateral development cooperation that also serves as support for other tools defined in the Medium-Term Strategy for Development Cooperation of the Slovak Republic for 2019 – 2023. The events of the past ten years are captured in a separate brochure.

We strived to provide information about the work and activities of the SAIDC's partners both through social media, our new website and other channels. This year's road show POMOC! Ako Slováci pomáhajú v zahraničí captured the activities of our partners in words, bringing this testimony to Trenčín, Banská Bystrica and Košice. In October, we presented results of a unique V4 and the EU project in Kenya at yet another exhibition titled Krajina kešu (Cashew Land), which was funded by the European Union Trust Fund and addressed causes of illegal migration and displaced people in Africa. Volunteering, development cooperation and humanitarian aid was the focus of our online discussions with secondary school students as part of the UN Week in Slovakia (Týždeň OSN na Slovensku) in October.

**!KRAJINA
!KEŠU** Ako krajiny V4
pomáhajú
v Keni

**!THE LAND
!OF CASHEW**
How V4 Countries aid in Kenya

1. - 15. október Hviezdoslavovo námestie, Bratislava

The SAIDC is fully aware that only when healthy are we able to pursue our mission – by helping to other countries we also help Slovakia to be an equal, cohesive partner of advanced and democratic countries throughout the world. Therefore, our team protects itself and its surroundings against the risks of the pandemic. With 100% vaccination level in our team, we say a clear and unanimous “yes” to vaccination.

We want to express our appreciation to all our project partners and acknowledge them for their cooperation, open discussions and possibility to learn from our experiences. We have overcome the challenges of 2021 and are now facing those of 2022 with strength and commitment.

Tomáš Bokor, the SAIDC director

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IDENTIFICATION OF ORGANIZATION

BASIC INFORMATION

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Ministry/Founder:	Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic (MFEA SR)
Form of management:	organisation financed by the state budget, linked to the state budget through the budget chapter of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic (so called "budget organisation")
Registration number:	31819559
Director:	Tomáš Bokor, MSc.
Number of employees: :	16

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

DMC	Digital Media Campus	MESRS SR	Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic	TSA	Ten Senses Africa
DM SR	Diplomatic missions of the Slovak Republic	MFEA SR	Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic	UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
EDYN	European Democracy Youth Network	NGO	non-governmental organization	UNICEF	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
EU DEL	EU Delegation	ODA SR	Official Development Assistance of the Slovak Republic	USAID	United States Agency for International Development
GENE	Global Education Network Europe	OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development	WASH aktivita	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene activities
GDE	Global and Development Education	OECD DAC	OECD Development Assistance Committee		
HN	Hospodárske noviny	PBP	Programme of new business partnerships		
ICT	Information and communications technologies	SAIDC/SAMRS	Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation		
IT	information technologies	SR	Slovak Republic		
MEPU	Mobile urgent primary health care unit				
MF SR	Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic				
ME SR	Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic				



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HUMAN RESOURCES AND PROCESSES

Between 1 January and 31 May 2021, the organisation was managed by Lucia Kišš, MSc. Between 1 June and 10 October 2021, Sabina Slimáková, M.A. was appointed temporary head of the organization. As of 11 October 2021, Tomáš Bokor, MSc. is the new SAIDC director. Towards the end of 2021, the organization had 16 employees and a total of six on-call employees including the staff of the V4 project in Kenya.

Some services needed for the SAIDC operations were supplied by subcontractors: public procurement, safety at work (OSH), legal services, IT support, QMS services and quality management system certification ISO:9001, occupational health service, creation of a new website, telecommunication services and cleaning.

In 2021, the SAIDC employees took part in external and online training courses on legislation and regulation changes concerning accounting, taxes, human resources and wages, occupational safety and health, registry management and archiving, basic financial control, professional assistant training, efficient time management and performance, safety and cyber attacks, crisis communication, travel orders, first aid, the financial mechanism of SlovakAid projects and GDPR. The trainings were also implemented through cooperation with the UNDP (SAP I., PRINCE2 Foundation, PRINCE2 Agile, Excel for intermediate and advanced users, data management with Excel). Russian language courses were organized throughout the year. A new addition was a course on Arabic language.

In 2021, the SAIDC continued to standardize its internal processes and to deepen cooperation with all relevant MFEA SR agencies and representatives in development and humanitarian cooperation. The second external online control audit EN ISO 9001:2015 on the set up of the quality management system took place in May. The SAIDC defended the certification and the set up of the quality management system. The audit report contained three recommendations for improvement in the area of planning and the Agency management, but there were no findings. The SAIDC's policy is to continuously improve, streamline and develop its operation and simplify the conditions for its project partners.

The Agency received a positive review under the EU Pillar Assessment certification on 23 December 2020 in all three additionally reviewed pillars. The audit results confirm that the European Commission may entrust the SAIDC with tasks related to spending the EU budget earmarked for development cooperation through the so called indirect management of delegated EU cooperation. First negotiations with the EC and EU DEL were initiated already in autumn 2020 in Kishinev. Their focus was potential participation of the SAIDC in a two year project of the delegated EU cooperation titled Supporting EU for local media outlets in the Republic of Moldova in the total amount of €998,284.32. The SAIDC received an approval of cooperation on 12 June 2021 and on 19 June it was requested to submit final documentation – a letter of intent and budget. Tomáš Bokor, the SAIDC director signed a bilateral agreement on project implementation with the Head of EU Delegation in the Republic of Moldova, Jānis Mažeiks, on 24 November 2021 in Kishinev. The start of the project of delegated EU cooperation was

planned for 1 March 2022. The main project aim is to strengthen expert capacities in local media, enhance their financial sustainability, independence and professionalism with the goal of improving the quality of media content.

Throughout 2021, in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the SAIDC adhered to all safety measures and provided its employees with all recommended protection. SAIDC provided facial masks, disinfectants and had an air cleaner installed in its premises. The employees had the opportunity to combine office work with home office throughout the whole year, while all employees received a notebook/laptop and all necessary IT access codes.

SAIDC also offered a 3 month merit based pro bono internship as of 1 June 2021 to two interns focusing on project management and PR support activities. The interns had the possibility to acquire work experience and also support the SAIDC employees.

ORGANIZATION

MISSION STATEMENT

AND MID-TERM OUTLOOK

The SAIDC is a budget organization of the MFEA SR. The Agency's mission is to secure the implementation of Slovakia's official development assistance (ODA SR) in accordance with programming and policy documents of the MFEA SR, Slovak Government, binding EU documents,

and documents issued by the United Nations (UN), Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and other international organizations and commitments. The SAIDC's standing and activities are laid down in Section 5 of Act No. 392/2015 on Development Assistance as amended, in the wording of Act No. 281/2019.

Pursuant to this Act the core activities of the SAIDC include in particular the following:

- **development cooperation, including humanitarian aid, raising public awareness, development-related training and capacity-building through grants, financial contributions, contracting and the use of other instruments in accordance with government decisions;**
- **cooperation with entities involved in development assistance and cooperation both in Slovakia and abroad;**
- **collaboration with the MFEA SR in drafting strategies and other policy documents;**
- **monitoring and implementing audits for development projects;**
- **providing website information on development assistance activities.**

The implementation of the official development cooperation is subject to the basic rules and principles of Slovak foreign policy priorities, and complies with the principles of international development policy, particularly the EU development policy and the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda (Transforming our World: **the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**).

The SAIDC facilitates all activities related to the management and administration of the project life cycle under the Medium-Term Strategy for Development Cooperation of the Slovak Republic for 2019-2023 (hereinafter "the Medium-Term Strategy") and Focal Points of Bilateral Development Assistance for the respective year (hereinafter the "Focal Points"), mainly designing and announcing calls for submitting applications for grants requests, reviewing submitted applications, preparing meetings of the MFEA SR Evaluation Commission, contracting

project implementers (beneficiaries), financial management and project auditing and monitoring.

The SAIDC is also responsible for providing support to all parties interested in the implementation of development projects among non-governmental organizations, business organizations and academic institutions. The SAIDC also ensures communication of the main ideas and mission of the official development cooperation to the expert community and the general public through various external communication activities. In its activities, the SAIDC focuses on the effectiveness of development assistance, coherency for the benefit of development, flexibility in providing development assistance, and the cost-effective use of funds.

Medium-Term Strategy for Development Cooperation of the Slovak Republic for 2019-2023 defines territorial and sectoral priorities of the Slovak official development assistance.

CONTRACT WITH CENTRAL AUTHORITY

A Contract between the MFEA SR and the SAIDC for 2021 (hereinafter the "Contract") was concluded under Slovak Government Resolution No.1370/2002/B1 of 18 December 2002 and under Act No. 523/2004 on Public Administration Budgeting Rules on 14 December 2020. The Contract governs the substance and structure of providing foreign development assistance pursuant to Act No. 392/2015 on Development Assistance as amended in the wording of Act No. 281/2019, and the SAIDC Charter (Decision of Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic No. 57/2006 of 27 December 2006) and SAIDC Statute. The Contract is published on the Agency's website.



SLOVAK REPUBLIC'S OFFICIAL BILATERAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION IN 2021

The SAIDC implemented activities in line with **the Focal Points of Bilateral Development Assistance for 2021** approved by the Slovak Government on 13 January 2021. The aim was to fulfil sustainable development goals in line with the Medium-Term Strategy and to strengthen interventions in the countries of the Slovak ODA on an ongoing basis. The SAIDC actively participated in solving global issues, including climate change, migration crisis and security and COVID-19 pandemic. Another goal was to support sustainability and the higher visibility of the SlovakAid brand.

Development cooperation used diverse tools, including grants for Slovak organizations, financial contributions for humanitarian aid or cooperation provided to foreign entities, and financial contributions through Slovak diplomatic missions, i.e. microgrants to support activities of local organizations in partnering countries. In addition to collaboration with domestic and foreign organizations, the SAIDC also financed other activities aimed at capacity building, raising public awareness on development cooperation, and experience transfer through the SSE: Sharing Slovak Expertise tool.

Grants

Between January and February 2021, the SAIDC published **calls for grant proposals for humanitarian and development projects**, including calls for participation by businesses in development cooperation, the co-funding of EU projects and the posting of expert volunteers in developing countries on its website. All calls were opened in line with the Focal Points

for a given year approved by the Government and were approved by the MFEA SR. Eligible entities included non-governmental organizations, organizations funded from the state budget or partially funded from the state budget. In case of the call for supporting new business partnerships, eligible organizations also included business entities.

In 2021, the SAIDC also opened two new calls beyond the standard ones. The new calls were aimed at supporting development interventions in Ukraine and sharing expertise in Georgia. The call for the Eastern Partnership (Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia) and humanitarian call for Ukraine were not opened in 2021. All calls covered the overarching topics, sectoral priorities and specific goals stemming from the Medium-Term Strategy.



In the course of 2021, the SAIDC launched eleven calls in total. The calls invited grant applications for development cooperation and humanitarian aid. The following tables offer an overview of all calls and supported projects by individual call.



List of calls for grant proposals in 2021

Call reference	Call name	Date of call publication	Closure date	Available funds (€)	Approved grant amount (€)	Number of all/ approved applications	Date of Minister's decision
1. SAMRS/2021/RV/1	Promoting global and development education	01.02.2021	08.03.2021	120,000.00	119,801.10	14/4	14. 5. 2021
2. SAMRS/2021/ZB/1	Sharing Slovak expertise in the Western Balkans	01.02.2021	15.03.2021	400,000.00	653,204.80	11/5	17. 6. 2021
3. SAMRS/2021/GE/1	Promoting experience transfer in Georgia	01.02.2021	22.03.2021	500,000.00	282,038.50	6/3	1. 6. 2021
4. SAMRS/2021/PPP/1	Supporting new business partnerships	01.02.2021	15.03.2021	500,000.00	199,940.00	14/4	18. 6. 2021
5. SAMRS/2021/EK/1	Supporting projects of Slovak organisations approved under the European Commission's development instruments through co-financing	01.02.2021	15.03.2021	80,000.00	46,939.48	3/3	14.05.2021
6. SAMRS/2021/KE/1	Development interventions support – Republic of Kenya	01.02.2021	22.03.2021	500,000.00	528,603.20	7/3	17.06.2021
7. SAMRS/2021/MD/1	Development interventions support - Moldova	01.02.2021	15.03.2021	300,000.00	200,000.00	4/1	18.06.2021
8. SAMRS/2021/SSA/1	Development interventions support – East Sub-Saharan Africa (Ethiopia, South Sudan, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda)	01.02.2021	15.03.2021	300,000.00	200,000.00	4/1	17.06.2021
9. SAMRS/2021/HUM/1	Mitigating negative impact of the migration and refugee crisis caused by war conflicts and the ongoing crisis in the Middle East regions (Lebanon, Iraq, Syria)	25.01.2021	08.03.2021	1,000,000.00	999,914.97	8/5	26.05.2021
10. SAMRS/2021/UA/1	Development interventions support – Ukraine	01.02.2021	22.03.2021	300,000.00	290,282.00	14/2	31.05.2021
11. SAMRS/2021/D/1	Posting volunteers and expert volunteers to development countries	25.01.2021	01.03.2021	139,520.00	139,520.00	42/12	14.04.2021
TOTAL (€)				4,339,520.00	4,040,262.05	131/45	



List of supported projects in 2021

(except for projects under the call SAMRS/2021/D/1 that are listed separately in the text below)

Project number	Project name	Contractor	Country	Approved grant (€)	
1.	SAMRS/2021/EK/1/3	Slovak support for sustainable development aid through posting expert volunteers in low-income countries of the Western Balkans, Middle East and the EU Eastern Partnership Countries	ADRA – Adventist Development and Relief Agency – civic association	Slovakia	11,484.18
2.	SAMRS/2021/EK/1/1	Subject-based approach in global education for pedagogical staff	People in Need Slovakia, n. o.	Slovakia	23,585.30
3.	SAMRS/2021/EK/1/2	Development forum	Platform for Development Organisations – Ambrela	Slovakia	11,870.00
4.	SAMRS/2021/HUM/1/7	Water well rehabilitation for Hjeira community in Syria	Integra Foundation	Syria	199,916.00
5.	SAMRS/2021/HUM/1/8	WASH intervention and energy-sustainable infrastructure for Syrian refugees and Lebanese people in Bekka area	ADRA – Adventist Development and Relief Agency – civic association	Lebanon	199,999.97
6.	SAMRS/2021/HUM/1/1	Health care for internally displaced in Syria, Aleppo	St. Elisabeth College of Health and Social Work, n.o.	Syria	199,999.00
7.	SAMRS/2021/HUM/1/5	Mitigating economic and environmental crisis through supporting market environment, expert qualification and through building sewage infrastructure in Tripoli	People in Need Slovakia, n. o.	Lebanon	200,000.00
8.	SAMRS/2021/HUM/1/2	Securing drinking water for Bersava and Birstek municipalities	Slovak Catholic Charity	Iraq	200,000.00
9.	SAMRS/2021/RV/1/11	Global development education for public and journalists	People in Need Slovakia, n. o.	Slovakia	29,966.00
10.	SAMRS/2021/RV/1/10	Understanding diversity: supporting engagement of youth and building awareness of development cooperation in wide public in Slovakia	Slovak Youth Council	Slovakia	29 928.60
11.	SAMRS/2021/RV/1/15	Edugame: Girls vs. poverty	Impact Games	Slovakia	29,916.00
12.	SAMRS/2021/RV/1/5	Assistance – today and yesterday	Slovak Foundation for UNICEF	Slovakia	29,990.00
13.	SAMRS/2021/UA/1/5	Healthy water for Rivne	Association of Water Management Companies	Ukraine	199,373.00
14.	SAMRS/2021/UA/1/12	Supporting community development under decentralization reform in Luhansk through empowerment and connections with municipalities, implementing a collective WASH project	People in Need Slovakia, n. o.	Ukraine	90,909.00
15.	SAMRS/2021/MD/1/8	Improving quality of life of people in Rezin: securing access to sewage system	Regional Development Agency Senec-Pezinok	Moldova	198,200.00

List of supported projects in 2021

Project number	Project name	Contractor	Country	Approved grant (€)	
16.	SAMRS/2021/MD/1/6	Building good governance through supporting transparency, digitalization and social inclusion in Southern areas of Moldova	People in Need Slovakia, n. o.	Moldova	181,818.00
17.	SAMRS/2021/MD/1/2	Building functional and sustainable waste management system in Criuleni municipality	Slovak Catholic Charity	Moldova	200,000.00
18.	SAMRS/2021/GE/1/5	Building inclusive environment for children	Research Institute for Child Psychology and Patho-psychology	Georgia	86,217.50
19.	SAMRS/2021/GE/1/2	Developing communities along the administrative border line separating Chinvali region from the rest of Georgia with an emphasis on local self-governance and development	MESA10	Georgia	99,758.00
20.	SAMRS/2021/GE/1/1	Supported employment and service optimalization in labour policy in Georgia	TENENET	Georgia	96,063.00
21.	SAMRS/2021/KE/1/1	Scaling up capacities of the Philip Neri elementary school to secondary school – stage 3	St. Elisabeth College of Health and Social Work	Kenya	200,000.00
22.	SAMRS/2021/KE/1/5	Introducing manufacturing and use of a Slovak pulmonary ventilator Q-vent for a bridging therapy of COVID-19 patients and simple medical interventions	Faculty of Natural Sciences, Comenius University Bratislava	Kenya	128,603.20
23.	SAMRS/2021/KE/1/2	Quality health care with an emphasis on mothers and children in the Masol area	Dvojfarebný svet, o. z.	Kenya	200,000.00
24.	SAMRS/2021/ZB/1/1	Uplift the Western Balkans – scaling up start-up accelerator aiming for boosting investments for businesses in the region	Slovak Research and Development Agency, civic association	Albania, North Macedonia, Kosovo	135,490.00
25.	SAMRS/2021/ZB/1/5	Supporting efforts to attain the EU hygiene standards and involvement of female beekeepers in processing honey products in Vojvodina region	National Agricultural and Food Centre	Serbia	133,512.80
26.	SAMRS/2021/ZB/1/8	Building efficient state administration bodies for auditing labour medicine services in Serbia and North Macedonia	Regional Development Agency Senec-Pezinok	Serbia, North Macedonia	188,450.00
27.	SAMRS/2021/ZB/1/6	Supporting local democracy and transparency in Kosovo	Transparency International Slovakia	Kosovo*	95,754.00
28.	SAMRS/2021/ZB/1/2	National convent on the EU in Albania	SFRA - Slovak Foreign Policy Association's Research Centre	Albania	99,998.00
29.	SAMRS/2021/SSA/1/1	Supporting self-sustainability in food and access to drinking water in Cueilbet county	St. Elisabeth College of Health and Social Work	South Sudan	200,000.00

* The positions to the Statute are not impacted by this denomination which is in line with United Nations Security Council Resolution No. 1244/1999 and the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the declaration of independence of Kosovo in the whole document – Annual Report 2021.

List of supported projects in 2021

Project number	Project name	Contractor	Country	Approved grant (€)
30.	SAMRS/2021/PPP/1/9	ITAPA in the Eastern Partnership	Georgia/ Moldova	9,940.00
31.	SAMRS/2021/PPP/1/11	Increasing health care accessibility outside of health care centres through Scase medical solution	Albania/ Moldova	170,000.00
32.	SAMRS/2021/PPP/1/6	Designing project feasibility study for introducing a new safety component into road traffic – mobile shield wall for extraordinary events in Georgia	Georgia	10,000.00
33.	SAMRS/2021/PPP/1/13	Feasibility study – creating a collection point for plastic waste in Nigeria	Nigeria	10,000.00
TOTAL (€)				3,900,741.55



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Programme for posting volunteers and experts in developing countries

The posting of volunteers and volunteer experts in developing countries has long supported the achievement of Slovakia's ODA objectives in programme and partner countries, while also creating long-term partnerships between organisations and communities, preparing experts for development cooperation as well as raising public awareness of development topics and the importance of development cooperation.

The volunteers focus on the needs of local inhabitants. Examples include educational activities for local children and youth, securing health or material assistance for the most under-privileged groups in the local community, care for HIV-positive children and orphans, and provision of training and practical courses for young people to increase their chances of success in the labour market.

Personal experience with volunteering is not only a source of assistance for a partner country, but it is also an efficient way how to eliminate stereotypes. The volunteers get hands on experience with a different life style, broaden their perspectives and may potentially change their world view towards a more tolerant standpoint that contributes to cohesion. The volunteers acquire knowledge about a country, its culture and language skills, as well as new practical skills, and professional and intercultural experience in the development sector that cannot be acquired by working in Slovakia.

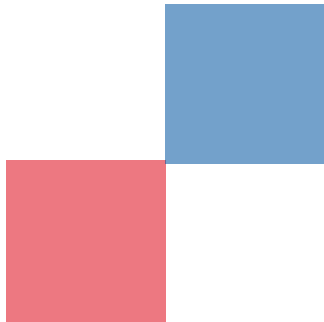
Total approved **allocation** for calls for grant proposals for posting volunteers and expert volunteers for 2021 was **€139,520**. Based on the recommendation of the MFEA SR evaluation committee, the Minister of Foreign and European Affairs approved 12 applications (out of a

total of 42 grant applications) of five beneficiaries, originally in seven countries. **Two** additional applications (see table) were put on **a list of potential replacement applications** (a newly introduced concept).

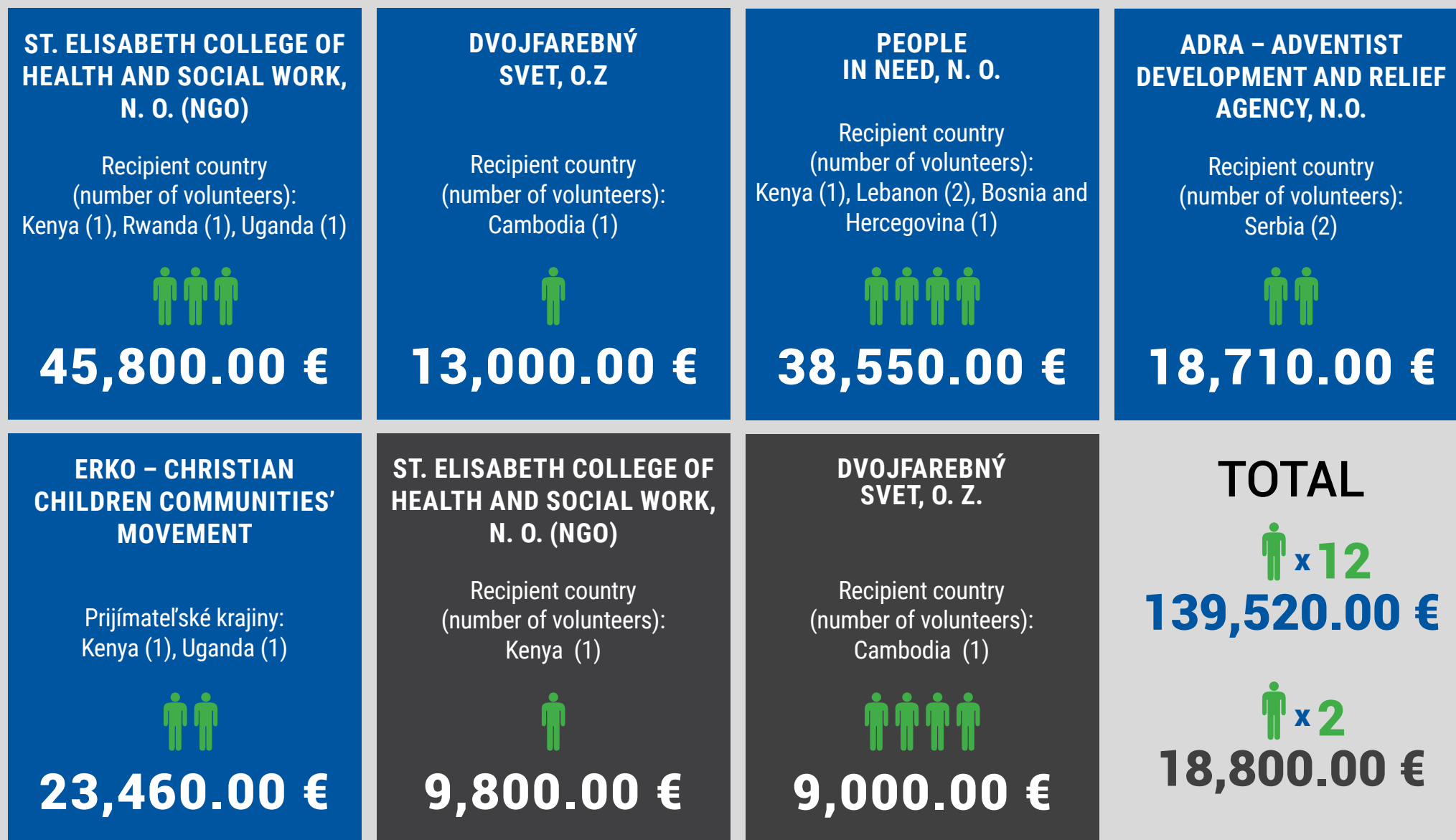
Due to COVID-19 related security and the epidemiological situation the Agency published a guideline conditioning the posting of a volunteer or expert volunteer in a developing country with a recommendation for posting issued by a Slovak embassy with competence over the country, where the posting was to occur, due to the ever-changing situation and high degree of vulnerability of those posted in the beneficiary countries. This condition was cancelled at the end of May, however, postings continued to be consulted with respective embassies in receiving countries.

Eleven contracts were signed (out of a total of 12 approved applications) with the beneficiaries by the end of August. One of the beneficiaries refrained from signing the contract (volunteer position in the project remained vacant). This project was thus substituted by the next highest ranked application from the list of potential replacement applications (since the budget for this project was €800 higher than that of the original one, the total allocation for approved projects was increased by the respective amount).

In line with the SAIDC guideline for beneficiaries in its call for the posting of volunteers and expert volunteers from 2020, the process of signing annexes to contracts also continued in 2021. Thus, annexes to thirteen projects (out of 18 in total) that will be implemented in 2022 were signed by the end of 2021. Since visas to some receiving countries were not issued, two beneficiaries used the possibility of changing the country where they were to be posted.



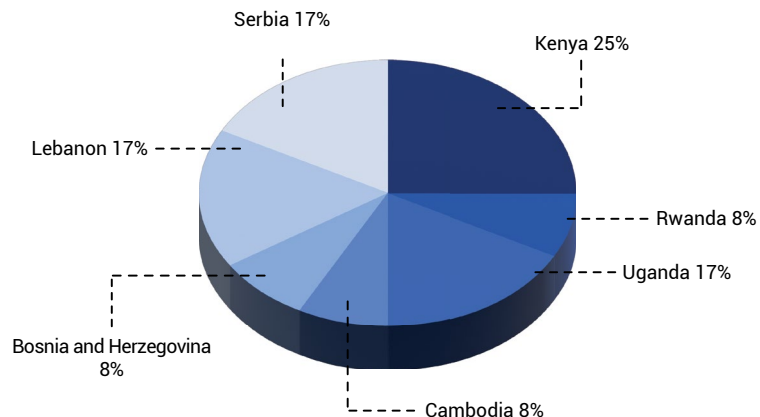
List of approved projects for the posting of volunteers and expert volunteers in 2021



List of approved projects

List of potential replacement applications

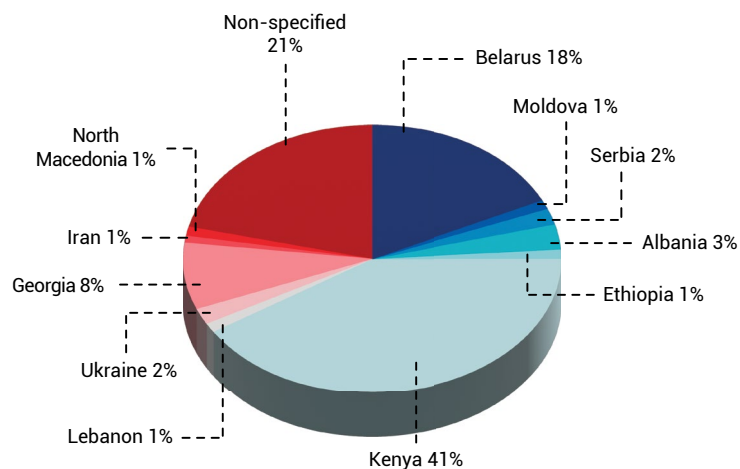
Number of volunteers/receiving countries in 2021 (%)



Financial contributions

Financial contributions provided based on the decision of the Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic is one of the flexible tools for development cooperation. Financial contributions were provided for urgent humanitarian need, bilateral and multilateral cooperation. 29 financial contributions in the total amount of €1,548,758 were provided in 2021.

Financial contributions by amount paid in receiving countries in 2021 (%)



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List of financial contributions provided in 2021

Purpose	Amount (€)	Country
Supporting independent journalists in Belarus	20,000.00	Belarus
Supporting independent newspaper Narodnaja voľa	20,000.00	Belarus
Financial support for families detained and prosecuted in Belarus	50,000.00	Belarus
Monitoring social media in Moldova – presidential elections 2020	12,198.00	Moldova
Financial contribution: securing COVID-19 tests for National Institute of Public Health	30,000.00	Serbia
Financial contribution for implementing SlovakAid Fellowship Program for Change Leaders (1st instalment)	58,225.00	Belarus
Supporting publishing of articles on the situation in Belarus	1,920.00	Belarus
Financial contribution for the Central University Hospital of Mother Theresia in Tirana to fight COVID-19 pandemics	30,000.00	Albania
Monitoring social media – methodology	8,560.00	Moldova
Providing financial contribution to support humanitarian project under the initiative Together for Ethiopia	5,000.00	Ethiopia
Providing financial contribution to support humanitarian project: Meeting immediate needs and psychosocial support to people inflicted by the conflict in Tigray region, Tearfund, Ethiopia (initiative Together for Ethiopia)	5,000.00	Ethiopia
Supporting two humanitarian projects: 1st urgent humanitarian response for people hit by war in Mekelle and four adjacent municipalities, 2nd securing elementary food aid and other basic needs for the internally displaced staying in Mekelle and surrounding areas (Together for Ethiopia initiative)	10,000.00	Ethiopia
Providing financial contribution to support the development activities of MEHHRO a non-governmental organization in Afghanistan	5,000.00	Afghanistan
Providing financial contribution to support International Accountability Platform for Belarus (IAPB)	50,000.00	Belarus
Financial contribution to Joint programming in Kenya under the Agreement and the 1st Annex to the Agreement (3rd instalment)	625,000.00	Kenya
Financial contribution to support humanitarian and rehabilitation activities of an organization working with people in need in Lebanon	10,000.00	Lebanon
Financial contribution to support humanitarian activities and projects of an organization focusing on social and economic integration of marginalized persons and communities in Lebanon	10,000.00	Lebanon
Providing financial contribution to pay for wages of medical doctors and health personnel in the resuscitation – health module established under the SlovakAid at the exit point at Luhansk Station and purchase of necessary medications and medical aids	30,000.00	Ukraine
Contribution for OBSE project implementation: Enhancing policies and strengthening the capacities, transparency and accountability of the Public Procurement System in Albania	20,000.00	Albania
SlovakAid project implementation - Fellowship Program for Change Leaders (2nd instalment)	54,025.00	Belarus
Supporting international election observation mission during municipal elections in Georgia (2.10.2021)	120,000.00	Georgia
Supporting project Playground Caritas	10,000.00	Belarus
Supporting Green monitor project – Environmental consciousness, green policies, transparency and accountability of elected decision makers	14,330.00	North Macedonia
Improving health care for children of Afghani refugees in Lebanon	10,000.00	Iran
Supporting project Healthy nation	9,500.00	Belarus
Project implementation: supporting health personnel in crisis situations	10,000.00	Belarus
Financial contribution for 2021 for Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (DCAF)	10,000.00	-
Financial contribution for 2021 for the International Security Sector Advisory Team of the Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (DCAF/ISSAT)	10,000.00	-
Supporting projects of OCCRP (Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project)	300,000.00	-
TOTAL (€)	1,548,758.00	

79
Approved
microgrants
in 15 countries
€621,765.66

Microgrants

Micro-grants are provided to non-governmental organisations, non-profit organisations, civic associations, local authorities, schools and health institutions registered in the country of competence of the Slovak diplomatic missions; for a period of six to twelve months from the date the agreement is

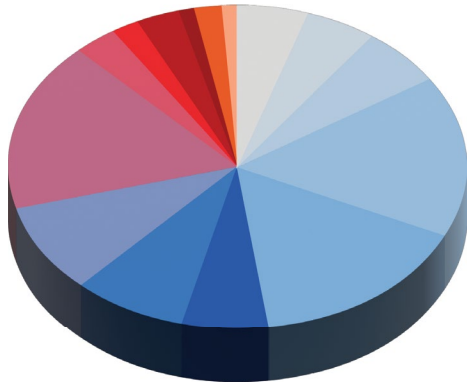
signed. The maximum amount of a microgrant is €10,000.00.

Budgets for individual partner countries are set according to the territorial priorities of the Medium-Term Strategy and the way microgrants were used. Microgrants 2021 could be implemented in six areas reflecting sustainable development goals and in two overarching topics: quality education, good health, good governance and civil society development, food safety and agriculture, infrastructure and sustainable use of natural resources, supporting the development of the business environment, environment and climate change, and equal opportunities. Slovak diplomatic missions could also implement microgrants aimed at fighting the COVID-19 pandemic and also supporting media freedom.

In 2021, 79 microgrants in 15 countries in the total amount of €621,765.66 were approved.

Country	Number of microgrants	Withdrawn budget (€)
Albania	3	29,994.70
Montenegro	5	29,970.00
Kosovo*	5	49,800.00
Moldova	11	108,328.00
Kenya	12	100,000.00
Georgia	10	97,310.00
Ethiopia	2	20,000.00
Bosnia and Herzegovina	7	39,999.98
North Macedonia	4	39,684.00
Brazil	1	4,979.13
Ukraine	13	57,001.63
Lebanon	2	14,421.00
Uzbekistan	1	9,700.00
Iraq	2	15,577.22
Indonesia	1	5,000.00
TOTAL (€)	79	621,765.66

Financial contributions for microgrants provided to partner countries in 2021 (%)



- Albania 5%
- Montenegro 5%
- Bosnia and Herzegovina 6%
- Georgia 16%
- Kenya 16%
- North Macedonia 6%
- Kosovo* 8%
- Ukraine 9%
- Moldova 17%
- Ethiopia 3%
- Uzbekistan 2%
- Iraq 3%
- Indonesia 1%
- Lebanon 2%
- Brazil 1%

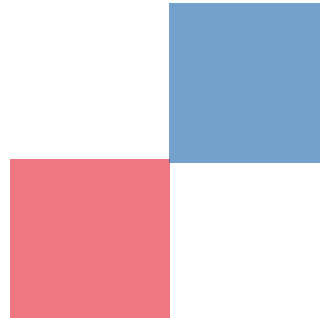


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Sharing Slovak Expertise Tool (SSE)

**SHARING
SLOVAK
EXPERTISE**
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The COVID-19 pandemic, which lasted throughout 2021, once again had a significant impact on the SSE project implementation which are centred on the provision and sharing of Slovak expertise through study trips, postings abroad and expert events.

Under the circumstances, only four projects were implemented in 2021 – two study trips in the first half and two postings of experts at the end of the year. Since the programme was launched in 2011 under the abbreviation CETIR and even after being rebranded in January 2019 as the SSE, a total of 195 sharing Slovak expertise projects had been implemented as of 31 December 2021.

Both study trips were organized in June 2021. The first one facilitated the participation of students from Serbia and Georgia in GLOBSEC 2021 Bratislava Forum as a follow up activity to a project from 2020. The project paid for the admission fees of two Georgian students and two Serbian students along with four tickets for online participation in the conference. The study trip consisted of sharing experience on global security, sustainability, the future of Europe and economic and political topics in the post-pandemic era.

The second study trip from Bosnia and Herzegovina was aimed at sharing Slovak experience in the area of asylum, migration and the integration of state policies. The delegation also visited several specialized centres of the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic and the Migration Office of the Slovak Republic in the South and East of the country. A Memorandum on Cooperation between the Slovak Republic and Bosnia and Herzegovina was signed in September 2021.

In November 2021, experts from the SOUKENÍK – ŠTRPKA law firm were sent to Uzbekistan with the goal of sharing knowledge and Slovak experience in training judges on the International Arbitration Court of the Uzbek Republic. A Memorandum on Cooperation was signed during the conference.

The last approved project was a follow up to a study tour from Bosnia and Herzegovina from June 2021. SAIDC supported three postings of experts from the Slovak Ministry to Bosnia and Herzegovina focused on offering expertise and exchanging experience on how to create asylum related supportive, safe and stable conditions for migrants and workers. During their posting the experts visited various social institutions and several temporary centres for migrants. Total funds withdrawn from the budget of €80,000 earmarked for SSE in 2021 equalled €19,461.84 (24.33 %).



List of approved SSE activities and their implementation in 2021

SSE ALLOCATION FOR 2021
€80,000.00

TOTAL SPENDING AS OF 31. 12. 2021*
€19,461.84

SERBIA/ GEORGIA

Students of the Faculty of Political Sciences from Belgrade at GLOBSEC 2021 – Project 1 + Project 6/2020 (€5,171)

Study visit
14.06.-18.06.



4 participants

€7,171.00

2,738.80*

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Helping hand (study visit of a delegation from Bosnia and Herzegovina focusing on migration)

Study visit
06.-12.06.



5 participants

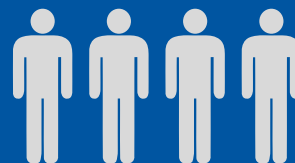
€11,680.00

6,435.16*

UZBEKISTAN

Training judges on the International Arbitration Court of the Uzbek Republic

Posting experts
08.-14.11.



4 participants

€7,344.00

7,110.00*

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Posting experts from the Migration Office of the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic to Bosnia and Herzegovina

Posting experts
1: 17.10.-19.10.
2: 02.-05.11.
3: 08.-11.11.



12 participants

€9,600.00

3,177.88*

*Real spending in € (as of 31. 12. 2021)

PROCEDURAL MANAGEMENT

OF DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION IN 2021

The state of emergency declared by the Government of the Slovak Republic on 16 March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic was cancelled by a resolution of the Slovak Government taking effect as of 15 May 2021. Stricter measures of a various nature were also continuously adopted in the program and project countries participating in the Slovak Republic's development cooperation, which had a negative impact on the implementation of SlovakAid projects. Therefore, in the first half of 2021, all activities for grant applicants and beneficiaries were carried out online, in line with issued methodological guidelines setting the rules and procedures for the application process, approval and use of grants, including specification of the project's accounting method.


Calls for grant proposals

All mandatory application annexes and forms were updated in cooperation with smop/orpo mfea sr and relevant diplomatic missions of the slovak republic. The calls were open in line with the focus approved by the slovak government. In addition to the traditional/standard calls following the focus, the saidc opened two new calls to support development interventions in ukraine and the transfer of experience to georgia. The eastern partnership call (ukraine, moldova and georgia) and the humanitarian call for ukraine were not open in 2021.

All calls launched in 2021 included overarching topics, sectoral priorities and specific objectives based on the medium-term strategy. Eligible

activities and indicators were defined for each specific objective. The result indicators in question were specified in accordance with the sectoral priorities of the slovak oda and in line with six national priorities or main areas of the 2030 agenda implementation.





The SAIDC has introduced new eligibility criteria in calls in terms of compliance with overarching topics - Equal Opportunities and Environmental Protection. The SAIDC produced a checklist compliance form with the principles of overarching topics and their integration into the eligible project activities under the grant application. The checklist was included in the annexes of the grant application. The SAIDC prepared a methodological guideline on overarching topics for the applicants and beneficiaries applying for/ implementing projects of development cooperation and humanitarian aid funded by the Slovak Republic in 2021. The guideline is published on the SAIDC website.

In view of the unpredictable situation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, affecting projects for the posting of volunteers and volunteer experts approved in 2020 and 2021, the Agency prepared an affidavit template on health protection in the event of an adverse situation threatening the safety and health of a volunteer or volunteer expert in a partner country.

Following the cooperation with the Platform of Development Organisations - Ambreia and subsequently with an external law firm, all templates of grant agreements were updated, namely by adding a new article on capital expenditure spending into the template.

In February, the SAIDC conducted two online information seminars for 2021 grant applicants. SAIDC project and finance managers provided participants with expert and practical information through presentations and discussions on each call. During the period of the calls for grant applications, applicants could ask for advice and guidance from relevant SAIDC staff with the aim of improving the quality of grant applications.

Submission and evaluation of grant applications

All applications submitted under the individual calls were evaluated in accordance with the OECD DAC quality criteria and the Statutes of the MFEA SR Evaluation Commission of grant applications for development cooperation and for bid evaluation for development cooperation contracts by external expert evaluators and by the relevant MFEA SR Evaluation Commission of grant applications (a total of seven meetings were held).

In order to optimise the qualitative external evaluation of SAIDC grant applications, a call for external expert evaluators was opened until the end of March. This invited 18 new experts to apply for inclusion in the list of external reviewers in the ISO database. Following the principles of transparency, a new selection system by a three-member SAIDC panel, was established. One of the preconditions for participation in the evaluation process was the mandatory online participation of external evaluators in online training sessions organised by SAIDC. The training sessions were held on three dates, depending on the submission deadline of each call. All external expert evaluators signed a work contract with SAIDC, non-disclosure agreement and a declaration on conflict of interest. The list of external evaluators involved in the 2021 evaluation process is published on the SAIDC website.

The SAIDC also organised several online trainings and seminars for grant beneficiaries - in March a training on rules on withdrawing funds for capital expenditures in projects of development cooperation and humanitarian aid (with approved budget line for capital expenditures); and in September a seminar on managing approved projects in SAIDC/2021 calls.

In October, the SAIDC and MFEA SR, in cooperation with UNDP, organized two online trainings on integration of overarching topics into the development cooperation and humanitarian aid tools of the Slovak Republic. The trainings followed the publication of two UNDP guides for integration of the overarching topics into development cooperation and humanitarian aid instruments of the Slovak Republic (Guide to Gender Equality in Development Cooperation Projects and Guide for the Integration of Overarching Topic of Environment and Climate Change into Development Cooperation Instruments of the Slovak Republic). The lecturers were Oľga Pietruchová (gender equality) and Henrieta Martoňáková (environment and climate change).

Presentations from all seminars and training sessions were published on the SAIDC's website, along with Q&As.

Project monitoring

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no on-site monitoring was carried out in the first half of the year. In the second half of 2021, two monitoring visits to SlovakAid projects implemented in the ODA SR program countries – Georgia and the Republic of Moldova - took place.

Microgrants and grants implemented under the SlovakAid brand were monitored as part of the trip of the state secretary of the MFEA SR, Ms. Brocková to Georgia in October. The monitoring proved the funds were duly and efficiently used. The support provided through microgrants and grants improved the quality of life and health of the population in remote mountain villages by developing their own waste management infrastructure in accordance with the local waste management plan and other national legislative requirements (the Secretary of State ceremonially handed over special waste collection

vehicles suitable for alpine terrain to the residents of the municipality of Oni); raised the standard of living of the local population in the Rača Lečchumi and Kvemo Svaneti regions and helped the locals to cope better with the economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic through material and technical support for small and medium-sized enterprises and socially vulnerable families (e.g. improving the quality of stay in the day centre for children with severe disabilities; purchase of laboratory equipment for wine quality testing, which will make it easier for the regional laboratory to certify the production of local winegrowers).

Monitoring of projects and microgrants of the official development cooperation of the Slovak Republic in Chisinau and the Autonomous Region of Gagauzia took place during the subsequent trip by the State Secretary of MFEA SR. The projects included e.g. supported laboratory of the Academy of Cyber Security at the University of Technology in Moldova, the Youth of Gaguzia youth centre in Komrata and the client centre in Ceadir-Lunge, shared kitchen of the agri-food incubator in Riscova, and the children's social and rehabilitation centre for battered children and children with (mental) disabilities in Ceadir-Lunge.



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Cooperation with the business sector

The objectives of the New Business Partnerships Programme (hereinafter the “PPP”) are to **support synergies between the development cooperation objectives of the Slovak Republic and business objectives in developing countries**, create new business partnerships and build sustainable capacities of local partners, mobilise private resources to strengthen Slovak development activities, support Slovak business entities in establishing themselves in developing countries and facilitate the access of local enterprises to global value chains.

The SAIDC opened a call for PPPs with an allocation of €500,000 on 1 February 2021. By the deadline on 15 March, fourteen applications had been submitted. **Interest** in grants from this programme among the **entrepreneurs has been steadily growing** since the launch of the PPP scheme in 2019, which was confirmed by the number of received applications in 2021. PPP allows entrepreneurs to submit projects in **two categories**. The first category - Preparation is intended for entrepreneurs who are not yet familiar with the market environment in a developing country and need to establish potential business partnerships within the local private sector. The second category - implementation is intended for entrepreneurs who have already found local partners in the receiving country and are able to implement their business plans directly there. One applicant can theoretically submit up to three projects in one call – two in the Preparation category (one feasibility study and one business plan) and one in the Implementation category. The PPP is governed by its own state aid scheme de minimis with cap amount of support for one SME of €200,000. The MFEA SR Evaluation Committee for PPP grants discussed submitted applications at its May meeting. Four applications were recommended for approval in a total amount of €199,940. Upon approval by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic, contracts with beneficiaries were signed by the end of September 2021. Three smaller projects in the 'Preparation' category

were launched in Georgia, Georgia/Moldova and Nigeria by the end of the year. One larger telemedicine project in the Implementation category was launched in Albania/Moldova.

The SAIDC provided on-going consultations on budgeting, travel and the transport of goods to the destination countries for new beneficiaries. In September, the SAIDC organized an information seminar for them. Likewise, a webinar on cost accounting was organized for the beneficiaries of the PPP project grants from 2020 and 2019 in October.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, several beneficiaries from 2019 extended the duration of their projects to the maximum (until autumn 2021). **By the end of 2021, three projects from 2020 and nine projects from 2019 were administratively completed.** Due to the pandemic, two grant recipients withdrew from their contracts in 2019, while no project costs were incurred and no payments were made to the implementers.

Other activities under the Business Partnerships Program

In cooperation with the MF SR, Eximbanka and MFEA SR, the SAIDC participates in the preliminary evaluation of applications for preferential export credits. In 2021, the SAIDC participated in the evaluation of three applications. At the same time, the Agency communicates on the set up of preferential/soft loans in the context of policy coherence for sustainable development with representatives of civil society, including organisations associated in the Ambrella Platform for Development Organisations.

In February, the SAIDC participated in the online OECD 2021 Blended Finance & Impact Week event. In March 2021, it was involved in the preparation of the MFEA SR application aimed at the establishment of the Unicef OOI Hub in Slovakia.

In 2021, the SAIDC also cooperated with UNDP and MFEA SR on the development of two other tools to support the involvement of entrepreneurs

How to GET FUNDS

for development project
State tools for Slovak entrepreneurs



Spracovanie makadamových orechov pracovníčkami fabriky v Athi River. Ide o prevádzku, ktorá vznikla aj vďaka podpore z finančných prostriedkov rozvojovej spolupráce SR.
Autorka: Veronika Macsai



in development cooperation – Rozvojmajstri and UNDP Slovak Challenge Fund. The SAIDC actively participated in regular monthly online meetings organized by UNDP, where it coordinated the involvement of entrepreneurs in development cooperation together with the MFEA SR, MF SR and Eximbanka. Under the format, a joint promotional leaflet on various financial instruments was produced in 2021.

The SAIDC representatives actively participated in online events and webinars on the Private Sector Engagement – PSE development cooperation and participated in the preparation of one of the ODA Learning Series 2021 events organized by the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic together with the OECD and UNDP on 26 May 2021 on Pay for Success Strategy: Social Impact Bonds.

As part of the cooperation between MFEA SR and UNDP, a call for project proposals financed under the Slovak Challenge Fund was launched on 1 June. Of the more than thirty applications, the Expert Panel selected six business intentions. These are projects supporting the transfer of innovative business solutions in four sectors to Moldova and North Macedonia, with a maximum subsidy of \$40,000 per project.

In March 2021, the SAIDC presented its activities dedicated to

the involvement of entrepreneurs in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic at the Practitioners Network Private Sector Working Group webinar, where experiences from the V4 project in Kenya, PPP and the humanitarian challenge in 2020 were shared.

In May, the SAIDC participated in a meeting with the Kenyan Meteorological Office and their Slovak business partners at the MFEA SR. The SAIDC participated in a two day event titled *Z regiónov do sveta in the Trnava region*, organized by MFEA SR in June 2021.

During autumn, the SAIDC participated in the preparation of a Team Europe initiative titled *Investing in Young Businesses in Africa* as part of the Practitioners Network for European Development Cooperation – a multi-agency collaboration of development agencies (the possibilities of implementing the initiative in Kenya were discussed with a development diplomat in Nairobi). The SAIDC co-organised a roundtable on engaging entrepreneurs in development cooperation as part of the Export Forum 2021 on 28 September 2021.

In December, representatives of the SAIDC and a Diplomatic mission presented the involvement of entrepreneurs in ODA and the context of the economic situation in the country at a SARIO webinar on the upcoming business mission to Rwanda and Kenya. The SAIDC also had a presentation at the online event *First Meeting of the OECD-DAC Task Force on Foresight for Sustainable Development Finance*.

The SAIDC consulted a number of companies interested in engaging in the ODA instruments in the context of the pandemic and connected them with the Rozvojmajstri, UNDP and MFEA SR on a continuous basis; in cooperation with MFEA SR and MF SR, it addressed the possibilities of reporting on development cooperation through the new TOSSD methodology; and consulted the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic on the possibilities of engaging in the ODA SR.



Cooperation with international partners

UNDP

In 2021, cooperation between MFEA SR and UNDP continued under the framework of the UNDP-Slovakia Partnership: Effective Development Cooperation Solutions for the SDGs..

USAID

The cooperation between the MFEA SR and USAID continued through 2021. In March, a videoconference was held with the participation of representatives of the USAID, MFEA SR (ORPO, Diplomatic mission (DM) in Washington, DM Chisinau, DM Tbilisi, DM Belgrade, DM Sarajevo and DM Kiev) and the SAIDC. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the extension of the current Memorandum of Understanding and initiate the identification of specific joint projects in the partner countries. **The Memorandum of Understanding between MFEA SR and USAID** was valid for a period of three years (from November 14, 2018 to November 14, 2021). Both parties agreed to extend the MoU, confirming their commitment with the signatures of the Minister of MFEA SR and the USAID Administrator. The first result of this ongoing cooperation between SlovakAid and USAID will be a joint project to strengthen the financial sustainability of Georgian civil society, using the know-how of Slovak NGOs (with the financial participation of SlovakAid in the value of two hundred thousand euros of the USAID Civil Society Engagement Program in Georgia).

Projects implemented in Moldova and North Macedonia in 2021 were carried out under the framework of cooperation with USAID, through SlovakAid's financial contribution of \$300,000 (Comunitatea Mea Programme) in Moldova and in North Macedonia through a project with a total budget of \$240,000 with equal contribution by both organizations (\$120,000 each). The SlovakAid-funded phase of the project in North Macedonia was concluded with an online

plenary session of the National Convention on 27 May 2021. SlovakAid supported the organization of ten working group meetings during the first phase of the project. The first USAID-funded project activity, a working group meeting focused on Youth and Employment, was held on June 15. Thanks to USAID support, four more working group meetings were organized, and eight Program Board meetings were organized to prepare a substantive part of the working groups. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, most of the project activities were mainly carried out online.

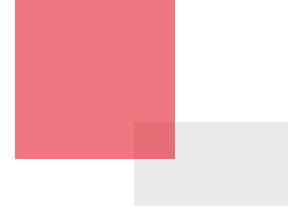
The projects implemented in Moldova within the framework of cooperation with USAID were implemented in the following areas: 1. Higher accessibility of municipal services to citizens and 2. Strengthening citizen participation in local government activities, both with a contribution of \$150,000. In the first area, co-financing was provided for the expansion of the wastewater management system in Straseni municipality with the aim of constructing a wastewater pumping station, a pressure pipe and a gravity sewer. Under the second area, a contribution of \$150,000 was used to set up client centres in the municipalities of Cimislia, Ialoveni, Drochia, Costesti, Straseni and Vulcanesti (\$80,000). The support was used for the renovation of premises and purchase of necessary equipment. The remainder of the contribution (\$70,000), was used to enhance the efficiency of the client centres in Carpineni, Calarasi, Singere, Soroca, Singereii Noi, Donduseni and Copceac. The client centres received necessary IT equipment, including computers, network equipment and peripherals. Staff of the municipal offices received training in relevant areas in order to improve the quality of citizen information services. Seven client centres were ceremonially opened on 31 January 2022.

In 2021, three development projects implemented by Slovak entities in Serbia, Moldova and Ukraine were approved under the US Government's Development Cooperation Partnership ("DCP") grant scheme. A Memorandum of Understanding between the MFEA SR and USAID regarding the project on Hygiene, Prevention and Health Care for the Homeless in Belgrade during COVID-19 was signed in Belgrade on

May 28. The Memorandum ensured the continuation of the project implemented by the civil association ADRA with the support of SlovakAid within the framework of the 2020 call for humanitarian projects under the same name. USAID's financial contribution under the DCP grant scheme amounted to \$120,000. The project was implemented from 8 June 2021 to 7 February 2022 (8 months), and assistance was provided to 1,807 people.

3,182 interventions were provided within the framework of health and preventive care. Psychosocial support was provided to 175 vulnerable persons; in total, 2,624 interventions were made in the area of psychosocial services. Further project activities included the distribution of care packages and basic articles to the homeless: 1,053 hygiene and 754 food packages, 247 pairs of shoes and 1,309 packages of new clothes. The target group also got access to hairdressing services and regular access to laundry and showers. A total of 6,554 water and sanitation interventions/services were provided under the project. Under the DCP program, the USAID also approved support for the European Migration Agency's project proposal *Quality Workforce for the IT Sector in Moldova: Establishment of a Cybersecurity Academy - Phase 2* in the total amount of \$120,000. The implementation period lasted fourteen months.

The initiative is a follow-up to a completed project *Quality Workforce for the IT Sector in Moldova: digital training for young women and the creation of a Cyber Security Academy*, supported by SlovakAid. The follow-up project will boost the technical equipment of the Cybersecurity Academy laboratory, preparation of the curriculum for the year-round operation of a specialised cybersecurity training course and course implementation for twenty students during the academic year 2021/2022. The project will also develop curriculum for a specialised course *Women in Cybersecurity* and implementation of its pilot phase for 30 young women. The five best graduates will get an internship at the ESET company. The project was launched in September 2021 with the first part of a year-long *Cyber Security Academy* course – subject



aimed at enhancing soft skills. The teaching of the second part of this subject was scheduled for March 2022. New curricula on cybersecurity for young people interested in the ICT sector was also designed. It will be launched during a Spring Bootcamp in April 2022.

The final phase of the project implemented by the People in Need, n. o., organization in Nyzhnetepivska Hromada, Ukraine was carried out through the DCP grant scheme. The project was launched on 20 July 2021 and completed on 28 February 2022. The \$100,000 project aimed at supporting vulnerable populations in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic by building water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) system, strengthening the capacity of local populations in WASH literacy, and developing Safe Access to Safe Drinking Water Plan for local communities.

During the project implementation, water supply infrastructure (water storage tanks and submersible pumps) as well as sewerage connections for eight schools, three nursing/care homes for older adults and two hospitals were built. This project activity served 64,000 beneficiaries. Among other things, new toilets were constructed in the nursing/care homes for older adults. A plan for safe access to safe drinking water for the local population was developed in cooperation with the Norwegian Refugee Council and coordinated with UNICEF's needs. It offers proposals for sustainable solutions in Nyzhnetepivska Hromada and the Popasna catchment area, which has long faced inadequate water infrastructure with frequent drinking water supply outages.

On 15 July 2021, the headquarters of the European Democracy Youth Network (hereafter the "EDYN") was inaugurated in Bratislava in the presence of the Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic, Ivan Korčok. This is a USAID initiative that brings together young political leaders and civic activists interested in politics, civil

society, and free media in the countries of Central, Eastern, and Southeast Europe. The opening of the EDYN office in Slovakia highlights the importance of development cooperation between the Slovak Republic and the USA. The project Green monitor - Environmental consciousness, green policies, transparency and accountability of elected decision makers is implemented under the framework of Slovakia's cooperation with the EDYN network, in Northern Macedonia. It is implemented by a local NGO Centre for Intercultural Dialogue. Following the model of the project of the Slovak organisation Institute for a Well Governed Society - demagog.sk, a website greenmonitor.mk will be created. The project budget of €28,660 euro is covered equally by the Slovak Republic and EDYN.



UNESCO

A Memorandum of Understanding with UNESCO, effective until 2030, was signed on 13 December 2018. The first joint project is being implemented in the Turkana region of Kenya in the area of water management. The project aims to ensure sustainable access to potable water, improve livelihoods and food security, and promote the health and hygiene of local shepherd communities. The project is being implemented by Caritas Lodwar - Lobur Catholic Mission, a local organisation that has long been active in the water and sanitation sector in the Turkana region.

The two-year project started on 8 July 2020 and will run until 8 July 2022. After the start of the project, an online Steering Committee meeting was carried out on 19 February 2021 with the participation of representatives from UNESCO Paris, UNESCO Nairobi, SAIDC, MFEA SR, diplomatic mission in Nairobi, the Permanent Delegation of the Slovak Republic to UNESCO in Paris, representatives of the Government of Kenya and Caritas Lodwar - Lobur Catholic Mission. The aim of the meeting was to present the project interim results and recommendations for improving the efficiency of the upcoming phase of project implementation. On 15 May 2021, the local partner - Caritas Lodwar - Lobur Catholic Mission submitted the second project interim narrative report to UNESCO, which was received by MFEA SR and SAIDC from UNESCO on 27 September 2021.

In 2021, ten campaigns on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene - WASH (4,042 participants from twenty rural areas) and a three-day workshop on water, sanitation and environmental protection (49 participants from nine rural areas) were held under the project, along with a training on rainwater harvesting and reforestation methods (32 participants from two rural areas), a youth festival on hygiene and sanitation (50 participants), technical supervision over making a borehole in the village of Natukorae, and a three-day intensive workshop on the maintenance of local pumping systems (38 participants from sixteen

rural areas). In October 2021, a workshop on the production of bio-bricks was conducted for 21 women aged 20 to 56 years from the village of Nariokotome, with the aim of making energy management more efficient and reducing deforestation in the region.

The infrastructure component of the project included the installation of watering points for domestic animals in Maisa and Natukorae, wind-solar dual pumps in Napak and Kopotia, and the construction of a drainage system at the hospital in Lokitaung, including placement of a solar pump, water tanks and a public fountain in the village of Lobur (also funded by other international donors). Rehabilitation of liman-based irrigation fields in the Loitakabila dam area and the construction of a waste incineration unit in Lobur are also underway. A new “water team” of experts has also been formed to secure maintenance of the existing water systems (e.g. boreholes or hand pumps) and for supplying spare parts needed for repairing non-functioning or damaged water systems in Kibish and Turkana North districts even after the project completion. In March 2021, a five-day training of team members was organized by the Water Institute of Kenya. Two more five-day training sessions on microbial water analysis and chemical water quality testing were conducted in September 2021.

Cooperation in the area of global education

Global Development Education (hereinafter the “GDE”) is part of the development cooperation of the Slovak Republic. The total allocation for grant applications for global and development education projects in 2021 was €120,000.

As a part of a pilot evaluation of fourteen SlovakAid GDE projects, the Final Evaluation Report was published at the end of January 2021. Its results and recommendations will be followed up in the long term. They were also beneficial during the process of preparing the new Global Education Strategy 2022-2026, which is part of the national consultation process, also supported by GENE - Global Education Network Europe.

From 29 to 30 April 2021, the 44th edition, now virtual, of the GENE Roundtable was organized and the SAIDC presented a so-called National Report. The theme of the Roundtable was presentations of reports from member countries as well as changes or challenges in the field of global education in the last six months.

The GENE Quality Award online ceremony on Quality and Good Examples in Global Education across Europe took place on 19 May 2021. The SAIDC discussed the meaning of quality in global education. The project Eduhra on Migration: the Aaron’s Dilemma, nominated by the SAIDC as well as the MESRS SR, was awarded a certificate recognizing quality in global education. The project was supported directly by the SAIDC funds under the 2020 GDE Call for Projects and is implemented by Butterfly Effect and Impact Games. During 2021, the MFEA SR, MESRS SR and GENE started to implement the activities they had committed to under the Cooperation Agreement. Later on, several joint meetings were held during the year to discuss implemented or planned activities under the Cooperation Agreement.

Online 45. GENE Roundtable was carried out on 17-18 November 2021, where the reports from member countries, introductions and consultations related to the process of preparing the European Declaration on Global Education 2050 were presented. The feedback from the discussion will thus serve as one of the background materials for the first draft of the Declaration.

Joint V4 project in the Republic of Kenya

In 2021, the implementation of a joint V4 project worth €1.9 million continued in the coastal areas of Kilifi, Kwale and Lamu in Kenya. The main project objective was to support the development of coastal provinces by creating jobs and increasing food security. The specific objective is to improve the socio-economic situation of 15 thousand small farmers and create new jobs through BIO and Fair Trade cashew nut production. Special emphasis was placed on supporting women and youth.



Currently, 16,010 farmers are involved in the project, of which 54.98% are men and 45.02% are women (6,741 farmers in Kilifi, 7,172 farmers in Kwale and 2,097 farmers in Lamu). The SAIDC's is a grant manager in the project and the main coordinator and implementer of part of the activities. Institutions and organisations from the V4 countries that actively participate in the project include: the Czech University of Agriculture in Prague, the Hungarian University of Agriculture and Natural Sciences and the Polish Foundation Science for Development. The main local partners are Ten Senses Africa (TSA) and Farm Africa (which completed its part of the project activities on 31 August 2020). The diplomatic missions of the V4 countries in Kenya regularly carry out on site monitoring of the project's progress and contribute with their valuable advice and recommendations.

Key project activities include Fair Trade and Organic training for farmers, establishment of seedling nurseries in Kwale, Kilifi and Lamu regions, training of farmers in farming practices and associated distribution of quality cashew seedlings, training of target groups to form community self-help groups, collective management, conflict prevention and basic financial literacy,

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Farmári si vďaka predaju ekologicky vypestovaných orechov v rámci systému spravodlivého obchodu (FairTrade) môžu významne zvýšiť svoj príjem. Za certifikované BIO a FairTrade orechy dostanú drobní farmári o 15 – 20 % viac ako pri bežnom výkupe. Predpokladaný priemerný nárast celkového príjmu rodiny farmára, ktorý prejde školením a prijme všetky odporúčané opatrenia, je až 50 %.



V rámci FairTrade majú farmári garantovanú minimálnu výkupnú cenu za dopestované kešu orechy, čo pre nich zaručuje príležitosť pre stály príjem a dôstojný život.

Under FairTrade scheme, farmers have a guaranteed minimum purchase price for their cashew nut production which provides them with the opportunity for a stable income and a decent living.

Farmers can significantly increase their income thanks to the sale of organically grown cashew nuts under the FairTrade scheme. Smallholder farmers receive 15-20 % more income for certified BIO and FairTrade cashew nuts than for conventionally grown nuts. Estimated average increase in total household income for a farmer who undergoes training and is willing to apply all recommended measures, is up to 50 %.



training to increase dietary diversity and streamline cashew nut processing processes. The project met most of the expected measurable indicators in training, organic and fair trade certification, number of farmers involved and nurseries established. For the coming period, the priority is to distribute the remaining 119,835 seedlings to meet the project target. Since the start of the project, a total of 780,165 seedlings have been distributed to farmers out of a total expected number of 900,000 seedlings. The lower distribution of cashew seedlings to farmers was due to the delay in the arrival of the rainy season (the so-called long rainy season) and also due to the COVID-19 pandemic (movement and restrictions on gathering).

Since June 2019, the cashew nut production in the project is BIO/Organic certified (Ecocert) and since July 2019 Fair Trade certified (World Fair Trade Organization). With the Organic and Fair Trade certifications, farmers are guaranteed premium farmgate prices for their harvested crops, as well as increased demand for their production, among other related benefits. The validity of both certificates was automatically extended in 2021 as auditors and inspectors were unable to travel to the project sites due to anti-pandemic measures.

Due to the adverse situation associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and the postponement of the planned working trip of the Secretary of State of the MFEA SR Ingrid Brock to Kenya, THE SAIDC on 11 January 2022 requested the EU DEL Nairobi to extend the project implementation period at no cost increase by three months until 31 January 2022. The programme of the working visit of the State Secretary of the MFEA SR Ingrid Brock to Kenya will also include the closing ceremony of the V4 project with the participation of the V4 Ambassadors in Kenya, and representatives of the MFEA SR and SAIDC. The project will be followed by the planned construction of a cashew nut processing factory in Kilifi. Although the construction of the factory is not covered by the project funds, its opening is desirable to achieve the overall sustainability of the initiative. The construction of the factory building is financed through a TSA loan and the technical equipment of the factory will be

provided through grants from AgriFI Kenya Challenge Fund and NORAD (Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation) as well as TSA co-financing. The completion date for the construction of the factory building is scheduled for the end of March/beginning of April 2022.

On 11 November 2021, the SAIDC, as the lead project coordinator, presented a the project implementation progress report to the EU Delegation in Nairobi in the form of an annual narrative and financial report for the period from September 12, 2020 to September 11, 2021. The EU DEL Nairobi approved the annual project narrative report on January 17, 2022. The annual financial report will be audited by the EU DEL Nairobi after the end of the project implementation.

SPENDING IN 2021

The total approved budget (expenditures) of SAIDC for 2021 was €8,912,821.00. The budget was revised to €7,083,780 through budgetary measures. The real consumption as of 31 December 2021 was €6,948,192 i.e. 98.09%.

Funds in category 610 (Salaries, pay, service income and other **personal pay**) were spent in line with the revised budget in the amount of €378.691.67, t. j. 99.77% of the revised budget.

Funds in category 620 (Insurance and contribution to insurance

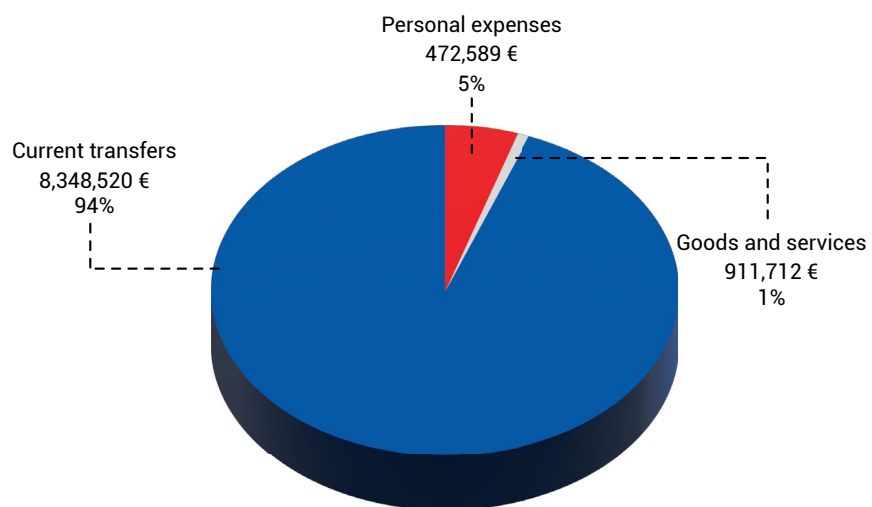
companies) were spent in line with the revised budget in the amount of €143,298.29, i.e. 99.60%, of the revised budget.

Funds in category 630 (Goods and services) were spent in line with the budget in the amount of €251,783.71, i.e. 98.72% of the revised budget.

Funds in category 640 (Current transfers) were spent in line with the budget in the amount of €5,109,301.53, i.e. 97.50% of the revised budget.

As of 31 December 2021, a total amount of €5,109,043.93 was awarded to ODA SR projects; of that, €993,060.27 was spent from Source 131J (unused funds for ODA SR from 2019), €1,172,782.18 was spent from Source 131K (unused funds for ODA SR from 2020) and €2,943,193.48 was spent from Source 111 (funds budgeted for 2021).

SAIDC – Approved budget for 2021



SAIDC – approved budget under Contract for 2021

		Economic classification	Description	Approved budget (€)
1.		610	Wages, salaries, service income and other personal pay	352,149.00
2.		620	Insurance premiums and contributions to insurance companies	120,440.00
3.	1+2		Personal expenses total	472,589.00
4.		630	Goods and services	91,712.00
5.		630	Goods and services total	91,712.00
6.		640	Current transfers	8,348,520.00
7.		640	Current transfers total	8,348,520.00
8.		720	Capital transfers	0
10.	3+5+7+9		TOTAL	8,912,821.00

Spending from 1 January to 31 December 2021

Economic classification	Approved budget	Adjusted budget (€)	Withdrawn (€)	%share to adjusted budget
610	352,149	379,574	378,692	99.77%
620	120,440	143,877	143,298	99.60%
630	91,712	255,044	251,784	98.72%
640	8,348,520	5,240,169	5,109,302	97.50%
Z toho ODA	8,346,860	5,234,730	5,103,863	97.50%
720	0	1,065,116	1,065,116	100%
TOTAL	8,912,821	7,083,780	6,948,192	98.09%

Spending for SAIDC operation and activities by 2021 ODA SR Focus

4	SAIDC operation and activities	Allocation by Focus in 2021 (€)	Real spending as of 31 December 2021 (€)
4.1	Development diplomats (KE, MD, GE)	250,000.00	233,702.00 ²
4.2	Informing public	70,000.00	52,161.81
4.3	Building capacities of SAIDC and ODA stakeholders	10,000.00	3,691.22 ³
4.4	Project audit	60,000.00	60,411.00 ⁴
4.5	SAIDC administrative costs	564,301.00	622,963.80 ⁵
4.6	Project evaluation	50,000.00	50,880.00 ⁶
4.7	Joint V4 project in Republic of Kenya from the state budget operation ⁷		15,341.60
TOTAL		1,004,301.00	1,039,151.49

² Real expenditures for development diplomats are set according to the FINO MDEA SR calculation.

³ Multiple trainings were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

⁴ Higher number of projects submitted for external audit.

⁵ Increased expenditures for one SAIDC position not covered by the budget (wages, payroll deductions, goods and services).

⁶ Increased costs for project evaluation pursuant to the contract (public procurement of MFEA SR).

⁷ Note: remuneration paid on contracts for a project and financial manager and reimbursement of travel costs.

OVERVIEW OF PROJECTS

COMPLETED IN 2021

Development cooperation and humanitarian aid projects



AFGHANISTAN

ODA SR grant:

€99,976.00

Project name: Supporting education in renewables at the Kabul University
Registration number: SAIDC/2019/AFG/1/1
Main sectoral priority: Education policy and administrative management
Beneficiary: Slovak Technical University in Bratislava

The main project goal was to support sustainability and the social and economic development of Afghanistan by improving the quality of vocational training in the field of renewable sources of energy. A laboratory of solar energy was established at the Kabul University under the project. Two university teachers were trained in Slovakia and 21 university teachers received their training in Afghanistan. The Afghan partners organized the AFG Solar One conference in 2020 and 206 students received informal vocational training by the end of 2021.

ODA SR grant:

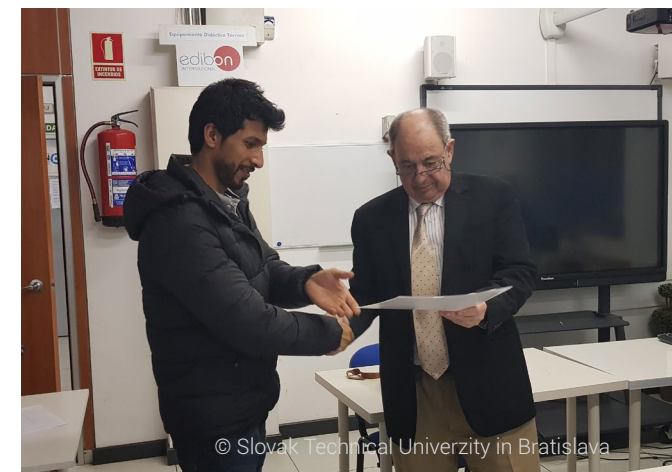
€200,000.00



ETHIOPIA

Project name: Introducing and developing growing macadam nuts in Ethiopia as a new source of income for the farmers
Registration number: SAIDC/2019/SSA/1/1
Main sectoral priority: Food crop production
Beneficiary: INTEGRA Foundation

The main project aim was to contribute to finding solutions for impoverished Ethiopian farmers and coffee producers through the introduction of macadam nuts as a new crop with high value added and export value. Regional offices issued a licence for growing this crop and as a result, the first macadam farm in Ethiopia was established. Together with a local partner - Ten Senses Ethiopia a plantation farm in Bula Hora, we created conditions for the local production of high quality plants of *Macadamia integrifolia*. The aim is to secure their ongoing distribution to the farmers across Ethiopia. Gradually, 80 thousand macadam plants were imported to Ethiopia from a Kenyan plant farm of the project partner Ten Senses Africa during the project. About 22 thousand plants were planted, while about 12 thousand plants were distributed among small coffee growing farmers and about 3 thousand plants were acquired by the members of self-help groups from a Tear Fund network. Kenyan experts from Ten Senses Africa shared their experience in growing macadam nuts and transferred their best growing practices during online trainings; about 635 farmers from different regions participated in them. Numerous work positions were also created: 12 employees at a farm and 16 employees on the plantations. The project laid the groundwork for accomplishing goals in creating a sustainable value chain.



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ALBANIA

ODA SR grant:

€95,285.00

Project name: Improving innovation ecosystem of Albania through supporting the establishment and acceleration of young innovative businesses

Registration number: SAIDC/2019/ZB/1/3

Main sectoral priority: Supporting market economy

Beneficiary: Slovenská organizácia pre výskumné a vývojové aktivity, o. z.

The project focused on education and the improvement of support including mechanisms for young entrepreneurs for starting business through an intense and practical training. The Beneficiary together with the Partner opted for an acceleration programme under the Project. It offers in depth and concentrated education in start-up cohorts. Training focuses on business development, enhancing business presentation skills, thus the ability to attract more clients. The project's target group was start-ups and young entrepreneurs from the region, be they already active or just at the very beginning of their careers, as well as support stakeholders in the Albanian start up ecosystem, i.e. incubators, existing firms or public administration bodies. The project carried out information activities and two accelerators, one in the Uplift PILOT version and the second one in the Uplift FULL version that offered intense trainings for 15 teams/start-ups altogether (about thirty entrepreneurs). The project also included presentation activities, offering new information on accelerator and examples of good practices from Slovakia, accentuating funding, through diverse presentation activities.

ODA SR grant:

€99,996.00

Project name: National Convention on the EU in Albania

Registration number: SAIDC/2019/ZB/1/1

Main sectoral priority: Good governance of public affairs and building civil society spoločnosti

Beneficiary: Research Centre of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association

The project focused on the functionality and sustainability of a platform established for the institutionalized public discussion on the European integration of Albania as one of the candidate countries. The project assisted in strengthening partnerships between governmental, non-governmental, business and interested institutions and capacities in Albania for the EU pre-accession negotiations. The project also strived to follow up on a previous intervention and continue involving experts from all areas into drafting national positions in the EU integration agenda. Slovak experts participated in the meetings of the working groups on transfer of know-how from the political, economic and social transformation of Slovakia under the project. Five working groups operated under the project: Judiciary and fundamental rights, Justice, freedom and security, Agriculture, Regional politics and coordination of structural tools and Business and economic questions. The Beneficiary together with the Partner organized twenty meetings of the working groups and one big plenary session. Project activities contributed to strengthening dialogue on the EU integration in Albania.

ODA SR grant:

€199,999.40



SOUTH SUDAN

Project name: Improving accessibility and quality of health care for mother and child, Mapuordit

Registration number: SAIDC/2019/HUM/1/2

Main sectoral priority: Health care

Beneficiary: St. Elisabeth College of Health and Social Work, n. o.

The project aimed at decreasing morbidity and mortality among internally displaced persons in South Sudan. Through this project, the Beneficiary sought to ensure conditions for the provision of quality obstetric and neonatal care, responding to the current unfavourable situation in the country and at the implementation site. The activities targeted the population in the Mapuordit region. The Beneficiary focused on improving access to obstetric and neonatal care for the local population. The project also raised awareness among local parents on the spread and prevention of infections and built the capacity of local health personnel. The project delivered and treated 10,226 new-borns and their mothers, vaccinated approximately 4,600 children against polio, tetanus, diphtheria, whooping-cough, mumps and measles, and trained over 4,000 local parents in personal hygiene, neonatal nutrition and the spread of infectious diseases. The Beneficiary also renovated and provided material equipment for a local maternity hospital and pre/postnatal counselling clinic.



GEORGIA

ODA SR grant:

€85,768.00

Project name: Experience transfer in lowering the arsenic content in sources of natural water, soil and food products and possibilities of eliminating arsenic from drinking water in Georgia

Registration number: SAIDC/2019/VP/1/6

Main sectoral priority: Infrastructure and sustainable use of natural resources

Beneficiary: Water Research Institute

The project's priority was to analyse the level of arsenic pollution in selected bodies of water and to propose technologies and measures to reduce arsenic content. The main ambition of the project was to advance the knowledge regarding the occurrence and possibilities for the reduction of arsenic in bodies of water in selected locations in Georgia, which contributed to the fulfilment of the objectives of the Association Agreement of Georgia with the EU, which entered into force on 1 July 2016. Georgia is also gradually implementing European water directives: for example, Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC aims at achieving the good condition of all bodies of water, which is only possible with their functional monitoring in combination with effective measures to improve their status. One of the water quality indicators is the content of heavy metals (the project focuses on arsenic), which pose a threat to the environment. The Beneficiary together with the local project partner carried out an analysis of the current level of heavy metal pollution (mainly arsenic) in water bodies in Georgia and prepared a Report on the Current Status of Heavy Metal Pollution, carrying out an inventory of the sources of arsenic pollution in the pilot area. Based on its results, a survey was carried out to obtain specific loads in different components of the water system and soil. In the first phase of the project, 50 samples were analysed, of that 17 surface water samples and 33 soil samples. In the second phase, an additional 82 samples were analysed (41 soil and 6 water samples from the Racha area; and 41 soil and 15 water samples from the Lentekhi area). As a result, a Sampling Report was issued. A risk analysis of the effects of arsenic on the water ecosystem was conducted based on the water samples. The water samples did not show any degree of risk to water organisms, but in the case of soils, a risk was identified, not only to the natural environment, but also to human health after consumption of drinking water. Therefore, a Draft Action Plan for the removal of arsenic from the natural environment in Georgia was developed. Presentation of Relevant knowledge and possibilities of arsenic removal from the natural environment and drinking water was presented at a seminar for representatives of state and local government. The seminar was attended by 16 participants, 12 of whom were Georgian experts from the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia and the National Environmental Agency and four experts from the Beneficiary. All the project outputs from the project implementation helped to achieve the main objective, namely experience transfer in the transposition of the EU legislative requirements for the analysis of arsenic pollution of selected bodies of water of Georgia and the design of technologies and measures to reduce its content in the natural environment.

ODA SR grant:

€100,000.00

Project name: Mitigating the negative economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the inhabitants of the mountainous Racha region in Georgia.

Registration number: SAIDC/2020/HUM/3/10

Main sectoral priority: Agricultural development

Beneficiary: SOSNA, o. z.

The project aimed at mitigating the indirect socio-economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and helped to increase food security for the population in the mountainous region of Racha, Georgia. Using agricultural inputs such as poultry and feed, 152 vulnerable households with 843 individuals were supported. A total of 26 SMEs received technical assistance, training and small grants to maintain and develop their activities. A total of 91 people participated in the trainings, while the entrepreneurs also gained access to expert advice. The project helped to preserve 40 jobs, while also creating four seasonal jobs. Family farms involved in the project received a total of 2,780 chickens and feed, increasing their food self-sufficiency and household income.



KENYA

ODA SR grant:

€249,999.00

Project name: Expanding the capacity of the Philip Neri elementary school with the prospective establishment of a secondary school – phase two

Registration number: SAIDC/2019/KE/1/1

Main sectoral priority: Secondary education

Beneficiary: St. Elisabeth College of Health and Social Work, n. o.

The project represented the second phase of expanding the capacity of the Philip Neri Primary School in Joske, Machakos County. The recipient responded to the reform of the school system and the requirements from the Kenyan Ministry of Education to merge primary and secondary schools to provide joint education and also to emphasize practical learning. During the project implementation, the primary school was expanded to include a first floor for the secondary school. Four new classrooms were built, including a fully equipped biology-chemistry-physics laboratory and a domestic science classroom for the pupils. The three newly recruited teachers to teach biology, chemistry and home science have also developed syllabi for practical teaching of these subjects. The COVID-19 pandemic forced the Beneficiary to replace traditional classroom teaching with distance learning for several months. Prior to the launch of online learning in the primary school the teachers received training on online teaching and securing and installing school software (Google Class/Zoom) for teaching. Despite challenging conditions, the project did not lose quality and the teaching was equally successful in the online environment. A total of 437 and 461 pupils took part in the innovative teaching (online and face-to-face), respectively (hands-on laboratory and home science teaching). The pupils of the local partner school were thus given the opportunity to complete their studies in newly built classrooms complete with material and technical equipment for teaching biology, chemistry, physics and domestic science.

ODA SR grant:

€249 846,62

Project name: Building a pilot facility for the production and research of edible insects for food production in the Republic of Kenya

Registration number: SAIDC/2019/KE/1/6

Main sectoral priority: Agricultural alternative development

Beneficiary: Medicínska alternatíva, n. o.

The aim of the project was to create material conditions and transfer know-how for the semi-industrial production of edible insects and the development of new technologies for their mass production in Kenya. During the implementation, a pilot facility for insect production for alimentary purposes was built in the facility of a local partner - KALRO, a proposal for a new method of mass production for a selected species of insects living on tropical fruit pressings was developed, as well as an analysis of the past and present use of insects as food by local communities. The project provided training for two production managers and developed the complete documentation for the equipment, technology and production process for mass production of edible insects. The data collected from the production and experiments also served as the basis for a promotional article on the project for the public (Are insects the food of the future? Trends in food industry 2/2020). Towards the end of the project, a detailed manual in English was produced for use by the staff of the Tenebrio molitor (mealworm) mass production facility in Kenya. Simultaneously, the breeding of another imported species, the scuttle fly from the Phoridae family, belonging to the genus Megaselia, was successfully initiated. As such, the production of edible insects is also suitable for the future as a commercial activity for local small and medium farmers and entrepreneurs.



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ODA SR grant:

€240,630.00

Project name: Better access to skills for the youth in Marsabit county
Registration number: SAIDC/2019/KE/1/7
Main sectoral priority: Secondary education
Beneficiary: SAVIO, o. z.

The project was implemented in the Marsabit county in the apprentice school of the local partner Don Bosco - Marsabit Technical Institute. Its aim was to improve access by youth to practical skills and thus contribute to reducing their unemployment. During the project, six students started studying electrical engineering. Due to the pandemic, however, the study was organized solely as a short-term course which will subsequently be designed in cooperation with the renowned company Schneider Electric, also specialising in solar energy solutions. The building where the electrical engineering course was held (two rooms for theoretical and practical training) was renovated and equipped with furniture and training material. Moreover, a girl's dormitory with the capacity for 52 people was built at the apprentice school. By the end of the project, 20 girls and one administrator were accommodated in this facility. The building has 11 rooms for female students, two for female administrators, a kitchen, dining room and bathroom with toilets. The furniture for the dormitory was made directly in the school, capitalizing on the skills of the students and expediting the production process. The dormitory was designed in such a way that it can be expanded with an additional floor in the future. This development, together with the boys' dormitory (built in 2015), has enhanced the attractiveness of studying at the apprentice school, potentially attracting new female and male engineering students in the future. Further project activities included the purchase of start-up packages for future graduates and orientation and business skills training for 55 students.

ODA SR grant:

€100,000.00

Project name: Supporting food self-subsistence and employment in the Machakos county, focusing on mitigating negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic
Registration number: SAIDC/2020/HUM/3/5
Main sectoral priority: Agricultural development
Beneficiary: St. Elisabeth College of Health and Social Work, n. o.

The project focused on indirect, socio-economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and helped to increase food security for the population in Machakos county, Kenya. The Beneficiary distributed fertilizers and seedlings to 125 farmers along with seed kits for kitchen gardens to 571 families living in slums. The Beneficiary also leased twenty acres of land, established one farm in Joska area and selected 282 farmers. Between January and March 2021, the farm had its first successful harvest - maize, beans, tomatoes, spinach, cabbage, and onions. A total of 986 people were supported, improving food security in Machakos county.



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LEBANON

ODA SR grant:

€200,000.00

Project name: Care for reproductive health management of sexual and gender-based violence cases for Syrian refugees and those internally displaced in the Baalbek Hermel district in Lebanon

Registration number: SAIDC/2019/HUM/1/9

Main sectoral priority: Good health

Beneficiary: Magna

The project targeted Syrian refugees and vulnerable Lebanese populations in the Baalbek area. The project is in response to the current phase of the crisis and provided activities that contributed to improving the health of the target groups and to saving the lives of the most vulnerable populations. Also, it strengthened the capacity of health structures and local staff to access and treat cases of sexual violence. The project provided health care and reproductive health services, along with the identification and case management of sexual violence. It offered psychosocial care to the target groups, creating safe spaces to work with victims of sexual violence. Approximately 800 children participated in the psychosocial support programme and over 3,600 people received psychological first aid. The project also aimed at enhancing access to quality reproductive health and mental health services for survivors of sexual violence in the refugee settlements of Chaat, Youmine and Baalbek in the Baalbek-Hermel district. The mobile unit provided more than 7,000 health consultations. During the project, the Beneficiary was able to identify over 300 cases of sexual violence, that were subsequently provided with follow-up care.

ODA SR grant:

€199,992.00

Project name: WASH intervention in the Baalbek area for Syrian refugees and Lebanese people

Registration number: SAIDC/2019/HUM/1/12

Main sectoral priority: Infrastructure and sustainable use of natural resources

Beneficiary: ADRA – Adventist Development and Relief Agency, o. z.

The main project objective was to build a water reservoir in Baalbek, Lebanon. Through this activity, the Beneficiary aimed at ensuring access to safe, clean and non-hazardous water for the local community. This was combined with a training to raise awareness on water, sanitation and hygiene, ensuring access to potable water for over 24,000 local residents. In addition to the water reservoir, the project also constructed a water tank in one of the local Syrian refugee camps, which provided 41 households at the implementation site with more sustainable access to water. Educational activities on water, sanitation and hygiene were suspended and subsequently cancelled due to the pandemic and the spread of COVID-19, replaced by distribution of hygiene kits, through which 70 households were assisted.

ODA SR grant:

€101,840.00



MOLDOVA

Project name: Supporting democracy, independence and transparency of key public institutions in Moldova

Registration number: SAIDC/2019/MD/1/1

The main project objective was to promote public debate on the state and development of democracy, strengthen independence of key regulatory and judicial institutions, as well as to increase transparency and support implementation of anti-corruption measures in state-owned enterprises and local governments in the Republic of Moldova. The project was based on experience transfer from unique projects implemented by the Beneficiary in Slovakia, which were positively evaluated by the expert community. The project provided for publishing the assessment of the state and development of democracy by selected experts and the public through a representative public

Project name: Good governance of public affairs and building civil society
Beneficiary: Institute for Economic and Social Reforms

opinion survey. 44 independent experts and activists were involved in the assessment of the state of democracy. The output of the exercise was a report on the state and development of democracy in the Republic of Moldova. The assessment of democracy, through the analysis of available data, a survey of personal opinions and a representative public opinion poll showed a significant dissatisfaction with the state of democracy in the Republic of Moldova among both the general public and relevant experts. In particular, they pointed to the need for improvement in the areas of anti-corruption activities, fair political competition, rule of law and protection of minorities. The activity also provided the public with the necessary information for effective scrutiny and pressure to improve both the quality of democracy and the independence of key regulatory and judicial institutions. Project results include an analysis of the independence of regulatory and judicial institutions in the Republic of Moldova, training of ten independent experts and activists, and 25 recommendations for strengthening the independence of these institutions. The assessment of the formal independence of twenty key regulatory and judicial institutions provided insight into the main gaps in their independence, including the legislative framework for selecting/revoking their leaders, a legislative definition of institutional autonomy and the level of financial remuneration for the institutions' leaders and staff. The recommendations included suggestions for enhancing transparency in their selection as well as recommendations for refining the methodology so that the evaluation shows more real independence (real exercise of power, not just formal independence based on legislative rules). The project also promoted public awareness of information openness and the financial condition of state companies and local governments. The positive trends in the transparency index of public companies and local governments confirm the rationale for regular updates of the assessments, as well as the significant impact of these assessments on the motivation of key officials to increase transparency.

ODA SR grant:

€141,386.00

Project name: Building institutional capacities for strengthening the efficient functioning of waste management
Registration number: SAIDC/2019/MD/1/4
Main sectoral priority: Infrastructure and sustainable use of natural resources
Beneficiary: Slovak environment agency

The project aim was to improve the efficiency of management in the field of waste management and environmental protection, focusing on control activities. The project supported the improvement of conditions for state supervision in waste management and intensification of waste data collection in the Republic of Moldova.

The primary target group was Moldovan government officials: Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment, Environmental Protection Agency and State Ecological Inspection. The project was implemented in cooperation with experts from the Slovak Environmental Inspectorate. It trained 84 Moldovan government representatives, enhancing their professional capacity in reporting and improving data recording, based on gap analysis and recommendations from the EU best practices. Further project outputs included: technical report of detailed instructions for the issuance of registration, permits and authorizations in waste management, a methodological-technical manual for the classification and organization of waste according to the waste catalogue in selected types of establishments, and a procedure for carrying out inspections in the field of waste management in the Slovak Republic with recommendations for inspections in the Republic of Moldova. The practical component of the project included twenty inspections of establishments producing waste. Implementation of the project activities supported the Republic of Moldova in the process of enforcement of the Waste Management Law in order to reduce or prevent the adverse impact of waste management, including hazardous waste management, on the environment and the health of the population.



ODA SR grant:

€156,115.00

Project name: Involving local self-governments and civil society in developing the Gagauz and Taraclia region
Registration number: SAIDC/2019/MD/1/4
Main sectoral priority: Good governance of public affairs and building civil society
Beneficiary: People in Need, n. o.

The main project objective was to improve the functioning of local governments and strengthen civil society in Gagauzia and Taraclia capitalizing on the Slovak experience in building a democratic state and supporting civic activism. Under the first pillar of the project, aimed at enhanced efficiency in citizen services, two client centres were established in Vulcanesti and Tvardica, providing citizens with one-stop comprehensive services. In total, 2,044 citizens a month use the services of the newly established client centres in those two municipalities. In the municipalities of Komrat, Ceadir-Lunga, Copceac and Vulcanesti, video streaming of municipal council meetings was introduced to increase transparency in their functioning. A transparency strategy was developed for the municipalities and an information campaign on transparency has been launched. The project facilitated the training of 43 representatives of local governments in Slovak reform processes. The capacity of youth non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to address youth issues was strengthened under the second pillar of the project focused on civil society. The project also contributed to increasing NGO participation in governance and cooperation with local institutions through the concrete experience of developing recommendations for local institutions aimed at improving the legal framework for NGOs and implementation of micro-grants. In total, support was provided to 283 young people from rural regions and twenty representatives of local youth NGOs were trained. The project also supported the vulnerable population of Gagauzia with the aim to mitigate the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Material support was distributed to six centres working with disadvantaged children. It contained protective hygiene products against coronavirus (non-contact soap dispensers, antiseptics and thermometers), orthopaedic pads, didactic materials, tablets - to allow using modern methods of work and other educational aids.

ODA SR grant:

€80,937.00



REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

Project name: Sharing experience in the digitalization of public administration in the Western Balkan countries
Registration number: SAIDC/2019/ZB/1/6
Main sectoral priority: Good governance of public affairs and building civil society
Beneficiary: Partnership for prosperity

The main project objective was to share Slovak experience with the reform process and support the efficient functioning of state administration in the field of digitalization during the Serbian EU integration process; involve civil society in drafting relevant policies and offer recommendations for developing public administration data resources to enhance the efficiency of electronic services; provide recommendations for designing the security information systems with regard to the requirements arising from the process of bringing countries and target countries' systems in line with EU systems. The project facilitated the training of Serbian civil servants and provided recommendations for future adjustments to the information systems for approximation to the EU systems. The project also drafted recommendations for modifications of integration interfaces and interoperability of existing and/or new systems. Five professional courses and trainings were carried out under the project, providing new knowledge and information to 55 Serbian civil servants in the field of digitisation and informatization of public administration. Another project output was a roadmap of necessary measures and actions in the area of legislation, organisational support, necessary changes in information systems and interfaces and subsequent operation.



The **knowledge transfer** on **digitization** of the **public administration** in the Western Balkan countries

The project is co-financed from the Official Development Assistance of the Slovak Republic



Project name: Hygiene, prevention and health care for homeless people in Belgrade during COVID-19 pandemics
Registration number: SAIDC/2020/HUM/2/15
Main sectoral priority: Good health
Beneficiary: ADRA – Adventist Development and Relief Agency, o. z.

ODA SR grant:

€99,999.97

The Beneficiary and local partner focused on working with homeless people and those without adequate housing, providing services under the WASH cluster and on-site medical health services. The Beneficiary provided basic sanitation services in 'Drumodom' (a bus with mobile toilets and showers). The services were used by more than 2,500 people during the project. The medical team's outreach work consisted of basic health check-ups, referrals and accompaniment to specialized check-ups, assisting over 4,300 people. The project also focused on capacity building for health professionals and related health staff in prevention and health care (in the form of a publication and online meetings). The project provided 10,000 hygiene kits to target groups, consisting of basic hygiene items to maintain basic cleanliness and hygiene.



UGANDA

Project name: Vocational education for young refugees from South Sudan
Registration number: SAIDC/2019/SSA/1/4
Main sectoral priority: Vocational training
Beneficiary: Slovak Catholic Charity

ODA SR grant:

€51,118.40

The project was implemented in the Pagirinya refugee camp at the Atiak Vocational School in Uganda. Its aim was to create, in collaboration with the local partner Caritas Gulu, favourable conditions for a quality education for young South Sudanese refugees and support them to start their own business and enter the labour market. Six vocational courses, each lasting four months, were opened during the project: tailoring, bricklaying, carpentry, hairdressing, motorcycle repair and cookery. A total of 127 students participated. 82 young people were able to complete their studies and received work tools, certificates of completion and start-up capital. Of these, about 74 graduates were able to open their own business or find employment. Three cross-sectoral thematic trainings on business skills, entrepreneurship and other basic skills were also offered to the students during the project implementation.



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UKRAINE

ODA SR grant:

€100,000.00

Project name: Healthy water for Cherson
Registration number: SAIDC/2019/VP/1/2
Main sectoral priority: Infrastructure and sustainable use of natural resources
Beneficiary: Association of Water Companies

The project priority was to promote the quality of life and health of the inhabitants in Kherson, Ukraine through sustainable development of outdated infrastructure, by sharing Slovak experience in the modernisation of water management systems and use of modern technologies in the water management sector. The project aimed at raising awareness of the professionals on ensuring a healthy drinking water supply through the installation of small-scale technological equipment and its operation in water management companies in the Slovak Republic (a professional seminar and an interactive workshop); designing a concrete technical and technological solution for the self-production of sodium hypochlorite for the disinfection of drinking water in the water treatment plant no. 4 in the city of Kherson and subsequently for the installation and operation of a sodium hypochlorite production device directly at the raw water inlet of the system, including re-training the professional staff of the Kherson water management company.

A technical and technological solution together with the complete project documentation was developed in cooperation with ESOL and the Ukrainian designer E. P. Vorotnikov, which was provided for the installation of the equipment adapted to Ukrainian standards and legislation. The very installation of the technological equipment and the operation of the electrolytic unit for production of sodium hypochlorite in the water treatment plant no. 4 of the Kherson Municipal Water Company was actually the main project output. Successful project implementation ensured the supply of safe drinking water for at least 75,000 inhabitants of Kherson. In a follow up phase, another city district was connected to this treatment plant, increasing the number of inhabitants with access to treated water to 86,000. The next target is to provide a water supply to 100,000 inhabitants. Thanks to the project implementation, 37% of the population of Kherson will have a stable supply of water of guaranteed quality (i.e. bacteriologically safe).

ODA SR grant:

€100,000.00

Project name: Mobility scheme for Ukrainian IT students – transferring soft and hard IT skills from Slovakia to Ukraine
Registration number: SAIDC/2019/VP/1/5
Main sectoral priority: Supporting market environment
Beneficiary: European Migration Agency

The project, implemented in cooperation with universities and the private sector, focused on improving the performance of the IT sector in Ukraine through the introduction of innovations in micro, small and medium enterprises, as well as improving the performance of the IT sector through sharing Slovak expertise and soft skills with Ukraine on the basis of an established study and work mobility scheme for Ukrainian students. The European Migration Agency, in cooperation with the partners, set up an advisory committee responsible for guiding the preparation of the administrative and operational procedures of the mobility scheme and joint study programs. The stakeholders also focused on building partnerships between Ukrainian and Slovak universities and partnerships with Slovak companies that would act as supporting agents for the students under the mobility scheme. Administrative and operational procedures of the study and job mobility scheme developed under the project were approved. The Beneficiary, together with its partners, provided support to the students of the pilot program (e.g. various forms of practical support, individual consultations, information seminars and ongoing consultations, language training courses and specialized training - JAVA course, specific support in the process of changing the purpose of temporary residency in Slovakia from student residency to work, provision of logistical and administrative assistance upon arrival and support during the stay in Slovakia and others). 18 students from Ukrainian universities came to Slovakia during the academic year 2019/2020. As part of the project, The IT project partner - the Slovak IT Association, facilitated employment of the students in seven companies in Slovakia under the project. The project outputs included the signing of a memoranda of mutual cooperation for the implementation of the mobility

scheme and subsequently signing the agreements for designing joint study programs as double master's degree programs. An information mechanism about the program was designed, disseminating information among the Ukrainian students. Thanks to this instrument, 27 students enrolled in the program in the academic year 2020/2021, 17 of whom were admitted to study in Slovakia (also through website www.doubledegree.org). This website promotes joint study programs and provides information to Ukrainian students about the opportunity to study and work in Slovakia. Six information seminars were held at Ukrainian universities with the participation of 290 students. As part of the project, European Migration Agency experts formalized the operation of the mobility scheme and developed the administrative and operational rules that are part of the Joint Study Programs with Ukrainian Universities handbook and the Job Mobility Scheme - Administrative and Operational Programs. In the last project phase - September 2020, the closing project seminar was held with the participation of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Affairs Ivan Korčok, representatives of partner universities, private companies and the media.

ODA SR grant:

€100,000.00

Project name: Providing health care via Mobile Emergency Primary Care Unit (MEPU)
Registration number: SAIDC/2019/UA/1/3
Main sectoral priority: Good health
Beneficiary: MAGNA

The project focused on the provision of basic and specialised health care for the population affected by the military conflict in the Novooaidar and Avdiivka regions of eastern Ukraine. The project established a Mobile Emergency Primary Health Care Unit (MEPU), rendering services aimed at improving access to quality primary health care for people in need, including paediatric patients. The project facilitated access to quality health care to 67,000 people living in the catchment area. MEPU services and counselling included management of non-communicable and communicable diseases, emphasizing prevention and treatment, psychosocial support for populations suffering from trauma in conflict areas, as well as care for victims of violence. During the project implementation, psychosocial support was provided to 4,013 people and a total of 6,145 health consultations for adult and paediatric patients were carried out. Under the project, the Beneficiary and the partner provided medications to patients free of charge and established a referral system for patients from the MEPU to secondary and specialised health care facilities for further diagnostics and treatment. Under this system, 103 patients with more severe psychological illness were referred to specialised health care facilities, 127 adult patients and children under fifteen suffering from chronic illnesses were referred to secondary health care facilities, along with 180 children under five. The project also facilitated distribution of medical equipment and consumables to the medical centre in Velika Novosilka and the training of three local health workers aimed at enhancing the quality of medical services in the mobile emergency unit.

ODA SR grant:

€100,000.00

Project name: Enhancing resilience and improving living conditions of people suffering from conflict in eastern Ukraine via material and psychosocial assistance
Registration number: SAIDC/2020/UA/1/4

The aim of the project was to address problems of vulnerable people living in the Bakhmutsk and Avdiivsk regions of the Donetsk Oblast in eastern Ukraine by providing psychosocial and material support. The main target group was children and adults with psychosocial problems living close to the war contact line. Families and children in the Donetsk region have long been exposed to the stress and insecurity associated with the ongoing military conflict. Five social centres were renovated under the project and equipment was secured for fifteen child-centred social centres, improving access to social support for around 5,000 local children in a safer and more dignified environment with appropriate tools and equipment. Professional consultations on post-traumatic mental health resilience were provided to 298 people

Main sectoral priority:
Beneficiary::

Good health
People in need, n. o.

(19 men, 279 women), job counselling to 164 people (67 men, 97 women), positive parenting lessons to 212 people (67 men, 97 women) and didactic activities with child psychologists were organised for 1,030 children (520 boys, 510 girls). The final survey shows that a total of 90.1% of the beneficiaries experienced positive changes in the social and psychological area.

ODA SR grant:

€99,991.00

Project name:

Improving health and preventive care against COVID-19 in health care facilities and nursing/care homes for older people in conflict zones in eastern Ukraine

Registration number:
Main sectoral priority:

SAIDC/2020/HUM/2/16
Good health, infrastructure and sustainable use of natural resources

Beneficiary:

People in need, n. o.

The project focused on improving the quality of health and preventive care against COVID-19 in the conflict zones of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts in eastern Ukraine.

The target group consisted of local residents, mainly health and service personnel, patients (children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, older people) and clients of nursing/care homes (people over 65 years of age). The Beneficiary focused on providing access to water and sanitation through the installation of permanent cisterns and water pumps in local health facilities, outpatient facilities and nursing/care homes for older people. The Beneficiary was able to install 111 water tanks, 28 water pumps and over 1,700 meters of new or refurbished piping in twenty facilities. The project also aimed at providing functional sanitation facilities in these centres, access to information on the prevention and protection against COVID-19, hygiene principles and basic tips on what to do in case of symptoms.



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Projects of global and development education

UNICEF

Project name: Global and development education as part of a child-friendly school program
Registration number: SAIDC/2019/RV/1/2
Main sectoral priority: Education facilities and training
Beneficiary: Slovak foundation for UNICEF

ODA SR grant:

€27,482.00

Introducing and embedding topics of global and development education in school and pre-school settings within the UNICEF Child Friendly School program was the main objective of this project. Almost 400 schools and pre-schools were involved in the program and over 11,000 pupils in total enhanced their awareness on development and global issues. At the same time, the stakeholders' capacities (those of teachers and young ambassadors) to introduce these topics into various areas were developed. Four sets of manuals for kindergarten, primary and secondary schools were designed (total number of manuals available online: 11), two demonstration lessons and twelve educational videos were produced. Nine students co-facilitated the teaching in schools as part of the Junior Ambassadors Club. A concept for an educational programme for Junior Ambassadors was also developed, four weekend meetings in three regions and fourteen online meetings were held for 72 of them, involving 38 students. 29 schools in Central and Eastern Slovakia were visited to educate pupils under the Child Friendly School programme. A comprehensive concept for working with volunteers was developed and topics and forms of engaging volunteers in UNICEF's remote work were prepared.

ODA SR grant:

€24,992.00

PEOPLE IN NEED

Project name: Global development education for journalists
Registration number: SAIDC/2019/RV/1/3
Main sectoral priority: Education facilities and training
Beneficiary: People in need, n. o.

The main project objective was to systematically integrate the topic of development into the education of future journalists at the universities - Comenius University in Bratislava and the University of Constantine the Philosopher in Nitra, as well as into the informal education of journalists at the Hospodárske noviny ("HN") and the Digital Media Campus ("DMC"). The subjects Global Development Journalism and Global Challenges were introduced into study programs under the project, while the first one also has an English-Slovak online version. A total of 12 academic workers and 61 students were involved in the teaching process. Cooperation was also established with the Department of Marketing at the University of Constantine the Philosopher in Nitra, where one workshop was organized for 52 students. A total of twelve workshops were held for journalists at DMC and HN, nine of which took place at the HN Global Academy and the others at the DMC as informal training for students of journalism. The workshops attracted 27 participants - nine students and 18 journalists and three members of the editorial staff. Raising public awareness of development issues through informal education was a part of the second project objective. As a result, 135 media outputs (articles) and one media analysis on the topic of *Climate Change or Climatic Changes* were produced. As part of the HN Global Academy, a series of five explanatory videos on sustainable development, climate change, migration, global fiscal architecture and the green economy were produced, all of which were published in the HN Global section. Six online discussions and one accompanying educational event with documentary students were organized within the framework of the One World Festival.

Projects under the business partnership program



BELARUS

Project name: Supporting education and enhancing the quality of vocational education in Belarus

Registration number: SAIDC/2019/PPP/1/10

Main sectoral priority: Agricultural development

Beneficiary: FEED LAB, s. r. o.

ODA SR grant:

€60,132.00

The main project objective was to increase the quality of the project partner's expert advice in the field of the production and ensilaging of bulk feed. To this end, the TauriNut application was localised and 23 staff of the partner organization were trained. The Beneficiary and the partner organization plan to carry out similar training and experience transfer in Ukraine.



GHANA

Project name: Portable Diagnostics Accessible to Everybody – Business Plan

Registration number: SAIDC/2019/PPP2/1/3

Main sectoral priority: Medical services

Prijímatel': S-Case, s. r. o.

ODA SR grant:

€10,000.00

The main project activity was the preparation of a business plan for the development of a Scase device prototype for telemedicine and remote diagnostics, also suitable for rural areas of developing countries. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Beneficiary was unable to travel to Ghana, but collaborated with Ghanaian doctors currently based in the Czech Republic on the development of the prototype, while also communicating electronically with potential partners in Ghana.



NORTH MACEDONIA

Project name: Growing medicinal plants for production of bio-pesticides

Registration number: SAIDC/2019/PPP2/1/12

Main sectoral priority: Agricultural research

Beneficiary: CEDOME, s. r. o.

ODA SR grant:

€9,900.00

The project was aimed at developing a feasibility study, i.e. connecting Slovak medicinal plant growers with identified partners in the field of medicinal plant cultivation and bio-pesticide production directly in North Macedonia. To this end, CEDOME organised a trip to North Macedonia in January 2020 and held three online conferences and 50 telephone consultations. The aim of the project was to involve local cooperatives and businesses in testing organic crop protection products and find partners for bio-pesticide production. The Beneficiary identified two partners in North Macedonia and plans to implement larger joint projects with them in the future.



KENYA

Project name: Portable Diagnostics Accessible to Everybody – Feasibility study
Registration number: SAIDC/2019/PPP2/1/2
Main sectoral priority: Medical services
Beneficiary: S-Case, s. r. o.

ODA SR grant:

€10,000.00

The main project activity was the preparation of a feasibility study. This was preceded by a visit to Kenya and Rwanda and testing a Scase device prototype for telemedicine and remote diagnostics, also suitable for rural areas of developing countries. The Beneficiary collected over 70 reports and assessments for study purposes from doctors, nurses, county directors of public health from Nakuru, Naivasha, Nairobi, Kigali, Bibugu and Kibuye counties during the trip to Kenya and Rwanda in February 2020.

ODA SR grant:

€9,980.00

Project name: Creating a partnership and business plan for PPP project aimed at the production of edible insects in Kenya
Registration number: SAIDC/2019/PPP/1/11
Main sectoral priority: Agricultural development
Beneficiary: Scientica, s. r. o.

The project aim was to develop a business plan for insect farming in Kenya and the production of animal feed. The potential partner identified a suitable insect species for breeding, as well as a breeding facility, location and ten agricultural undertakings. Currently, there is only one species of insect widely farmed in Kenya - crickets. The breeding and processing of another species – meal-beetles - would fill a gap in the market and expand the potential use of insects in the Kenyan food industry. The Beneficiary is also considering designing a larger follow-up project to start insect farming in Kenya. The project would employ approximately fifteen people.



RWANDA

Project name: Supporting the sustainable and fair socio-economic development of the Republic of Rwanda
Registration number: SAIDC/2020/PPP/1/12
Main sectoral priority: Fertilizer plants
Beneficiary: Rokovia, s. r. o..

ODA SR grant:

€99,995.00

The project focused on strategy development and market research, preparation of technical and economic documentation for construction of a factory and a summary report on field and laboratory tests. The Beneficiary used the analysis for developing a business plan. It also obtained a certificate of investment registration, permits from the Rwandan Development Board for import of the materials for the construction of the factory and approval for a lot extension for the construction of the factory in the Bugesere Innovation Park. The Beneficiary successfully tested the fertilizers on three crops, increasing the yields in comparison to control samples. The certification allowed the Beneficiary to transport a container of 8,000 litres of fertilizer to Rwanda. The Beneficiary also signed two memoranda of understanding with its partners, trained 449 people (of that 150 women), on the benefits of organic farming and practical use of fertilisers. It also produced instruction videos and invested in promotion of the project via billboards and media advertising.



UKRAINE

Project name: Čistá Žovkva 2.0: Energy-efficient and ecological water management
Registration number: SAIDC/2019/PPP/1/3
Main sectoral priority: Water supply – large systems
Beneficiary: Enviroline, s. r. o., Košice

ODA SR grant:

€197,946.67

The aim of the project was to cooperate with a partner company in Ukraine and to elaborate the project documentation for the zoning decision entitled Clean Zhovkva - sewage and waste water treatment. In the first phase, the Beneficiary ensured the purchase of appropriate technical equipment and trained Ukrainian planning engineers in the new 3D software. The second phase of the project involved the preparation of the actual project documentation for a zoning permit and its submission to the city of Zhovkva.

Project name: Feasibility study – building network of charging stations for electro mobiles
Registration number: SAIDC/2020/PPP/1/9
Main sectoral priority: Energy research
Beneficiary: ELECTRIK, s. r. o.

ODA SR grant:

€10,000.00

The project aim was to prepare a feasibility study for building a network of charging stations for electric vehicles in Ukraine. The study incorporates the know-how of the Beneficiary, gained from the experience of a number of successfully implemented projects in Slovakia. It will provide the user with a complete overview ranging from technical procedures, project solutions and implementation cases according to national standards and an internationally recognized standard, which the company was the first and so far the only one in Slovakia to obtain. The Beneficiary has established contacts in Uzhhorod. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, most of the communication took place online. The Beneficiary found a local partner with whom it developed a larger business partnership project.

Project name: Feasibility study – logistical centre of biomass for energy purposes in the Cherson region
Registration number: SAIDC/2020/PPP/1/13
Main sectoral priority: Biomass
Beneficiary: Intech Slovakia, s. r. o.

ODA SR grant:

€10,000.00

The main project activity was the preparation of a feasibility study. Before producing the study, the region was assessed and mapped in terms of its potential to produce biomass for the purposes of a planned upgrade of the heating system in the town of Kherson. Likewise, conditions for the construction of a future logistics centre were defined. As part of the feasibility study, the Beneficiary mapped the agro-sector that will provide biomass (cereal straw, rapeseed, and waste from processed maize and sunflower). The study provides detailed information on the region and its biomass capacity. It draws on previous studies and new knowledge obtained through questionnaires from agribusinesses. The Beneficiary found out that only 2 to 3% of straw is currently bailed in the Kherson region. It also defined necessary technical measures to increase this production. The study also looked marginally into the potential for reed use, but also noted the low potential for the use of wood biomass.

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