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Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation



© J. Husár: People flee from the Ukrainian city of Irpin, attacked by the Russians, March 6, 2022



The year 2022 was simply different. Our team at SAIDC strived hard to work on its mission - despite and also thanks to all the challenges the past year has brought us all. The uncertainty of the pandemic had only just begun to slowly recede when war started raging right on our eastern border - in Ukraine – the closest our country has been to such events since the end of World War II.

Since the beginning of the year, we opened different [calls for development cooperation projects](#), humanitarian aid and [volunteer placements](#). In addition to opening the first 9 calls in February, after the initial shock of the situation in Ukraine, we immediately started preparing an [emergency humanitarian call](#) in parallel to help the people of our eastern neighbour. We rallied and worked with maximum commitment, thus managing to already sign grant agreements for four partner projects in September, four months after opening the calls in May. The total project value was more than €1,300,000. At the same time, we prepared and opened two more calls for [development cooperation projects in Moldova](#) and for [capacity building projects](#) by Slovak development organizations. Thus, we are helping countries and their people to develop not only necessary infrastructure and governance, but also working with

them to improve health care - both physical and mental - in the most remote regions. Together we strive to improve education and equal access to it for all, and to mitigate the impacts of climate change and enhance environmental management.

In 2022, we opened fourteen calls for proposals, at a total value of €6,603,831; 44 projects were approved and will be implemented in seventeen different countries by 24 partner organizations. We supported the funding of 76 microgrants in twelve countries at a total value of more than €660,000. We provided 27 financial contributions to eight countries totalling more than €2,260,000 and, after the COVID-19 induced break of almost two years, we supported three Sharing Slovak Expertise (SSE) projects with more than €20,000.

The war on the territory of our immediate neighbour is still raging, the Russian aggressor is unjustifiably and ruthlessly destroying the whole country. The winter season multiplies and deepens the excruciating suffering of defenceless civilians and we cannot turn a blind eye to it in Slovakia. Therefore, in December, we opened a [second humanitarian call for proposals](#) for aid to Ukraine with an allocation of €1,000,000.

For the first time in SAIDC' history, we opened a call and subsequently approved a partner for an [EU Delegated Cooperation project to be implemented in Moldova for promoting a more conducive environment for independent local media](#), with an allocation of €786,045.75, to support their capacity, independence, sustainability and professionalism, as well as their ability to produce quality, fact-based, balanced and reliable journalistic content. The project, funded by the European Neighbourhood Instrument, is both an important milestone and a challenge for SAIDC.

We realise that it is our duty to help those less fortunate than us

in Slovakia. Our country must and wants to help, and it is through SlovakAid and its partners that we support the development of potential and opportunities in the countries of the Global South, providing humanitarian aid to war-ravaged regions.

Since "The peace that we are supposed to protect ceases to exist... we need to clearly side with the victim over the aggressor. We must choose an international rules-based order over the power of the gun... Sure, we can delay and compromise. But again, history teaches us that passivity and ignorance never solve crises, they only delay the moment of reckoning." Zuzana Čaputová, President of the Slovak Republic, at the UN General Assembly in New York in September 2022.

Tomáš Bokor, SAIDC director



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IDENTIFICATION OF ORGANIZATION

BASIC INFORMATION

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Web:	www.slovakaid.sk
Ministry/Founder:	Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic (MFEA SR)
Form of management:	organization 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
Registration number:	31819559
Riaditeľ:	Tomáš Bokor, MSc.
Number of employees:	16

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ATC	Amalgamated Territorial Community	MF SR	Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic	SSE	Sharing Slovak Expertise
DCAF	Le Centre pour la gouvernance du secteur de la sécurité, Genève / Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance	ME SR	Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic	SSR	Security Sector Reform
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 organizations	UNICEF	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
EU DEL	EU Delegation	MI SR	Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic	USAID	United States Agency for International Development
FA	Farm Africa	ODA SR	Official Development Assistance	WASH activities	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene activities
GENE	Global Education Network Europe	OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development	FEA SR	Foreign and European affairs of the Slovak Republic
GDE	Global Development Education	OECD DAC	OECD Development Assistance Committee		
RFF MI SR	Rescue and Firefighter Force of the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic	PPP	Private Sector Engagement Programme		
HN	Hospodárske noviny	SAIDC/SAMRS	Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation		
ICT	Information and communication Technologies	SDG	Sustainable Development Goal		
IT	information technologies	SR	Slovak Republic		
MEPU	Mobile urgent primary health care unit				



HUMAN RESOURCES AND PROCESSES

From 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022, the organization was managed by Tomáš Bokor, MSc. At the end of 2022, the organization had 16 full time employees, with three additional persons employed on work contract in order to cover the launch of the EU Delegated Cooperation project in the Republic of Moldova and substitute for the project and finance managers during their sabbatical leave.

Outsourced services included: procurement, Occupational Health and Safety (OHS), legal services, IT support, Quality Management System (QMS) services and ISO 9001 quality management system certification, occupational health services, telecommunication services and cleaning.

The training scheme for SAIDC employees continued through 2022. The training courses covered legislation and regulation changes concerning accounting, taxes, human resources and wages, travel orders, publishing documents in public administration, Facebook marketing, Act on Financial Control, Freedom of Information Act, distance negotiations, publishing contract through Central Registry of Agreements, team communication and conflict resolution, registry management and archiving, financial management, presentation skills and GDPR (new employees). In June 2022, eight Project Unit staff members participated in a three-day training course entitled "Introduction to monitoring, evaluation, accountability, and learning" organised by the British organization Bond. Staff also received training in Russian and English language. Due to the pandemic situation with COVID-19, a number of planned courses and trainings were conducted online. The trainings were also implemented through UNDP financial support.

In 2022, SAIDC continued to standardize its processes internally and to deepen cooperation with all relevant units and institutions under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic and key partners in the field of development cooperation and humanitarian aid. The EN ISO 9001:2015 recertification audit of the quality management system took place in May 2022. SAIDC successfully underwent the recertification process, with no major non-conformities identified. Based on the TUV NORD audit recommendations, SAIDC updated the Risk and Opportunity Matrix document. SAMRS' policy is to continuously improve, streamline and develop the Agency's operating system and to simplify conditions for SlovakAid project partners.

Throughout 2022, 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 antigen tests. The SAIDC director notified the employees about the possibility to combine office work with home office throughout the whole year.

As an opportunity to gain experience in SAMRS activities as well as to provide work assistance to employees, the agency provided a three-month unpaid internship to one intern in the projects department on a competitive basis from August 1 through September 30, 2022.

ORGANIZATION MISSION STATEMENT

AND MID-TERM OUTLOOK

The SAIDC is an organization financed by the state budget under the chapter of 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, the 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, businesses 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. prostriedkov na rozvojovú spoluprácu.

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 2022 (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 29 December 2022. 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.](#)



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BILATERAL DEVELOPMENT

COOPERATION IN 2022

The Agency implemented activities according to the [Focus of Bilateral Development Cooperation for 2022](#) approved by the Government of the Slovak Republic on 26 January 2022. In 2022, SAIDC administered projects in 2022 contributing to the implementation of the principles of the Medium-Term Strategy for Development Cooperation of the Slovak Republic for 2019-2023 through development cooperation and humanitarian aid instruments, in line with the priorities of the Slovak Republic to address global challenges and the objectives of the 2030 Agenda. The activities also focused on promoting sustainability and greater visibility of SlovakAid activities and its brand.

The change in the Statute of the MFEA Committee for Evaluation of Applications for Development Cooperation Grants and for the Evaluation of Bids for Development Cooperation Contracts was important for the methodology of approving grant applications. The [new Statute](#) was issued by Decision of the Minister of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs No. 21/2022 of 21 April 2022. Further documents subject to approval were the following: [Directive No. 58/2022](#) (entered into force on 21 October 2022) which regulates procedures for financial support of development cooperation (Directive No. 6/2020 of 23 January 2020, which regulated financial contribution in the field of development cooperation of the Slovak Republic, repealed by decision of the Minister of the FEA SR); and [MFEA SR Measure No. 059857/2022-LEG1-174111](#) issued on [8 December 2022](#), which further specifies conditions of financial support of development cooperation.

Applied development cooperation instruments included grants for Slovak organizations, financial contributions for humanitarian aid or cooperation provided to foreign entities, and financial contributions through Slovak diplomatic missions, so-called microgrants, aimed at supporting the activities of local organizations in partner countries. SAIDC not only cooperated with domestic and foreign organizations, but it also funded capacity building activities, those aimed at raising public awareness of development cooperation and transferring experience and expertise through SSE - Sharing Slovak Expertise - a tool for providing knowledge and experience. As of 1 March 2022, SAMRS started to implement the first EU Delegated Cooperation Project "EU Support for Local Media Outlets in Moldova" as the Lead Partner.



SAIDC director and Head of EU Delegation to the Republic of Moldova Jānis Mažeiks - at the signing of the agreement on the implementation of the EU delegated cooperation project.

Grants

During February, August and December 2022, SAIDC published **calls for proposals for humanitarian and development projects, postings**

for volunteer experts and the co-financing of EU projects on its website. Eligible applicants included non-governmental organizations, contributory organizations, budgetary organizations and, in the case of the call for support for business partnerships, businesses. In 2022, SAIDC introduced a number of changes to the grant calls, thereby taking into account the recommendations of the interim evaluation of the Medium-Term Strategy for Development Cooperation of the Slovak Republic for 2019-2023. The changes included, in particular, **a gradual narrowing of the sectoral focus and a more precise territorial specification.** In addition, the opened calls put greater emphasis on **the inclusion of cross-cutting topics.**

With regards to the Russian aggression in Ukraine, SAIDC adopted several changes to its calls for proposals. We have extended the deadline for closing the calls for grant applications due to the intense deployment of potential applicants on the Slovak-Ukrainian border. Taking effect as of 1 March 2022, the call for proposals for development interventions in Ukraine has been cancelled. Subsequently, on **24 May 2022**, an **emergency humanitarian call for proposals** was opened to provide for the basic living needs of vulnerable people affected by the war in Ukraine. The organizations were required to comply with a new requirement to submit a document titled **"Security Rules of the Implementing Organisation"**, as a mandatory annex to the grant application. As a result of the ongoing Russian aggression in Ukraine, a second humanitarian call for proposals for assistance to Ukraine was opened on 8 December 2022, beyond the Focus of the Slovak Republic's Bilateral Development Cooperation for 2022 and in accordance with Government Resolution No 702/2022. The deadline for submitting applications was set for 31 January 2023.

During 2022, SAIDC opened 14 calls for proposals for development cooperation and humanitarian aid projects. The tables below offer an overview of all opened calls and projects supported by each call.

List of calls for grant proposals in 2022

	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/2022/RV/1	Support for Development Education	14/02/2022	21/03/2022	150,000.00	57,654.40	4/2	07/06/2022
2.	SAMRS/2022/D/1	Posting of Volunteers / Expert Volunteers into Partner Countries	01/02/2022	15/03/2022	123,831.00	158,025.00	38/13	07/06/2022
3.	SAMRS/2022/EK/1	Support for Projects of Slovak Organizations Approved under the Development Tools of the European Commission through Co-funding	18/02/2022	25/03/2022	80,000.00	34 060,00	1/1	07/06/2022
4.	SAMRS/2022/MD/1	Support for Development Interventions in Republic of Moldova	14/02/2022	19/04/2022	500,000.00	353,497.76	3/3	14/06/2022
5.	SAMRS/2022/ZB/1	Support for Experience Sharing in the Western Balkans	14/02/2022	19/04/2022	400,000.00	377,105.50	6/4	30/06/2022
6.	SAMRS/2022/PPP/1	Support for Business Partnerships	14/02/2022	28/03/2022	500,000.00	382,233.97	11/5	01/07/2022
7.	SAMRS/2022/GE/1	Support for Experience Sharing in Georgia	14/02/2022	19/04/2022	500,000.00	539,738.00	11/4	01/07/2022
8.	SAMRS/2022/HUM/1	Mitigating Negative Impacts of the Migration and Refugee Crisis Caused by War Conflicts and Ongoing Crisis in the Region of Middle and Near East (Lebanon, Iraq, Syria)	01/02/2022	04/04/2022	1,000,000.00	999,994.20	8/5	07/07/2022
9.	SAMRS/2022/KE/1	Support for Development Interventions in the Republic of Kenya	14/02/2022	11/04/2022	300,000.00	100,000.00	8/1	01/07/2022
10.	SAMRS/2022/ST/KE/1	Strategic Support of Long-term Development Interventions in the Republic of Kenya	18/02/2022	25/04/2022	600,000.00	1,000,000.00	3/1	01/07/2022
11.	SAMRS/2022/UA/1	Support of Development Interventions in Ukraine	14/02/2022	Cancelled as of 01/03/2022	400,000.00	0.00	0/0	N/A
12.	SAMRS/2022/HUM/2/UA/1	Providing Basic Needs for Vulnerable Persons Inflicted by War in Ukraine	24/05/2022	07/06/2022	1,000,000.00	1,307,672.58	5/4	12/07/2022
13.	SAMRS/2022/HUM/3/UA	Providing Basic Needs for Vulnerable Persons Inflicted by War in Ukraine	08/12/2022	31/01/2023	1,000,000.00	966,179.76	9/3	14/03/2023
14.	SAMRS/2022/BK/1	Capacity Building and Partnership Program	2/08/2022	26/09/2022	50,000,00	49,999.50	1/1	22/11/2022
TOTAL (€)					6,603,831	6,326,160.67	108/47	

¹ In August 2022, SAIDC announced a call for the Capacity Building and Partnerships Programme. Funding for the call was allocated from the balances of funds allocated for the 2022 grant calls.

List of supported projects in 2022 - 1/2

(except for projects under the call SAMRS/2022/D/1 that are listed separately in the text below)

Project number	Project name	Applicant	Country	Approved grant amount (€)	
1.	SAMRS/2022/EK/1/1	Digital talents for Moldova - Slovakia for talent: programme for work mobility of ICT graduates between Slovakia and Moldova (Digital talents)	EMA – Development and Mobility Agency	Slovakia	34,060.00
2.	SAMRS/2022/HUM/1/1	Support for the development of the villages of Hatarah and Bagera through the provision of sustainable sources of drinking water and training	Caritas Slovakia	Iraq	200,000.00
3.	SAMRS/2022/HUM/1/4	Skills development of vulnerable populations in Syria for the labour market	SAVIO, o. z.	Syria	199,996.20
4.	SAMRS/2022/HUM/1/6	Strengthening critical WASH infrastructure - water supply system and small reservoirs for Syrian refugees and Lebanese in the Bekaa and Baalbek-Harmel area	ADRA - Adventist Development and Relief Agency	Lebanon	200,000.00
5.	SAMRS/2022/HUM/1/3	Establishing sustainable water infrastructure to improve water quality, restore unused agricultural land and build the capacity of vulnerable populations in northern Lebanon to alleviate the environmental and economic crisis	People in Need Slovakia, n. o.	Lebanon	200,000.00
6.	SAMRS/2022/HUM/1/2	Rehabilitation for physically disabled children of internally displaced persons in Iraq	St. Elisabeth University	Iraq	199,998.00
7.	SAMRS/2022/RV/1/4	Today students, tomorrow leaders of responsible and sustainable business	Hekima, o. z.	Slovakia	29,613.40
8.	SAMRS/2022/RV/1/1	A global perspective in secondary schools	Two Colour World, c.a.	Slovakia	28,041.00
9.	SAMRS/2022/HUM/2/UA/1/5	Strengthening access to basic food and sanitation for the most vulnerable in Ukraine	ADRA - Adventist Development and Relief Agency	Ukraine	329,797.02
10.	SAMRS/2022/HUM/2/UA/1/1	Provision of basic needs and psychological first aid for internally displaced persons living in shelters in Dnipro city and suburbs	Caritas Slovakia	Ukraine	330,000.00
11.	SAMRS/2022/HUM/2/UA/1/3	Provision of material assistance to persons affected by the conflict in Ukraine to ensure their basic living needs	People in Need Slovakia, n. o.	Ukraine	328,250.00
12.	SAMRS/2022/HUM/2/UA/1/4	Improving the physical and mental health of populations affected by armed conflict and enhancing the competencies of health personnel in eastern Ukraine	STEP-IN	Ukraine	319,625.56
13.	SAMRS/2022/MD/1/1	Transfer of forestry know-how and awareness-raising about sustainable use of natural resources	National Forest Centre	Moldova	88,726.76
14.	SAMRS/2022/MD/1/2	Reducing the environmental impacts of plastic waste in border areas of Moldova	Slovak Environment Agency	Moldova	78,521.00
15.	SAMRS/2022/MD/1/3	Talent Incubator: digital training for women and IT professionals in Moldova	EMA – Development and Mobility Agency	Moldova	186,250.00

List of supported projects in 2022 - 2/2

Project number	Project name	Applicant	Country	Approved grant amount (€)	
16.	SAMRS/2022/GE/1/2	Supporting the use of renewable energy and capacity building in environmental protection at Georgia Institute of Technology	Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava	Georgia	164,073.00
17.	SAMRS/2022/GE/1/4	Supporting green tourism through the creation of a comprehensive tourism product in the Tvishi and Khvanchkara micro-zones	Regional Development Agency Senec-Pezinok	Georgia	82,930.00
18.	SAMRS/2022/GE/1/5	Pilot solutions for sustainable wastewater management in the Racha region of Georgia	SOSNA	Georgia	200,000.00
19.	SAMRS/2022/GE/1/8	Supported employment and service optimization in labour policy in Georgia II.	TENENET, o. z.	Georgia	92,735.00
20.	SAMRS/2022/KE/1/4	Emergency medicine with a programme for mothers and children in West Pokot province	Two Colour World, c.a.	Kenya	100,000.00
21.	SAMRS/2022/ZB/1/1	Integrated drought management system and measures to minimize the effects of climate change in Kosovo	Global Water Partnership Central and Eastern Europe (GWPCEE)	Kosovo	90,390.00
22.	SAMRS/2022/ZB/1/2	Supporting sustainable forest management in Serbia through the use of modern game management tools	National Forest Centre	Serbia	88,175.50
23.	SAMRS/2022/ZB/1/3	Climathon Albania - Supporting green innovators and cities' capacities to implement solutions enhancing sustainability	Innovation League	Albania	98,925.00
24.	SAMRS/2022/ZB/1/6	Inclusion of women from disadvantaged groups in climate smart entrepreneurship and innovation	Hekima, o. z.	North Macedonia	99,615.00
25.	SAMRS/2022/ST/KE/1/1	Digitalization of primary and secondary schools and enhancing the digital skills of teachers in Machakos region	St. Elisabeth University, n. o.	Kenya	1,000,000.00
26.	SAMRS/2022/PPP/1/1	Visual Reading® for Moldova	Visual Reading, j. s. a.	Moldova	38,371.49
27.	SAMRS/2022/PPP/1/2	Locating the most suitable territories for geothermal projects in the Brazilian territory using innovative drilling technologies	GA Drilling, a. s.	Brazil	95,732.48
28.	SAMRS/2022/PPP/1/7	AgeVolt electromobility solution for Kenya	AgeVolt Slovakia	Kenya	75,000.00
29.	SAMRS/2022/PPP/1/8	Creating plastic waste collection points, so-called "CoSpots", with a central compaction point of plastic waste	DUKATY property, s. r. o.	Nigeria	100,000.00
30.	SAMRS/2022/PPP/1/12	Monitoring landfills in Serbia - technology transfer	Innova electronics	Serbia	73 130,00
31.	SAMRS/2022/BK/1/1	Supporting public policies, information and capacity building	Ambrela – Platform for Development Organizations	Slovakia	49,999.50
32.	SAMRS/2022/HUM/3/UA/1/5 ²	Providing vital humanitarian assistance to residents of liberated towns in Ukraine	ADRA - Adventist Development and Relief Agency – civic association	Ukraine	332,875.34
33.	SAMRS/2022/HUM/3/UA/1/1 ²	Improving living conditions in shelters and centres and providing humanitarian and psychological first aid to internally displaced persons	Caritas Slovakia	Ukrajina	333 000,00
34.	SAMRS/2022/HUM/3/UA/1/8 ²	Food and hygiene assistance for the Kiev and Odessa regions (Packages of Hope)	Depaul Slovakia	Ukraine	300,304.42
TOTAL (€)					5,168,135.67

² The approval of grant applications submitted under the call SAMRS/2022/HUM/3/UA was signed on 14/03/2023.

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 its programme and partner countries, while also creating long-term partnerships between organizations 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 the provision of training and practical courses for young people to increase their chances of success in the labour market.

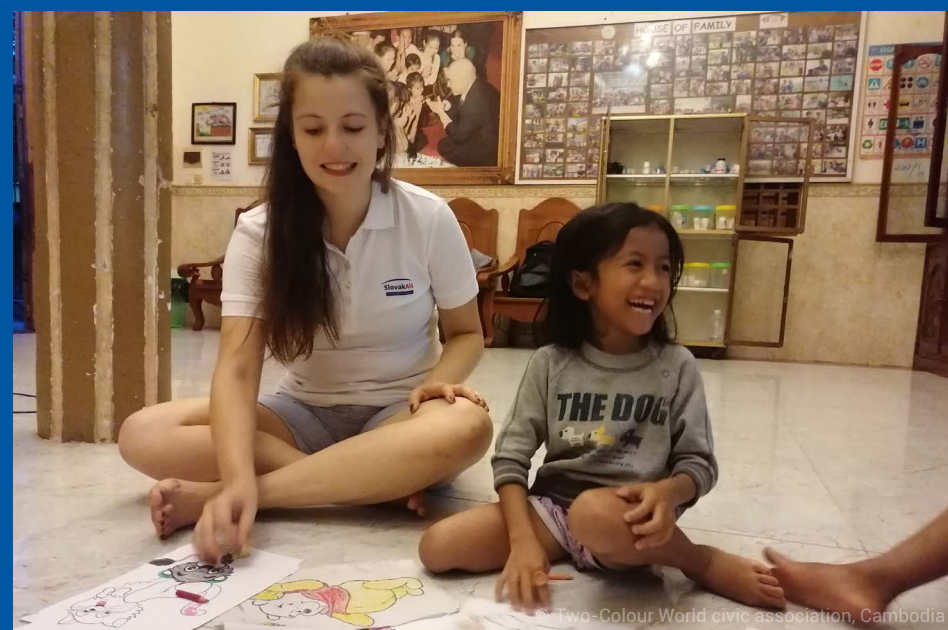
Personal experience with volunteering is not only a source of assistance for a partner country, but it is also an efficient way to eliminate stereotypes. The volunteers get hands on experience with a different life style, broaden their perspectives and may potentially change their world view towards 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.

The total approved **allocation** for calls for grant proposals for posting volunteers and expert volunteers for 2022 was **€123,831**. Based on the recommendation of the MFEA SR evaluation committee, the Minister of Foreign and European Affairs approved 13 applications (out of a total of 38 grant applications) for five beneficiaries, in eight countries.

The COVID-19 circumstances remained unpredictable through 2022. Therefore, the beneficiaries had to sign an affidavit for the posting volunteers and expert volunteers between the volunteer or expert volunteer and the sending organization. The affidavit was an annex to the contracts between SAIDC and the sending organization. By November 15, 2022, all thirteen contracts had been signed.

Orientation for volunteers prior to their posting was the full responsibility of the beneficiaries.

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 2022. Two remaining annexes were signed at the beginning of 2022. Due to the unstable situation in Moldova, one beneficiary withdrew from the approved grant. A total of 17 volunteers were eventually posted out of the 18 projects approved under the 2020 Volunteer Call.



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List of approved projects for the posting of volunteers and expert volunteers in 2022

**ST. ELISABETH UNIVERSITY,
N. O.**

Recipient country (number of volunteers):
Kenya (2), Rwanda (1), Uganda (1),
Lesotho (1)


5 volunteers

73,600.00 €

**TWO COLOUR WORLD,
O. Z.**

Recipient country (number of volunteers):
Cambodia (1), Kenya (1)


2 volunteers

18,000.00 €

**PEOPLE IN NEED SLOVAKIA,
N.O.**

Recipient country (number of volunteers):
Kenya (1), Lebanon (1)


2 volunteers

23,700.00 €

**ADRA - ADVENTIST DEVELOPMENT
AND RELIEF AGENCY**

Recipient country (number of volunteers):
Serbia (2), Albania (1)


3 volunteers

34,720.00 €

**ERKO – CHRISTIAN CHILDREN
COMMUNITIES MOVEMENT**

Recipient country (number of volunteers):
Kenya (1)


1 volunteer

8,005.00 €

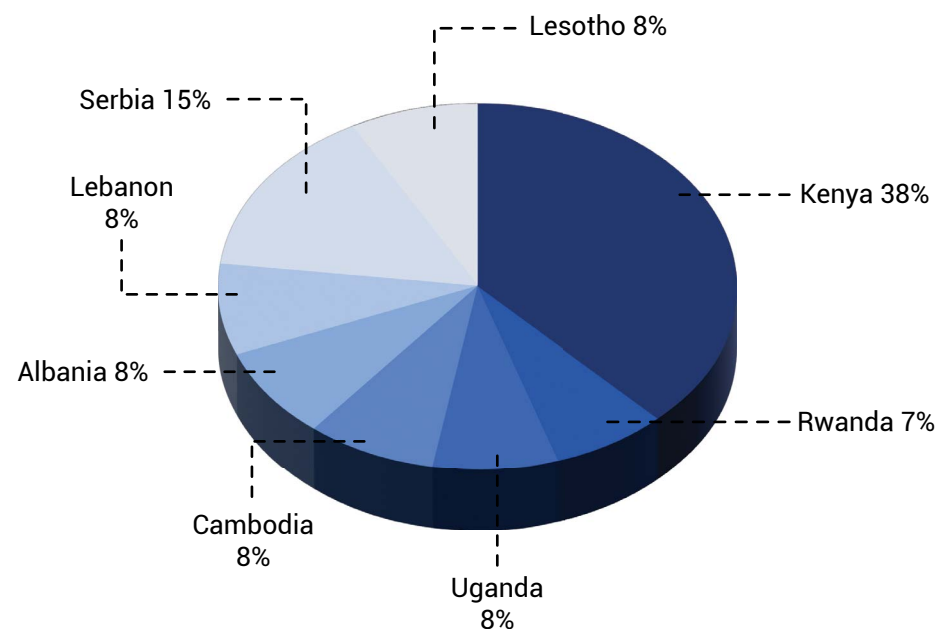


TOTAL

13 projects in 8 countries

158,025.00 €

Number of volunteers/ Recipient countries in 2022 (%)



Financial contributions

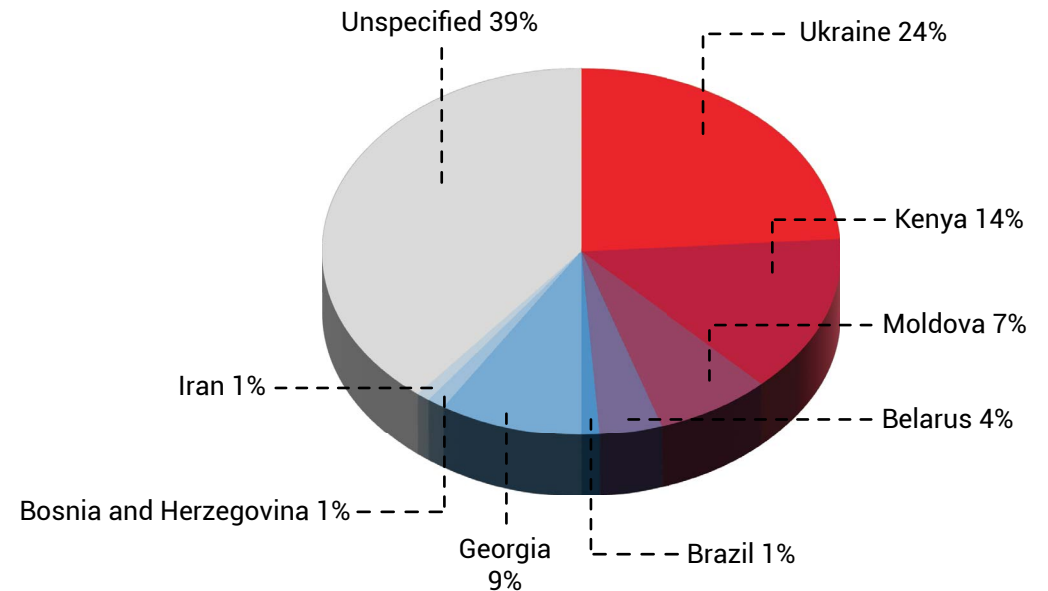
Financial contributions provided, based on a decision of by Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic, is one of the flexible tools for development cooperation. In 2022, SAIDC granted a total of **27 financial contributions** in the total amount of **€2,262,045.20** (including one for €99,187 from extra-budgetary funds). A large part of the financial contributions was to support and secure projects in Ukraine (**8 projects supported in 2022**, in the total amount of **€612,401**). In 2022, SAIDC supported **26 bilateral and 1 multilateral project** through financial contributions.

In 2022, the Agency also facilitated a financial contribution from the Mutual Assistance Fund established at the Office of the Government of the Slovak Republic. This financial contribution of €99,187 was not covered from the ODA SR budget. It was granted for the establishment and operation of a centre for victims of sexual violence committed during the war in Ukraine.



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Financial Contributions by Amount paid in receiving countries in 2022 (%)



List of financial contributions provided in 2022

Purpose	Amount (€)	Country
UNDP-SR Partnership: Effective Solutions for Development Cooperation with a Focus on the Sustainable Development Goals 2022-2024 - 1st instalment of €300,000 and a coordination fee of €7,144.20.	307,144.20	-
Financial contribution to ensure the operation of the medical module in Luhansk Station in eastern Ukraine.	50,000.00	Ukraine
Financial contribution to Joint Programming in Kenya under the contract and Annex I to the contract - 4th instalment.	312,500.00	Kenya
Provision of financial humanitarian aid to support health care for persons arriving from Ukraine.	50 000,00	Moldova
Financial contribution to the OSCE for a humanitarian project in Ukraine.	64,000.00	Ukraine
Financial contribution for the care of Afghan refugee children.	10,000.00	Iran
Financial contribution to OCCRP for supporting journalists in Ukraine.	30,000.00	Ukraine
Financial humanitarian assistance to Moldova to address the humanitarian needs of Ukrainians in Moldova displaced by the Russian aggression against Ukraine.	100,000.00	Moldova
Financial contribution to support the professional and technical capacities of the Social Work Centre in Bihać.	30,000.00	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Financial contribution to co-finance USAID project in Georgia.	200,000.00	Georgia
Financial humanitarian assistance to Ukraine for the organization named New Way to meet the immediate life-saving and life-sustaining needs of the most vulnerable men, women, boys and girls living in disadvantaged areas.	70,000.00	Ukraine
Financial contribution to support Belarusian society and citizens who are victims of political repression.	3,400.00	Belarus
Financial contribution to Casa Venezuela toward the implementation of the project "Sewing Future".	10,000.00	Brazil
Financial contribution to support Belarusian society and citizens who have been victims of political repression.	50,000.00	Belarus
Financial contribution toward the implementation of the project Practical knowledge for sustainable entrepreneurship.	7,980.00	Belarus
Financial contribution to support a creation sensory room for clients of the social services centre in Chashniki municipality.	8,745.00	Belarus
Financial contribution for the social rehabilitation of young and middle-aged wheelchair users.	9,310.00	Belarus
Financial contribution to design a specialised classroom for therapies	7,675.00	Belarus
Financial contribution toward building a modern playground for children in the parish of St. Kazimir in Molodechno.	6,290.00	Belarus
UNDP-SR Partnership: Effective Solutions for Development Cooperation with a Focus on the Sustainable Development Goals 2022-2024 - 2nd instalment.	300,000.00	-
Financial contribution to support and implement GENE's activities in the field of strengthening and improving the quality of GE in Europe	10,000.00	-
Financial contribution to support the activities of the Global Anti-Corruption Consortium, the OCCRP and Transparency International to combine investigative journalism with civil society advocacy in order to accelerate anti-corruption activities.	200,000.00	-
Financial contribution to support ecological management of water in the city of Rivne during military threat.	30,058.28	Ukraine
Financial contribution to enlarge the existing building of the children's home and building of infrastructure.	205,864.00	Ukraine
Financial contribution toward installation of air-conditioning units and provision of a gas storage tank, two gas-fired electricity generators and a large-capacity gas cooker.	63,350.00	Ukraine
Financial contribution to support activities of the Policy and Research Division of DCAF related to the United Nations.	15,000.00	-
Financial contribution to United Nations-related activities, including its General Policy Councils and/or substantive contributions related to Slovakia's efforts to promote Security Sector Reform (SSR) within and outside the UN system; conceptual support for Slovakia's co-chairmanship of the UN Group of Friends of the United Nations on SSR and, potentially, the membership in Peacebuilding Commission.	15,000.00	-
TOTAL	2,166,316.48	8

Microgrants

Microgrants are a flexible and targeted instrument used to address small-scale development needs at the local level. They are implemented through Slovak diplomatic missions directly by local beneficiaries. The cap amount for a microgrant is €10,000 for a period of six to twelve months from the date the contract is signed. The total financial **allocation for microgrants in 2022** was **€700,000** (Kenya - partner country €130,000, Moldova €110,000, Georgia €110,000, Serbia/Kosovo* €20,000/40,000, Ukraine €60,000, Bosnia and Herzegovina €50,000, Albania €40,000, North Macedonia €40,000, Montenegro €20,000, Lebanon/Iraq €40,000 and Belarus €40,000).

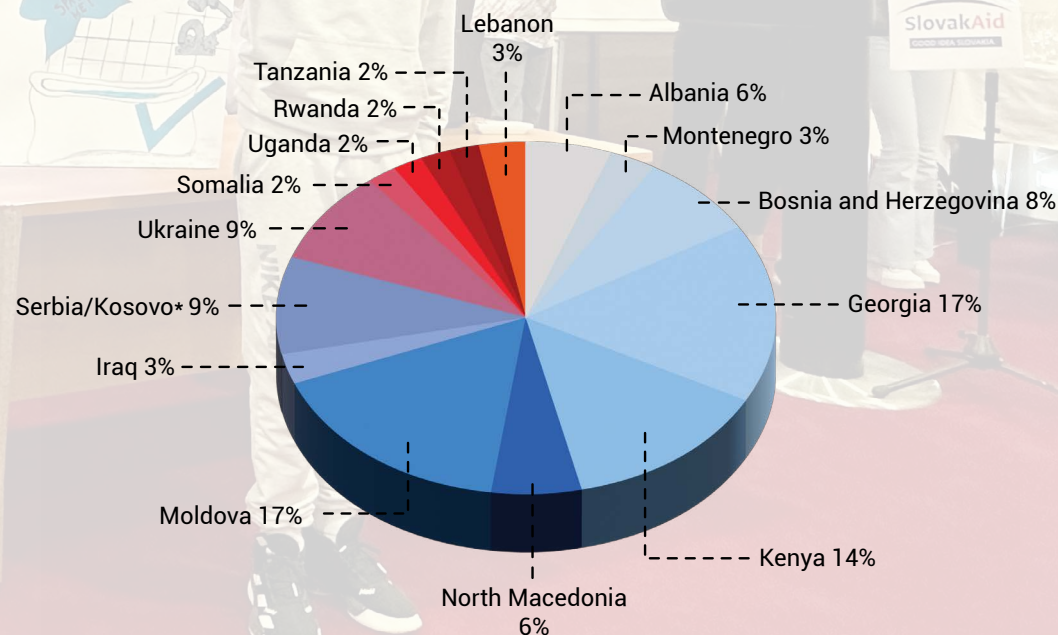
The 2022 microgrants could be implemented in six sectors, reflecting particular SDGs: quality education; good health; good governance and civil society building; food safety and agriculture; infrastructure and sustainable use of natural resources; supporting market economy; as well as in two overarching areas - environment and climate change; and equal opportunities.

In 2022, a total of **76 microgrants** were implemented in twelve countries (total value of **€658,278.34**).

List of microgrants implemented in 2022

Country	Number of microgrants	Spending (€)
Albania	5	39,099.90
Monte Negro	3	19,460
Serbia/Kosovo*	6	59,909.60
Moldova	11	109,995.68
Kenya	10	89,995
Tanzania	1	10,000
Somalia	1	10,000
Uganda	1	10,000
Rwanda	1	10,000
Georgia	12	111,614
Bosnia and Herzegovina	11	49,999.16
North Macedonia	4	38,874
Ukraine	6	59,350
Lebanon	2	19,990
Iraq	2	19,991
TOTAL	76	658,278.34

Financial contributions to partner countries for microgrants in 2022 (%)



* This designation used throughout the SAIDC Annual Report 2022 is without prejudice to positions on status and is consistent with UNSC 1244/1999 and the ICJ's Opinion on Kosovo's Declaration of Independence.

Sharing Slovak Expertise (SSE) Tool

In 2022, **three projects** were implemented under the Sharing Slovak Expertise tool.

Due to the continued unfavourable COVID-19 epidemiological situation in many countries, only one project was implemented in the first half of 2022. Four experts from the Procedural Department of the Migration Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the



Slovak Republic were posted to Bosnia and Herzegovina. It was a follow up to previous projects from 2021 and the Memorandum of Cooperation on Migration and Asylum signed between the two countries from September 2021. The aim of the working visit was to share Slovak expertise and practical information on the complex

requirements of asylum procedure implementation with experts in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The experts met with the Deputy Director of the Service of Foreigners' Affairs and the Director of the Sector for Asylum, visited the detention facility in Sarajevo, the reception centre Ušivak, participated in the introductory and substantive interview of an asylum seeker. The visit identified various possible areas for cooperation in the asylum procedure. In the coming period, the partners from the Sector for Asylum from the Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina and from the Centre for Social Services of Hadžići and Bihaći will visit their Slovak colleagues coordinating the social work in migration centres in Slovakia.

In September 2022, the second workshop was organized under this tool. It was held under the auspices of Vodohospodárska výstavba, š. p. company.

The aim was to enhance the awareness and exchange of information between Slovak and Central Asian experts related to

legislation and cooperation in ensuring the safety of waterworks with state authorities and owners, and data collection and analysis from automated measurements, increasing the institutional capacity of specialized national authorities in Central Asia and strengthening regional cooperation in safety of waterworks in transboundary basins. The participants from Central Asia highly appreciated the way the workshop was organized - it allowed them to get acquainted with good practices in water management, specifically in the field of waterworks safety in Slovakia. Slovakia's efforts to boost its support for development cooperation with Central Asian countries in the future using SlovakAid instruments and EXIMBANKA SR programmes were also viewed positively.

The third project implemented under the SSE in 2022 was titled Sharing Experiences in Fire Safety and Fire Service Management. Its goal was to identify the system of measures and standards used by fire and rescue services in the country with the aim to benchmark, monitor and improve the performance of the Kenya National Fire Brigade Association (KENFIBA). The five-member delegation highly appreciated the benefits of the study visit, including meetings with representatives from the Fire and Rescue Corps of the Ministry of Interior, the high expertise of the lecturers, helpful Q&A sessions and the site visit to the fire station in Petržalka, Bratislava. The participants also applauded the concept and organization structure of the Training Centre Lešt of the RFF MI SR. In the future, the Kenyan partners would like to focus on training of emergency service providers and the integrated risk management plan in the country under the SSE tool.

The spending of the total 2022 SSE budget (€50,000) was at the level of 35.3% (€17,649.58).



Approved and implemented SSE activities in 2022

	Country	Project name	Type	Duration	Number of people	Approved budget (€)	Spending in € (as of 31/12/2022)
1.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Posting experts from the Procedural Department of the Migration Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic to the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina	Posting of experts	06-10/06/2022	4	2,72000	1,471.17
2.	Kazakhstan	Dam Safety - Experience Sharing Workshop 2022	Posting of experts	27-30/09/2022	20	7,190.00	7,041.86
3.	Kenya	Sharing experience in fire safety and fire brigade management	Study trip	23-29/10/2022	5	11,980.00	9,136.55
Allocation for 2022: €50,000.00							
TOTAL SPENDING AS OF 31/12/2022							17,649.58

PROCEDURAL MANAGEMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

COOPERATION IN 2022

Calls for grant proposals

In line with the Bilateral Development Cooperation Focus of the Slovak Republic for 2022, the call for the **Sub-Saharan Africa region was not opened, thus reducing the number of eligible project countries.** Territorial calls (with the exception of the Western Balkans) introduced a new eligibility criteria: activities in the capital were eligible only under the condition of their significant positive impact in other regions of the country.

In August 2022, SAIDC opened a call for the Capacity Building and Partnerships Programme. Funds were provided from the balance of the funds originally allocated for the 2022 grant calls. In most of the territorial calls, except Moldova, the number of sectoral priorities was reduced from three to two.

Integration of overarching topics required and update of the evaluation criteria: with three new sub-criteria defined under the Relevance criterion: 1. the level of contribution, 2. coherence and 3. the integration of overarching topics in the relevant parts of the application. The adding of these three new sub-criteria required the ISO form and the Annex to be updated. New evaluation methodology of overarching topics, designed by SAIDC, was included in the updated version of the Methodological Guidance for Overarching Topics along with various annexes to calls and 2022 Financial Guidelines.



In the first half of 2022, SAIDC **opened a call for Strategic Partnership grants** for the first time. The pilot call aims to establish a mechanism for long-term cooperation and also contribute to sustainable improvements in the living conditions of the Kenyan population as well as to the further development of the country. .

With an eye on enhancing the involvement of businesses in development cooperation, **the financial mechanism for providing grant instalments under the call for the Private Sector Engagement Programme** has been aligned with the financial mechanism of all ODA calls. The businesses will not only receive subsidies (grants) as reimbursements but also as advance payments.

Formal requirements in all calls were updated in accordance with **Act No. 177/2018 on reducing the administrative burden**; and according to their updated version, all entities **must register as a VAT payer**. In light of the above, SAIDC updated the checklist for formal eligibility of the grant application.

Hand in hand with opening the calls, SAIDC also updated its 2022 Financial Guidelines, annexes and added a new Annex 11 – Template of Project Overhead/Indirect Project Costs Table. The Financial Guide and its annexes are available on SAIDC's website in Slovak and English versions.

In February, SAIDC organized **two online Information Days** on the 2022 calls for proposals for development cooperation and humanitarian aid projects. They were opened to all those interested in submitting a grant application. A total of 58 participants listened to 11 presentations by SAIDC project and financial managers. The presentations and FAQs are available on the **SAIDC website**. SAIDC staff offered consultations to applicants throughout the duration of the calls for proposals in order to enhance the quality of applications.

Submission and evaluation of grant applications

All applications submitted under the individual calls were evaluated pursuant to the **OECD DAC criteria**, which were integral part of the calls, as well as pursuant to the **Statute of the Committee of the MFEA SR** for the Evaluation of Development Cooperation Grant Applications and for the Evaluation of Development Cooperation Contract Bids (a total of twelve meetings were held).

In order to ensure the high quality of external evaluation, SAIDC opened a **new call to identify external expert evaluators**. By the deadline at the end of March 2022, 14 new applications had been submitted. In April, SAIDC selected external expert evaluators to evaluate the 2022 applications. Panels consisting of a minimum of 3 experts recommended the distribution of grant applications among the external evaluators based on their sectoral and geographic expertise for the respective calls, and their previous experience in project evaluation. The Chairperson of the Committee decided on the distribution of the applications among the experts based on these recommendations. The names of the evaluators are listed in the minutes from the committees' meetings.

There were four new evaluators involved in the process while the mandatory precondition for evaluating projects was to participate in an online training session organised by SAIDC. The training took place in mid-April 2022.

The training focused on providing information on the methodology for expert evaluation of grant applications submitted under the 2022 calls, with an emphasis on the evaluation of overarching topics – to be evaluated for the first time in 2022. Contrary to 2021, **project applications were evaluated by only one external evaluator**. The exception was the **Kenya Strategic Partnership** grant applications, evaluated by two external expert evaluators.

Applications for the Humanitarian Call for Ukraine were not evaluated by any external expert evaluator due to its fast-track approval process. Traditionally, the applications for the posting of volunteers, EU co-financing and the calls for the Capacity Building and Partnerships Programme were not evaluated by external expert evaluators. The list of external expert evaluators evaluating 2022 applications [is published on the SAIDC website](#). In March, SAIDC organized an **online training for members of the evaluation committee** to provide information on the methodology for the expert evaluation of applications submitted under the 2022 calls. Specific attention was paid to the methodology for the evaluation of overarching topics and the coherence criterion. Once the evaluation was completed, SAIDC evaluated the whole process. As a result, three external evaluators were removed from the SAIDC database by decision of its Director.

In October, SAIDC organized an online briefing seminar for grantees on Managing Approved SAMRS/2022 Projects. The presentations and the questions and answers from the discussion were posted on the Agency's website.



Project monitoring

Unlike the previous two years, when monitoring was essentially paralysed by the COVID-19 pandemic, several major monitoring trips were carried out in 2022. **The monitoring proved that grant projects were implemented in line with the stated objectives and priorities. Site visits also confirmed that the project funds were spent efficiently and meaningfully, and the projects achieved the desired results.**

Final monitoring of the V4 project in Kenya

In May, the SAIDC Project and Finance Manager participated in a 9-day final project monitoring trip together with the Development Diplomat of the Diplomatic mission in Nairobi. The V4 project implemented in Kenya was titled *Enhancement of Livelihoods in the Kenyan Coastal Region by Supporting Organic and Fair Trade Certification of Smallholders*. The monitoring **focused on meeting the project indicators, assessed the roles of the local partner organizations** Ten Senses Africa and Farm Africa. Its aim was also to **indicate the social impacts of the project directly by its ultimate beneficiaries** - farmers and the Village Savings and Loan Association (VSLA). The first part of the monitoring consisted of meetings with representatives of the PricewaterhouseCoopers company and with the EU DEL project manager in Kenya in Nairobi. With relatively moderate grant support (€1.9 million), **the V4 project managed to achieve positive impact and was successfully implemented.**

The second part of the trip involved **field monitoring in the coastal provinces of Kilifi and Kwale. A visit to the TSA Cashew Ltd. warehouse, monitoring of the cashew seedling nursery** in Kajankuni, Kilifi, a meeting with the TSA Cashew Ltd. management/ Grow Fairly Ltd. took place on **17 May**, together with the monitoring of construction works and equipment at the processing factory in Kilifi (funded by AgriFI Kenya Challenge Fund, Norad and TSA investment), a demonstration of how the cashew nut harvest is

purchased from the farmers (operation of TSA mobile app in practice), as well as **structured interviews with two project farmers and a visit to their farms**. The female farmers were content with the cashew tree cultivation. They were motivated by the ease of it as well as the relatively fast maturation rate of the trees (about three years). They also appreciated the immediate mobile payment for each sale of the crop. A meeting with the **management and pupils of Ramisi Secondary School in Kwale** was organized on the following day. The school is supported under the **AgriFI Kenya Challenge Fund programme**. The pupils, members of the agri-club, planted a total of 150 cashew seedlings on the school farm and received agricultural training from TSA. The cashew seedlings have an almost 100% survival rate after being planted at the school, as the pupils care for them and irrigate the seedlings regularly. Monitoring then focused on the TSA Cashew Ltd nursery in Kwale and a group discussion with leaders, members of the VSLA "Munako Women Group" in Mavombe village in the Msambweni district. VSLA leaders together with the members expressed satisfaction with the implementation of project activities, especially the financial literacy training and the opportunity to link together with the Women Enterprise Fund (WEF) - a government organization that provides affordable loans to support women starting and/or expanding their businesses. WEF provided a loan to VSLA worth 350,000 Kenyan shillings, about €2,800.

Members apply the knowledge gained from the financial literacy training when managing their small business activities. Joint savings allowed VSLA to start a small business renting plastic chairs for social events (70 chairs), e.g. parties, weddings, etc. The group also raises poultry together and has set up a taxi moto bike service. It uses the profit to support its families, e.g. to cover school fees for children from lower income families so that they can access better education, or to buy biopesticides for the crops it grows. It is vital for the project partner to ensure the sustainability of the seedling nurseries and to continue to work with farmers after the intervention is completed. TSA has an ambitious plan to expand cashew cultivation to more provinces

and later to sub-Saharan African countries, to engage an additional 15,000 farmers and to set aside part of a factory for dried fruit processing.

Monitoring grant projects and microgrants in Kenya

The State Secretary of the MFEA SR Ingrid Brocková visited Kenya from 27 March to 1 April, thus concluding the tour to three ODA programme countries of the Slovak Republic, after visiting Georgia and Moldova in 2021. The visit focused on monitoring bilateral projects and other development cooperation instruments of the Slovak Republic. SAIDC was represented by its Director and Project and Finance Manager responsible for the projects. The delegation first visited Refu-SHE - an organization helping women fleeing from their conflict-torn countries (e.g. Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan, Somalia). Its aim is to protect and reintegrate them into society. In 2021, the microgrant from SlovakAid was used to scale up the capacity of the organization's IT training centre, and to fund the purchase of 16 new computers and IT-certified trainings. Another SlovakAid microgrant was signed during the visit. On the second day, the delegation visited **Mater Hospital**, which is one of two hospitals in Kenya specialising in paediatric cardiac surgery (the other is the state-run Kenyatta Hospital).



The project, supported by SlovakAid through the 2020 call, builds on the **long-standing work of Czech-Slovak teams in this hospital**, whether through the SSE tool or technical support for these missions through microgrants. The aim of the project is to continue the

transfer of know-how in paediatric cardiology and possibly create a centre of excellence not only for Kenya but also for the East African region. The main project activities combine Czech-Slovak missions to the hospital in Nairobi, training of doctors, nurses and hospital experts. **Capacity development takes place in the areas of diagnostics, pre-operative, operative and post-operative care and in the management of the children's cardiac centre.** The project is progressing well, with 11 children operated on during the first medical mission in December 2021. The mortality rate in post-operative care has been reduced from 70% to almost zero. **The next medical mission took place in June 2022, a total of 9 children were operated on.**

A visit to the project of the St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work and its local partner, **St. Philip Neri Primary School** took place on the third day of the visit. The delegation was presented with the results achieved under the long-term ODA intervention in the field of education (since 2012). **The State Secretary of the MFEA SR officially opened the chemistry and biology classroom and reviewed the status for the finalization of the construction of the secondary school building. The monitoring focused on the ongoing project from the 2021 call and completed projects from the 2019 and 2018 SAIDC calls.**



The delegation also visited Renman Africa's Sote Hub, supported through a SlovakAid microgrant (climate-smart agriculture); the Ushirikiano Education Centre (established by St. Elizabeth's University and the association Dvojfarebný svet) with Slovakia sending its volunteers to the Centre on annual basis. Furthermore, the delegation visited A Rocha Conservation and Hope, where a microgrant under the environmental education and reforestation programme was signed.



Project monitoring in Iraq

In September, the Director of SAIDC and a representative of the Department for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid MFEA SR participated in the monitoring of three humanitarian projects supported under the 2020 and 2021 calls in Iraq. A semi-structured group interview was conducted with the beneficiaries of the project **implemented by Caritas Slovakia in the village of Bersava**. Since the water well pump was ceremonially put into operation at the time of the visit, the interview gave insight into the current water availability in the area. Households can only access water in their houses twice a week when filling their tanks. At the same time, they are forced to buy water from water tanks three to four times a week, or to buy bottled water in plastic, which has a negative impact on their expenditures and, of course, on the environment. This scarcity affects access to drinking water and reduces the ability to grow one's own crops. Women, who often carry water long distances from neighbours or other sources, are disproportionately affected. It is expected that operation of the well will significantly improve access to drinking water in households, reduce expenditures and enable the cultivation of crops. In another visited village, Birstek, where a water well pump was also put into operation, the situation was very similar. Households receive water for about one hour every other day, therefore, they have to buy water from water tanks and bottled water, spending about 60,000 Iraqi dinars (app. €37) a week on water. The newly opened well is also expected to bring significant benefits to the locality.

Semi-structured questionnaires were also used to monitor the impact of the [2020 humanitarian project of the Caritas Slovakia in the village of Hasan Ava](#), where a new well has been operating for almost a year. Community members indicated a significant improvement in both the quality and quantity of drinking water. Whereas before the well was in operation they had to pay extra for water to be brought in five times a week, today water is available around the clock. The impact is most pronounced among the lower income groups and IDPs, who had

difficulty paying for the water that had to be brought in by tanker. Also, the taste of the water has improved considerably after the new wells became operational. The management of the well was handed over to the local water resources management at the provincial level, thus ensuring project sustainability. This covers the supply of electricity, repairs and spare parts in addition to the availability of drinking water. Another project benefit is higher rate of crop production by households, especially fruit trees and vegetables. Farming, once typical for this region, had become impossible due to a combination of climate change and water scarcity. The abundance of fresh water has also helped to reduce



the plastic bottle waste. On the other hand, the monitoring has identified challenges and a limited positive impact when it comes to putting the new agricultural procedures into practice (subject to the training offered).

Project monitoring Academy of Emergency Medicine, o. z., supported under the 2020 SAIDC call for proposals, included a meeting with representatives of the training centre. The centre falls under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Interior of the Kurdistan Regional Government. The monitoring visit looked into the medical training material used for the general training of new members of the police force and students of medicines assigned to individual units. Some of the materials is also used for medical interventions directly at the

training base. The beneficiary also received a pick-up vehicle (not in operation at the time of the visit). The discussion with a medical doctor leading the trainings for police officers underscored the need of designing new training syllabus in order to enhance quality of first aid training. The syllabus developed under the project also serves to train the students of medicine within police. Between 2021 and 2022, approximately 2,100 police officers and 80 students of medicine were trained using the material and the syllabus. The staff reported that the training contributed to higher quality first aid interventions by the police officers. The project also provided medical supplies to emergency rooms in Erbil.

Private Sector Engagement

The objectives of the grant component of the **Private Sector Engagement Programme** (hereinafter the "PSEP") specifically focus on private sector. The Programme aims 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.

SAIDC opened the call for PSEPs (allocation of €200,000) on **14 February**, receiving eleven applications by its deadline on 28 March. The Programme follows its own de minimis state aid scheme with a cap amount of support of €200,000 per one SME.

At its May meeting, the MFEA SR Evaluation committee for PSEP projects recommended five of the applications for approval, at a total value of €382,233.97. SAIDC signed grant agreements with four successful applicants, the fifth applicant declined the grant for personal reasons.

Other activities under the Private Sector Engagement Programme

In cooperation with the Ministry of Finance, EXIMBANKA SR and MFEA SR, SAIDC participated in the preliminary assessment of applications for **preferential export credits**. In 2022, SAMRS was involved in the evaluation of one application and participated in an online consultation with the applicant (how to fill in the questionnaire for an exporter applying for a preferential export credit).

During 2022, SAIDC, as a member of the Practitioners' Network for European Development Cooperation and part of the collaboration of five development agencies, participated in the preparation of the **Team Europe** initiative called **Investing in Young Businesses in Africa SEED**. The initiative involved four online seminars and one two-day seminar in Paris in May 2022, with the participation of SAIDC representative. As a result, **a contract between the consortium members was signed** - Expertise France, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, Enabel - Belgian Development Agency, SAIDC and **the European Commission on 30 December 2022**. The project **Investing in Young Businesses in Africa - Supporting Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Development**, which is part of the Team Europe initiative, will be implemented under this contract. The project will run in South Africa, Kenya, Benin, Togo and Senegal from 1 January 2023 to 30 November 2026 with a total budget of €22,850 000. SAIDC will implement part of the overall activities in South Africa and Kenya with a budget of €1,403,150. Slovakia will co-finance the project with €200,000, which will be earmarked for SAIDC operational costs related to the project implementation. These funds have been earmarked within the framework of the Slovak Republic's draft Bilateral ODA Focus for 2023.

On 15 March 2022, a SAIDC representative made a presentation on how to engage entrepreneurs in ODA SR at a **SARIO Slovak Space Office - Industry Branch** webinar for companies involved in the space industry and the use of satellite data.

Cooperation with international partners

UNDP

In 2022, the cooperation between MFEA SR and UNDP continued under the framework of the UNDP-Slovakia Partnership: Effective Development Cooperation Solutions for the SDGs project.

A SAIDC representative evaluated projects under the 2023 UNDP Slovak Challenge Fund. On 8 September, the Public Information Manager and the SAIDC Project Manager organised a webinar on how to use the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) open data publishing and analysis tools in cooperation with the IATI Secretariat (hosted by the UNDP in New York). IATI data reporting enhancements and customizations were addressed by SAIDC representatives with MFSR and the PosAm vendor.

USAID

The MFEA SR continued to cooperate with USAID through 2022. On **3 February, 2022**, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ivan Korčok and USAID Administrator Samantha Power signed a **Memorandum of Understanding between MFEA SR and USAID on international development cooperation** in Washington, D.C.. The Memorandum is valid for three years. The first result of this ongoing cooperation between SAIDC and USAID is a joint project to strengthen the financial sustainability of the Georgian civil society, using the know-how of Slovak NGOs, with SAIDC's financial contribution of €200,000 in the USAID Civil Society Engagement Program in Georgia. The main implementer of the joint project in Georgia is the East-West Management Institute.



In 2022, the National Convention on the European Union project in **North Macedonia** entered into its final implementation phase. The project, implemented as part of cooperation with the USAID, was completed as of 31 December 2022. Its total budget amounted to \$240,000, with funding split equally between the two organizations (SlovakAid and USAID). **USAID funded five working group meetings** from January 1 to December 31, 2022. They focused on prevention and combating terrorism, inclusion of persons with disabilities in the labour market, food security within the context of the current global crisis, current challenges in the Macedonian judiciary, and environmental issues (forest management). The meetings were attended by representatives from academia, civil society, government and the diplomatic corps from North Macedonia. A total of 57 recommendations were made and shared with all relevant stakeholders during the reporting period.

Among other activities, an informal meeting with the members of the Programme Board of the National Convention on the EU in North Macedonia and the fifth plenary session of the National Convention was held in cooperation with the Committee for European Affairs of the Parliament of North Macedonia. The Parliamentarians described the final plenary session with one hundred participants as one of the best events of the year – in terms of quality - organised within the premises of Parliament. A Memorandum of Cooperation between the Ministry of Justice of North Macedonia and the National Convention on the EU in Northern Macedonia was signed at the session. The Memorandum was signed by the Minister of Justice, Nikola Tupancheski, and the National Coordinator of the Convention, Mileva Gjurovska. The Minister praised the cooperation with the National Convention on the EU in North Macedonia and expressed the commitment to intensively cooperate on the future activities of the platform.

The project of the civil association EMA - Development and Mobility Agency: **Quality Workforce for the IT Sector in Moldova: Establishment of a Cyber Security Academy - Phase 2**" continued within the framework of the Development Cooperation Partnership Programme, funded by the US Government. The total amount of financial support for the 14-month project is \$120,000. The initiative is a follow-up to the 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. From 1 January to 31 December 2022, the Cybersecurity Academy courses were organized at the Technical University of Moldova. An **IT hard skills training** was held between April-June 2022, attended by twelve students.

The top six students received internships at ESET's office in Jasy, Romania; four students completed the internship programme in July 2022. Simultaneously, **Spring Bootcamp for Girls** for 50 girls and **Summer Bootcamp for Girls** for 74 girls aged 14 to 20 from 32 regions of the Republic of Moldova were organized. The top eleven girls from the Summer Bootcamp then completed internships at local IT companies (BSD Management Company and Crunchyroll), and one student got a part-time job at BSD Management Company. In October 2022, a one-day visit was organized to ESET's development centre in Jasy, Romania, where students from the Technical University of Moldova met with ESET mentors discussing career in ICT and cyber security; nine students from the Cyber Security Academy participated. The project was completed on 31 January 2023.

UNESCO

A general Memorandum of Understanding with UNESCO, effective until 2030, had been signed on 13 December 2018 and the first joint project was implemented in the Turkana region of **Kenya** in the water management sector.

The aim of the project was to ensure sustainable access to drinking water, improve livelihoods and food security, and promote the health and hygiene of local shepherd communities. The project was implemented by Caritas Lodwar - Lobur Catholic Mission, a local organization with long experience in the water and sanitation industry in the Turkana region. **The two-year project started on July 8, 2020. The project implementation officially ended on June 30, 2022.**

Cooperation in the area of global development education

The total allocation for grant applications for global and development education projects in 2022 was **€150,000**.

The MFEA SR, Slovak Ministry of Education and GENE continued to implement the activities they had committed to under the **Cooperation Agreement** during the first half of 2022. Several joint meetings were held to discuss the implemented or planned activities, mainly with regards to the preparation of the new Global Education Strategy.

One of the concrete outcomes of this cooperation was the organization of online **Policy Learning Forum**, which took place on **21 March 2022**, organised by the Ministry of Education with the support of the MFEA SR and GENE. The aim of this event was to **present examples of good practice** in the field of global education implemented by Slovak entities (People in Need Slovakia, n.o., Al Nova, Slovak Foundation for UNICEF and Impact Games) or entities in other countries, i.e. Ireland and the Czech Republic. The preparation of a new global education strategy under the national consultation process was also at the centre of attention. **SAIDC presented a Development Education under the SlovakAid Brand**, specifying support to development education projects, results achieved from the implemented projects, as well as the outputs and recommendations of the external evaluation of global development education projects carried out at the turn of 2020 and

2021. **In April 2022**, the 46th **GENE Roundtable** was organized, again in a virtual form, presenting reports from member countries (National report for Slovakia was presented by SAIDC representative), and progress in the preparation of the European Declaration on Global Education 2050 and the results of the 2019-2021 evaluation of GENE's work, led by a team from the University of Porto.

In the second half of 2022, drafting of the new Global Education Strategy for 2023-2030 continued. SAIDC contributed with its inputs on supporting development education projects from the ODA resources of the Slovak Republic.

In November, the two-day GENE conference in Dublin formally adopted the **European Declaration on Global Education 2050**, bringing to a close a year of preparation for this major document setting the direction and priorities for global education at the European level. It was attended by policy makers and representatives of ministries, agencies, civil society and other institutions and organizations working on global education, including the Ministry of Education and Science, the Ministry of Education and Science and the Ambrella Platform of Development Organisations.

At the end of November, the Ministry of Education and Science of the Slovak Republic organized a two-day international expert colloquium on global education. Its aim was to hold the first moderated discussion on the preparation of the action plan for the new Global Education Strategy and to contribute to the exchange of experience and good practice of institutions working on global education in Slovakia and abroad. The colloquium was opened by Ingrid Brocková, State Secretary of the MFEA, together with Slavomir Partil, State Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Slovak Republic.

The new Global Education Strategy for the Slovak Republic for 2022-2030 prepared by the Ministry of Education should be submitted to the government in 2023 and may be one of the first national strategies

to be formulated in line with the vision of the European Declaration on Global Education 2050.

Joint V4 project in the Republic of Kenya

The joint V4 project in Kenya Enhancement of Livelihoods in the Kenyan Coastal Region by Supporting Organic and Fair Trade Certification of Smallholders worth €1.9 million in the coastal regions of Kilifi, Kwale and Lamu was completed on 31 May 2022. The main objective of the project was to **support the development of the coastal provinces through job creation and increase food security of smallholder farmers through Organic and Fair Trade cashew nut production**. Special emphasis was placed on supporting women and youth. The project involved **16,011 farmers**, of which **54.98% were women and 45.02% were men**. A total of **927,320 seedlings** were distributed to farmers. The project also supported **26 rural savings and credit associations** with **617 members** (121 men, 496 women). A total of 1,093 youth were trained to provide services along the cashew value chain. The project also **created 423 jobs (91% of which were for women) in nurseries and a processing factory in Kilifi**. Cashew nut production in the project has been BIO/Organic certified (Ecocert) and Fair Trade certified (World Fair Trade Organization) since mid-2019.

In the last three years of the project's implementation, the provinces where it has been implemented have seen an **increase in harvested yield** per year from 5.87 kg per tree to 64.79 kg per tree. In the long term, the project has also contributed significantly **to climate change mitigation through CO2 sequestration**. The capacity of the nearly one million cashew trees planted to absorb carbon emissions is equivalent to 50 million kilograms of CO2 per year. SAIDC played the role of grant manager, lead coordinator, and implementer of some of the project activities. The following institutions and organizations from the V4 countries actively participated in the project: the Czech

University of Agriculture in Prague, the Hungarian University of Agriculture and Natural

Sciences and the Polish non-profit organization Foundation Science for Development. The main local partners were Ten Senses Africa/TSA Cashew Ltd. and Farm Africa, which completed the implementation of its part of the project activities on 31 August 2020. The embassies of the V4 countries in Kenya regularly monitored the progress of the project's implementation on the ground and contributed with valuable advice and recommendations. As part of the administrative closure of the V4 project, a final project audit was conducted by PricewaterhouseCoopers - PwC Nairobi between 21 June and 13 October 2022. The audit report together with the final narrative and financial report were submitted to the EU Delegation in Nairobi on 30 November 2022.

EU Delegated Cooperation in Moldova

As of **1 March 2022**, SAIDC, as the lead partner, has started implementing the first **EU Delegated Cooperation project EU Support for Local Media Outlets in the Republic of Moldova**. The project focuses on the capacity building of independent local media outlets and will also draw on the experience of Slovak entities in this regard. The project involves local media from several regions of Moldova (print, online and TV media). Project activities are implemented through tailor-made trainings and workshops, as well as through a mentoring programme, a small grant scheme, networking and study visits. The total budget of the project, planned for two years, is EUR 1 million and one of the expert partners is the Polish NGO Polish Solidarity Fund.

On 23 May 2022, a call for the selection of a partner for the implementation of the **EU Delegated Cooperation project EU Support for Local Media Outlets in the Republic of Moldova** was published on the SAMRS website. For more information about the call [see SAIDC website](#).

The application and approval process followed the Methodological Guideline designed by the external SAIDC methodologist. **The project partner is the People in Need Slovakia, n.o.**, an NGO implementing the project in cooperation with partners People in Need Czech Republic, o. p. s., Research Centre of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association, n. o., local partner CU SENS and Thomson Media gGmbH. The contract with the project implementation partner was signed on **30 August 2022**, which marked the beginning of the actual implementation of the project activities.

A **call for proposals was opened** between October to December; **the final beneficiaries - local media - were selected**. The call was opened by People in Need Slovakia, n.o. together with its partners; a total of 38 local media participated, including 14 start-ups and 24 media outlets. In a two-round evaluation process, thirteen active media and two start-ups were finally approved by the evaluation committee. To promote the call and the



project, a kick-off meeting was held in Chisinau in October 2022; attended and addressed by Jānis Mažeiks, EU Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, and Pavol Ivan, Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to the Republic of Moldova.

In December 2022, People in Need Slovakia, n.o. and its partners opened a call for **local media mentors**, i.e. mentors from Moldova and Ukraine, with the aim of selecting one mentor for each supported media outlet based on their needs; the deadline for the selection was set for January 2023.

Management of foreign experts is the full responsibility of SAIDC. For this purpose, the SAIDC opened a call for foreign experts on its website on December 2, 2022. A total of 22 foreign media experts from various countries, including the Slovak Republic and Moldova, participated. The selection committee will meet in January 2023 with the aim of creating a database of experts from which local media will select an expert based on their needs.



Call reference no.	Call name	Date of opening the call	Deadline	Available funds (€)	Approved grant	No. of all/approved applications	Date of approval by the Minister
1.	SAMRS/2022/EU/MD/1 EU Support for local media in Moldova	23. 5. 2022	17. 6. 2022	759 844,00	N/A	N/A	N/A
2.	SAMRS/2022/EU/MD/1 - 2.kolo EU Support for local media in Moldova	20/06/2022	11/07/2022	786,045.75	786,045.75	1	N/A
TOTAL				786 045,75	786 045,75	1	

SPENDING IN 2022

The total approved budget (expenditures) for SAIDC for 2022 was **€7,037,821**. The budget was revised to €8,507,574 through budgetary measures. The real consumption as of 31 December 2022 was **€8,456,183.56 i.e. 99.40% of the revised budget**.

Spending under the 610 category (Salaries, pay, service income and other personal pay) was in line with the revised budget in the amount of €383,135.21, i.e. 100% of the revised budget. Spending under the 620 category (Insurance and contribution to insurance companies) was in line with the revised budget in the amount of €141 851,86, i.e. 100%, of the revised budget. Spending under the 630 category (Goods and services) was in line with the budget in the amount of €257 514,12.71, i.e. 100% of the revised budget. Spending under the 640 category (Current transfers) was in line with the budget in the amount of €6,911,094.40, i.e. 99.46% of the revised budget. Spending under the 720 category 7(Capital transfers) was in line with the budget in the amount of €762,587.97, i.e. 98,19%.

As of **31 December 2022**, a total amount of **€6,907,663.99** was allocated to ODA SR projects; of that, €1 ,1313,913.06 was spent from Source 131J (unused funds for ODA SR from 2020), €1,662,817.72 was spent from Source 131K (unused funds for ODA SR from 2021), €433,214 from 11UA (assistance to Ukraine) and €3,497,719.21 was spent from Source 111 (funds budgeted for 2022).



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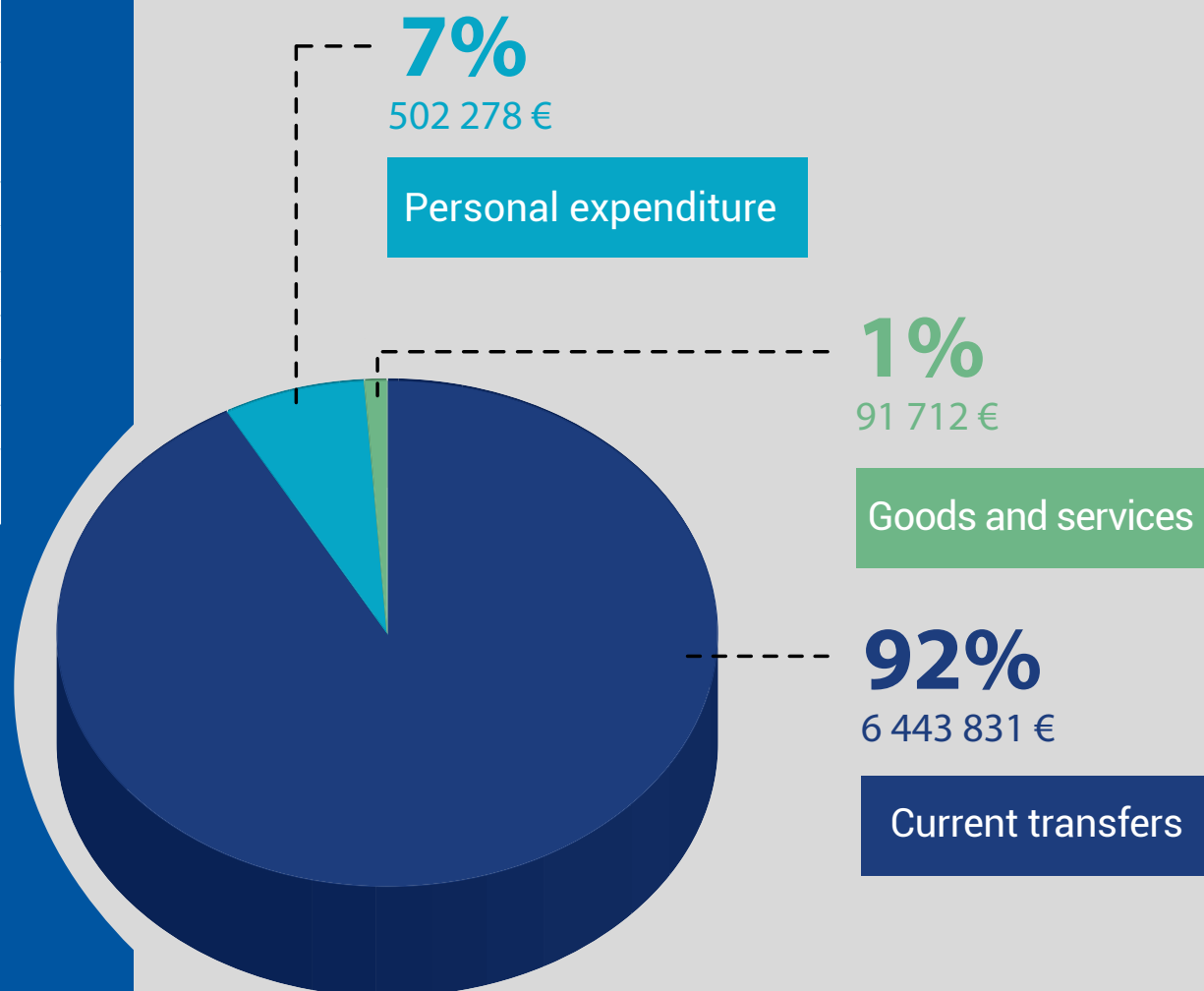
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SAIDC – approved budget under Contract for 2022

		Economic classification	Description	Approved budget (€)
1.		610	Wages, salaries, service income and other personal pay	374,149
2.		620	Insurance premiums and contribution to insurance companies	128,129
3.	1+2	Personal expenses total		502,278
4.		630	Goods and services	91,712
5.		Goods and services total		91,712
6.		640	Current transfers	6,443,831
7.		Current transfers total		6,443,831
8.		720	Capital transfers	0
3+5+7		TOTAL		7,037,821

Approved SAIDC for 2022



Spending from 1 January to 31 December 2022

Economic classification	Approved budget	Adjusted budget (€)	Spending (€)	%share to adjusted budget
610	374,149	383,149	383,135	100%
620	128,129	141,852	141,852	100%
630	91,712	257,514	257,514	100%
640	6,443,831	6,948,402	6,911,095	99.46%
ODA	6,442,171	6,944,972	6,907,664	99.46%
720	0	776,657	762,588	98.19%
TOTAL	7,037,821	8,507,574	8,456,184	99,40 %

Spending for SAIDC operation and activities by 2022 ODA SR Focus

4 SAIDC operation and activities			
		Allocation by Focus in 2022 (€)	Real spending as of 31 December 2022 (€)
4.1	Development diplomats (KE, MD, GE)	250,000	234,019.00 ³
4.2	Informing public	70,000	66,766.72
4.3	Building capacities of SAIDC and ODA stakeholders	10,000	8,190.60
4.4	ODA Projects' audit	60,000	55,548.30
4.5	SAIDC administrative costs	564,301	611,185.60
4.6	ODA Project evaluation	50,000	0
4.7	Joint V4 project in Republic of Kenya from the state budget operation ⁴		11,889.97
	TOTAL	1,004,301	987,600.19

³ Actual expenditures for development diplomats are calculated by the Financial Department of the MFEA SR.

⁴ Note: remuneration paid on contracts for a project and financial manager and reimbursement of travel costs.

OVERVIEW OF PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2022

DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND HUMANITARIAN AID PROJECTS



The project focused on increasing the potential for the internationalization and growth of young Albanian technology companies and start-ups even outside the region, through a soft-landing program. Albanian start-ups and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) operate on a small market, which is underdeveloped and it is difficult for them to establish relations or partnerships with the EU, let alone expand their business on to the EU markets. The project responded to the need of knowledge transfer, and shared know-how and experience from Slovakia regarding the internationalization of start-ups and SMEs. It came as a follow-up to previous development interventions for the country implemented by the beneficiary. A soft-landing programme manual was prepared as part of the project, providing new information and skills to 19 start-ups in order to expand to foreign markets.



ALBANIA

Project name: Bridge2EU – Supporting internationalization and development of Albanian start-ups and SMEs through soft-landing programmes

Registration number: SAMRS/2020/ZB/1/2

Main sectoral priority: Supporting the development of market environment

Beneficiary: Slovak Research and Development Agency, civic association

ODA SR grant:

€97,844.00

The project objective was to implement analytic methods used to determine priority organic compounds stated in the Water Framework Directive (2013/39/EU) in surface waters for the organization commissioned to monitor organic compounds in Montenegro's living environment. The established analytical methods are compatible with the requirements concerning technical specifications for chemical analyses and the monitoring of the water status applied in the EU Member States (2009/90/EC). Personnel of the Centre for Ecotoxicological Research in Podgorica were trained to be able to respond to the planned amendments to the environmental legislation, and independently meet the EU requirements for creating/ updating the lists of specific pollutants relevant to Montenegro. During the project implementation, the beneficiary and the partner developed four standard operational



procedures and performed direct field analyses of 24 samples. Employees of the partner organization were trained for traditional and modern extraction procedures for the preconcentration of organic compounds defined in the Water Framework Directive or in the GC facility essential maintenance and analytic techniques applied to monitor the organic pollutants.



MONTENEGRO

Project name: Implementing analytic methods to determine organic pollutants (compounds) in the Centre for Ecotoxicological Research in Podgorica

Registration number: SAMRS/2020/ZB/1/4

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

Beneficiary: Faculty of Chemical and Food Technology, Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava

ODA SR grant:

€78,780.00



ETHIOPIA



The project aim was to increase the employment rate of disadvantaged young people in the labour market in the town of Bishoftu. Social business of a local partner Ten Senses Ethiopia was supported in order to establish a stable and sustainable enterprise—a dressmaker/tailor shop (MTE Garment & Print), to build practical skills and create new job positions. The trainers offered courses to young people in order to help them enhance their professional skills, gain practice (and receive a certificate) and integrate into the labour market. 93 students were involved in a four-month dressmaking practice, out of whom 78 graduates have already found jobs or started setting up their own businesses. Students also had the opportunity to consult a social worker who provided mentoring and psychological social assistance in job seeking, in building soft skills and work habits. The dressmaking workshop created a total of 20 job positions, and high quality sewing machines, technology,

and necessary materials were purchased. During the course of the project, the Ethiopian partner made two trips to Kenya to transfer best practices gained through the successful implementation of the beneficiary's development project in a Kibera slum (SAMRS/2017/KE/1/6). Project activities also comprised marketing activities aimed at winning over new customers for the partner's dressmaking/tailor services. Establishing long-term relations with other tradespeople was supported and a brick-and-mortar shop was opened in Addis Abeba, by which the social enterprise was able to increase its turnover and gain new customers.

Project name: Building up a sustainable social enterprise to provide trainings, employment and support to integrate young people into the Ethiopia's labour market

Registration number: SAMRS/2020/SSA/1/5
Main sectoral priority: Supporting the market environment
Beneficiary: Integra Foundation

ODA SR grant:

€199,760.00



The main project objective was to improve the readiness of the Alitena health care centre and population in its catchment area to the pandemic outbreak in the Irob district and help provide continual primary health care to the most vulnerable population. The implementation was aimed at ensuring that a target group of approximately 7,500 residents around Alitena had access to emergency care for COVID-19 and that the most vulnerable population had access to primary care in the health centre. The project was highly impacted by the war conflict in Ethiopia. Health care was provided to local residents, an off-road vehicle was procured to operate as an ambulance, consultations and assessments were given at people's homes for suspected illness caused by COVID-19.

Project name: Improving readiness and capacity to tackle COVID-19 pandemic impacts around Alitena health care centre in Irob district

Registration number: SAMRS/2020/HUM/2/13
Main sectoral priority: Good health
Beneficiary: eRko – Christian children communities movement

ODA SR grant:

€98,059.17



The project focused on the functionality and sustainability of a platform established for the institutionalized public discussion on European integration based on the partnership between governmental, non-governmental, business, and interested institutions. It also pursued the strengthening of Georgia's capacities for the EU pre-accession negotiations – National convention on the EU in Georgia. The main objective was to support the democratization and reforming process by sharing Slovakia's relevant transformation-related experience. The implementation included developing 24 underlying analyses, two conceptual-strategic documents for the Georgia Government, five files containing measures for energy security, as well as youth, and external communication. These may further be useful for the broader professional and lay public communities and other organizations. The project offered public involvement in national policy making on EU related issues, strengthened cooperation between government, NGOs, academia, brought expert know-how to policy processes, practical information and experience from an EU Member State – Slovakia, contributed to the enhancement of expertise and best practices, and individual sessions helped strengthen the expertise of relevant stakeholders.



GEORGIA

Project name: National convention on the EU in Georgia

Registration number: SAMRS/2020/GE/1/1

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

Beneficiary: RC SFPA - Slovak Foreign Policy Association Research Centre

ODA SR grant:

€99,982.00



The project helped remote Georgian mountain villages to improve the quality of life and health of their residents by developing waste management infrastructures in line with the local waste management plan and other national legal requirements. Using Slovak experience and know-how, in cooperation with the local partner – CCRG, a separation and recycling model for solid waste was prepared for Oni and neighbouring villages located in the Racha-Lechkhumi-Kvemo Svaneti region. The developed model received appreciation from the Oni municipal administration and was officially approved by the village council. The project then strengthened the capacities of local stakeholders in waste management and procured necessary infrastructure. A garbage truck was purchased to collect the waste and a pick-up to collect the waste from alpine areas. Litter baskets and

also containers for organic waste were purchased. Emphasis was also put on activities focused on practices in the treatment of biologically degradable waste via composting and other ways of reusing the organic waste. The local partner organized training courses for the local population with an emphasis on motivating local farmers to establish composting bins. Training courses on composting took place, the beneficiary provided composting boxes and necessary tools to 27 selected entities. To increase public involvement in waste recycling, several awareness campaigns were held to emphasise the importance of the topic. Activities and events under the project were documented and reflected in a strategy that can be replicated in other mountain towns of Georgia, wishing to change and increase efficiency of their waste separation and recycling procedures. Public communication actions greatly contributed to raising awareness.

Project name: Supporting environmental activity in Oni through the development of waste management infrastructure

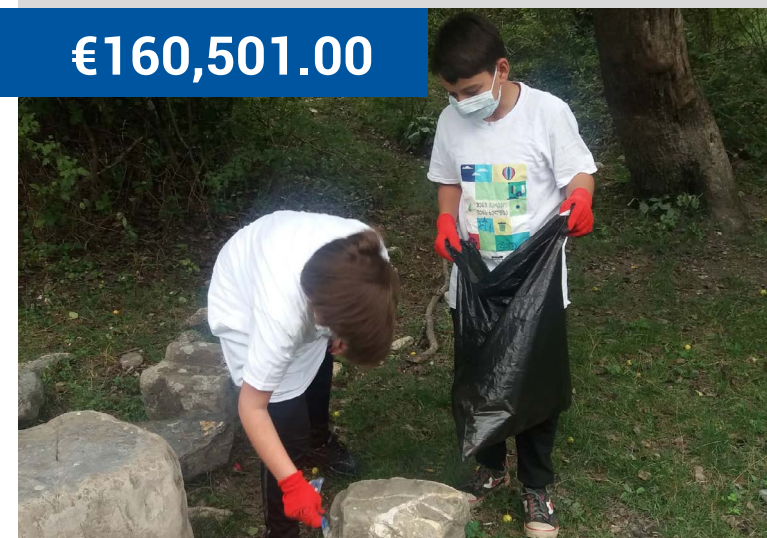
Registration number: SAMRS/2020/GE/1/7

Main sectoral priority: Infrastructure and sustainable use of resources

Beneficiary: SOSNA

ODA SR grant:

€160,501.00



The project focused on strengthening democracy and the trust in Georgian citizens in the state, regional administration and self-governments by effectively fighting disinformation, applying Slovakia's experience from the transformation process. The objective was to point to subversive disinformation practices, their negative impact on society, and to provide advice on possible ways of fighting them, thus striving to restore trust in democracy and institutions. Publications to reach the set goal were released. These analysed disinformation campaigns in Slovakia and Georgia and are in the public domain. The beneficiary wished to establish systemic solutions to fight disinformation associated with electoral campaigns. A draft strategy addressing relevant authorities was published. However, its implementation depends on state institutions. The beneficiary also organized an online meeting to share experience. The largest project deliverable was the creation of an online tool – disinforadar, bringing to Georgia an essential tool to gain a situational overview to promote public resilience against the effects of disinformation. Moreover, it pertains to sources of permanent cooperation between Slovakia and Georgia.



GEORGIA

Project name: Slovakia and Georgia fighting disinformation – empowering civil society and developing capacities in state administration, local and regional self-governments

Registration number: SAMRS/2020/GE/1/8

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

Beneficiary: Slovak Security Policy Institute

ODA SR grant:

€50,831.00

The project aimed at securing sufficient volumes of drinking water to cover the needs of local residents and local communities of internally displaced persons. Project activities focused on well construction including the provision of material and technical equipment (diesel generator, submersible pump, ducts and a protective brick/stone-built shelter). Wells will supply drinking water to municipal ducts in sufficient quantities for local communities of approximately 6,500 inhabitants in total. Overground water tanks were also built near the wells. The beneficiary and the partner educated the local residents on the protection of water sources and their use in agriculture and farming (for more than 190 locals), on the relevance and importance of personal hygiene habits, how to observe a proper drinking regime and how to prevent COVID-19 from spreading (attended to by 197 parents of children from local schools).



IRAQ

Project name: Securing drinking water for Shekhka and Hasan Ava villages

Registration number: SAMRS/2020/HUM/1/4

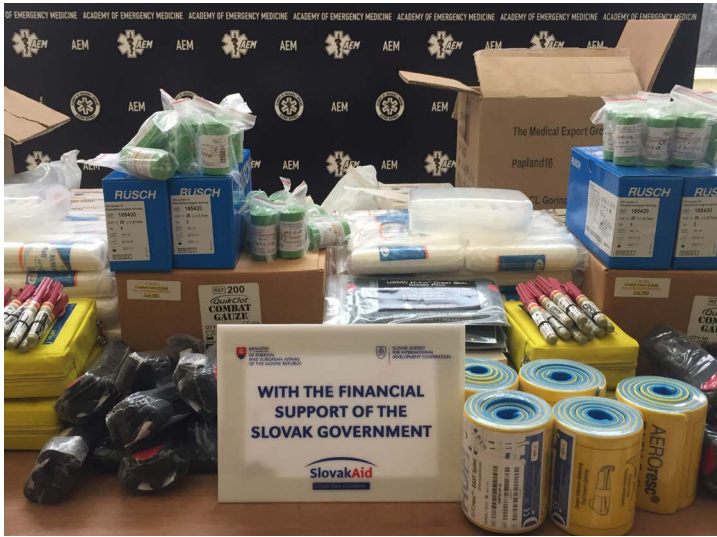
Main sectoral priority: Infrastructure and sustainable use of resources

Beneficiary: Caritas Slovakia

ODA SR grant:

€200,000.00





The project followed up on a previous emergency care project. In addition to providing emergency (to approx. 300 people) the beneficiary focused on the sustainable and permanent building of local health care capacities, experience sharing among experts and building a health care training centre in cooperation with local partners. The objective was to train health care personnel (250 health care professionals and 350 non-health care personnel) and build a training centre to educate future health care professionals. As part of health capacity building, material equipment and staffing the training centre, the applicant's experts developed syllabi and methodology procedures and standards for training programs designed for state institutions and agencies. The project included direct health and material support provided to target groups (five emergency/central receptions of patients equipped) to help mitigate the

impacts of the existing crisis in the region and adds personal health capacities in the country to assist the residents.



The project focused on improving the health condition of mainly internally displaced persons within South Sudan. It was aimed at reducing their morbidity and mortality rates and creating the conditions to provide quality obstetric and neonatal care, in connection to the current situation in the country. The target group was 90,000 residents of the Agangrial region, a major part of whom are people internally displaced because of conflicts between tribes, deprived of sufficient obstetric and neonatal care. Approximately 19,000 persons were provided health care (childbirths, mother and children treated), and a maternity hospital and pre/post-natal counselling clinic were renovated and equipped. More than 4,000 children were vaccinated and health material provided to local health care centre. Local parents were trained in hygiene habits and infectious disease protection, local health professionals learned new information and knowledge.



SYRIA AND IRAQ

Project name: Mitigating the negative impacts of the migration and refugee crisis caused by war conflicts and ongoing crisis in the Iraq and Syria region

Registration number: SAMRS/2020/HUM/1/10

Main sectoral priority: Good health

Beneficiary: Academy of Emergency Medicine

ODA SR grant:

€249,900.00



SOUTH SUDAN

Project name: Improving the availability and quality of obstetric care for mothers and children, Agangrial

Registration number: SAMRS/2020/HUM/1/1

Main sectoral priority: Good health

Beneficiary: St. Elisabeth University, n. o.

ODA SR grant:

€199,999.00



The objective was to strengthen health interventions in three towns in South Sudan, namely Leer, Renk, and Ibba. This project was part of a broader multisectoral activity carried out by the Integra Foundation's partner in the above locations. The beneficiary and partner focused on decreasing preventable morbidity and mortality (among the conflict-stricken population of the internally displaced and in debilitated local host communities) through providing primary health care. Emphasis was put on the most vulnerable groups throughout the project's implementation, such as women and children as well as the elder population, people with disabilities, and pregnant and breast-feeding women. Health care was provided to approx. 39,000 patients involving both local residents and the displaced and supported the activities of 36 local clinics.



SOUTH SUDAN

Project name: Decreasing mortality rate in vulnerable population groups in South Sudan

Registration number: SAMRS/2020/HUM/1/8

Main sectoral priority: Good health

Beneficiary: Integra Foundation

ODA SR grant:

€199,561.00

This project focused on building capacities in a partner Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Nairobi, through experience transfer, knowledge and expertise sharing from Slovak and Czech cardiac centres with the long-term goal of building the first children's cardiac centre in east Africa. Main project activities involved Czech-Slovak missions in the Mater Hospital and trainings for physicians, nurses and hospital experts. Capacity development took place in the areas of diagnostics, pre-operative, operative and post-operative care and in the management of the children's cardiac centre. Two medical missions and one training for Kenyan personnel directly in the local partner's hospital took place and involved 14 Slovak and Czech experts (from National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases, Faculty Hospital Motol, Na Homolce Hospital and Regional Hospital Masarykova nemocnice v Ústí nad Labem). 60 children with congenital heart diseases were diagnosed (26 girls and 34 boys), of which 20 were operated on (16 children under 5 years and 4 children under 18 years of age; of which 8 girls and 12 boys). 33 nurses in the Mater Hospital were trained for post-surgery care, patient transport from OP to ICU and post-operative rehabilitation focusing on severe post-cardiac treatment conditions. 60 health professionals were trained in the diagnosing, medical, and treatment processes. Material and technical equipment was provided for surgery (and operating rooms), anaesthesiology, and intensive care.



KENYA

Project name: Support and development of paediatric cardiovascular centre in Nairobi – NUSCH2020

Main sectoral priority: SAMRS/2020/KE/1/4

Hlavná sektorová priorita: Good health

Beneficiary: National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases

ODA SR grant:

€172,172.00



The project focused on improving the health condition of refugees, mainly from Syria and Iraq, in Lebanon. The project objective was to help reduce the morbidity and mortality in this refugee group, mainly through enabling the provision of primary health and nutrition care, focusing on 22,000 residents of the Dbayeh camp in Beirut without access to medical care. A new outpatient's department, and vaccination and nutrition centre were established in the camp's health centre. The project provided health care to over 39,000 people, vaccinated over 600 local children and treated more than 1,600 children for malnutrition. It provided regular supplies of medical material, medicine, vaccines and nutrition products to local centres and the outpatient department. However, the implementation was affected by the global pandemic.



This project focused on tackling the economic and environmental crisis in Lebanon and providing expert qualification, supporting business and employment, as well as enhancing the sewage infrastructure and living environment in Tripoli, Lebanon. The beneficiary and its partners provided professional technical courses and paid practice in WASH plumbing to 87 locals from Lebanese, Syrian and Palestinian communities. Apprentices thus gained the required life skills, access to career counselling and were helped with job opportunities and psychosocial assistance. As part of their praxis, they participated in installation works and repairs of sewage infrastructure for waste- and rainwater of 1,040 m in the city's crucial locations. The project connected 200 households and businesses to the sewage system. The intervention positively impacted health, hygiene, and the quality of life and environment of 4,000 local residents living on the streets inundated by contaminated water due to a lack of or damaged infrastructure. To support doing business, the project created 34 job positions and retained 21 existing jobs, provided material support to ten small local businesses. It also ran an information campaign covering 6,500 people locally and nationally.



LEBANON

Project name: Health care of Dbayeh camp refugees, Beirut

Registration number: SAMRS/2020/HUM/1/2

Main sectoral priority: Good health

Beneficiary: St. Elisabeth University, n. o.

ODA SR grant:

€199,999.45

Project name: Mitigating economic and environmental crisis through support for the market environment, expert qualification and through building sewage infrastructure in Tripoli

Registration number: SAMRS/2021/HUM/1/5

Main sectoral priority: Infrastructure and sustainable use of natural resources

Beneficiary: People in Need Slovakia, n.o.

ODA SR grant:

€200,000.00





The project connects the SME support with the rural development and innovative approach to sustainable agri-food industry in Moldova. Its objective—the economic growth of Moldova—was enhanced through the improvement of conditions for the development of innovative micro- and small agri-food businesses. A business incubator for agri-food production (AFB Incubator) was established along with a certified shared kitchen to produce agri-food products. Other achievements included capacity building in agri-food start-ups to enhance business development and the production and sales support of innovative agri-foodstuffs. Part of the incubator was demonstration land, cultivated using agro-ecological approaches; it serves as a training tool and a source of raw material for food innovations. The project was implemented in the Riscova village, some 40 km away from Kishinev, in an Eco-village Moldova complex, established by the Moldovan project partner. The agri-food incubator, comprising six newly-established and twenty-six supported micro and small agri-food businesses, created fourteen new job positions, of which eleven were for the vulnerable population (preferentially women), whose integration into working life was supported via training. Results and experience from the agri-food incubator, with a special reference to environmental issues and gender equality and opportunities, were evaluated in the published case study.

The project goal was to enhance the quality of life in the town of Ialoveni by means of improved access to drinking water and to raise awareness of water management. The support was comprehensively built around two interlinked pillars: 1. supporting the provision of quality infrastructure for water and sanitation purposes—renovation of 1,060.5 metres of the water duct system in Ialoveni, which improved access to drinking water for 18,500 inhabitants; and 5,118 Ialoveni inhabitants gained new access to quality drinking water. Various specialized equipment was bought to be used by the local water management company in their everyday work (diesel power generators, portable water pumps, temporary duct closures, automatic chlorine feeders for water quality treatment, etc.); 2. working with the public in Ialoveni and a close neighbourhood to raise awareness in water management and a responsible environmental approach (several public events were held to sensitize the inhabitants in the rational use of water sources and pollution prevention).



An awareness campaign was carried out in Ialoveni in order to raise awareness about water management and environmental responsibility. The campaign consisted of cleaning the banks of the local river Isnovat with the participation of 25 local residents (21 women and 4 men) and a roundtable on the occasion of World Water Day with the participation of 20 representatives of the Ialoveni Youth Council. Further activities included drawing competitions for primary school children (140 children) and a “Flashmob” dance event involving 33 children and the distribution of information leaflets explaining the need to conserve drinking water resources.



MOLDOVA

Project name: Agri-food incubator as a catalyst for business innovations in Moldova regions

Registration number: SAMRS/2020/MD/1/5

Main sectoral priority: Supporting the development of market environment – micro, small and medium-sized businesses, introducing innovations, creating job positions

Beneficiary: Slovak Centre for Communication and Development, n. o.

ODA SR grant:

€199,107.00

Project name: Drinking water in Ialoveni: Enhancing the quality of life in Ialoveni by means of improved access to drinking water and better awareness of water management

Registration number: SAMRS/2020/MD/1/6

Main sectoral priority: Infrastructure and sustainable use of natural resources

Beneficiary: Regional Development Agency Senec-Pezinok

ODA SR grant:

€199,950.00

To improve the quality of life and health, the project helped the population of Criuleni and two neighbouring villages (Ohrincea and Zolonceni) to build a functional and sustainable water management system in line with local needs and national statutory requirements. A new strategy and action plan for local waste management was developed. The capacities of local stakeholders in waste management were strengthened and the necessary technology and infrastructure was purchased (30 pcs of 240 l glass waste containers, 25 pcs of 1100 l metal containers for mixed waste, 30 pcs of 1100 l plastic waste containers and 25 pcs of 1100 l containers for paper; a garbage truck, 30 composters, 2 wood chippers, and a tractor hydraulic arm). The project funded building of seven waste collection points, the other four were built by the city from its own resources. The collection points were then equipped with 110 waste containers (for mixed waste, plastic, paper and glass). Several awareness



raising activities aimed at sustainable waste management took place to increase public participation in waste recycling. A 3R principle (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) information campaign was implemented to inform the residents about waste management changes, "clean-up events" were organised – to involve the youth, local NGOs and the town's management, and an "Environmental summer camp" for 30 teenagers from Criuleni and neighbouring villages. Slovak professionals shared their expertise, applied throughout the project. The measures implemented may be transformed into a replication model for other Moldova self-governing regions.

The project objective was to ensure and increase sustainable income for farmers in the Iringa and Njombe areas through growing apples and enhance their food security. The project activities involved training courses on how to grow apple directly in villages and active promotion among target communities. Other activities aimed at planting apple orchards using varieties with improved properties, expansion of apple nurseries, planting trees on the farmers' lands, farmer monitoring and improved accessibility of fertilisers and seedlings to increase the crops and apple quality were also part of the project. 1,290 farmers were trained in practical skills such as apple growing and care of trees. Moreover, 82 public servants responsible for agricultural development in the relevant areas were involved in educational courses. In order to provide expert support and supervision over the planting and tree care, 214 monitoring visits took place, with 633 farmers being on the visiting list. The nursery of the local partner Tamu Tamu Tanzania greatly expanded during the project and 36,125 apple plants were sold in total. Two new specialized warehouses made fertilisers and plants more accessible to farmers. Valuable cooperation was established with corporate end customers and the overall amount of apples purchased from local farmers totalled 13,244 kg.



MOLDOVA

Project name: Building a functional and sustainable waste management system in Criuleni municipality

Registration number: SAMRS/2021/MD/1/2

Main sectoral priority: Infrastructure and sustainable use of natural resources

Beneficiary: Caritas Slovakia

ODA SR grant:

€199,203.18



TANZANIA

Project name: Supporting self-employment activities in agriculture via practical skills building

Registration number: SAMRS/2020/SSA/1/2

Main sectoral priority: Food security and agriculture, infrastructure and sustainable use of resources

Beneficiary: SAVIO, o.z.

ODA SR grant:

€199,965.00





The project focused on enhancing the food security and self-sufficiency of local small farmer communities in Uganda and Rwanda. The infrastructure of farms and a training centre was built and farmers were trained to grow local farming products. In Uganda, a farm for seedling production was set up, also serving as a training centre for farmers. A total of 47 trainers educated 606 farmers on how to establish a garden and grow vegetables. At the end of the project, the community groups ran as many as 653 gardens. Two training farms were established in Rwanda also to be used as training centres and 131 leaders for small groups were trained to act as facilitators in local communities for setting up kitchen gardens. 25 trainers were educated and certified for gardening production and experience sharing. A total of 777 farmers with 641 functional kitchen gardens were supported in Rwanda. 3,800 seedlings/plants were produced and distributed in Rwanda and 8,750 in Uganda. Food security was achieved for 1,383 families overall. Project activities also comprised cooking and health nutrition courses for project beneficiaries. Cooking courses were organised for 25 trainers/farmers in Rwanda and 32 trainers from the refugee community in Uganda, with 557 beneficiaries in Uganda and 777 beneficiaries in Rwanda. The project had a direct impact on migration. Refugees who have become self-reliant turn into newly settled people who are mostly reluctant to leave the region or the country or the continent. A positive impact could be seen in the food security of beneficiaries, many have been able to generate income, helped by marketing and sales of the crops they have grown. The project also contributed to the establishment of joint farms, where farmers share both the care and crops.

The objective was to provide material and psychologic assistance to 600 families of internally displaced people from Donbas living in the Dnipropetrovsk region (ten locations). The main target group were vulnerable families of the internally displaced with severely ill family members or those with low income, single mothers and families taking care of children. 600 vouchers to purchase foodstuffs, 420 vouchers to buy medicine were distributed. Psychological trainings for 600 participants were organised to cover topics such as overcoming trauma, peace building, conflict resolution and the use of positive strategies for coping with stress. One month after the implementation a telephone survey on the quality of services provided during the project took place involving 462 respondents. According to the survey, the psychosocial condition of internally displaced persons under the project improved by 72.3% and their health condition by 87.3%. The food situation of respondents improved by 67.4%.



UGANDA

Project name: Farming for Uganda and Rwanda (FOUR)

Registration number: SAMRS/2020/SSA/1/3
Main sectoral priority: Food security and agriculture, infrastructure and sustainable use of resources
Beneficiary: ADRA - Adventist Development and Relief Agency

ODA SR grant:

€250,000.00



UKRAINE

Project name: Material and psychosocial support to internally displaced persons in the Dnipro region

Registration number: SAMRS/2020/UA/1/1
Main sectoral priority: Good health
Beneficiary: Caritas Slovakia

ODA SR grant:

€90,000.00

The main project goal was to enhance democratic development, community participation in the development and WASH infrastructure in relation to the ongoing conflict, decentralisation and COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, the project strived to create two community-initiative groups comprised of two ATC hromadas/self-administrations on a contact line (where one ATC hromada includes approx. 15 villages with 1,000 inhabitants each on average). The project planned to make a key community WASH intervention that would provide access to pure water and strengthen people's immunity to COVID-19. The armed conflict escalation, the outbreak of war and subsequent occupation of the Luhansk region impacted the final and key implementation phase that ultimately could not be carried out. The project was early terminated.

UKRAINE

Project name: Supporting community development under decentralisation reform in Luhansk through empowerment and connections with municipalities, implementing a collective WASH project

Registration number: SAMRS/2021/UA/1/12
Main sectoral priority: Good governance of public affairs and building civil society
Beneficiary: People in Need Slovakia, n.o.

ODA SR grant:

€90,909.00

GLOBAL EDUCATION PROJECTS



The aim of the project was to improve critical thinking and raise public awareness about the phenomenon of migration in the context of development cooperation and humanitarian aid by means of an educational mobile game. The developed mobile game, entitled Aaron's Dilemma, shows the story of Aaron, a Syrian refugee, and can be downloaded for free by both Android and iOS devices, in both English and Slovak versions. The game was downloaded and played by more than 7,500 people during the lifetime of the project. Teachers of upper primary and secondary schools received a methodological guide for the game and there were also four workshops which were attended by 43 teachers. A total of 1,200 people (pupils and teachers) attended lessons where this educational mobile game was played. The number of people who heard or read about the game and the project in the media and on social networks reached 215,000 people. The beneficiary also organised a debate entitled How Do Games Help Us Teach and Learn about Difficult Topics? The story of Aaron, a Syrian refugee where participants discussed the broader humanitarian context and how games help us learn about polarizing topics.

Project name: Edugame Migration

Registration number: SAMRS/2020/RV/1/14
Main sectoral priority: Quality education
Beneficiary: Butterfly effect, o. z.

ODA SR grant:

€29,618.00

The project aimed at raising public awareness about the impact of climate change on African countries and at supporting development cooperation, mainly through educational activities and a tool to measure the so-called ecological debt. The project developed educational tools to educate the public and, in collaboration with other organizations and schools, it organised educational and awareness raising events targeting young people at schools and universities, the non-profit and private sectors, the media, as well as the general public. By the end of the project, over 1,100 people had used the online ecological debt calculator. Five short videos and a series of photographs of male and female farmers from Kenya and Ethiopia were also produced. The outputs of the project also include various educational materials—a brochure and a methodological guide (ECO not EGO), an EcoDiversophy card game, presentations on climate (in)justice and an educational video. The project succeeded at establishing cooperation with several organizations and companies. Several educational and awareness-raising events on the possibility of reducing ecological debt through agroforestry took place, including an educational ECO not EGO exhibition (11 panels with photos and texts in both Slovak and English), seminars, presentations, lectures and working breakfasts with the participation of more than 1,000 people. It is estimated that the screening of videos, a photo exhibition and an awareness campaign on online platforms and social media helped to reach almost 77,000 people.



The aim of the project was to raise public awareness about development cooperation in the Slovak Republic and to promote the inclusion of development topics into lifelong learning. In order to raise awareness about one's own role in the world, provide motivation for responsible behaviour and improve the ability to identify the causes and consequences of poverty, inequality, injustice and climate change, the project developed three tools. The first tool was a 15-minute documentary film showing differences and (in)equality of opportunity and capturing 12 hours in the lives of 3 five-year-old children in 3 countries—Slovakia, Lesotho, and Cambodia. The film was presented



in schools and broadcast on the channels of RTVS (Radio and Television of Slovakia) reaching over 4,000 viewers. The second tool was a programme for children and teachers—film screenings, discussions and presentations in schools, reaching a total of 426 children and teachers in 11 institutions. The third tool was an updated manual for future volunteers sent to developing countries. The publication is entitled Hooray, I'm Going on a Project II and after adding five new chapters it now has ten chapters in total. It has the status of a university textbook, so it can be used for study purposes at universities, secondary schools or in informal education. 500 copies were printed and 300 copies were distributed to 9 different organizations and it is also available for free download. Feedback in the form of an online survey showed that 80 participants demonstrated increased knowledge of and support for Slovak development cooperation and the activities of the project had an impact on almost 6,000 people.

Project name: Educating the public about climate change and poverty in Africa with a new tool for calculating the ecological debt

Registration number: SAMRS/2020/RV/1/10

Main sectoral priority: Quality education

Beneficiary: Integra Foundation

ODA SR grant:

€30,000.00

Project name: Global view of the world

Registration number: SAMRS/2020/RV/1/3

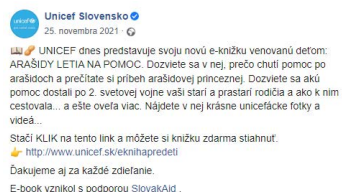
Main sectoral priority: Quality education

Beneficiary: Two-Colour World civic association

ODA SR grant:

€29,975.00

The project focused on innovative communication of the topics of humanitarian aid and development cooperation of the Slovak Republic under the SlovakAid brand to the general public and on introducing the topics of development education to young people. The project included a short film and two versions of an e-book about UNICEF activities and humanitarian aid provided to the Slovak Republic, entitled Help Tastes Like Peanuts (for older students) and Peanuts Rush to Help (for younger students). The elderly who remembered the post-World War II era shared their memories of early development and humanitarian aid in the form of photo stories and videos. The outputs were used to promote the humanitarian aid topic at schools as part of a successful Child-Friendly



School programme, which involved a total of 222 schools and more than 10,000 pupils and students during the 2021/2022 school year. These educational tools provided a historical overview of different kinds of aid—from aid provided to Slovakia after World War II through various forms of development cooperation and humanitarian aid to the present day. The project also included a conference to celebrate UNICEF's 75th anniversary, entitled The World We Make Together, and supported an Ecohackathon, What You Can Change, where 79 people increased their knowledge on climate change. The outputs from the events were summarised in an electronic publication and a short film was made to mark UNICEF's anniversary. With respect to the war in Ukraine, the beneficiary provided information on humanitarian aid in everyday practice to 28 participants. In order to see people's reactions and better understand their interest in humanitarian aid issues, the perception of aid by the Slovak public was monitored through innovative neuromarketing tools. The result was an analysis based on eye-tracking testing in cooperation with SAMO Europe (a scientific laboratory operating at the Faculty of Economics and Management at the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra).

The aim of the project was to raise awareness about Slovak development cooperation under the SlovakAid brand. The activities of the project included the development of a mobile digital game and an online campaign on social media. The project also exploited the educational potential of mobile games with the game also being used for the purpose of development education. The mobile game entitled Pamoja: Safe Dawn (a game about the journey towards safe coexistence of humans and elephants in the African bush) is available on both Android and iOS platforms in both Slovak and English for free and was downloaded by about 4,000 people by the end of the project. With the help of the edu-package the beneficiary delivered the game to secondary schools together with game methodology and a digital work sheet, whereas the methodological manual had been written in line with the State Education Programme for the subjects of history, geography, civics, and ethics. There were 4 workshops where 43 teachers learned how to play the game. The project had an impact on more than 1,200 students and teachers. One important aspect of the project was the sharing of good practices in the field of cooperation with partners from both private and non-profit sectors as well as in the field of the creation and development of mobile software (games and applications). In order to increase capacities in the production of digital innovations in the field of global education,



7 different project concepts were developed in cooperation with other organizations. The mobile game was presented at an event entitled Digital Games and Technologies in Education which was held during the implementation of the project. The said event also presented the role of SlovakAid in supporting development cooperation projects (including development education) in one of the discussions addressing the topic of Global Education in the World of Digital Technologies. How to do it?. A communication campaign to raise public awareness about Slovak development cooperation in the context of technological innovation for girls and women in Kenya reached more than 260,000 people.

Project name: Assistance – today and yesterday

Registration number: SAMRS/2021/RV/1/5

Main sectoral priority: Quality education

Beneficiary: Slovak Foundation for UNICEF

ODA SR grant:

€29,990.00

Project name: Edugame: Girls vs. poverty

Registration number: SAMRS/2021/RV/1/15

Main sectoral priority: Quality education

Beneficiary: Impact Games, o. z. civic association

ODA SR grant:

€29,916.00



PROJECTS CO-FINANCED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Migration is a widely discussed topic in Europe as well as in Slovakia. The EU project Global Targets and Migration and The Faces of Migration in Slovakia campaign have 4 pillars which include: 1. politicians who prepare policies relating to the topic of migration, 2. media and journalists who cover the topic of migration and development in Slovak media, 3. representatives of NGOs and 4. the



general public. In EU countries, including Slovakia, the public debate on the topic of migration often has a populist character. It is based on fear mongering and hatred. TROSKU ZMENIL NATIVE People are afraid of the unknown and all the myths and untruths about migrants (or rather people fleeing for safety and a dignified life in Europe) only reinforce their fear. The project created room for a substantive dialogue based on facts and on the "faces of migration" – concrete stories of ordinary people who had to leave their homes for serious reasons and embark on an uncertain journey in search of a better life.

The aim of the project was to strengthen the impact of ODA SR (development projects) and increase the capacities of local partner development organizations in several developing countries by posting volunteers in these countries. Ten Slovak volunteers in partner organizations in Albania, Georgia, Turkey and Uganda performed different activities (communication expert, physiotherapist in a nursing home, coordinator of development projects, project fundraising specialist, social worker, and project manager). All volunteers presented the results of their work at presentation events, which helped raise awareness about activities financed by SlovakAid and EuropeAid funds.

The main aim of the project was to support the skill development of Slovak teachers as key multipliers in the integration of global development education into educational processes in the regions. As a result of this project the Slovak education system offers a space for pupils where they can learn about global challenges and their connection to Slovakia while comprehensively developing their own competencies necessary for life in the globalised world of the 21st century.

Project name: Development cooperation and migration

Registration number: SAMRS/2020/EK/1/2

Main sectoral priority: Quality education / Good governance of public affairs and building civil society

Beneficiary: Platform for Development Organisations – Ambrela

ODA SR grant:

€15,792.16

Project name: 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

Registration number: SAMRS/2021/EK/1/3

Main sectoral priority: Quality education

Beneficiary: ADRA - Adventist Development and Relief Agency

ODA SR grant:

€11,484.18

Project name: Subject-based approach in global education for pedagogical staff

Registration number: SAMRS/2021/EK/1/1

Main sectoral priority: Quality education

Beneficiary: People in Need Slovakia, n.o.

ODA SR grant:

€23,585.30

PROJECTS UNDER THE PRIVAT SECTOR ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME

The aim of the project was to strengthen business partnerships and increase business capacities on the Ethiopian market by continuing cooperation in trading Fair Trade and certified organic coffee. The activities of the project supported the sustainable development of the value chain and local market in the area of apiculture (honey production). The project provided a training to a total of 261 participants (128 women and 133 men). The participants were trained by experts from the academic field as well as by a professional beekeeper from Slovakia. Trained farmers were given more than 600 modern wooden beehives together with bee families. These beehives were placed in orchards. In comparison to traditional methods of beekeeping, the production of honey from the new beehives is three times higher, it increased from 5–6 kg of honey to 15–20 kg of honey per one beehive.



The aim of the project was to use innovations in telemedicine to increase health care accessibility for people with special medical needs, people living in poor areas, young people, elderly people, and for marginalised minorities outside health care centres mainly in remote areas of Albania and Moldova. The project also aimed at ensuring health prevention of the population of partner countries with a subsequent impact on the work performance of citizens and the country's economy. The project team trained the partners and doctors and delivered 20 special medical devices containing several sensors which allowed the measurement of several values (body temperature, blood pressure, sugar and oxygen levels in blood) and sending the collected data directly to the computer of the patient's doctor in real time. The project helped improve the accessibility of regular monitoring of patients from remote areas. A total of 206 patients participated in remote monitoring.



The aim of the Feasibility Study was to check the conditions for the building a plastic waste collection point, to acquire information about the local real estate market as well as the business environment and the market for plastic waste processing. The study included information about potential partners as well as business, technical, and economic conditions and possibilities in the region. The main target group of the project was young people, who can participate in business activities to a large extent. The main activities presented in the study were travelling to the project location, acquiring information about the local market and potential partners, organising workshops, presentations and round table events in order to start cooperation with local partners. A pilot CoSpot, a place for collection of plastic waste, mainly plastic bottles, was successfully created. Based on the results of the Feasibility Study, the founder of the Dukaty Property company submitted a larger PPP project in the Implementation category.

ETHIOPIA

Project name: Modernisation of the processing of bee products and increasing their added value
Registration number: SAMRS/2020/PPP/1/16
Main sectoral priority: Support to creation of business environment/infrastructure and sustainable utilisation of natural resources
Beneficiary: GROW.fairly, s. r. o.
ODA SR grant:

€109,042.65



ALBANIA/MOLDAVIA

Project name: Increasing health care accessibility outside of health care centres through Scase medical solution
Registration number: SAMRS/2021/PPP/1/11
Main sectoral priority: Good health
Beneficiary: S-Case, s. r. o.
ODA SR grant:

€170,000.00

NIGERIA

Project name: Feasibility study – creating a collection point for plastic waste in Nigeria
Registration number: SAMRS/2021/PPP/1/13
Main sectoral priority: Supporting the creation of a business environment – support for micro, small, and medium-sized businesses, implementation of innovations, creation of job positions
Beneficiary: Dukaty Property, s. r. o.
ODA SR grant:

€10,000.00



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