

# ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation



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**Roads are created by walking on them.** Regardless of when Franz Kafka said this sentence, it is still valid. 2020 saw a fundamental change in the lives of people around the world. We had to leave the ingrained footsteps of stereotypes and start to walk forward on

an unknown path. We were convinced that the new **Coronavirus knew no borders** and no person was safe until everyone was safe. Belonging and solidarity have proven to be the cornerstone of a challenging path towards overcoming the consequences of the pandemic. **SlovakAid** has therefore fully covered assistance from Slovakia wherever necessary and possible.

Despite the difficulties brought about by the novel coronavirus pandemic, SAMRS has continued its efforts. In 2020, the Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation administered **76 micro-grants**, announced **15 calls** for grant applications and supported a total of **55 projects**. **26 financial contributions** were paid, the deployment of **18 volunteers** to partner countries was supported and a number of technical assistance activities were organised under the **Sharing Slovak Expertise** programme. Funds used totalled to **over EUR 5.2 million**. This is thanks to the deployment and commitment of the Agency's team and its partners.

The pandemic required a **rapid and flexible response** and adjustment of several activities. One long-planned call for strategic partnerships in Kenya had to be cancelled and funds were reallocated to **two new humanitarian calls for proposals** related to mitigating the negative impacts caused by the spreading coronavirus pandemic. One call responded to **healthcare** and the other focused on the indirect **socio-economic impacts of the pandemic**. Small and medium-sized enterprises, not only non-profit organisations, could also apply for subsidies.

For most of 2020, SAMRS staff worked remotely to protect themselves and their loved ones. The Agency was successfully audited by the EU (the so-called Pillar Assessment) and an agreement on EU delegated cooperation aimed at strengthening the capacity and sustainability of **local media in Moldova** is in the

process of being prepared. The Agency also defended the ISO 9001 quality management system in place (TUV NORD).

At the time of the extreme stress test for mankind, 2020 was maximised to the benefit of those whom Slovakia helped through **Official Development Assistance (ODA)**. SAMRS is part of a common effort to combat the consequences of the pandemic, one world, understands the world's language of tolerance and respect.

Our home is the world, our world is **solidarity and humanity**. Our aim is to make these characteristics be seen. This is why in 2020 SAMRS brought the **POMOC!/HELP! exhibition** to the public space in the capital through a testimony – a contribution to the understanding of the importance of Slovakia's aid in the world – **photos** from Kenya, South Sudan, Iraq, Somalia, and Lebanon, showing the overall situation and living conditions in these countries and impressing the fate of the people involved in the various SlovakAid projects.

The SAMRS annual report is not just a summary of the results in particularly challenging times. It is a message and signature in this world that SAMRS wants to show that belonging and empathy are forever justified, especially in times of crisis.

Lucia Kišš, Director of SAMRS

# POMOC! HELP!

## Ako Slováci pomáhajú v zahraničí SlovakAid abroad

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# 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE ORGANISATION

## BASIC INFORMATION

**Name:** Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation (SAMRS)

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**Department/Founder:** Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic (MFEA SR)

**Corporate form:** organisation financed by the State budget, linked to the state budget through the budget chapter of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic

**REGISTRATION NUMBER:** 31819559

**Director:** Lucia Kišš, MSc.

**Number of employees:** 18





## 2. ORGANISATION'S STAFFING AND PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS

Between 1 January and 31 December 2020, the organisation was managed by Lucia Kišš, MSc. As of 31 December 2020, the organisation had 18 employees and a total of four on-call employees including the staff of the V4 project in Kenya.

The necessary services were procured: public procurement, OSH, legal services, IT support, QMS services (quality management system) and QMS certification, as well as ISO 9001 quality management system certification, an audit for fulfilment of the EU Pillar Assessment certificate, occupational health service, creation of a new website, telecommunications services, cleaning, etc.

In 2020, SAMRS staff received external and online training on changes to laws or regulations in the fields of accounting, taxation and personnel, property management, safety and safety at work, introduction of homework, wage management, registry management, Excel programming for advanced users, negotiation and implementation of the Quality Management System in the Agency and GDPR (new staff). Language courses in English and Russian continued. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, several planned courses and trainings were cancelled or delivered online.

In 2020 SAMRS continued to further **standardise SAMRS processes** internally and to deepen cooperation with all relevant services of the MFEA SR in the field of development cooperation. An external audit of ISO 9001 on the quality management system set-up took place in May. SAMRS defended the certification and setting of the quality management system. The audit report contained six recommendations for improvement, without findings.

**The SAMRS policy is to continuously improve and streamline the functioning system of the Agency, to streamline and simplify the conditions for SlovakAid project partners and to continuously develop the Agency professionally.**

Public procurement was successfully completed in March to ensure the audit of three new mandatory areas of EU certification Pillar Assessment – Pillar 7: exclusion from funding, Pillar 8: publication of information on beneficiaries and Pillar 9: GDPR. An online audit was carried out in July by PKF Littlejohn LLP, the winner of the public procurement process. Subsequently, on 23 December 2020, SAMRS received a positive assessment by the European Commission in all three complementary pillars under consideration. The audit results confirmed that the European Commission can entrust SAMRS with tasks related to the implementation of the EU development aid budget through the so-called indirect management of EU delegated cooperation.

Since the beginning of 2020, the Agency has been operating on a **new electronic commuting system**. As part of the prevention of the spread of COVID-19, masks, disinfectants, and other measures have been put in place, **such as teleworking**.



### 3. MISSION AND MEDIUM-TERM PERSPECTIVE OF THE ORGANISATION

SAMRS is an organization financed by the state budget, linked to the MFEA SR. Its mission is to ensure that Slovakia's ODA is implemented in accordance with the programming and concept documents of the MFEA SR, binding EU documents, documents of the United Nations, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), as well as other international organisations and commitments. The status and scope of SAMRS is determined by Section 5 of Act No 392/2015 on development cooperation and amending certain acts, as amended by Act No 281/2019 of Slovak Journal of Laws.

Within the meaning of this Act, the main activities of the organisation are, in particular:

- implementation of development cooperation, including humanitarian aid, public awareness, development education, and capacity building through the provision of subsidies, financial contributions or other instruments at the discretion of the government.
- cooperation with bodies active in the field of development cooperation both in Slovakia and abroad.
- cooperation with the MFEA SR in drawing up strategies and other policy documents.
- monitoring and implementation of development projects. dissemination of development cooperation activities through a website.

The implementation of Slovakia's official development cooperation is governed by the basic rules and principles of Slovakia's foreign

policy priorities and is in line with the principles of the international development policy, in particular the EU's development policy and the post-2015 agenda for sustainable development (Transforming our world: **The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**).

SAMRS provides all activities related to the management and administration of the project cycle in the framework of the Slovakia's Medium-term strategy for official development cooperation 2019-2023 and the Focus of bilateral development cooperation for the year in question. These include, in particular, the preparation and launch of calls for grant applications, the evaluation of submitted grant applications, the preparation of Commission meetings by the MFEA SR, the conclusion of contracts with project promoters, the financial management and control of projects, and their monitoring.

SAMRS's role is to also provide support to all those interested in the implementation of development projects from non-governmental organisations, businesses or academic institutions. SAMRS also ensures communication of the main ideas and missions of official development cooperation towards professional and non-professional public through various external communication activities. Its activities focus on the effectiveness of development cooperation, coherence of development, flexibility in delivery, and cost-effectiveness of spending on development cooperation.

**Slovakia's Medium-term official development cooperation strategy 2019-2023 defines** Slovakia's territorial and sectoral priorities for official development cooperation.

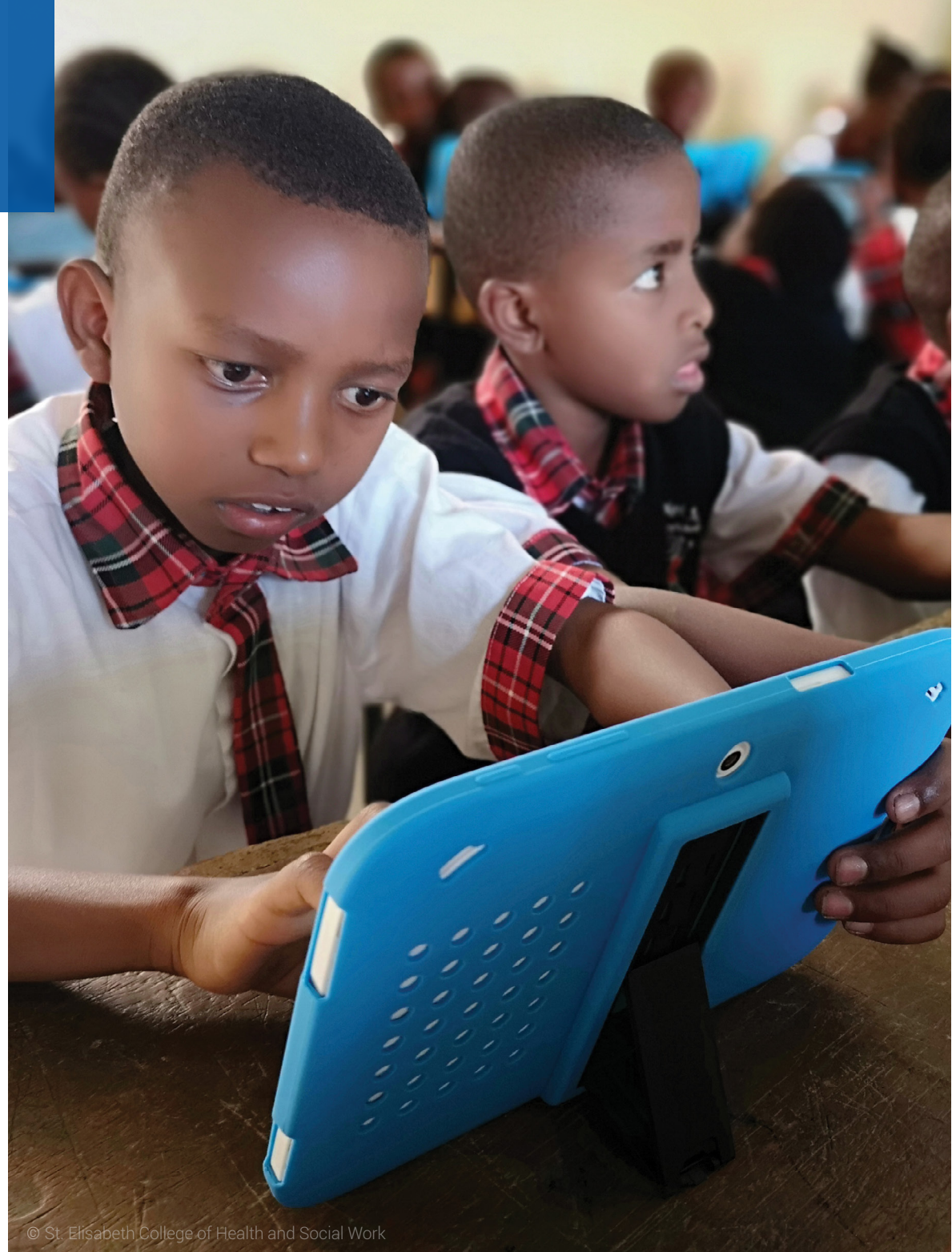


## 4. THE ORGANISATION'S CONTRACT WITH THE CENTRAL AUTHORITY

The contract between the MFEA SR and SAMRS (hereinafter: a contract) for 2020 was concluded on 17 December 2019 pursuant to Government Resolution No 1370/2002/B1 of 18 December 2002 and Act No 523/2004 of the Slovak Journal of Law on the budgetary rules of public administration. It regulates relations in the implementation of foreign development cooperation within the meaning of Act No 392/2015 of the Slovak Journal of Law on development cooperation and amending certain acts, as amended by Act No 281/2019 of the Slovak Journal of Law, the Constitutive Act (Decision of the FEA SR Minister No 57/2006 of 27 December 2006) and the status of SAMRS. The contract is published on the SAMRS webpage under the section *O nás – Agentúra SAMRS/About us - The SAMRS Agency*.



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## 5. SLOVAKIA'S BILATERAL OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION IN 2020

SAMRS carried out activities under the **2020 Bilateral Development Cooperation Focus**, approved by the Slovak Government on 15 January 2020, which sought to implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in line with Slovakia's Medium-term development cooperation strategy for 2019-2023 and to continuously strengthen interventions in the ODA SR countries of development cooperation. This was also to promote the sustainability and greater visibility of the SlovakAid activities and brand.

Development cooperation instruments used subsidies of Slovak organisations, financial contributions of humanitarian aid or cooperation provided to foreign entities and financial contributions from SAMRS via the official representations of the Slovak Republic (so-called micro-grants) to support the activities of local organisations in partner countries. In addition to cooperation with domestic and foreign organisations, SAMRS also financed capacity building activities, raising public awareness of development cooperation and passing on experience and expertise through the Sharing Slovak Expertise instrument.

### Subsidies

Over January and February 2020, calls for applications for grants for humanitarian and development projects were launched, including a call to engage the business environment in development cooperation. All calls were approved by the MFEA SR. The eligible applicants for calls were non-governmental bodies, organizations financed and co-financed from the state budget as well as business operators.

In view of the exceptional situation created in relation to the spread of the new coronavirus outbreak, SAMRS reacted rapidly with the announcement of a humanitarian call (20 April 2020) aimed at providing healthcare in the countries which are part of Slovakia's territorial priorities listed in Slovakia's Mid-term Development Cooperation Strategy for 2019-2023. A further call was subsequently launched on 4 May 2020, focusing on economic resilience, linking humanitarian and development activities to the negative economic consequences of the pandemic.

The indicative subsidy amount for the two humanitarian calls for proposals targeting COVID-19 was reallocated from the cancelled call aimed at the planned strategic support for long-term development interventions in the Republic of Kenya. The withdrawal of the call was approved by the MFEA SR.

In the course of 2020, SAMRS launched 16 calls for grants for development cooperation and humanitarian aid projects. The tables below provide an overview of all calls launched and supported projects per call.



## Overview of the 2020 calls for grants

Call reference	Call Title	Date of publication of the call	Call Closure Date	Resources available in Euro	Amount of subsidies approved in Euro	Number of all/ approved applications	Date of Minister's decision
1. SAMRS/2020/BK/1	Support for capacity building of Slovak development organisations	03.02.2020	09.03.2020	150 000,00	150 000,00	1/1	25.05.2020
2. SAMRS/2020/RV/1	Promoting global and development education	27.01.2020	02.03.2020	100 000,00	89 593,00	12/3	15.05.2020
3. SAMRS/2020/ZB/1	Promoting the transfer of experience in the Western Balkans	20.01.2020	09.03.2020	400 000,00	176 624,00	6/2	15.05.2020
4. SAMRS/2020/GE/1	Supporting the transfer of experience in Georgia	20.01.2020	09.03.2020	500 000,00	311 314,00	10/3	19.05.2020
5. SAMRS/2020/PPP/1	Support for new business partnerships	27.01.2020	09.03.2020	500 000,00	455 498,00	18/6	27.05.2020
6. SAMRS/2020/EK/1	Support for projects of Slovak organisations approved under the European Commission's development instruments through the provision of co-financing	03.02.2020	09.03.2020	80 000,00	15 792,16	3/1	25.05.2020
7. SAMRS/2020/AFG/1	Support for development interventions in Afghanistan	20.01.2020	09.03.2020	100 000,00	99 960,00	1/1	20.05.2020
8. SAMRS/2020/KE/1	Support for development interventions in the Republic of Kenya	10.02.2020	06.04.2020	500 000,00	172 172,00	6/1	05.06.2020
9. SAMRS/2020/MD/1	Support for development interventions in the Republic of Moldova	20.01.2020	09.03.2020	500 000,00	598 897,00	6/4	29.05.2020
10. SAMRS/2020/SSA/1	Support for development interventions in Eastern Sub-Saharan Africa (Burundi, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda)	27.01.2020	09.03.2020	500 000,00	649 725,00	6/3	20.05.2020
11. SAMRS/2020/HUM/1	Mitigating the negative effects of the migration and refugee crisis caused by war conflicts and the ongoing crisis in the Middle East regions. Mitigating the negative effects of the humanitarian crisis in South Sudan and its consequences directly affecting the surrounding countries	20.01.2020	02.03.2020	1 000 000,00	1 049 459,45	10/5	15.05.2020
12. SAMRS/2020/HUM/2	Mitigating the negative impacts caused by the spreading coronavirus pandemic in countries which are part of Slovakia's territorial priorities listed in Slovakia's Mid-term development cooperation strategy for 2019-2023	20. 04.2020	04.05.2020	300 000,00	298 050,14	15/3	15.05.2020
13. SAMRS/2020/HUM/3	Mitigating the negative impacts caused by the spreading coronavirus pandemic in countries which are part of Slovakia's territorial priorities listed in Slovakia's Mid-term development cooperation strategy for 2019-2023	04.05.2020	18.05.2020	300 000,00	200 00,00	16/2	05.06.2020
14. SAMRS/2020/UA/1	Support for the relief of the consequences of armed conflict through the promotion of the health and safety of the Ukrainian civilian population as a precondition for the socio-economic development of the country	20.01.2020	02.03.2020	300 000,00	190 000,00	4/2	15.05.2020
15. SAMRS/2020/D/1	Deployment of volunteers and volunteers' experts to developing countries	20.01.2020	24.02.2020	351 860,00	185 760,00	58/18	05.05.2020
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>5 581 860,00</b>	<b>4 642 844,75</b>	<b>172/55</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Of which one call SAMRS/2020/ST/KE/1 – the strategic support for long-term development interventions in the Republic of Kenya – was repealed by the decision of the MFEA SR of 3 April 2020.

## Overview of projects supported in 2020 - 1/3

Number of project		Name of the project	Name of applicant	Country	Subsidy approved in Euro
1.	SAMRS/2020/AFG/1/1	Supporting the sustainability of SlovakAid projects in the higher education sector of Afghanistan	Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava	Afghanistan	99 960,00
2.	SAMRS/2020/SSA/1/3	A Farming Opportunities for Uganda and Rwanda (FOUR)	ADRA – Seventh-Day Adventists Church´s Agency for Assistance and Development – Citizens' Association	Uganda, Rwanda	250 000,00
3.	SAMRS/2020/SSA/1/5	Building a sustainable social enterprise that provides training, employment, and support for young people's integration into the labour market in Ethiopia	Integra Foundation	Ethiopia	199 760,00
4.	SAMRS/2020/SSA/1/2	Promoting self-employment in agriculture through building practical skills	SAVIO o.z.	Tanzania	199 965,00
5.	SAMRS/2020/EK/1/2	Development cooperation and migration	Platform of Development Organisations – Ambrela	EU	15 792,16
6.	SAMRS/2020/BK/1/1	Strengthening management, coordination and implementation capacities, and increasing competitiveness of development cooperation actors	Platform of Development Organisations – Ambrela	Slovakia	150 000,00
7.	SAMRS/2020/HUM/1/2	Health care for refugees from Dbayeh camp in Beirut	St. Elisabeth College of Health and Social Work	Lebanon	199 999,45
8.	SAMRS/2020/HUM/1/4	Provision of drinking water for the municipalities of Shekhka and Hasan Ava	Caritas Slovakia	Iraq	200 000,00
9.	SAMRS/2020/HUM/1/10	Mitigating the negative effects of the migration and refugee crisis caused by the war conflicts and the ongoing crisis in the Iraq and Syria region	Academy of Emergency Medicine, o.z.	Iraq, Syria	249 900,00
10.	SAMRS/2020/HUM/1/1	Improving the availability and quality of midwifery for mother and child, Agangrial	St. Elisabeth College of Health and Social Work	South Sudan	199 999,00
11.	SAMRS/2020/HUM/1/8	Reducing mortality rates for vulnerable populations in South Sudan	Integra Foundation	South Sudan	199 561,00
12.	SAMRS/2020/HUM/2/16	Improving the quality of health and preventive care against Covid-19 in health facilities and elderly homes in conflict zones in eastern Ukraine by strengthening the facilities – access to water, hygiene, disinfection, sanitation (WASH), information and protective equipment	People in Need Slovakia, n.o.	Ukraine	99 991,00
13.	SAMRS/2020/HUM/2/15	Hygiene, prevention and healthcare for homeless people in Belgrade during COVID-19	ADRA – Seventh-Day Adventists Church´s Agency for Assistance and Development – Citizens' Association	Serbia	99 999,97
14.	SAMRS/2020/HUM/2/13	Improving preparedness and capacity to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 around the Alitene health centre, Irob County	eRko – Movement of Christian Children's Communities	Ethiopia	98 059,17
15.	SAMRS/2020/UA/1/4	Improving the resilience and living conditions of people affected by the conflict in eastern Ukraine through material and psychosocial support	People in Need Slovakia, n.o.	Ukraine	100 000,00



## Overview of projects supported in 2020 - 2/3

Number of project		Name of the project	Name of applicant	Country	Subsidy approved in Euro
16.	SAMRS/2020/UA/1/1	Material and psychosocial support for internally displaced persons in the Dnipro region	Caritas Slovakia	Ukraine	90 000,00
17.	SAMRS/2020/PPP/1/5	Business plan – Creation of a scheme for the learning and labour mobility of Uzbek IT students	ITAS Edu	Uzbekistan	10 000,00
18.	SAMRS/2020/PPP/1/9	Feasibility study – Building a network of recharging points for electric vehicles	ELECTRIK, s.r.o.	Ukraine	10 000,00
19.	SAMRS/2020/PPP/1/16	Modernising the methods of processing bee products and increasing their added value	Samay	Ethiopia	153 203,00
20.	SAMRS/2020/PPP/1/13	Feasibility study – Biomass Logistics Centre for Energy in the Kherson region	Intech Slovakia, s.r.o.	Ukraine	10 000,00
21.	SAMRS/2020/PPP/1/12	Promoting the sustainable and equitable socio-economic development of the Republic of Rwanda	Rokovia	Rwanda	99 995,00
22.	SAMRS/2020/PPP/1/11	Deployment and sale of ESS-powered (energy storage system) photovoltaic and microgrid/off-grid for electricity supply and grid stabilisation as a substitute for diesel generators	ELVOSOLAR	Kenya	172 300,00
23.	SAMRS/2020/RV/1/14	Edugame Migration	Butterfly Effect o.z.	Slovakia	29 618,00
24.	SAMRS/2020/RV/1/3	A global view of the world	Dvojfarebný svet, o.z.	Slovakia	29 975,00
25.	SAMRS/2020/RV/1/10	Public education on climate change and poverty in Africa with a new green debt calculation tool	Nadácia Integra -Foundation	Slovakia	30 000,00
26.	SAMRS/2020/ZB/1/2	Bridge2EU – Supporting the internationalisation and growth of Albanian start-ups and SMEs through soft-landing programmes.	Slovak Organisation for Research and Development Activities	Albania	97 844,00
27.	SAMRS/2020/ZB/1/4	Installation of analytical methods for the determination of organic pollutants required under the Water Framework Directive 2013/39/EU at the Centre for Ecotoxicological Research in Podgorica	Slovak University of Technology Bratislava	Montenegro	78 780,00

## Overview of projects supported in 2020 - 3/3

Number of project		Name of the project	Name of applicant	Country	Subsidy approved in Euro
28.	SAMRS/2020/MD/1/6	Drinking water in Ialoveni: Improving the quality of life in Ialoveni through improved access to drinking water and increased awareness of water management	Regional Development Agency Senec-Pezinok	Moldova	199 950,00
29.	SAMRS/2020/MD/1/5	Agro-food incubator as a catalyst for business innovation in Moldova's regions (Acronym AFB Incubator)	Slovak Centre for Communication and Development	Moldova	199 107,00
30.	SAMRS/2020/MD/1/2	A quality workforce for the IT sector in Moldova: digital education for young women and the creation of a Cyber Security Academy	European Migration Agency (EMA)	Moldova	100 000,00
31.	SAMRS/2020/MD/1/1	Youth activation and responsible citizenship AMOG 21	SFRA - Slovak Foreign Policy Association's Research Centre	Moldova	99 840,00
32.	SAMRS/2020/KE/1/4	Promotion and development of a child cardio centre in Nairobi NUSCH 2020	National Institute for cardiovascular diseases - NÚSCH, a.s.	Kenya	172 172,00
33.	SAMRS/2020/GE/1/7	Support for green actions in Oni through the development of waste management infrastructure	SOSNA	Georgia	160 501,00
34.	SAMRS/2020/GE/1/1	National Convention on the EU in Georgia	SFRA - Slovak Foreign Policy Association's Research Centre	Georgia	99 982,00
35.	SAMRS/2020/GE/1/8	Slovakia and Georgia in the fight against disinformation: strengthening civil society and capacity development of national, local and regional government	Slovak Institute for Security Policy	Georgia	50 831,00
36.	SAMRS/2020/HUM/3/10	Mitigating the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the population of the Georgian Mountain Region of Racha	SOSNA	Georgia	100 000,00
37.	SAMRS/2020/HUM/3/5	Promoting food sovereignty and employment in Machakos with a focus on mitigating the negative impacts of Covid 19	St. Elisabeth College of Health and Social Work	Kenya	100 000,00
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>4 457 084,75</b>



## Programme of deployment of volunteers and experts to developing countries.

The deployment of volunteers and volunteer experts to developing countries has long supported the achievement of Slovakia's ODA objectives in developing countries, it creates long-term partnerships between organisations and communities, prepares experts for development cooperation and also raises public awareness of development topics and the importance of development cooperation.

Volunteers focus on the **needs of the local population**. Examples include educational activities of local children and young people, providing health or material assistance to the poorest sections of the local community, looking after HIV positive children and orphans, or providing training and practical courses for young people to increase their chances of succeeding in the labour market. The volunteers themselves acquire knowledge of the country, its culture, language skills, new practical skills, professional and intercultural knowledge, and experience in the development sector, which cannot be acquired by working in the Slovak Republic.

Following the coronavirus outbreak, SAMRS received several requests from beneficiaries for changes to ongoing voluntary projects, whether for **early termination or extension**. In the meantime, as of 14 April 2020, 10 volunteers have returned to Slovakia. By the end of 2020, all Slovak volunteers and volunteer experts from ongoing projects of last year's call had already completed the voluntary deployment and returned home.



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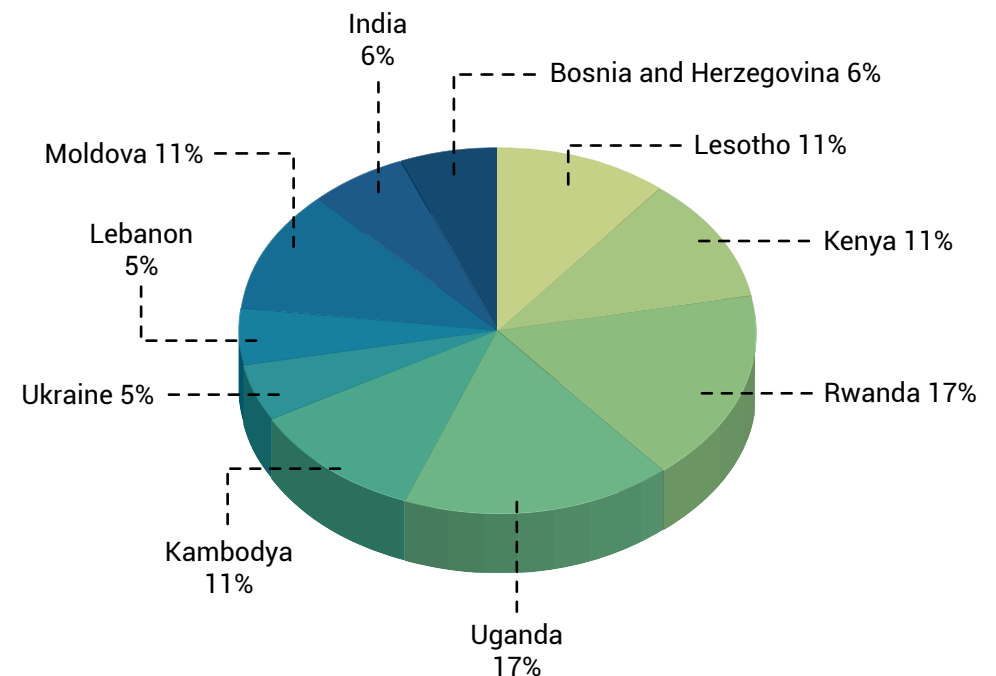
The total allocation of EUR 351 860.00 for Call 2020 for the submission of an application for a subsidy for the deployment of volunteers and experts was approved. At its meeting of 7 April 2020, the Commission of the MFEA SR agreed on the need to consider, when assessing and approving the proposed projects, **new circumstances arising from the COVID-19 pandemic**. The Commission representatives agreed that the situation was unpredictable. Developing countries are highly vulnerable and epidemiological conditions may deteriorate overnight. Therefore, the Commission did not recommend approving the project proposals in the full allocation of the call. Members of the Commission unanimously supported projects in the Eastern Sub-Saharan Africa, Western Balkans, Eastern Partnership, and Middle East regions. Out of a total of 58 application received from six beneficiaries, 18 applications were approved in 10 different countries, totalling EUR 185 760.00 (the FEA SR Minister decided to approve the applications recommended by the Commission on 5 May 2020).

At the request of the Commission, and with the agreement of the applicants, project-by-project deployments were postponed to Autumn 2020 due to travel restrictions and the spread of the coronavirus pandemic, while the signed secondment contract is valid until 31 December 2022 in view of the ongoing pandemic. At the same time, each posting was subject to a recommendation for secondment by the Slovak representative office, which is responsible for the country of deployment of the volunteer or volunteer expert. In 2020, SAMRS also introduced, for the first time, a rule under which SAMRS will support a maximum of two repeated deployments of a volunteer. All the measures and guidelines issued by SAMRS, together with the call for volunteers, were presented to beneficiaries within the framework of Infoseminar, which took place on 10 September 2020 at the premises

of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic.

Despite the pandemic of the novel coronavirus, in the second half of 2020 SAMRS managed to send one expert-volunteer from the Slovak Foreign Policy Society's Research Centre (SFPA) to Ukraine and one volunteer from the beneficiary People in Need, n.o. for voluntary trips to Bosnia and Herzegovina, whose deployments were approved by the relevant representative offices of the Slovak Republic.

**Number of volunteers per beneficiary country for projects approved in 2020 (%)**





## Overview of approved projects for the deployment of volunteers and volunteer experts in 2020

### ST. ELISABETH COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK

Beneficiary country: Lesotho (2), Kenya (1),  
India (1), Rwanda (1), Uganda (1)



6 volunteers

**73 800,00 €**

### DVOJFARBENÝ SVET, O.Z.

Beneficiary country:  
Cambodia (2)



2 volunteers

**22 960,00 €**

### PEOPLE IN NEED SLOVAKIA, N.O

Beneficiary country: Lebanon (1),  
Moldova (1), Bosnia and Herzegovina (1)



3 volunteers

**40 500,00 €**

### SFPA -SLOVAK FOREIGN POLICY SOCIETY'S RESEARCH CENTRE

Beneficiary country: Ukraine (1),  
Moldova (1)



2 volunteers

**11 400,00 €**

### CARITAS SLOVAKIA

Beneficiary country:  
Uganda (2), Rwanda (2)



4 volunteers

**28 100,00 €**

### ERKO – MOVEMENT OF CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S COMMUNITIES

Beneficiary country:  
Kenya (1)



1 volunteer

**9 000,00 €**

**TOTAL**

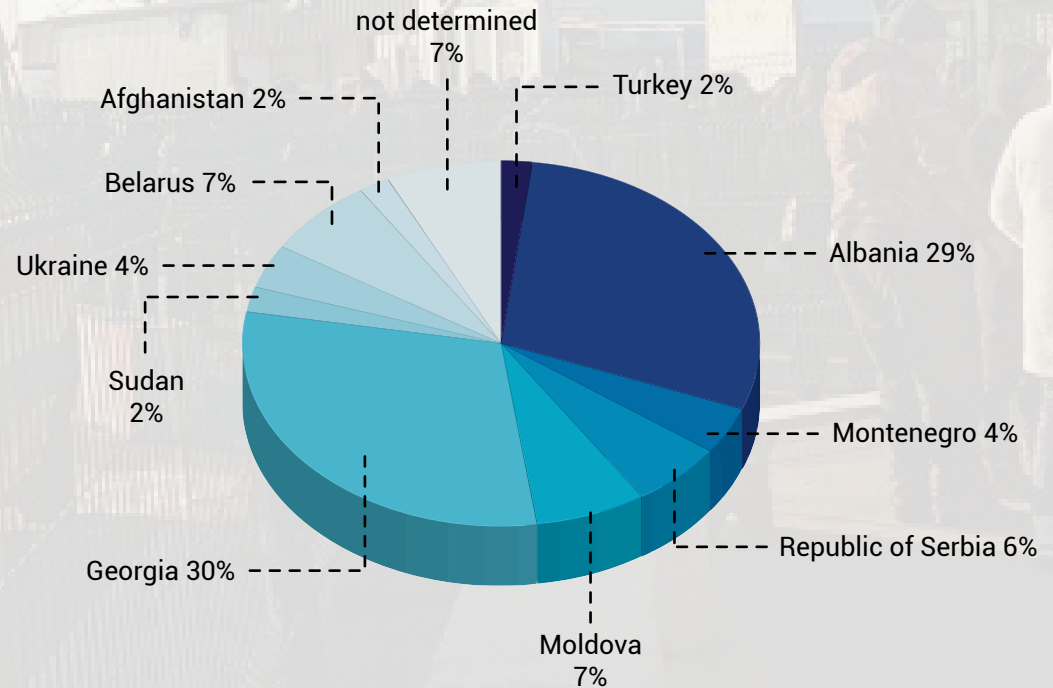
**185 760,00 €**



## Financial contributions

The provision of financial contributions based on a decision of the FEA SR Minister is one of the flexible instruments for Slovakia's development cooperation. Financial contributions were provided for acute humanitarian aid, bilateral, and multilateral cooperation. In 2020, 26 financial contributions amounting to EUR 875 160.00 were made.

### Financial contributions granted according to the amount paid in beneficiary countries in 2020 (%)





## Breakdown of financial contributions made for 2020

Purpose of the financial contribution	Amount of financial contribution paid in Euros	Country
Humanitarian assistance for the aftermath of the earthquake in Eastern Turkey	20 000,00	Turkey
Reconstruction of primary school in Pezë Helmës	165 000,00	Albania
Kallmet primary school reconstruction	46 000,00	Albania
Reconstruction of primary school in Manati	21 000,00	Albania
Contribution to the Tirana Municipality Special Fund to help repair damage following the earthquake	18 000,00	Albania
Purchase of non-invasive monitors for the Clinical Centre of Montenegro in the context of COVID-19	15 000,00	Montenegro
Purchase of medical equipment for the ORL department of the General Hospital in Berana, Montenegro, in COVID 19	15 000,00	Montenegro
Purchase of medical supplies in the context of COVID-19	50 000,00	The Republic of Serbia
Providing financial humanitarian assistance to five Kishinev City Hospitals in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic	50 000,00	Moldova
European Endowment for Democracy (supporting the development of democracy in the Eastern Partnership and the Western Balkans countries)	50 000,00	-
Purchase of medical equipment and equipment in the context of the COVID – 19 outbreak	45 177,00	Georgia
Payment of a financial contribution towards the salaries of the doctors and service staff of the resuscitation-medical module set up within the SlovakAid, at the entry-exit point in the town of Stanytsia Luhanska, and the purchase of necessary medicinal products and medical devices	27 000,00	Ukraine
Provision of a financial contribution – Slovakia's involvement in the programme for the development of the mountain regions in Georgia in the framework of cooperation within the Austerlitz format	100 000,00	Georgia
Reconstruction of three schools destroyed by floods	20 000,00	Sudan
Implementation of the project 'Rehabilitation of middle-aged wheel-chair users' – socialisation of middle-aged and older wheel-chair users (purchase of equipment, providing social workers)	10 000,00	Belarus
Implementation of the 'Equal Opportunity' project	9 000,00	Belarus
Implementation of the project 'Traffic Island' –the creation of a kindergarten space for education on children's transport safety	1 785,00	Belarus
Implementation of the project 'Social media monitoring in Moldova – Presidential elections 2020'	12 198,00	Moldova
Provision of a financial contribution – Slovakia's involvement in the programme for the development of mountain regions in Georgia in the framework of cooperation with the Austerlitz format	100 000,00	Georgia
Financial contribution – completion of primary school site near the city of Mazar-e-Sharif	20 000,00	Afghanistan
Financial contribution for 2020 to the Geneva Centre for Democratic Control of Armed Forces/International Security Sector Advisory Team (DCAF/ISSAT)	7 500,00	-
Financial contribution for 2020 to the Geneva Centre for Democratic Control of Armed Forces/International Security Sector Advisory Team (DCAF/ISSAT)	7 500,00	-
Mine clearance and destruction of unexploded ordnance in the Georgian region of Abkhazia	15 000,00	Georgia
Financial contribution – Implementation of the Voices from Donbas project	10 000,00	Ukraine
Financial contributions within the meaning of the Slovak Government Resolution No 538/2020	40 000,00	Belarus
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>875 160,00</b>	

## Micro-grants

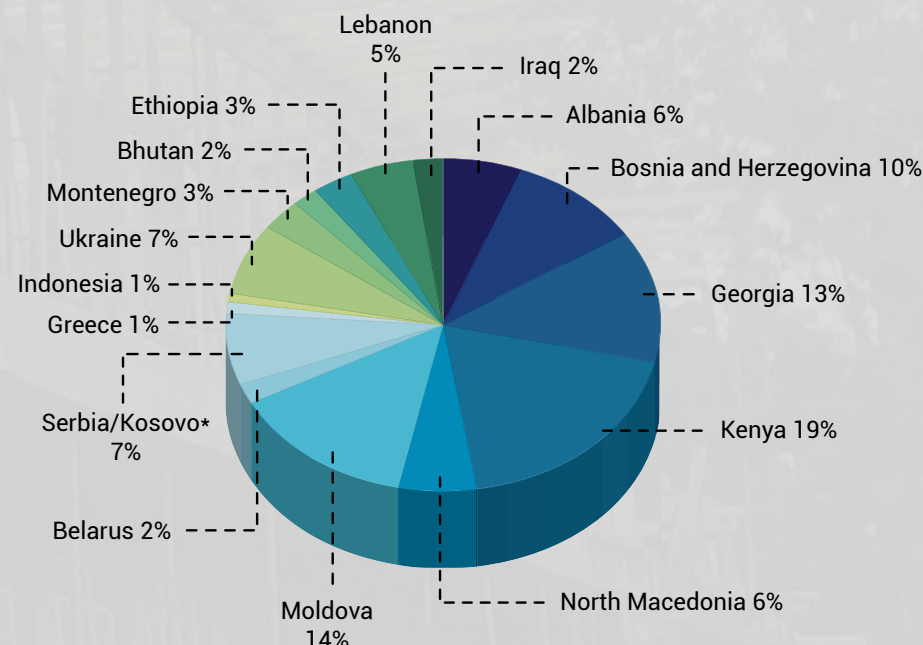
Micro-grants are an operational and efficient form of development cooperation of Slovakia and are implemented through a network of Slovak representation offices, primarily in the countries of Albania, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Ethiopia, Serbia/Kosovo, Georgia, Moldova, North Macedonia, Ukraine, and Kenya. **A total of 76 micro-grants from 16 countries** were implemented in 2020 for a total value of EUR 633 849.68. Micro-grants are provided to non-governmental organisations, non-profit organisations, civil associations, local authorities, school and health institutions registered in the country of competence of the representative office of the Slovak Republic (RO SR); for the period of six to twelve months from the date of signature of the contract. The maximum amount for the provision of a microgrant is EUR 10 000.00.

According to Slovakia's mid-term strategy for development cooperation for 2019-2023, micro-grants in the following sectors can be implemented: quality education, good health, good governance and civil society building, food security and agriculture, infrastructure and sustainable use of natural resources, support for the creation of a market environment, environment and climate change, and equal opportunities. Individual ROs of SR also had the possibility to implement micro-grants targeting the COVID-19 pandemic. **In response to the pandemic, 49 micro-grants worth EUR 430 548.40 were implemented in 2020.**

Country	Number of micro-grants approved	Budget in Euros
Albania	4	39 988,00
Montenegro	2	20 000,00
Serbia/Kosovo	5	46 204,00
Moldova	9	87 485,00
Kenya	13	119 998,00
Georgia	9	82 558,05
Ethiopia	3	19 973,57
Bosnia and Herzegovina	10	63 392,52
North Macedonia	5	40 000,00
Belarus	1	10 000,00
Ukraine	8	45 032,00
Lebanon	3	29 862,95
Bhutan	1	9 857,00
Iraq	1	9 998,59
Greece	1	4 500,00
Indonesia	1	5 000,00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>633 849,68</b>



### Overview of micro-grants implemented in 2020 (%)



\* In the whole document – SAMRS 2020 Annual Report, this designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on Kosovo's declaration of independence.



## Knowledge and experience tool – Sharing Slovak Expertise (SSE)



SHARING  
SLOVAK  
EXPERTISE  
GOOD IDEA SLOVAKIA

The 2020 Coronavirus global pandemic marked a major impact on the implementation of SSE projects, which focus was on sharing knowledge and experience in face-to-face meetings, secondments, negotiations, and conferences of various experts. Therefore, **only three activities were carried out in the first quarter** of the year: two study visits from Ethiopia and Georgia and one secondment of an expert to Serbia. A total of 191 projects providing knowledge and experience were implemented between the launch of the facility in 2011 and 31.12.2020.

A study visit to the election administrators of the **National Electoral Commission of Ethiopia** took place at the end of February 2020. Its aim was to share experiences of the preparation and organisation of

elections in Slovakia before and during election day of 29 February 2020. A study visit of Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia (SRNSFG) to Slovak scientific institutions took place in early March. Georgian guests got acquainted with the state and development of science in Slovakia, the activities of the Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAV) and the science support system within the Slovak center of scientific and technical information. Following this visit, the SAV and the SRNSFG launched a joint communication with a view to signing a Memorandum of Cooperation.

The secondment of an expert from the Cvernovka Foundation to ICIST 2020 – the International Conference on Information Society and Technology in March 2020 was prematurely terminated due to anti-epidemic measures. Šymon Kliman, one of the initiators of the project, attended the conference as a keynote speaker, presented the story of Nová Cvernovka – the Cultural and creative centre, in Serbia, as an innovation in the creative sector.

Out of the total SSE's 2020 budget of EUR 110 000.00, an amount of EUR 11 733.00 (10.7 %) was implemented. The response to the novel coronavirus pandemic subsequently changed the purpose of the remaining resources to other Slovakia's ODA instruments – in particular, micro-grants dedicated to COVID-19-related assistance and financial contributions to Moldova and Georgia.

Overview of approved Sharing Slovak Expertise activities and their implementation for 2020

## ETHIOPIA

Study visit of election administrators of the National Election Board of Ethiopia (NEBE) to Slovakia

study visit  
26.02.-02.03.2020



2 participants

**4829,06 €**

## GEORGIA

Study visit of the SRNSFG senior management to the Research and Development Support Agency (APVV)

study visit  
08.03.-12.03.2020



6 participants

**5050,18 €**

## SERBIA

Secondment of an expert from the Cvernovka/ Nová Cvernovka Foundation to ICIST 2020 conference in Serbia

secondment of an expert  
06.03.-13.03.2020



1 participant

**1854,07 €**

**TOTAL**

**11 733,31 €**



## 6. EVALUATION OF DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION IN 2020

On 16 March 2020, due to the spread of the coronavirus pandemic, the Slovak Government approved a declaration of emergency. Measures of a different nature also started to be taken in programme and project countries, which also had a **negative impact on the implementation of projects**. For that reason, SAMRS operationally developed and published **methodological guidelines** for beneficiaries, the purpose of which was to lay down rules and procedures for the application, approval, and use of the subsidy, including the method of accounting for the projects concerned.

For applicants of subsidies, **SAMRS updated all mandatory call annexes and call forms** listing sectoral priorities, specific objectives, and cross-cutting themes based on Slovakia's Mid-term strategy for development cooperation for the years 2019 to 2023. Eligible activities and related indicators were defined for each specific objective. The result indicators in question were specified in accordance with Slovakia's ODA sectoral priorities defined in the Medium-term strategy and in accordance with the six national priorities or main areas for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

SAMRS updated the de minimis aid scheme provided through the **Enterprise Partnership Programme** to support the development activities of Slovak businesses for the entities participating in the business partnership programme. The update of the de minimis aid scheme was approved by the Antimonopoly Office of the SR and entered into force on 12 August 2020.



On 4 and 17 February SAMRS organised **information seminars for applicants** for subsidies under the SlovakAid projects which took place in the congress room of the MFEA SR. SAMRS project and financial managers provided expert information to participants on the calls launched, practical information on calls, and project budgeting in the area of development cooperation and humanitarian aid. **The presentations** from the above-mentioned information seminars **were published** on the website. Within the duration of the calls for grant applications, SAMRS project and financial managers provided grant applicants **expert advice and advice** mainly through electronic and telephone in order to improve the preparation of the grant applications. The decision to provide, specifically, electronic and telephone consultations was linked to the eradication of the COVID-19 outbreak.

All applications submitted under the various calls were assessed in accordance with the new Statute of the Commission of the MFEA SR for the evaluation of applications for grants for development cooperation and for the evaluation of tenders for the award of development cooperation contracts, by the competent **committee of the MFEA SR for the evaluation of subsidy applications** (a total of eight meetings were held).

In line with the recommendations of the EU Pillar Assessment, SAMRS introduced a new condition in the terms of the formal scrutiny of the letter of formal notice: presentation of the financial accounts. Another new condition for formal control was the verification of the conditions for granting a subsidy in accordance

with international sanctions under Act No 289/2016 of the Slovak Journal of Laws on the implementation of international sanctions amending Act No 566/2001 of the Slovak Journal of Laws on securities and investment services and amending certain other acts, if the applicant does not provide the funds allocated to a person subject to an international sanction under that Act.

In accordance with the **Anti-bureaucratic Act** No 177/2018 of the Slovak Journal of Laws the conditions for formal control were checked electronically via the portal of the **General Prosecutor's Office of the SR** [www.oversi.gov.sk](http://www.oversi.gov.sk) by SAMRS. The remaining two conditions for a formal check – a certificate from the Statistical Office and the Tax authority of the SR – were verified by SAMRS with the submission of certificates by the applicant. In order to **simplify, streamline, and standardise the processes**, SAMRS published an **updated financial guide**. All relevant documents for applicants and recipients of the Slovak ODA subsidy were published at the Agency's website. In cooperation with an external law firm, **all models for subsidy contracts have been updated**.

In order to optimise the qualitative external evaluation of grant applications, SAMRS launched **a new open call for external expert evaluators** on 2 November. The deadline for submitting applications for inclusion in the ISO database of external expert evaluators was 31 March 2021.

Due to the spreading COVID-19 pandemic, despite the established monitoring visit plan, none of the visits took place in 2020.



## Cooperation with the business sector

The objectives **of the Enterprise Partnership Programme (EPP)** are to promote synergies between Slovakia's development cooperation objectives and business objectives in developing countries, to create new business partnerships, and to build the sustainable capacities of local partners. To mobilise private resources which strengthen Slovak development activities, to support Slovak businesses which can establish themselves in developing countries, and to facilitate access of local businesses to global value chains.

The call for EPPs was launched by SAMRS on 27 January, with a duration until 9 March, with a total allocation of EUR 500 000.00, while applicants submitted a total of 18 applications. This confirmed the continued increased interest on the part of entrepreneurs in subsidies from the programme, which had already increased last year after the launch of the EPP scheme.

EPPs allow entrepreneurs to submit projects in **two categories**. The first category –**Preparation**– is intended for entrepreneurs who are not yet aware of the market environment in the developing country and need to establish potential business partnerships with the local private sector. The second category –**Implementation**– is intended for entrepreneurs who already have identified local partners in a developing country and are able to implement their business plans in that country. In theory, one applicant can submit up to three projects in one call – two projects in the preparation category (one feasibility study and one business plan) and one project in the implementation category. The EPP is governed by its own de minimis state aid scheme with a support threshold of

EUR 200 000.00 for one small and medium-sized enterprise.

At its 29 April meeting, the **Commission of the MFEA SR** for the Evaluation of Subsidies for EPP projects for development cooperation recommended four applications for approval and the procedures for two applications were suspended. Following the incorporation of the proposed changes by the applicants, these applications were also recommended for approval by roll vote. In total, six applications were supported to an amount of EUR 455 498.00.

SAMRS **signed contracts with six successful applicants** for the EPP 2020 call and consulted on budget changes and activities in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. It also consulted the shift of activities and signed contract amendments with beneficiaries in 2019.

Following the COVID-19 outbreak in 2020, SAMRS launched a humanitarian call for HUM3 also for businesses and encouraged them to **develop partnerships with the non-profit sector**.

During the year, SAMRS consulted the project proposals of several applicants and organised a workshop for beneficiaries on 23 September, with the participation of company representatives.

## Other activities under the Entrepreneurship Partnership Programme

In cooperation with the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic,

Eximbank and the MFEA SR, SAMRS helps in the preliminary assessment of applications for preferential export credits which started at the end of 2019 and continued also in 2020. SAMRS also communicates with representatives of the civil society, including organisations in the Ambrela Development Organisations Platform, on the setting of concessional loans in the context of policy coherence for sustainable development.

In July 2020, following consultations with the Antimonopoly Office, the *de minimis* scheme was updated. The aim of the update was to allow the purchase of small assets also in smaller projects up to EUR 10 000.00 in the preparation phase so that, in addition to business plans and feasibility studies, beneficiaries would be able to test and prototype their products.

**SAMRS cooperates with UNDP and the MFEA SR** on the development of two other instruments to promote the involvement of the private sector in development cooperation - Rozvojmajstri and the **UNDP Slovak Challenge Fund**.

In the framework of cooperation between the MFEA SR and the UNDP, a call for projects financed under **the Slovak Challenge Fund** was concluded with a total allocation of USD 190 000.00. A total of 20 applications from private companies were received and five applications were selected by the evaluation committee with a total value of USD 167 529.00. These are projects to support the transfer of innovative solutions in four sectors in Moldova and North Macedonia, with a maximum subsidy of USD 40 000.00 per project.

In June and November, SAMRS staff participated in **Practitioners Network Private Sector Working Group** discussions and seminars on a coordinated **Team Europe** approach.

In November, the staff contributed to the **OECD DAC Friends of Foresight** discussions on visions for the future of ODA in 2025. In December, they participated in the event Rozvojmajstri under the heading Specialities in Procurement in EU-funded Development Cooperation Projects. In December they also participated in the European Commission's public and open data webinars in ODA.

SAMRS staff continuously consulted several firms interested in participating in Slovakia's ODA instruments in the context of the pandemic and linked them to the Rozvojmajstri instrument, UNDP and the MFEA SR (Department of the Business Centre). They consulted with the Czech Development Agency on the EPP programme and the involvement of entrepreneurs in ODA. On 17 October they gave lectures on Slovak ODA, SAMRS, and EPP through webinars to students from the Diplomatic Academy.

## Collaboration with international partners

### USAID

In 2020, cooperation between the MFEA SR and the UNDP continued to take place in the framework of the project UNDP-Slovakia Partnership: Effective Development Cooperation Solutions for the SDGs.

## USAID

Ms Ingrid Brocková, the state secretary of the MFEA SR, and the deputy administrator of USAID Ms Bonnie Glick discussed the deepening of development cooperation so far, in the framework of the current Memorandum of Understanding between the MFEA SR and the USAID, valid for three years – for the period from 14 November 2018 to 14 November 2021; both sides agreed to extend the MoU and plan signatories at the level of the FEA SR Minister and the USAID Administrator.

Currently, under the MoU, **projects are being implemented in Moldova** through a financial contribution from SlovakAid of USD 30 0000.00 (the Comunitatea Mea programme) **and North Macedonia** through USAID's co-financing of USD 120 000.00 for the project National Convention on the EU in North Macedonia.

## UNESCO

Following the signature of the General Memorandum of Understanding with UNESCO on 13 December 2018, in force until 2030, the first joint project **in the Turkana region of Kenya** in the sectoral field of water management is under way. At the end of 2019, UNESCO launched a call for a sub-contractor and the results of the selection process were published in April 2020. The local organisation **Caritas Lodwar–Labour Catholic Mission**, active for a long time in the water and sanitation sector, became a successful candidate.

At the request of UNESCO, the implementation of the project was extended for six months without increasing the financial costs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The project started on 8 July, with a project implementation period of 24 months. In December, Caritas Lodwar–Labour Catholic Mission submitted to UNESCO the first interim report for the first five months of the project, according to which, despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the first phase of public campaigns on Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) took place under strict hygiene conditions, in two rounds involving **733 local residents from 11 rural areas of the Turkana region**.

The special emphasis in the project is on involving local women as participants in community training. To improve food security, workshops were held on agriculture in desert conditions, healthy nutrition and practical demonstrations of compost production for 31 participants, including 23 women. In May – prior to the start of the project – a fire broke out at the Caritas Lodwar depots in Lobur, North Turkany, which affected the regular operation of the existing water team of the local implementing body, leading to delays in the planned repairs of the water systems and the training of residents. Despite the complications, a new “water team” of experts is being created, which will be responsible for the maintenance of existing water systems (drill holes, hand pumps, etc.) and for supplying the spare parts needed to repair dysfunctional or damaged water systems in the districts of Kibish and Turkana North. As part of the maintenance of the pumping systems for water abstraction for community purposes, a new generator and a manual handling trolley were purchased.







## PRACTITIONERS' NETWORK

From 20 to 21 May, the Director of SAMRS participated in the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Directors of Development Agencies, the Annual General Assembly of the Practitioners Network for European Development Cooperation, which took place online due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Cooperation in the field of global education

Global education is part of Slovakia's official development cooperation. The total allocation for grant applications for global and development education projects amounted to **EUR 100 000.00 in 2020**.

Due to the pandemic, the **42<sup>nd</sup> GENE Roundtable** took place on 8 May in virtual form. The theme was the presentation of reports from Member States, as well as changes or challenges in the field of Global Education (GE) over the last semester. The SAMRS project and financial manager presented the Country Report for Slovakia. The 43<sup>rd</sup> Gene Roundtable, was held virtually over three days – 8, 15 and 16 October, due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. The SAMRS Director contributed with a video on the Agency's plans for the next year in the field of GE, the SAMRS Project and Finance Manager traditionally presented the Country Report and presented the planned evaluation of global and development education projects to the working group on valuations. The next roundtable took place at the end of April 2021.

Long-term cooperation with GENE resulted at the end of 2020, in the signing of a cooperation agreement between the MFEA of the SR, the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport, and GENE to organise activities in the field of global education, to **prepare a new global education strategy** and to strengthen their cooperation in this field. The contract is valid until the end of 2021.

A pilot evaluation of 14 SlovakAid global and development education projects, supported between 2014 and 2018, was produced. The final evaluation report is published on the SAMRS web under the section *How we help – Global and Development Education*.

### Joint V4 project in the Republic of Kenya

The **implementation** of the V4 countries joint project in Kenya, in the coastal regions of Kilifi, Kwale, and Lamu **continued** in 2020. The project is worth EUR 1 900 000.00, and the implementation period is **4 years** (2017 to 2021). The main objective of the project is to support the development of coastal provinces by creating jobs and increasing food security. The specific objective is to improve the socio-economic situation of 15 000 small farmers and to create new jobs through BIO and Fair-Trade production of cashew nuts and sesame. Emphasis is placed on supporting the women and the youth.

**16 010 farmers are currently involved in the project: 54.98 % of men and 45.02 % of women (6 741 farmers in Kilifi, 7 172 farmers in Kwale, and 2 097 farmers in Lamu).** In the project, SAMRS has

the role of a grant manager, the lead coordinator and, at the same time, the implementor of part of the activities. The Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague, the Polish Foundation for Science Development and the Hungarian National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre NAIK/NARIC are the institutions and organisations **from V4 countries that actively participate in the project**. The main local partners are Ten senses Africa (TSA) and Farm Africa.

The most important activities carried out include **Fair Trade and Bio trainings** for farmers, setting up young plant nurseries in Kwale, Kilifi, and Lamu, training farmers in agricultural practices and the associated distribution of quality seedlings of cashew and sesame, training of target groups to form community self-help groups, collective management, conflict prevention, and basic financial literacy, training to increase the diversity of diets, and streamlining of the process of processing cashew nuts, and sesame. The most measurable indicators of the training, the Bio and Fair-trade certification project, the number of farmers involved, and nurseries have been achieved. For the upcoming project period, the distribution of the remaining number of young plants to meet the project objective is a priority. As of 31 November, a total of **611 340 young plants had been distributed to farmers**.



16 010 farmers participated in the joint V4 project.



At the end of March, the provincial government in Kilifi ordered the temporary closure of all industrial sites in the region in order to reduce the risk of the spread of coronavirus. Since the beginning of April, restrictions on movement have been adopted at national level by the Kenyan Government for the Metropolitan Area of Nairobi and the Provinces of Kilifi and Kwale. For the reasons set out above, Ten senses Africa had to suspend the distribution of seedlings to farmers, which was planned for the rainy season of April to June. However, Ten senses Africa staff received specific permission to travel from Nairobi to the districts of Kilifi and Kwale by taking preventive measures against the spread of coronavirus at the workplace. The capacity of cashew young plants nurseries remained secured, and the project partner Ten senses Africa allowed farmers to obtain individual seedlings from the Kilifi, Kwale, and Lamu nurseries. Despite the difficult situation, a total of 110 948 cashew seedlings were distributed to farmers between March and November. In view of the anti-pandemic measures and because of the inadequacy of the safety situation, the nursery in Lamu was reduced to a distribution centre.

Group training for farmers and meetings of self-help groups were suspended between March and April and was carried out mainly online from May. Strict hygiene measures were followed in case of necessary contact and personal protective equipment was given to farmers. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the project partner Farm Africa requested an extension of three months for the project activity without a cost increase. The completion of the project activities by Farm Africa took place on 31 August. Based on the submitted final statement and supporting documentation, Farm Africa received a

final reimbursement instalment from SAMRS on 7 December.

**From June 2019, the production of cashew nuts in the BIO/Organic project are certified (Ecocert) and from July 2019 Fair Trade certified (World Fair Trade Organisation).** Thanks to BIO and Fair-Trade certification, farmers have, among other related benefits, guaranteed premium feed-in prices for harvested crops as well as increased demand for production. During the implementation of the project, there was a delay in the distribution of sesame to farmers due to the poor quality of sesame seeds available for sale in Kenya. Sesame seeds had to be imported into coastal provinces from neighbouring Tanzania, the largest sesame producer in Africa.

However, the quantities procured were insufficient as well as the complications with imports and the high feed-in prices led to an overall reduction in the production of sesame in the project. During the implementation of the TSA project, it was found that the cultivation of the sesame requires a large amount of irrigation, which is linked to the period of heavy rainfall and sesame can therefore be produced only once a year and not three times a year as originally planned. Since the start of the project implementation, the TSA has distributed 2.5 tonnes of sesame seeds to farmers. However, the project also grows alternative crops such as mango, moringa, and coconut in order to diversify income opportunities for farmers involved in the project. The project is also followed by the planned construction of a cashew nut plant in Kilifi. Although the construction of the factory will not be covered by project funds, its opening is desirable to achieve the overall sustainability of the initiative.

## 7. SAMRS MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT 2020

The total approved budget of SAMRS for 2020 in the expenditure part amounted to EUR 7 047 043.00. With the budgetary measures it was adjusted to EUR 6 741 369.00. The budget's actual consumption on 31 December 2020 amounted to EUR 6 727 850.00 totalling 99.80 %.

For category 610 – Wages, salaries, service income, and other personal adjustments, a budget of EUR 358 983.00 was adopted for 2020. Over the year, the budgetary measure of the Ministry of Finance of the SR (MF SR) increased this category to EUR 411 983.00. The budgetary measure was implemented to finance the salary budget due to an increase of three staff members without breaking down the budget for these three posts. The budgetary measure was a reclassification of the own resources of the SAMRS budget. Consumption by 31 December 2020 amounted to EUR 411 979.00, i.e., 100 % of the budget. In category 620 – Insurance and contribution to insurance companies, a budget of EUR 122 828.00 was approved. The budget in this category was amended over the year by the budgetary measure of the MF SR and by transfer within the SAMRS budget to EUR 149 568.00. The actual consumption by 31 December 2020 amounted to EUR 148 987.00 totalling 99.61 %.

In category 630 – Goods and services, a budget of EUR 91 712.00 was approved. Over the year, the budget in this category was adjusted by redeployments within the SAMRS budget to EUR 249 045.00. The significant increase of EUR 146 048.00 in the approved budget in this category was due to the reclassification of current transfers resulting from the implementation of tasks in the field of the Slovak experience-sharing instrument, public awareness, capacity building, and project audit, and an increase in the budget for securing new tasks for SAMRS

amounting to EUR 12 125.00. Consumption by 31 December 2020 amounted to EUR 249 045.00, a percentage total of 99.66 %.

In category 640 – Current transfers, a budget of EUR 6 473 520.00 was approved. By budgetary measures of the MF SR and transfers within the SAMRS budget, the budget in this category was adjusted to EUR 5 218 467.00. The actual implementation of the budget on 31.12.2020 amounted to EUR 5 206 373.00, i.e., 99.77 %.

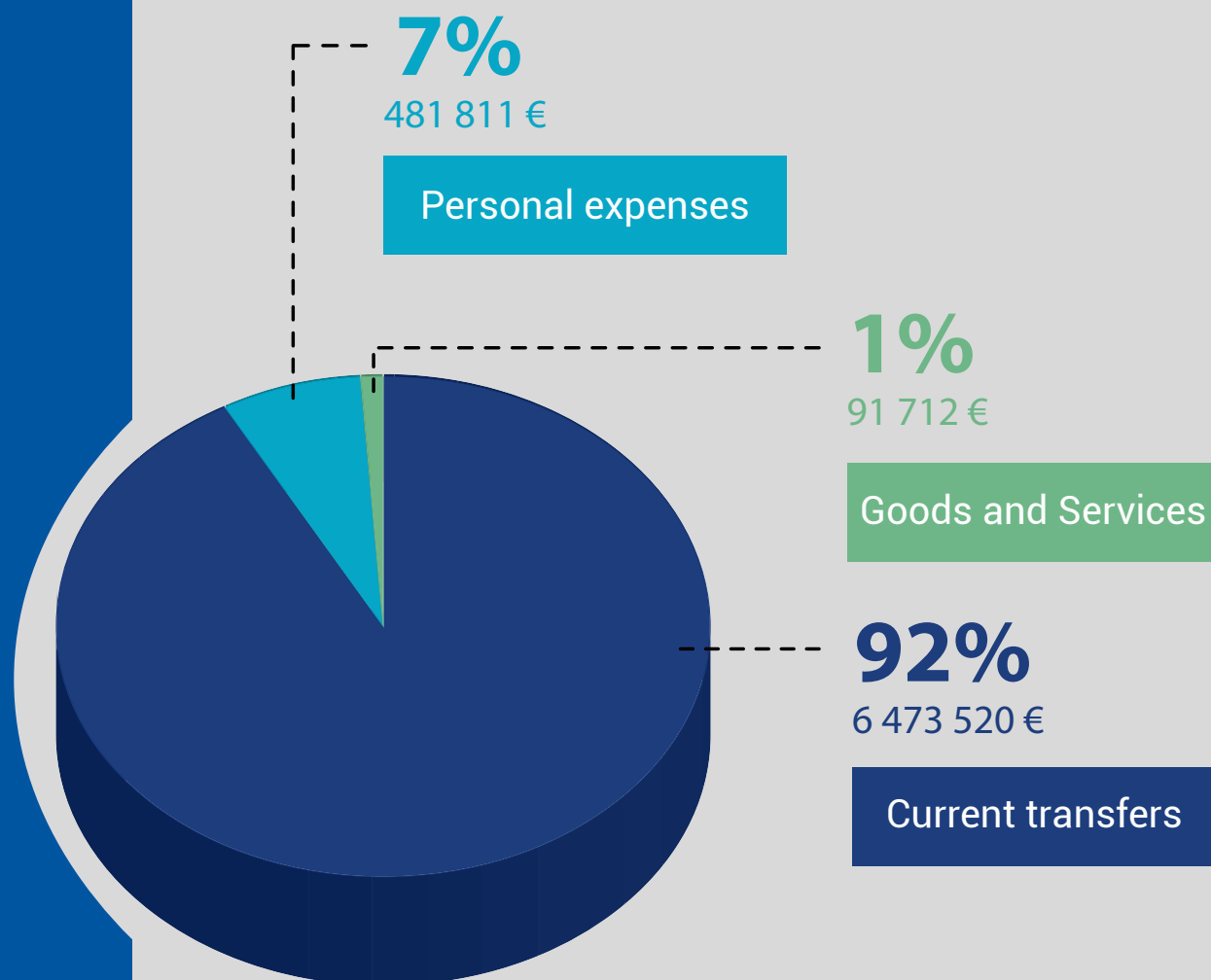
By the budgetary measure of the MF SR were means from resources 131 I amounting to EUR 1 243 219.00 and 131 J amounting to EUR 2 044 311.00 of EUR 2 044 311.00 in category 640 – Current transfers at the beginning of the year decommitted and used to pay project instalments and send financial contributions during 2020. Similarly, funds in category 640 – Current transfers, were committed at year-end due to rollover in 2021 totalling EUR 3 740 941.00, of which the commitment of 131 I amounted to EUR 1 123 047.00 and the commitment of resource 111 was EUR 2 617 894.00, broken down to EUR 2 494 664.00 for Current Transfers and EUR 123 230.00 for Capital Transfers. These funds will be used in 2021 and 2022 to finance the contractually committed ODA SR projects.

The implementation of the V4 joint project in Kenya, in the coastal regions of Kilifi, Kwale, and Lamu continued in 2020. The project has a value of EUR 1 900 000.00 and an implementation period of four years (2017-2021). In the course of 2020, SAMRS did not receive any resources to finance the project, as all advance payments by the EU DEL (the European Union's Delegation) were paid in previous years. The overall consumption of extra-budgetary resources for 2020 was EUR 82 012.00.

## Approved budget of SAMRS under contract for 2020

		Economic classification	Description	Adopted budget 2020 in Euros
1.		610	Wages, salaries, service income, and other personal adjustments	358 983,00
2.		620	Insurance premiums and contributions to insurance undertakings	122 828,00
3.	1+2		<b>Total personal expenses</b>	<b>481 811,00</b>
4.		630	Goods and Services	91 712,00
5.		630	<b>Total goods and services</b>	<b>91 712,00</b>
6.		640	Current transfers	6 473 520,00
7.		640	<b>Total current transfers</b>	<b>6 473 520,00</b>
8.		710	Acquisition of capital assets	0,00
9.		710	<b>Acquisition of capital assets, total</b>	<b>0,00</b>
10.	3+5+7+9		<b>TOTAL 2020</b>	<b>7 047 043,00</b>

## Approved budget of SAMRS for 2020





## Overview of the absorption of funds between 1 January and 31 December 2020

Economic classification	Approved budget in Euros	Amended budget in Euros	Consumption in Euros	% share of the revised budget
610	358 983,00	411 983,00	411 979,00	100 %
620	122 828,00	149 568,00	148 987,00	99,61 %
630	91 712,00	249 885,00	249 045,00	99,66 %
640	6 473 520,00	5 218 467,00	5 206 373,00	99,77 %
Of which ODA	6 471 860,00	5 217 730,00	5 205 640,00	99,77 %
720	0,00	711 466,00	711 466,00	100 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 047 043,00</b>	<b>6 741 369,00</b>	<b>6 727 850,00</b>	<b>99,80 %</b>

## Overview of the implementation of SAMRS activities and operation according to the SR ODA's Focus 2020

Other expenditures	Allocation in Euros according to Focus 2020	Consumption in Euros
Development diplomats (Kenya, Moldova, Georgia)	0,00	234 129,00 <sup>2</sup>
Public awareness	70 000,00	69 150,96
Capacity building of SAMRS and ODA actors	10 000,00	6 302,72 <sup>3</sup>
Audit of projects	50 000,00	58 860,58 <sup>4</sup>
Administrative costs of SAMRS	575 183,00	664 695,96 <sup>5</sup>
Evaluation of projects	50 000,00	0,00 <sup>6</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>755 183,00</b>	<b>1 033 139,20</b>

<sup>2</sup> In the 2020 Focus there is no separate budget line for the budgetary measure. In the context of the preparation of the 2020 budget, the MF SR increased the expenditure limit of the MFEA SR in the 06U program for *Sending of development diplomats to the RO SR – 6 persons*, with a financial allocation of EUR 848 020.00 (610, 620, 630). The increase was to cover three development diplomats already deployed at the ROs Nairobi, Chisinau, Tbilisi, and three new ones. Following the subsequent annual commitment of expenditure for 2020 and the subsequent yearly amount of EUR 12 500 000.00, the MFEA SR committed both personal and operational expenditure. The deployment of new development diplomats was therefore suspended.

<sup>3</sup> A number of training courses have been cancelled due to COVID-19.

<sup>4</sup> Increased number of projects submitted for external financial audit. This has been reflected and an amount of EUR 60 000.00 is allocated in the 2021 Focus.

<sup>5</sup> Increased expenditure related to the recruitment of three staff not taken into account in the voted budget (salaries, levies, goods and services).

<sup>6</sup> The evaluation of development education was coordinated by the MFEA SR in 2020. The invoice will only be paid in 2021.

## 8. OVERVIEW OF PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2020

The demand for vocational training in Afghanistan has been high in recent years, but the quality of education has been and is still affected by a lack of qualified professionals, technical means, non-standard and outdated curricula and non-standard science research activities. On the other hand, many of the country's problems are closely related to the lack of qualified professionals in various areas, in particular technical orientations. The objective of the project was to support **sustainable and equitable socio-economic development** in Afghanistan by improving the quality of training. The project contributed to this objective through the upgrading of the qualifications of young university teachers, the standardisation of scientific research activities in universities, as an important tool for improving the quality of education, and through the improvement of technical equipment and teacher training. Thanks to the project, **four young teachers** from partner universities gained continuing education at **Slovak higher education institutions**. **A well-equipped solar energy laboratory was created** at the Ghazni Technical University. Extensive theoretical and practical manuals of laboratory work have been developed and four young teachers at partner universities have been trained in Slovakia. A total of **461 university professionals** were informally trained in modern methods of scientific research activities in Afghanistan. An extensive **proposal for reform of scientific research activities in Afghanistan** has also been drafted.



## AFGHANISTAN

**Project name:** Capacity building in the higher education sector of Afghanistan

**Registration No:** SAMRS/2018/AFG/1/1

**Main sectoral priority:** Quality Learning

**Beneficiary:** Slovak University of Technology Bratislava

**ODA SR subsidy:**

**EUR 199 916.00**





## ALBANIA

The main objective of the project was to improve conditions and increase the **competitiveness of start-ups** and small and medium-sized enterprises in the creative industries in Albania. The project's intention was focused on the difficult conditions for **creative start-ups and small and medium-sized enterprises** to compete in domestic and foreign markets, given the lack of national policies, business capacities, and the lack of internal infrastructure in the creative sector. The overall objective of the project is linked to the activities and results achieved in the previous project, which was also implemented in Albania. As part of the project, in the so-called Creative Academy, **58 participants** participated coming from various Albanian universities and seeking to set up their own business. The project also provided educational **stays in Slovakia for selected Creative Academy participants**, where they met Slovak creative industry representatives and gained new experience, input and knowledge from them. The beneficiary, together with the partner, also organised a regional conference to **support creative industries**, which took place in Tirana in October 2019 with 79 representatives from the creative industry. The aim was to encourage and prepare the ground for improving the position of this type of industry in the country or to create a space for discussion between government representatives and young innovators.



The specific objective of the project was to strengthen cooperation between the non-governmental sector and public administration in Albania by building new partnerships and identifying services that non-governmental organisations (NGOs) can provide to public administrations. These relations have been and are characterised by a lack of trust, low openness, and a lack of willingness to listen to each other. The beneficiary intended to achieve change through systematic, long-term and intensive training, including both **regular seminars, intensive training or mentoring**, as well as the creation of an opportunity for cross-sectoral face-to-face meetings, where representatives of NGOs and public administrations could openly communicate and jointly reflect on new frameworks for possible cooperation. The project also included **research – a situational analysis** of the possibility of NGO service provision, which will feed into the preparation of a strategy paper and other documents that will provide recommendations on legislative changes and the regulatory framework for NGOs in order to enable and increase access to alternative sources of funding. The project focused on **NGO training activities** in Albania, the beneficiary managed to involve representatives of **30 Albanian NGOs** in a **capacity-building** programme where they gained new knowledge, e.g., in terms of possibilities for cooperation with the public administration, gained knowledge from Slovak NGOs or had the opportunity to consult experts in the context of the mentoring programme. The project also organised a study visit for six future mentors whose capacities were improved by examples of good practice from Slovakia. Relations between NGOs and public administration have been improved through on-line regional roundtables (approximately 51 participants) and through the so-called speed dating (30 new partnerships).

**Project name:** Supporting creative entrepreneurs and the development of the creative industry sector in Albania

**Registration No:** SAMRS/2018/ZB/1/2

**Main sectoral priority:** Fostering the creation of a market environment and small and medium-sized enterprises

**Beneficiary:** Slovak Organisation for Research and Development Activities

**ODA SR subsidy:**

**EUR 96 700.00**

**Project name:** Cooperation bridges: civil sector and public administration for a stable civil society

**Registration No:** SAMRS/2018/ZB/1/7

**Main sectoral priority:** Good governance and civil society building

**Beneficiary:** PDCS, o. z.

**ODA SR subsidy:**

**EUR 73 900.00**





The main objective of the project was to strengthen the resilience of young people from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Kosovo to radicalisation leading to violent extremism. **The risk of radicalisation and violent extremism** does not consist of the radicalised young people moving to conflict zones as so-called “foreign fighters”, the current threat being that they can carry out acts of violence on their own territory or in neighbouring/EU countries. The main target group of the project **were young people aged 14 to 25**, who are the easiest manipulable target group by the charismatic “radicalisers” and are therefore the most vulnerable. A common feature of the target group in all three project countries is the need to keep them active in order to effectively counter the threat of radicalisation and the need to strengthen the capacities of identified young leaders interested in active engagement in their communities as **positive role models** and ‘influential agents’ against radicalisation. The project provided for the selection of **30 young leaders**, which later, together with the beneficiary and its partners, engaged in activities to counter radicalisation of young people in the region. Part of these leaders participated in a study visit to Slovakia, where they also took part in the international **Globsec Bratislava Forum 2019** conference. Young leaders were also given the opportunity to participate in a **summer school** organised by the beneficiary, which focused on the issue of extremism and radicalisation. An important part of this was the information campaign aimed at preventing radicalisation, which was running on social networks, with **480 young participants** directly involved.



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The main objective of the project was to provide a public administration institution in Belarus – the State Control Committee of the Republic of Belarus (NKI), the beneficiary's experience of **digitising public administration** in institutions with a similar focus and solution in the Slovak Republic. The beneficiary set up a working group of experts, developers, and trainers who, as requested by the partner, prepared workshops in Minsk and developed the training module in question. In cooperation with the **Supreme Audit Office of the Slovak Republic**, they prepared a set of presentations and interactive meetings, supplemented by interactive teaching. Among other things, the project developed a **training module for the staff of the State Control Committee of Belarus to streamline their digital skills** in the control activity. The beneficiary drew up a manual for the use of the module and the relevant supporting documents in Russian.



## ALBANIA, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, KOSOVO\*

**Project name:** Strengthening young people's resilience to radicalisation in the Western Balkans region

**Registration No:** SAMRS/2018/ZB/1/6

**Main sectoral priority:** Good governance and civil society building

**Beneficiary:** Globsec, o. z.

**ODA SR subsidy:**

**EUR 99 918.00**



## BELARUS

**Project name:** Exchange of experience in the digitalisation of public administration (IT) between the Slovak Republic and the Republic of Belarus

**Registration No:** SAMRS/2018/VP/1/2

**Main sectoral priority:** Good governance and civil society building

**Beneficiary:** Asseco Central Europe, a. s.

**ODA SR subsidy:**

**EUR 100 000.00**

The project aimed at ensuring safe and high-quality drinking water for the residents of the canton of Sarajevo. The first project activity – the harmonisation and introduction of analytical methods used for the **assessment of organic drinking water quality indicators** under the Drinking Water Framework Directive, DWD (98/83/EC) was carried out, considering the revision undertaken in 2018 at the State Quality Supervision Authority for distributed drinking water. As part of this activity, staff from the Public Health Authority of the Canton of Sarajevo were trained on the current requirements for **analytical methods** used for the assessment of drinking water quality. The second part of the project initially focused on the identification of organic compounds present in existing and potential sources of drinking water in Sarajevo, but this activity was not carried out due to a global pandemic and consequently the early termination of the project. The project provided for the organisation of a lecture course on the Drinking Water Directive, the bases for the treatment of drinking water samples and the analytical methods used for monitoring drinking water for the 10 staff of the partner organisation and the preparation of the study material. As part of the hands-on training for extraction procedures for the concentration of organic compounds defined in the DWD, three workers were trained to use the lessons learned to further their work. Hands-on training for analytically used techniques for monitoring organic DWD compounds was also attended by three staff members of the partner organisation. The project also succeeded in installing new methods for determining pesticides and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (under the Drinking Water Directive) in water.



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The main objective of the project was the transfer of the beneficiary's experience in the implementation of the EU Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive 91/271/EEC in Georgia, respecting the existing conditions, technical support for the identification of sensitive areas in the **river basins in Georgia and the identification of agglomerations** according to the three categories defined by EU Directive 91/271/EEC. The beneficiary prepared an analysis **of the current surface water status** based on the data collected, **developed a methodology** or identifying sensitive areas in Georgia and at the same time identified sensitive areas according to the pilot basin methodology (application of the methodology to the Alazani River basin). The methodology for determining the agglomerations according to the requirements of EU Directive 91/271/EEC was developed in English and Georgian. Subsequently, the agglomerations in the pilot basin were established according to the developed methodology. The project carried out a calibration and validation of the economic model to **calculate the investments for the construction of a sewerage and wastewater treatment plant (WWTP)** in Georgia, when a mathematical model aimed at estimating investments for the construction of urban wastewater sewerage and WWTP of urban wastewaters was compiled and calibrated for Georgia's conditions and applied in the Alazani River pilot basin. Two training seminars for representatives of the national administration and self-government on the implementation of EU Directive 91/271/EEC and water remediation took place with 30 participants. At the same time, eight experts took part in online meetings about urban wastewater remediation.



## BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

**Project name:** Improving the quality of monitoring of existing and new sources of drinking water in the canton of Sarajevo

**Registration No:** SAMRS/2018/ZB/1/4

**Main sectoral priority:** Water and sanitation

**Beneficiary:** Slovak University of Technology Bratislava; Faculty of Chemical and Food Technology

**ODA SR subsidy:**

**EUR 67 440.00**



## GEORGIA

**Project name:** Support to state institutions and capacity building in the implementation of the requirements of the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive (91/271/EEC) in Georgia

**Registration No:** SAMRS/2018/VP/1/7

**Main sectoral priority:** Water and sanitation

**Beneficiary:** Water Research Institute

**ODA SR subsidy:**

**EUR 91 555.00**



The project aimed at ensuring the construction of three potable water wells and a system of pipes for the distribution of water from wells that provide sufficient drinking water for the municipalities. As the municipalities were engaged in olive cultivation before the Da'esh attack, enough drinking water will also support the local population's **growing activities**. Thus, the project included training on water conservation, cultivation activities, and personal hygiene. **The construction of three wells** improved access to drinking water for some **thirty thousand inhabitants of the municipalities of Bashiqa and Bahzan**, who have so far been suffering from shortages, particularly in the hot summer months. The project **trained around 126 people personally and around 300 people online in water conservation**, olive cultivation or the importance of drinking regimes and personal hygiene.



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The project aimed at improving the living conditions of civilians, refugees, and displaced persons in Iraq, and Syria. As part of the project, the beneficiary sought through its activities **to help build the capacity of local health personnel**, both professionally and materially. The project also included **training activities** by which the beneficiary sought to provide education and awareness to refugees and displaced persons, thereby helping to prevent the spread of infectious diseases and to pass on experience in life-threatening injury practices. The beneficiary thus sought to be instrumental in **restoring the infrastructure** and improving the state of the existing emergency departments in local hospital facilities. This activity is intended to lead to an improvement in the currently low level of these facilities. The beneficiary's rapid response medical teams directly provided emergency medical care in conjunction with local emergency response services in the event of accidents with mass disability. The beneficiary of the project **trained 610 local health workers**, with 601 people trained in medical assistance from the target group of civilians, refugees, and displaced persons. The project also revitalised ten health facilities, the beneficiary's staff also intervened in various local disasters, accidents, and critical events, providing emergency primary care and transporting patients further to relevant health centres and facilities.

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## IRAQ

**Project name:** Provision of drinking water for residents of the municipalities of Bashiqa and Bahzani

**Registration No:** SAMRS/2019/HUM/1/10

**Main sectoral priority:** Infrastructure and sustainable use of natural resources

**Beneficiary:** Caritas Slovakia

**ODA SR subsidy:**

**EUR 200 000.00**



## IRAQ AND SYRIA

**Project name:** Provision of healthcare through provision of primary health care, training of health professionals and restoration of basic infrastructure for the operation of healthcare facilities

**Registration No:** SAMRS/2018/SYR/1/11

**Main sectoral priority:** Education, Health

**Beneficiary:** Academy of Emergency Medicine, o.z.

**ODA SR subsidy:**

**EUR 249 294.00**





The project focused on improving the health status of the internally displaced populations in the Agangrial area of South Sudan. Its aim was to ensure a decrease in morbidity and mortality among internally displaced persons, and to create conditions for the provision of high-quality paediatric care and nutrition support. The project carried out various activities, such as the **reconstruction of the outpatient clinic and nutrition centre**, the selection of staff in the outpatient clinic, the operation of a paediatric outpatient clinic and the nutrition centre, or the education of parents. The project **provided healthcare for around eleven thousand people** in the area of implementation, **1 912 children** of the local internally displaced population were vaccinated through of the project. The project provided knowledge in preventing the spread of infectious diseases or the importance of vaccination to 2 196 parents and the treatment for 1 263 children suffering from malnutrition.



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The beneficiary of the project implemented the provision of an integrated and comprehensive core range of healthcare. Among other things, it focused on capacity building and provision of health stockpiles with the aim to improve the quality of health services or supervision and the management and use of health information. The project's increased availability of quality health services was implemented through several strategies, which made both preventive and curative health services available. By combining intervention in the static health centre (PHCC) and integrated community case management (ICCM), the aim was to **improve the health of the whole community**, with special regard to children under five years of age, pregnant, and breastfeeding mothers. In the project, the beneficiary also sought to ensure the regular availability of essential medicines, supplies, and equipment, supported health promotion, and behavioural communication, focusing on the community level. The project **investigated over twelve thousand children** for malnutrition, and 37 cases of women with pregnancy complications were dealt with in the static centre. The project provided an opportunity **for 11 health centre staff to acquire knowledge in maternity and childcare and in the management of rape cases**, who intervened in 35 rape cases in the area. Around twenty-one thousand people were given outpatient consultations in the Pagaak area.



## SOUTH SUDAN

**Project name:** Ensuring paediatric care and nutrition in the Agangrial area

**Registration No:** SAMRS/2018/SSD/1/1

**Main sectoral priority:** Health

**Beneficiary:** St. Elisabeth College of Health and Social Work

**ODA SR subsidy:**

**EUR 199 998.60**

**Project name:** Provision of emergency hospital and community-based health care for conflict-affected and displaced populations in Pagaak, Duk County, South Sudan

**Registration No:** SAMRS/2018/SSD/1/3

**Main sectoral priority:** Health

**Beneficiary:** Magna

**ODA SR subsidy:**

**EUR 200 000.00**



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The project focused on improving the teaching process at the St. Philip Neri school in Machakos County, through the promotion of digital education and entrepreneurship skills of pupils. It thus reflected educational reforms in Kenya – changing the school curricula to bring the primary and secondary school together into a single complex and **integrating digital education** into everyday teaching. Therefore, the implementation of modern digitised teaching was one of the main objectives of the project. Teaching technology was **purchased and installed** in the existing 2 primary school classes and **25 teachers were trained on digitising teaching**. Conditions have also been created to continue students' education at the secondary school – a new building with three rooms, a computer-based IT class, a **new class for 40 children and a library were built**. **23 computers** were purchased, one interactive blackboard as well as complete equipment for the new class and library. The class opening ceremony took place with the participation of the Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to Kenya and the Chief Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kenya. During the period of the project implementation, syllabuses for innovative IT teaching involving a total of 437 children were developed. Teaching the foundations of entrepreneurship has been channelled to **221 children and 54 pupils with a health disadvantage** have also been involved in the education process. St. Philip Neri school has also adapted flexibly to the situation of the coronavirus pandemic, and common classroom teaching has been replaced by e-learning. At the same time, a new activity – educating the clinic and community patients to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19, and sewing and distributing masks was also carried out.

The aim of the project was to support the female and male students of St. Bakhita Girls Rescue Centre in the city of Eldoret through the newly established *vocational training centre*, where they had the opportunity to train in hairdressing, tailoring, knitting or working with PCs. The main outputs also included increasing the professional capacities and **entrepreneurial skills** of target groups, in order to facilitate the successful entry of graduates into the labour market and ensure their continuous income. During the project implementation period, a total of **164 graduates obtained a certificate of completion of the state exam**. Students with disabilities were also involved in the course, **with 37 taking part in the PC course and 34 in knitting, hairdressing, and tailoring courses**, and all took part in the State exam and obtained certificates. Teachers were also given the opportunity to undertake certified education. There were also three-monthly training sessions for small businesses or **12 motivating lectures** about women empowerment. A total of 35 students attended a business incubator for the field of knitting. In addition, a group of 115 students and graduates benefited from **individual business plans**. One of the outputs of the project was the establishment of a local partner and shop website, where student products were sold and students themselves had the opportunity to practice. Overall, **81% of female course graduates were able to apply to the labour market** and thus earn some form of income. The teaching was later transferred to the online environment due to Covid-19, and practice was carried out in the local partner's shop, while the seamstresses started to produce masks.



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## KENYA

**Project name:** Extension of the capacity of St. Philip Neri primary school with a secondary school perspective

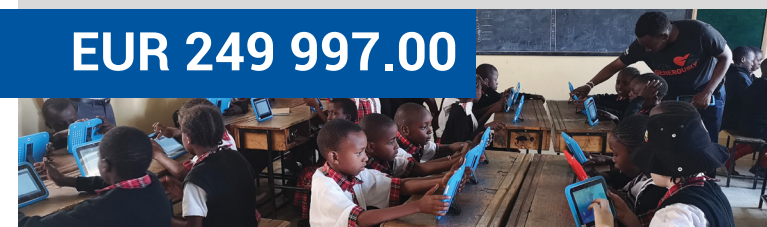
**Registration No:** SAMRS/2018/KE/1/1

**Main sectoral priority:** Education

**Beneficiary:** St. Elisabeth College of Health and Social Work

**ODA SR subsidy:**

**EUR 249 997.00**



**Project name:** Promoting vocational training with an emphasis on getting people from marginalised backgrounds into the labour market

**Registration No:** SAMRS/2018/KE/1/2

**Main sectoral priority:** Education

**Beneficiary:** Dvojfarebný svet, o. z

**ODA SR subsidy:**

**EUR 199 925.50**







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The primary aim of the project was to provide qualified vocational post-secondary education and practical skills to a disadvantaged group of young people in the Beacon of Hope (BoH) institution in Nairobi, with a view to applying them to the labour market. The main activities included the **opening of six new training courses** (of which five certified) **to 102 students** and three new short courses for 44 students. **53 young people** managed to **certify their professional skills** through **the Kenya National Examinations Council and The National Industrial Training Authority**. The training was carried out in new disciplines e.g., farmer, mason, tiler, painter, welder, and real estate management course. A total of **621 students** enrolled in individual training courses and a **total of 475 young people received a certificate** of study in already existing disciplines. 10 classes were materially and technically equipped for vocational training. Another objective of increasing the number of educators in new vocational courses by eight as well as an overall improvement in the quality of teaching was also achieved during the project implementation period, with a total of 40 teachers trained for the specific needs of marginalised young people. By creating cooperation with firms of different focus, 34% of students were allowed to undertake **a vocational traineeship**, and a total of 281 students took part in it. Thanks to vocational guidance and **mentoring of students**, they have strengthened their learning and work habits, thereby increasing their chances of finding long-term employment. To this end, 231 students attended a motivational seminar, and a database of potential employers and firms was also created. In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the beneficiary also started developing an e-learning platform that will be accessible to students and teachers and will provide teaching materials, tools, and information. A total of 70 tablets and nine notebooks were purchased for teaching.



## KENYA

**Project name:** Supporting vocational training and extending it to new disciplines, building practical skills and promoting the learning and work habits of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds in Kenya

**Registration No:** SAMRS/2018/KE/1/3

**Main sectoral priority:** Education

**Beneficiary:** INTEGRA Foundation

**ODA SR subsidy:**

**EUR 249 808.92**



**Project name:** Promoting employment in the electrical engineering industry

**Registration No:** SAMRS/2018/KE/1/5

**Main sectoral priority:** Education

**Beneficiary:** SAVIO, o.z.

**ODA SR subsidy:**

**EUR 175 352.00**



The project aimed at reducing youth unemployment through the development of practical skills, namely in electro-technical specialisation in cooling and air conditioning, as well as at connecting students to the labour market. The project **opened two new courses** at the certified Don Bosco Boys Town Institute in Nairobi and **39 students had the opportunity for a traineeship with the employers**. The quality of education and services in the institute has also been improved through the purchase of new training materials, tools, and furniture. A total of **29 educators** participated in training for pedagogical skills and **54 teachers in the training of the preventive system** as part of their own capacity building. The electrotechnical course, which complemented the existing solar specialisation and thus expanded practical skills opportunities in the field, enrolled around 40 students



each year and more than 20 students in the **refrigeration and air conditioning** course. In total of 20 graduates in the refrigeration and air conditioning course passed the NITA final state exam and found jobs or started businesses. Entrepreneurship skills training was also carried out during the project, involving 233 students and the same number of students involved in a professional orientation seminar. 25 business start-up kits were distributed and a total of **95 graduates of the institute started their own businesses or found jobs**. Seven new partnerships with the private sector were also established. Following the Covid-19 pandemic, teaching was later carried out online and food packs and masks for students and families in need were also purchased.

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Through this project, the beneficiary responded to the medical needs of the local Syrian refugee communities and vulnerable Lebanese populations living in the Baalbek-Hermel district. The project targeted **vulnerable girls, boys, women, and men affected by the Syrian crisis**, the aim was to improve access to prevention and treatment services for primary health, including reproductive health. Due to the vulnerability of the population, this project aimed at improving access to quality emergency services, in particular **pregnant and breastfeeding women, and children under five years of age**. Basic primary healthcare services were provided to the targeted beneficiaries in eight settlements located in the Baalbek-Hermel region through mobile services and primary care in the centre of Baalbek city. The project also responded to the **psychosocial needs** of the target population through group and individual psychosocial activities, including recreational, skills building, and basic education activities for children. **The project allowed access to health care for around thirty thousand Syrian refugees** living in the catchment area, around 1,400 people benefited from psychological or psychosocial support and individual and group psychological counselling. At community level, over **twenty-three thousand consultations** were provided to patients suffering from communicable and non-communicable diseases via the mobile services or in a stationary centre.

The project aimed at mitigating the impact of the Syrian crisis on the future of vulnerable Lebanese children and children from refugee communities living in Tripoli city. It responded to **educational needs for qualification** to enrol to the school system and maintaining regular school attendance for children aged between four and ten years of age and helped **to increase the chances of future employment and livelihoods for vulnerable young people aged between 16 and 26**. The project strongly highlighted psychosocial support for children, young people, their families, and teaching staff to educate parents in positive parental practices aimed at creating a supportive learning environment both in the educational centre and in the children's and young people's home environment, leading children to better outcomes at school, good habits, and greater motivation to learn. **254 children** attended pre-school courses and homework assistance courses. These courses were attended by the children who had missed some lessons as a result of dropping out of the school system and related processes or were preparing to participate in the formal education system in Lebanon. The training courses provided skills and experience to **187 young people** who can use this knowledge for possible future labour market participation. The project also responded to the current Covid-19 pandemic, the beneficiary with the partner provided around 186 families in the field of implementation with food aid and internet access for children's online learning needs.

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## LEBANON

**Project name:** Providing medical care and psychosocial services through improved access to the primary health care system for Syrian refugees and host populations in Baalbeck, Lebanon

**Registration No:** SAMRS/2018/SYR/1/7

**Main sectoral priority:** Health

**Beneficiary:** Magna

**ODA SR subsidy:**

**EUR 200 000.00**

**Project name:** Education as a path to better living conditions for vulnerable children and young people from Lebanese and refugee communities in Tripoli

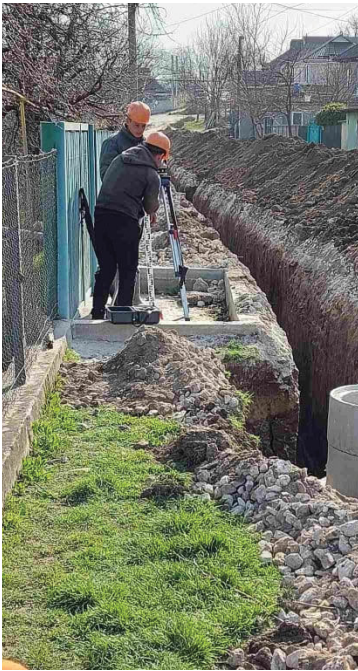
**Registration No:** SAMRS/2019/HUM/1/11

**Main sectoral priority:** Quality Learning

**Beneficiary:** People in Need Slovakia, n.o.

**ODA SR subsidy:**

**EUR 199 971.00**

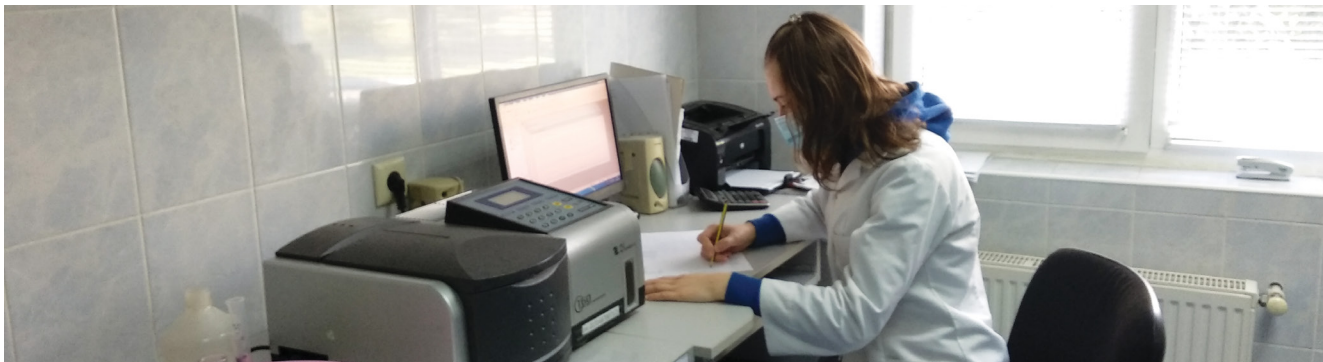


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The aim of the project was to support the sustainable and equitable socio-economic development of the Republic of Moldova through water and waste management interventions in Strasenii city. The project consisted of three components: 1. The extension of infrastructure – construction of a sewer connection in Strasenii and the **elaboration of a feasibility study** for the missing wastewater treatment plant in Strasenii. 2. **Capacity building** of the urban water operators (urban businesses) and urban authorities of the Central Region. 3. **Working with the public** in the Central region and raising awareness of responsible access to the environment, with an emphasis on sound management of household wastewater. As part of the project, a **sewerage section of 3443 meters was built for the needs of 247 households (741 persons) and six firms (237 persons)**. The feasibility studies on the construction of the wastewater treatment plant and an environmental impact study according to variant 2 were carried out. The level of knowledge and equipment in the field of modern wastewater management was increased by 30 responsible persons (operators of municipal companies, local authorities, and experts) through the organisation of two expert workshops and a study visit to Slovakia. An **information campaign** on responsible wastewater management at a local festival for more than 500 participants was organised and a video aimed at raising the public's awareness of efficient wastewater management was created. A **thematic study visit** for 20 students was also carried out to raise awareness of wastewater management and protect the environment. In order to mitigate the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the local population, six alternative measures were implemented (the procurement of equipment for medical personnel in Strasenii, procurement of disinfectants and other goods).

The project focused on harmonising analytical methods and updating the quality management system for surface water monitoring in line with the requirements of European Union legislation in Moldova. The project had two specific objectives: 1. Refinement of the existing methodology for analysis of radioactivity, mercury, and mercury compounds, and the screening of pesticides in surface waters (monitoring in different matrices and their evaluation) and 2. Increase in the quality of the work of the State Hydrometeorological Service (SHMS) laboratory by updating the quality management system according to the new EN ISO 17025 standard and capacity building through the transfer of Slovak experience. The project developed **two standard operating procedures for the determination of mercury and mercury compounds as well as for the screening of pesticides in surface water**. A **methodological procedure for monitoring radioactivity in surface water in Moldova** was also developed. The project supported the **capacity building of ten SHMS laboratory staff** through surface water analysis training, eight SHMS laboratory staff were trained in the quality management system and cooperation between the analytical departments and a manual of updated quality management system for the laboratory in question, as required by EN ISO 17025 was produced.

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## MOLDOVA

**Project name:** Support for the development of wastewater management in the Moldovan Central region (Better Wastewater Management Step by Step)

**Registration No:** SAMRS/2018/MD/1/6  
**Main sectoral priority:** Water and sanitation  
**Beneficiary:** Regional Development Agency Senec-Pezinok

**ODA SR subsidy:**

**EUR 199 251.00**

**Project name:** Technical support for the implementation of the requirements of EU legislation in the field of water analysis and quality management system for monitoring and assessment of surface water status in Moldova

**Registration No:** SAMRS/2018/MD/1/2  
**Main sectoral priority:** Water and sanitation  
**Beneficiary:** Water Research Institute

**ODA SR subsidy:**

**EUR 88 001.00**



The objective of the project was to improve the quality of life of vulnerable populations affected by the military conflict in the Donetsk buffer zone, in the territory controlled by the Government of Ukraine through humanitarian assistance. The project mainly focused on **improving the social and hygiene conditions of the population living in the conflict zone**, with a particular focus on the vulnerable and **people with chronic diseases**, through better access to home care and the repair of their households. The second target group was newly trained social workers and their families living in the affected areas, who were given better access to basic living needs thanks to newly created income opportunities. The project **distributed 575 hygiene packages to vulnerable groups and renovated 50 houses** (23 houses from project sources). **24 social workers** were trained to **provide care for 144 elderly people with chronic diseases through 14 534 visits**. During the implementation of the project, 24 social workers received a total income of EUR 33081.02 for their work. Under the project activity "Winterisation" – preparing for the winter period, **12 tonnes of briquettes** were distributed to the vulnerable populations.



## UKRAINE

**Project name:** Improving the quality of life of vulnerable populations affected by the military conflict in the Donetsk region

**Registration No:** SAMRS/2019/UA/1/4

**Main sectoral priority:** Good health

**Beneficiary:** People in Need Slovakia, n.o.

**ODA SR subsidy:**

**EUR 99 988.00**





The project aimed at increasing transparency and supporting the **implementation of anti-corruption measures** in state-owned enterprises and municipalities in Ukraine. The beneficiary produced and published expert evaluations of local measures, thus providing the public with information on the quality of the regional socio-economic measures. By developing methodological documents, completing the collection and processing of data needed to assess the information openness of state-owned firms, programming a new section of the interactive online portal on state-owned enterprises' information openness, and financial stability by updating the assessments, publishing results and consulting them in selected firms, the public was provided with an insight into the information openness of the state-owned enterprises, which in turn received an overview of best practices as well as recommendations to increase transparency and fight corruption. At the same time, **an assessment of the financial soundness of state-owned enterprises – Ukraine's 50 largest public firms – was produced and published.** The activities of the project have contributed to the increased efficiency of state-owned firms and municipalities as a result of improved oversight of civil society, which supports Ukraine's stability and economic development. At the same time, the project contributed to the cultivation of informal rules, i.e., strengthening morality in society, reducing corruption, and improving ethical standards, which were part of the evaluations carried out. The publication of the assessments has fostered public pressure on the cultivation of these standards by the municipalities themselves and state-owned enterprises. Due to the quarantine measures put in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the final conference took place only in online format.

The project focused on the cooperation of the municipality of Uzhhorod with the public and representatives of the non-governmental sector, in order to **increase the level of transparency** and contribute to **raising the level of institutional trust.** As part of the public communication training sessions, a one-day training course was organised in Uzhhorod, attended by **13 Uzhhorod municipal staff**, where cross-sectoral cooperation as a method of change was the topic of training. At the same time, three communication skills trainings for Uzhhorod municipal staff at the Slovak tourist destination Zemplínska Šírava took place, each was attended by 14 participants. Ten departments participated in an evaluation of the activities of the selected Uzhhorod Municipal Authority, for which the methodology was being developed. The aim was to **analyse the existing situation in the area of staff communication.** A Communication Strategy, methodology, and 10 evaluation reports for each participating department was prepared in Ukrainian. The joint training programme was provided by the staff of the beneficiary. Seven two-day project skills trainings took place in Slovakia, with between 17 and 22 participants each. Participants subsequently had the opportunity to participate in a micro-grant scheme where three projects were supported after the evaluation process had been completed.



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**Project name:** Support for increasing transparency and introducing anti-corruption measures in state-owned enterprises and municipalities in Ukraine

**Registration No:** SAMRS/2018/VP/1/5

**Main sectoral priority:** Good governance and civil society building

**Beneficiary:** Institute for Economic and Social Reforms, INEKO

**ODA SR subsidy:**

**EUR 88 810.00**

**Project name:** Step towards good management of Uzhhorod city

**Registration No:** SAMRS/2018/VP/1/6

**Main sectoral priority:** Good governance and civil society building

**Beneficiary:** Agency for the Promotion of Regional Development Košice, n.o.

**ODA SR subsidy:**

**EUR 75 933.91**

# GLOBAL AND DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION PROJECTS

The aim of the project was to innovate multicultural education at the 2<sup>nd</sup> primary school level as an important part of global education about the personal approach that allows for a **better understanding of the topics of identity, stereotypes, and prejudices**. In total, **eight schools and 20 teachers participated** in the project. The project addressed the achievement of the main objective through several activities. The first of these was the **provision of an intensive training programme for teachers from primary schools**, which included longer induction training, a seminar in individual schools, a continuous seminar, and the development and implementation of multicultural education activities with the personal approach. 11 teachers attended the initial training. A total of seven workshops were carried out and 44 educators were trained on multicultural education and global education. Another activity was the development of activity plans for schools, reflecting topics in these areas on the personal approach and their integration into the curricula. **A total of 11 individual activity plans as well as 11 curricula were established** during the project implementation period. **14 educators participated** in the rolling workshops and **60 activities** were carried out as part of the teaching itself. There were also 11 face-to-face consultations and 20 online consultations. In order to familiarise the wider public with the concept of multicultural education with the personal approach and to disseminate the methodology to other schools, a final conference was organised with 47 participants. Two educational videos were created and the concept of the personal approach has been supplemented and innovated to the Colourful School Guide.



The aim of the CEEV Živica project, in cooperation with the Technical University in Zvolen, was to integrate global and development education themes into curricula and teaching at different school levels, as well as to train and build the capacity of educators. In total, **eight schools and a diverse group of over 20 teachers participated** in the project, who then passed on their knowledge within their own schools and thus continued to expand the themes of global and development education. During the implementation of the project, two three-day courses (training seminars) were organised, with the participation of a total of 41 educators, focusing mainly on the **environmental impact of production** and consumption on earth (environmentally cross-cutting themes) and on human rights, world trade and social phenomena such as racism, xenophobia, prejudices, and stereotypes (societal and human rights cross-cutting themes). There were also **five webinars with a total of 43 participants** aimed primarily at commenting on activities tested by the involved educators directly in schools. A total of 15 project participants had an eight-month **mentoring-coaching programme** aimed at developing pedagogical skills. **Two workshops involving a total of 95 people** and one four-day workshop on innovative and participatory methods for 20 teachers were also delivered. 500 copies of the methodological manual *To whom does the Earth belong?* were updated in the third, supplemented edition, with 17 new activities and 7 folk tales, destined for all levels of schools (from kindergarten to colleges).

**Project name:** Diverse schools

**Registration No:** SAMRS/2018/RV/1/1

**Main sectoral priority:** Education

**Beneficiary:** Milan Šimečka Foundation

**ODA SR subsidy:**

**EUR 31 905.00**



**Project name:** Current school in a global context

**Registration No:** SAMRS/2018/RV/1/2

**Main sectoral priority:** Education

**Beneficiary:** CEEV Živica, o.z.

**ODA SR subsidy:**

**EUR 31 369.10**





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The main objective of the project was to establish a Centre for Global and Development Education – SAR Slovakia, which would focus on the position of academic freedom in the context of global topics such as justice and human rights, peace, **intercultural communication, education, democracy and civil society, xenophobia, and discrimination vs. tolerance, and multiculturalism, conflicts of war and terrorism.** This was successful, with **SAR Slovakia** and built on four flagship activities – the speakers’ series, the pop-up course, the festival, and the working groups that were developed as part of teaching and non-teaching higher education studies and were also open to the general public in the form of public activities. The main output of **cooperation between academics and students** from **Slovak and foreign universities**, scientific institutions, and educational organisations was the creation of a specific study subject in the field of global and development education called **Reporting on Freedom** at the University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava, Slovakia. The **Freedom Festival**, focusing on academic freedom, and freedom of expression, **attracted a total of 117 people.** Three speaker series were also organised, each with around 30 participants. The outcome was the **establishment of a 15-member working group** amongst academics and students from home and foreign universities on issues of concern, seeking to share information and cooperate on awareness, research on understanding of academic freedom, and freedom of expression in the context of global change.

The integration of development topics into the education process at the Faculty of International Relations of the University of Economics in Bratislava through the development of a training course on development topics for faculty students was the main aim of this project. The aim was to lay the foundations for education on development topics in a non-educational faculty and to start building up the Slovak academic capacity to systematically address these topics in their pedagogical, research, and project activities. During the implementation of the project, **two one-semester subjects were opened – development studies, and the management of development projects**, attended by around 20 students. Both subjects remained included in the curriculum after the end of the project, which demonstrates its sustainability. At the same time, **development studies have been included as a selection subject in English for Erasmus+ students.** A total of seven teachers were also involved. The project and the articulation of theory included hosting **13 external experts** from Slovak and international governmental and non-governmental organisations and institutions, academic capacity building through short-term traineeships in foreign universities – Palacký University Olomouc in the Czech Republic and the University of Oxford, as well as a **two-week stay in Kenya** to gain valuable field knowledge. Autumn School for Development Studies of 20 participants was also organised, and the students were also given the opportunity in the framework of attended courses to visit UNIDO (United Nations Industrial Development Organization) and UNIS (United Nations Information Service) in Vienna.

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**Project name:** Scholars at risk Slovakia (SAR)

**Registration No:** SAMRS/2018/RV/1/3

**Main sectoral priority:** Education

**Beneficiary:** Bratislava Policy Institute

**ODA SR subsidy:**

**EUR 29 324.80**



**Project name:** Building Slovak Academic Capacity in Development

**Registration No:** SAMRS/2018/RV/2/4

**Main sectoral priority:** Education

**Beneficiary:** University of Economics in Bratislava

**ODA SR subsidy:**

**EUR 29 990.40**





The project aimed at promoting the integration of development issues and its inclusion in the curricula at different levels of Slovak schools. The sub-target was capacity building **in the implementation of global and development education themes in secondary school education – at the bilingual Private grammar school Žilina, Slovakia.** The pilot activities were a series of educational trainings in the field, targeting both grammar school pupils and youth workers. They were **attended by 19 teachers, 11 youth workers and 72 pupils.** Thematically focused mainly on **countering extremism, critical and analytical thinking, narrative skills, and leadership.** The project also carried out 12 different activities to integrate these topics into secondary school curricula and extracurricular activities. One of these was the **workshop Bistro Africa, a theatrical presentation with a debate.** **A total of 4 theatre shifts were carried out for 313 secondary school pupils** in the towns of Žilina, Košice, and Považská Bystrica. Four live libraries targeting pupils from different secondary schools attracted a total of 234 pupils and topics such as active citizenship, combating extremism, climate change, and the status of minorities were discussed.

**Project name:** Open education for active citizenship

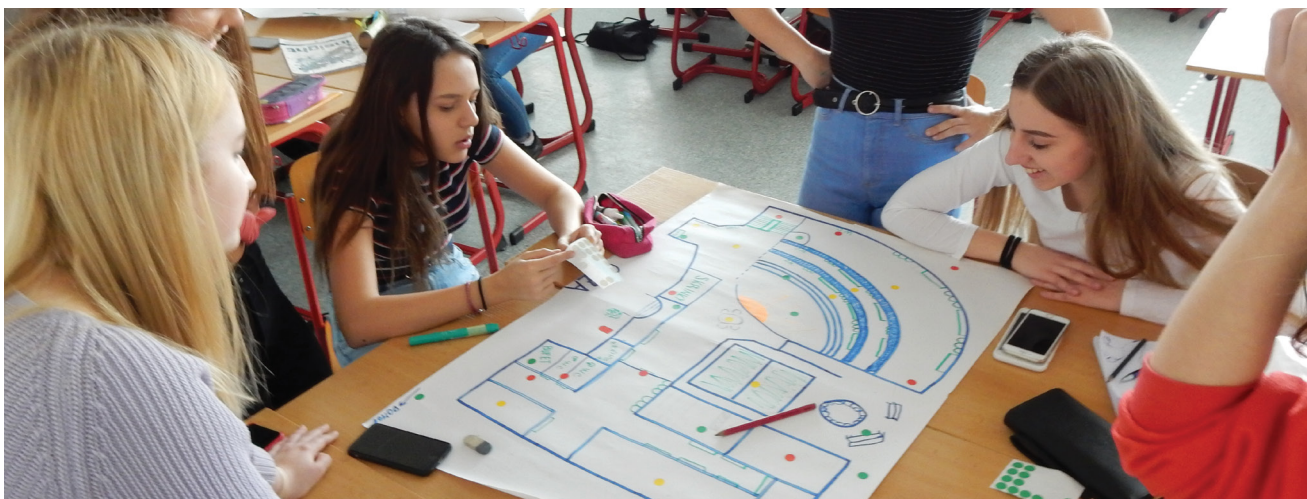
**Registration No:** SAMRS/2018/RV/2/6

**Main sectoral priority:** Education

**Beneficiary:** PDCS, o.z.

**ODA SR subsidy:**

**EUR 29 738.00**





# BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME PROJECTS

The objective of the feasibility study was to establish whether an IT student mobility scheme could be implemented in the Republic of Moldova through joint masters' programmes and with the involvement of the private sector, following a model mechanism implemented by ITAS in cooperation with the College of Economics and Public Administration Management in Ukraine. The feasibility of the scheme was examined through an examination of the available information and material and two on-site visits. **The conclusion of the feasibility study confirmed that joint study programmes and subsequent long-term traineeships in Slovakia are not an appropriate tool in the Moldovan context, due to the risk of brain drain on the Moldovan side and financial sustainability on the Slovak side.** It is therefore beneficial to support other development interventions: **education of the workforce** at different levels of formal and non-formal education; **involvement of young girls and women in work in the IT sector**; **re-skilling of workers** in other sectors to work in the IT sector and promoting education in the regions. **ITAS Edu s.r.o. created four partnerships with local organisations active in IT** education and developed a project for the sister organisation EMA on digital education for young women and the creation of a cyber security academy in cooperation with the civil association Aj ty v IT and the company ESET.



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## MOLDOVA

**Project name:** Feasibility study – Mobility scheme of the Moldovan IT students for the transfer of soft and hard IT skills from Slovakia to Moldova in cooperation with universities and the private sector

**Registration No:** SAMRS/2019/PPP/1/14

**Main sectoral priority:** Fostering the creation of a market environment

**Beneficiary:** ITAS Edu, s.r.o.

**ODA SR subsidy:**

**EUR 10 000.00**





# ETHIOPIA

**Project name:** Developing a business plan for imports of certified premium coffee from Ethiopia

**Registration No:** SAMRS/2019/PPP2/1/5

**Main sectoral priority:** Fostering the creation of a market environment

**Beneficiary:** Samay, s.r.o.

**ODA SR subsidy:**

**EUR 10 000.00**

The aim of the project was to obtain sufficient information for the development of a business plan for importing selected green coffee directly from Ethiopian farmers to Slovakia and placing their production on the Slovak and European markets. Samay's company representatives in Ethiopia **visited two large coffee farms** namely, Mormora and Guji Highland Farm, and met dozens of small coffee farmers in Bule Hora, Sidamo, Shakiso, and Yirgacheffe, known for the cultivation of high-quality Arabica coffee. In addition to farms, they also visited collection points, a cleaning station, and a factory for packaging and preparing coffee for export. **Six of Samay's customers confirmed their interest in the future purchase of imported coffee from small Ethiopian growers.** The Roasters United organisation, as well as the Dutch bio food distributor ID Organics, have expressed a preliminary interest in premium coffee from Ethiopian farmers, grown according to the principles of bio and fair-trade. The participants of the Coffee Conference organised by the International Coffee Institute have also shown great interest. In addition to defining distribution channels for varietal coffee from Ethiopian farmers, a business plan, and promotional materials have been developed as a basis for the coffee distributed, as well as information on compliance with organic farming and fair-trade principles in relations with local farmers, as well as on Samay's development activities supported by SlovakAid. **The business plan foresees the import of a 19.8-ton container of selected green coffee from the Ethiopian Guji area.** Cooperation with two key customers is planned for the first import. The second year is expected to see an increase in the number of customers, a gradual development of cooperation with roasters across Europe, and a doubling of the quantity of imported goods. In the following year, Samay s.r.o. expects a ten percent increase in sales.



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