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# BASIC INFORMATION

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<b>Ministry/founder:</b>	Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic (MFEA SR)
<b>Form of management:</b>	Budgetary organization under the state budget, chapter of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic
<b>BIN:</b>	31819559
<b>Director:</b>	Lucia Kišš, MSc.
<b>Number of employees:</b>	15



Between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2018 the organization was managed by its director, Lucia Rozkopálová-Kišš, MSc. As of 31 December 2018, the organization had **15 employees** and **4 persons were contracted for part-time work** (including personnel working on a V4 project in Kenya). **The SAIDC had 2 interns.** A new organizational structure entered into force as of 24 May 2018. It introduces a two-level management (compared to the prior one-level management): **Organizational department** and **Project department**. New Department head positions were introduced, and the Financial manager and Project manager positions were merged into a Project and financial manager position. Services needed for SAIDC operations were supplied by subcontractors: GDPR, public procurement, legal services, safety at work, IT support, telecommunications services, cleaning, etc.



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The Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation (hereafter „SAIDC“) is a budgetary organization of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic (hereafter “MFEA SR”). The Agency’s mission is to secure the implementation of Slovak Official Development Assistance in accordance with the programming and policy documents of the MFEA SR, Slovak Government, binding documents of the European Union (EU), and documents issued by the United Nations (UN), Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and other international organizations and commitments.

The SAIDC’s standing and activities are laid down in Section 5 of Act No. 392/2015 on Development Assistance as amended. Pursuant to this Act, the core activities of the SAIDC include in particular the following:

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

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

The SAIDC facilitates all activities related to the management and administration of the project life cycle under the **Mid-Term Strategy for Development Cooperation of the Slovak Republic for 2014-2018** and **Focal Points of Bilateral Development Assistance** for the respective year, mainly designing and announcing calls for proposals to submit applications for grants or contracting, reviewing submitted applications, preparing meetings of the MFEA SR Commission, contracting project implementers (beneficiaries), financial management and project auditing, and monitoring and evaluation.

The SAIDC is also responsible for providing support to all parties interested in the implementation of development projects among non-governmental organizations, business organizations and academic institutions. The SAIDC also ensures communication of the main ideas and mission of Official Development Cooperation to the expert community and the general public through various external communication activities.

\* Pursuant to UN SC Resolution No.1244/99

In its activities, the SAIDC focuses on the effectiveness of development assistance, coherency for the benefit of development, flexibility in providing development assistance, and the cost-effective use of funds.

Pursuant to the Mid-Term Strategy for Development Cooperation of the Slovak Republic for 2014-2018, development cooperation in 2018 focused on 6 priority countries; 3 programme countries and various other countries with urgent humanitarian needs resulting from conflicts and migration. As for sectoral focus, those areas were supported in which Slovakia demonstrates significant potential and comparative advantage.

The following programmes and countries were supported with grants:

- Development interventions programme: **Afghanistan, Kenya and Moldova;**
- Transformation experience-sharing programme: **countries of the Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo\*)** and countries of the **EU Eastern Partnership (Belarus, Georgia and Ukraine);**
- **Business partnership programme;**
- Humanitarian and post-humanitarian aid programme: **Syria and neighbouring countries in the Middle East, South Sudan;**
- **Programme for sending volunteers and experts;**
- **Development education and public awareness programme: Slovakia;**
- **Capacity-building and EU development project co-financing programme;** and
- Projects based on requests from partner countries - **contracts.**

Financial contributions were primarily provided to resolve urgent humanitarian needs, to support bilateral and multilateral cooperation programmes conducted by local or international organizations, and to provide direct support to small projects in priority countries through **microgrants.**

**The Centre for Experience Transfer from Integration and Reforms (CETIR)** carried out 17 activities aimed at experience-sharing, economic reforms and the business environment, the social system, environment and education in Western Balkans countries.

**SlovakAid’s development diplomats** continued to work at Embassies of the Slovak Republic in **Nairobi and Chisinau** in 2018. Their activities made a significant contribution to the overall effectiveness and quality of development assistance in these programme countries, and improved coordination and cooperation with other donors.

A Contract between the SAIDC and the MFEA SR for 2018 was concluded under Slovak Government Resolution No.1370/2002/B1 of 18 December 2002 and under Act No. 523/2004 on Public Administration Budgeting Rules.

The contract governed the substance and structure of providing foreign assistance pursuant to Act No. 617/2007 on Official Development Assistance and the amended Act No. 575/2001 on the Organization of Government Activities and the Central Government as amended, and the SAIDC Charter (Decision of Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic No. 57/2006 of 27 December 2006) and statute. The Contract defines the terms and conditions of the parties as follows:

**The MFEA SR:**

- defines the focus of SAIDC activities and provides methodological guidance;
- secures financing for the subject of activities specified under Article III of the Contract;
- approves the amount of funds specified in Article V in the scope and timeline specified under applicable legislation, Slovak Government resolutions, and decisions issued by the Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic;
- conducts semi-annual evaluation and assessment of Contract implementation;
- decides on employment issues between the director of the SAIDC and the MFEA SR (particularly business trips abroad and holiday time); these matters are subject to approval by the Directorate General for International Organizations, Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid; and
- approves draft versions of the Contract, minutes from the interim evaluation of the Contract, the final report on Contract implementation, and the annual report.

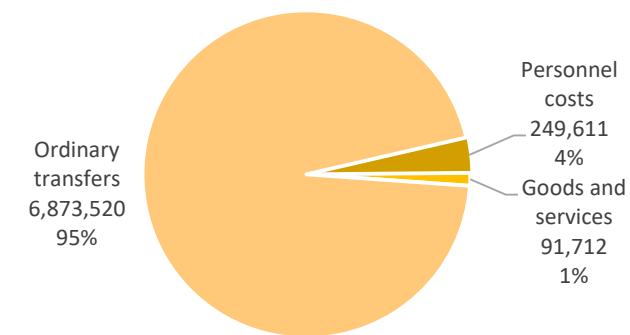
**The SAIDC:**

- implements tasks under Act No.392/2015 on Development Assistance as amended, other generally binding legislative regulations, the Charter, and other internal normative acts;
- submits draft distribution of funds (by economic classification) earmarked for SAIDC activities under the approved MFEA SR budget;
- observes the budget specified under the Contract, while observing limits set in the Table "SAIDC Budget – Expenditures" under Article V;
- submits necessary documents to the Section of International Organizations, Development and Humanitarian Assistance and the Section of Economics and General Administration at the MFEA SR one week before the date of evaluation and audit of compliance with the Contract;
- informs the MFEA SR of any issues that occur during the Contractual period; and
- prepares draft versions of the Contract, minutes from the interim evaluation of the Contract, the final report on Contract implementation, and the annual report.

**Planned SAIDC budget for 2018 (€)**

	Item	Economic classification	Description of expenditures	Approved budget for 2018
1		610	Payroll, employee benefits and other payments to personnel,	186 920
2		620	Premiums and other insurance contributions	62 691
3	1+2		Personnel expenses total	249 611
4		63	Goods and services	91 712
5			Goods and services total:	91 712
6		640	Ordinary transfers	6 873 520
7			Ordinary transfers total:	6 873 520
8		710	Acquisition of capital assets	0
9			Acquisition of capital assets total:	0
10	3+5+7+9		TOTAL:	7 214 843 €

**Planned SAIDC budget for 2018**



**a.) Grants**

The SAIDC implemented the activities in line with the approved Focal Points for Bilateral Cooperation for 2018 and indicative budget. Development cooperation used diverse tools, including: grants for Slovak organizations, financial contributions for humanitarian aid or cooperation provided to foreign entities, microgrants for supporting activities of local organizations in partnering countries through representation offices of the Slovak Republic, and project contracts in line with the requirements of partner countries and budgetary measures. In addition to collaboration with domestic and foreign organizations, the SAIDC also financed other activities aimed at building capacity, raising public awareness on development cooperation, and experience-sharing.

**Granting** was used to fund development projects in programme and priority countries (development interventions and experience-sharing programmes), as well as other interventions aimed at global and development education in Slovakia (in cooperation with NGOs, universities, colleges and international organizations) and engagement of businesses into development cooperation with the goal of improving social and economic development in poor countries (business partnership programme). Projects with the active involvement of Slovak organizations funded through the development tools of the European commission were also supported (project co-funding of EU development projects). The SAIDC opened **14 calls for proposals** during 2018. The calls invited grant applications for projects in development cooperation and humanitarian aid. The following table offers an overview of all supported projects by calls for proposals.

**List of 14 calls for grant proposals in 2018**

Reference no. of call	Name of call	Closing date (YY/MM/DD)	Available resources (€)	No. of approved grant proposals	Decision of the Minister	Approved grant amount (€)
SAIDC/2018/AFG/1	Development interventions programme - Afghanistan	2018-04-16	400,000	1	2018-07-05, 2018-07-20	199,916.00
SAIDC/2018/KE/1	Development interventions programme - Kenya	2018-04-16	840,000	4	2018-07-05, 2018-09-04	875,083.42
SAIDC/2018/MD/1	Development interventions programme- Moldova	2018-04-16	500,000	3	2018-07-05, 2018-07-20	382,000
SAIDC/2018/PPP/1	Capacity and partnership building programme – Business partnership programme	2018-04-16	100,000	2	2018-07-05, 2018-07-20	77,045.00
SAIDC/2018/VP/1	Transformation experience-sharing programme – Eastern Partnership	2018-04-16	600,000	5	2018-07-05	456,299
SAIDC/2018/ZB/1	Transformation experience-sharing programme – Western Balkans	2018-04-16	300,000	5	2018-07-05, 2018-07-20	430,287.40
SAIDC/2018/SSD/1	Humanitarian and post-humanitarian aid programme – South Sudan	2018-05-16	600,000	2	2018-07-13, 2018-10-22	399,998.60
SAIDC/2018/BK/1	Capacity and partnership building programme – Building capacities in Slovak development organizations	2018-04-30	50,000	1	2018-07-13	49,995.00
SAIDC/2018/EK/1	Capacity and partnership building programme – Co-funding of development projects in the EU	2018-04-16	70,000	4	2018-07-13	102,551
SAIDC/2018/RV/1	Capacity and partnership building programme – Global development education	2018-04-25	150,000	3	2018-07-05, 2018-07-20, 2018-09-0	92,598.90
SAIDC/2018/D/1	Capacity and partnership building programme – Programme for sending volunteers and experts	2018-04-18	248,271	32	2018-06-14	239,861
SAIDC/2018/SYR/1	Humanitarian and post-humanitarian programme – Syria and Middle East countries	2018-04-16	600,000	5	2018-07-13, 2018-10-22	1,049,281.00
SAIDC/2018/UA/1	Transformation experience programme – Ukraine	2018-09-17	300,000	0		0 €
SAIDC/2018/RV/2	Development education and public awareness programme	2018-09-17	60,000	2	2018-11-09	59,728.40
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>4 818 271</b>	<b>69</b>		<b>4,441,644.72</b>



List of projects supported in 2018

No.	Project registration number	Project name	Contractor	Priority country	Sector priority	Approved grant (€)
1	SAIDC/2018/AFG/1/1	Capacity-building in university sector – Afghanistan	Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava	Afghanistan	Education	199 916,00
2	SAIDC/2018/BK/1/1	Capacity-building of different stakeholders in development cooperation, humanitarian aid and global education	Slovak NGDO Platform	Slovakia	Education	49 995,00
3	SAIDC/2018/EK/1/1	Build Solid Ground Slovakia – awareness raising and training in sustainable housing and construction in line with Sustainable Development Goals	Slovenské centrum pre komunikáciu a rozvoj, n.o.	Slovakia	Education	31 180,00
4	SAIDC/2018/EK/1/2	Coherent Europe for sustainable development: Supporting policies that will bring about change	Slovak NGDO Platform	Slovakia	Education	12 902,00
5	SAIDC/2018/EK/1/3	We are learning/training in a global context 2	People in need Slovakia	Slovakia	Education	23 560,00
6	SAIDC/2018/EK/1/6	Georgia on European Pathway – Sharing Slovak experience	GLOBSEC	Slovakia	Market economy	34 909,00
7	SAIDC/2018/KE/1/1	Expanding the capacity of Filip Neri Elementary School with prospective secondary school	St. Elisabeth University of Health Care and Social Work	Kenya	Education	249 997,00
8	SAIDC/2018/KE/1/2	Supporting vocational education with emphasis on finding jobs for people from marginalized communities in the labour market	Dvojfarebný svet	Kenya	Education	199 925,50
9	SAIDC/2018/KE/1/3	Supporting vocational education and its expansion by new areas of education, developing practical skills and supporting study and working habits of young people from disadvantaged environments in Kenya	Integra Foundation	Kenya	Education	249 808,92
10	SAIDC/2018/KE/1/5	Supporting electro-technical industry employment	SAVIO, o.z.	Kenya	Education	175 352,00
11	SAIDC/2018/MD/1/2	Technical support in implementing requirements resulting from EU legislation in water analysis and quality management system for monitoring and evaluation of surface water in Moldova	Water Research Institute	Moldova	Water management	88 001,00
12	SAIDC/2018/MD/1/3	Engaging youth, and responsible citizenship	Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association	Moldova	Democratic participation and civil society	94 747,50
13	SAIDC/2018/MD/1/6	Supporting development of waste water management in Moldova's Central region Centre - Better Waste Water Management Step by Step	Regionálna rozvojová agentúra Senec-Pezinok, záujmové združenie p.o.	Moldova	Water management	199 251,00
14	SAIDC/2018/PPP/1/1	Introducing macadamia production in Ethiopia as a new source of income for small farmers	Ten Senses, s.r.o.	Kenya	Food safety	47 524,00
15	SAIDC/2018/PPP/1/3	Together for energy – efficient and ecological water management: clean Žovkva	Enviroline, s.r.o.	Ukraine	Water management	29 521,00
16	SAIDC/2018/RV/1/1	Diverse schools	Milan Šimečka Foundation	Slovakia	Education	31 905,00
17	SAIDC/2018/RV/1/2	The contemporary school in a global context	CEEV Živica	Slovakia	Education	31 369,10
18	SAIDC/2018/RV/1/3	Scholar at Risk Slovakia	Bratislava Policy Institute	Slovakia	Education	29 324,80
19	SAIDC/2018/RV/2/4	Building Slovak academic capacities in the development area	University of Economics, Bratislava	Slovakia	Education	29 990,40
20	SAIDC/2018/RV/2/6	Through open education to active citizenship	PDCS o.z.	Slovakia	Education	29 738,00

List of projects supported in 2018

No.	Project registration number	Project name	Contractor	Priority country	Sector priority	Approved grant (€)
21	SAIDC/2018/SSD/1/1	Providing pediatric care and nutrition in Agangrial area	St. Elisabeth College of Health and Social Work	South Sudan	Health care	199 998,60
22	SAIDC/2018/SSD/1/3	Providing urgent hospital and community health care for displaced inhabitants and those affected by conflict in Pagaak, Duk District, South Sudan	MAGNA	South Sudan	Health care	200 000,00
23	SAIDC/2018/SYR/1/1	Health care and nutrition support for internally displaced refugees in Dohuk province	St. Elisabeth College of Health and Social Work	Iraq	Health care	199 990,00
24	SAIDC/2018/SYR/1/10	Education as a way of securing a living for Syrian and Lebanese children and youth in Akkar area	People in need Slovakia	Lebanon	Health care	199 997,00
25	SAIDC/2018/SYR/1/11	Providing health care, through offering primary health care, training health care professionals and reconstruction of basic infrastructure for the needs of health care facilities operations	Academy of Emergency Medicine	Iraq, Syria	Health care	249 294,00
26	SAIDC/2018/SYR/1/7	Providing health care and psycho-social services through improved access to the primary care system for Syrian refugees and host population in the city of Baalbec in Lebanon	MAGNA	Lebanon	Health care	200 000,00
27	SAIDC/2018/SYR/1/9	Securing drinking water in Bazan municipality	Slovenská katolícka charita	Iraq	Water management (water and sanitation)	200 000,00
28	SAIDC/2018/VP/1/2	Experience exchange between Slovakia and Belarus in digitalizing public administration (IT)	Asseco Central Europe, a.s.	Belarus	Civil society, public administration and self-governments	100 000,00
29	SAIDC/2018/VP/1/5	Supporting increased transparency and introduction of anti-corruption measures in state companies and municipalities in Ukraine	Institute for Economic and Social Reforms	Ukraine	Democratic participation and civil society	88 810,00
30	SAIDC/2018/VP/1/6	One step ahead towards good governance in the City of Uzhhorod	Agentúra na podporu regionálneho rozvoja Košcie, n.o.	Ukraine	Democratic participation and civil society	75 933,91
31	SAIDC/2018/VP/1/7	Supporting state institutions and capacity-building in implementation of Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive requirements (91/271/EHS) in Georgia	Water Research Institute	Georgia	Water management	91 555,00
32	SAIDC/2018/VP/1/9	Using super-absorbant polymers (SAP) as an innovative tool for lowering consumption of drinking water and contamination of underground waters caused by fertilizers and pesticides	Pewas	Georgia	Agriculture	100 000,00
33	SAIDC/2018/ZB/1/1	Increasing building's energy efficiency through Eco Packet Infra in Sarajevo	EN-MAR s.r.o.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Energy sector	92 329,40
34	SAIDC/2018/ZB/1/2	Supporting creative entrepreneurs and development of creative industry sector in Albania	Slovenská organizácia pre výskumné a vývojové aktivity, o.z.	Albania	Market economy	96 700,00
35	SAIDC/2018/ZB/1/4	Improving quality of monitoring existing and new sources of drinking water in Sarajevo canton	Slovak Technical University in Bratislava, Faculty of Chemical and Food Technology at the University	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Water management	67 440,00
36	SAIDC/2018/ZB/1/6	Strengthening resilience of youth to radicalization in the Western Balkans Region.	GLOBSEC, o. z.	Albania	Peace-building	99 918,00
37	SAIDC/2018/ZB/1/7	Bridges of cooperation: civil society organizations and public administration for a stable civil society	PDCS,o.z.	Albania	Democratic participation and civil society	73 900,00
<b>SPOLU</b>						<b>4 174 783,13</b>

## Programme for Sending Volunteers and Experts to Developing Countries

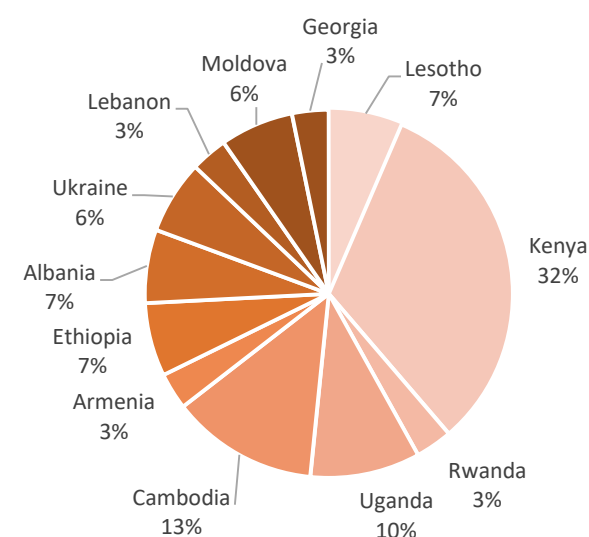
Sending volunteers and experts abroad is one form of Official Development Cooperation SAIDC has offered since 2012. The programme has multiple objectives. It creates long-term assistance partnerships in communities and enhances national capacity-building, aims at increasing awareness in civil society on development topics and the importance of development cooperation.

The volunteers acquire knowledge about the country, its culture and language, gain new practical skills, and professional and intercultural experience in the development sector that cannot be acquired by working in Slovakia. In 2018, **31 volunteers** with a total level of funding equal to **€232,596** were sent abroad under the SlovakAid brand.

### Sent volunteers in 2018

Sending organization	Receiving country (number of volunteers)	Total grant (€)
St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work, n.o.	Lesotho (2), Kenya (5), Rwanda (1)	69 600,00
Dvojfarebný svet, o.z.	Cambodia (4)	36 000,00
SAVIO, o.z.	Kenya (2)	8 136,00
Integra Foundation	Kenya (1)	1 600,00
ADRA - Adventistická agentúra pre pomoc a rozvoj, o.z.	Georgia (1), Albania (1), Ukraine (2)	36 360,00
People in need Slovakia, n.o.	Armenia (1), Libanon (1), Moldova (1)	28 800,00
eRko - Hnutie kresťanských spoločností detí	Kenya (2), Uganda (1), Ethiopia (2)	20 800,00
Slovenská katolícka charita	Uganda (2)	9 500,00
Globsec	Albania (1)	14 400,00
Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association n.o.	Moldova (1)	7 400,00
<b>SPOLU</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>232 596,00</b>

Number of volunteers in receiving countries in 2018 (%)



## b.) Financial contributions

Financial contributions provided **based on the decision of the Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic** is one of the flexible tools of development cooperation. Financial

contributions were provided for urgent humanitarian need, bilateral and multilateral cooperation. **16 financial contributions** in the total amount of **€718,000** were provided in 2018.

### Overview of financial contributions provided in 2018

Name	Country	Amount of financial contribution (€)
Financial contribution for providing humanitarian aid	Mexico	25 000,00
Financial contribution for inhabitants of Ukraine	Ukraine	25 000,00
Financial contribution for inhabitants of the Marathonos city district	Greece	25 000,00
Financial contribution for inhabitants of the city of Rafina	Greece	25 000,00
Humanitarian financial contribution for protecting refugees, mainly for unaccompanied children and supporting reception and integration of migrants in Greece	Greece	5 000,00
Voluntary financial contribution for supporting and implementing GENE activities aimed at enhancing quality and experience-sharing in the context of global education	not applicable	30 000,00
Financial contribution for children with HIV in a children's house - House # 126, St. 41 BT, Sangkat Beoung Tumpon, Khan Meanchey, Phnom Penh, Cambodia	Cambodia	20 000,00
Financial contribution for covering costs of irrigation system for an apple orchard and related costs with installing the irrigation device and training of local staff	Tanzania	50 000,00
Financial contribution for citizens of Ukraine	Ukraine	125 000,00
Supporting the efforts of the Global Coalition Against Daesh through supporting renovation of areas liberated from Daesh	Iraq	50 000,00
Financial contribution to providing humanitarian aid in Syria	Syria	100 000,00
Financial contribution to providing humanitarian aid in Lebanon	Lebanon	100 000,00
Financial contribution to responding to basic humanitarian needs of Palestinian refugees in Syria	Syria	50 000,00
Financial contribution for the victims of armed conflict in Ukraine	Ukraine	31 000,00
Financial donation for children's oncological hospital 57357 in Cairo	Egypt	7 000,00
Financial contribution to covering internship-related costs of an employee of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, Ms. I. Kanchaveli	Georgia	50 000,00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>718 000,00</b>



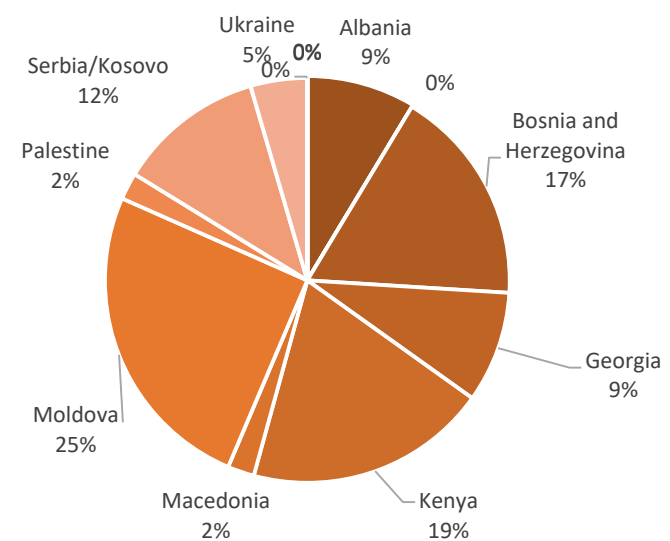
Financial contributions as **microgrants** are provided through embassies and missions of the Slovak Republic. They allow for flexible and targeted response to problems and needs in a partnering country and contribute to increasing the Slovak Republic's visibility. These are small projects of up to €10,000 with a maximal duration of 6 months.

In 2018, **59 microgrants** for 10 countries were approved (Albania, Moldova, Ukraine, Kenya, Serbia/Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Georgia, Palestine, Belarus) in the total value of **€443,703.48**. Microgrants were most often provided in the **sectors of education, health, water and sanitation**.

**Financial contributions for microgrants in 2018**

Partner country	Number of microgrants	Total amount (€)
Albania	4	39 994,00
Belarus	2	19 400,00
Bosnia and Herzegovina	9	41 524,04
Georgia	6	41 156,00
Kenya	12	89 829,00
Macedonia	2	9 850,00
Moldova	12	116 862,00
Palestine	1	9 975,00
Serbia/Kosovo	6	54 143,80
Ukraine	5	20 970,00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>443 703,48</b>

Financial contributions to partner countries (%)





### c.) Contract

Intensive talks with development diplomat at the Slovak Embassy in Chisinau and the German development agency (GIZ) were held during the selection of subject of a development contract in 2018. Two areas of potential project implementation in the **water and sanitation** sector were identified. Preparation of such a contract is a demanding exercise, therefore the SAIDC puts much effort into drafting methodological documents necessary for contracting, specifying selection of experts, and technical details of contracts, applying conditions of public procurement in the Slovak Republic.



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### d.) Budgetary measures

The SAIDC, in cooperation with the MFEA SR (Department of Development and Humanitarian Aid, DDHA), Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic, Ministry of Defence and Slovenská katolícka charita gave over 540 school uniforms to an elementary school in Abdulhafiz Jalili in Afghanistan on 14 December 2018 (**€12,036 was transferred from the financial resources of the SAIDC to the Ministry of Defence for making 295 boys' uniforms** through a budgetary measure).

### e.) CETIR – Centre for Experience Transfer from Integration and Reforms

The Centre for Experience Transfer from Integration and Reforms (**CETIR**) is one of the Slovak Republic's flexible tools of bilateral and trilateral development cooperation. The role of this programme in 2018 continued to be the transformation experience exchange, EU policy implementation and improving good governance in priority areas in countries undergoing transition or integration processes.

In 2018, CETIR continued to focus on further **promotion of contacts of Slovak experts with the representatives of state institutions, mainly in the Western Balkans and Eastern partnership countries**. Activities aimed at strengthening reforming efforts of partner countries, attaining a European perspective, and improving good governance of public affairs and institutions, through study trips, sending of Slovak experts, internships at ministries, and seminars. Slovak experience was shared in various areas, including reform of the economy, business environment, social system, environment and culture.

Programme implementation was carried out and administered by the SAIDC through two programme and financial managers, in close cooperation with the representation office of the Slovak Republic, which initiated and presented activity proposals. Programme management was under the authority of a CETIR Steering Committee of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic in line with the Statute.

**17 activities** implemented in 2018 included short-term **study trips, round tables, seminars, internship** of a diplomat from a partner ministry of foreign affairs at the Slovak Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, and expert consultations of Slovak civil service experts abroad. CETIR activities in a total amount of **€72,500** focused on the following **7 countries**: Albania, Belarus, Georgia, Kenya, Moldova, Serbia, and Ukraine.



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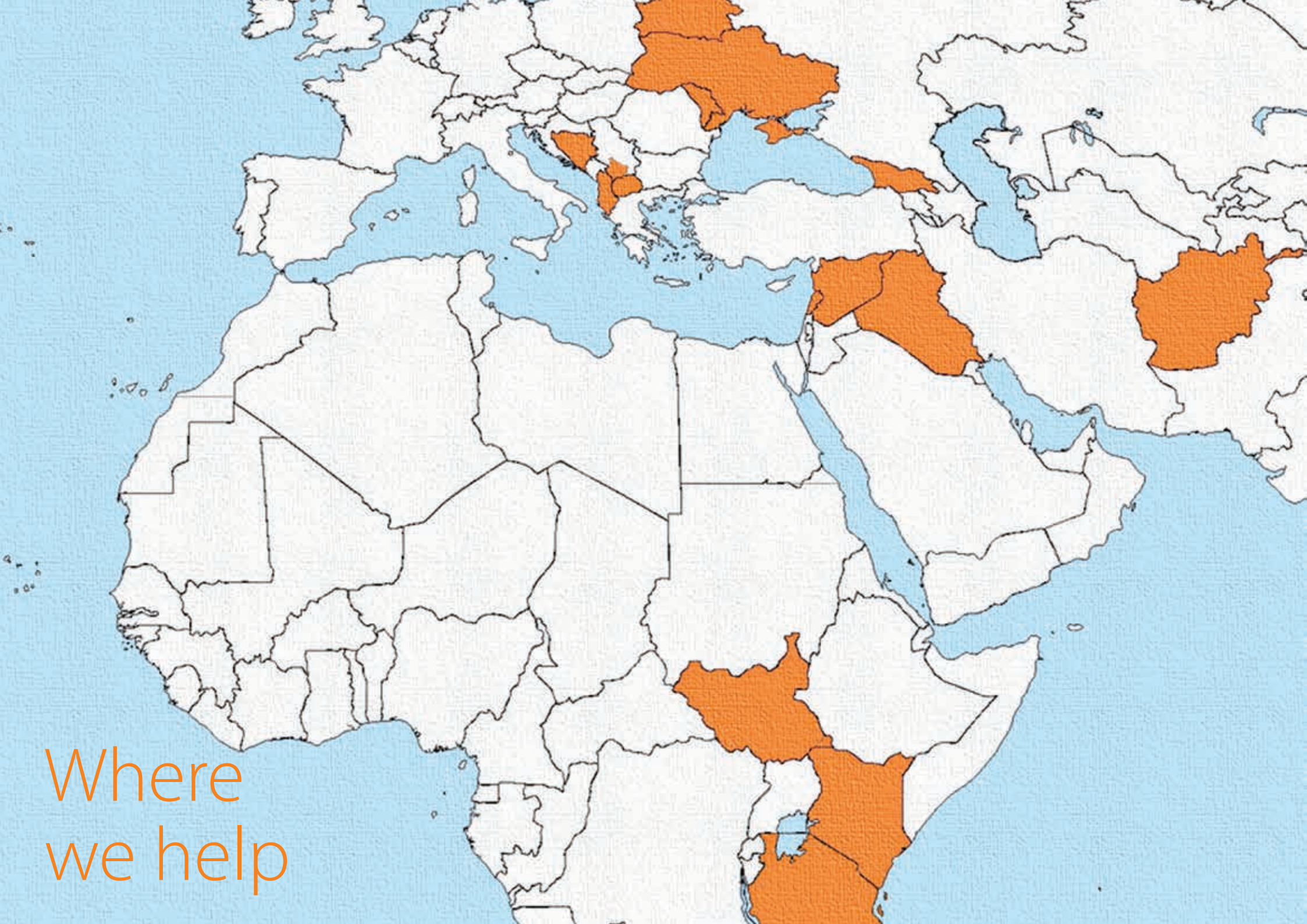


Overview of activities under the CETIR programme in 2018

Partner country	Activity	Activity type	Implementation	Number of participants	Total amount spent (€)
Serbia	Sending SIEA experts into Serbia	sending experts	11-13-Feb-2018	2	1 149,38
Albania	National plagiarism barrier at universities	study trip	16-19-Apr-2018	4	3 017,03
Albania	Sending experts from the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra to AL-TARDA	sending experts	04-09-May-2018	6	5 776,14
Serbia	GLOBSEC: heightened awareness of young people on globalization and regional security	study trip	16-20-May-2018	3	1 356,00
Moldova	Participation of MD development partners in the OECD DAC Peer Review ODA SR 2018	peer review	20-22-Mar-2018	2	1 352,59
Moldova/Georgia	Slovak legislative and practical experience in implementing pension system reform	study trip	03-07-Jun-2018	6+4	9 206,97
Kenya	Sending medical doctors (cardiologists) to Kenya	sending experts	10-17-Jun-2018	8	13 858,28
Albania	Environmental government policies aimed at waste management and recycling from the perspective of the EU circular economy	study trip	11-14-Jun-2018	5	4 111,00
Serbia	Sending SIEA expert to Serbia – Promoting innovation in Serbia	sending experts	20-22-May-2018	1	523,59
Georgia	Month-long internship of diplomat from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, Ms. Tamar Balavadze	internship	01-31-Oct-2018	1	2 139,29
Moldova	Transfer of Slovak experience in the area of local economic development	study trip	03-07-Sept-2018	6	5 235,00
Serbia	Experience from Kosice for Novi Sad - European Capital of Culture in 2021	study trip	26-29-Aug-2018	4	2 987,84
Ukraine	Presentation of Ukrainian historians and archivers at the seminar for Slovak journalists in Bratislava	seminar	01-06-Oct-2018	10	5 238,00
Ukraine	Participation of Ukrainian historians and archivers at the International Scientific Conference in Stará Lesná	conference	02-05-Oct-2018	16	1 969,54
Ukraine	Round table: Role of the OSCE in managing the crisis in Eastern Ukraine	conference	43396	41	10 488,33
Serbia	Strengthening cooperation between Košice-Noví Sad when providing for implementation and sustainability of the European Capital of Culture project	sending experts	23-25-Oct-2018	3	2 000,86
Belarus	Joint Slovak-Czech Conference for the Centenary of Czechoslovakia's Founding and 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Pact Invasion	sending experts	20-22-Nov-2018	2	2 090,20
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>72 500,04</b>







Where we help

On 26 September 2018 in Paris, Slovakia was for the first time subject to a **quality assessment of Official Development Cooperation** and the level of complying with its international development commitments. The assessment was carried out under the **OECD Development Aid Committee (DAC)**. The assessment team included representatives of OECD, Finland and Iceland. At the meeting, Slovakia was generally seen as an influential and efficient multilateral donor with an ambitious and progressive direction in bilateral development cooperation. The assessment meeting was held in a positive and cooperative manner and Slovakia was not confronted with any major objections from other members. Public presentation of results and recommendations will be held in spring of 2019 in Bratislava.

In the beginning of 2018, **the SAIDC updated principal methodological documents** with the aim of simplifying, standardizing and increasing the effectiveness of the processes. On 6 March 2018, the SAIDC published a **new Financial Guide**. Templates for calls for proposals were also updated, including all mandatory annexes to grant applications. On 27 July 2018, the SAIDC published another update, Financial Guide 2018/1.

A **Guide for applicants and embassies of the Slovak Republic** was designed to increase the effectiveness of **microgrants**.

The SAIDC, in cooperation with the Slovak NGDO Platform, organized an **information seminar** on calls for proposals and the new SAIDC Financial Guide on 27 March 2018. In 2018, **14 calls for proposals** were opened, in the total allocated amount of €4,818,271.

Applications submitted under the calls for proposals were reviewed in line with the Statute of the Commission of the MFEA SR for reviewing development cooperation grant applications and for bids/contracting for development cooperation (reg. No. I/683). Qualitative assessment of grant applications occurred electronically, via emails and in Excel sheets (it was not carried out through the Grant Management System due to compromised functionalities in the application). The applications were reviewed by SAIDC project and financial managers, then by **external experts and respective representative offices of the Slovak Republic**. Qualitative criteria were based on **OECD/DAC evaluation and assessment criteria**. The following aspects were reviewed and assessed: (1) Project relevance, (2) Project efficiency, (3) Project effectiveness, (4) Project sustainability (note: not applicable for humanitarian projects) and (5) Expertise of applicant. The maximum project score in qualitative evaluation was set at 100 points. Applications with scores of over 75 points in the qualitative evaluation were recommended for approval to the Minister of the MFEA SR. **External expert evaluators** were selected according to the thematic area of opened calls for proposals by the SAIDC, and evaluated applications based on their educational background and area of practical experience. All external evaluators signed a contract with the SAIDC, a confidentiality clause and declaration of no conflict of interest. The SAIDC organized a training for external expert evaluators. A list of external evaluators is published on the SAIDC website.

Once calls for proposals were opened, the SAIDC organized intense individual consultations with potential grant applicants, either by phone or in person. On 12 September 2018 the SAIDC organized a **day-long training for project beneficiaries** of development cooperation projects and humanitarian aid. Examples of good practice were particularly appreciated by new beneficiaries.

In 2018, the **Programme of sending volunteers and experts to development countries** and respective call for proposal was subject to multiple changes. Along with SAIDC calls for proposals, the SAIDC published **new Guidelines and new forms** for applications. Based on the new rules, applicants submitted only one grant application with one set of annexes, within which they could present multiple project proposals. **This significantly reduced the administrative burden related to submitting applications**. There were **3 volunteer trainings** on 25 June 2018, 30 August 2018 and 11 September 2018 under the leadership of an experienced trainer in development assistance. The training focused on safety in development countries and when working on volunteer projects, intercultural understanding of other cultures, health protection, effectiveness of work, and above all development cooperation. The need to register at the appropriate embassy or mission and inform the SAIDC about participation in the programme was stressed to volunteers. After the training, the SAIDC received feedback from each participant with recommendations on improving the training programme. To enhance efficiency and simplify the mechanism of sending volunteers and experts to development countries, the SAIDC is drafting a new concept of sending volunteers and experts. The concept will come into force in 2019.

The SAIDC in cooperation with the MFEA SR **updated CETIR's strategic documents** in 2018 – the **Statute of the Steering Committee** and **Concept Paper** – and prepared a **CETIR Guide for embassies and missions of the Slovak Republic**. The documents shall come into force in the beginning of 2019. A list of draft proposals of **new names** for the CETIR programme was presented at the Steering Committee meeting on 11 May 2018. The SAIDC also prepared draft financial limits for expert remuneration in case they lecture for CETIR during their free time or vacation. Updated fees increased the limit for work lunches and higher fees for remuneration of experts and interpreters (in line with the valid SAIDC Financial Guide). New limits were approved at the CETIR Steering Committee meeting on 11 September 2018.

Under the cooperation with the UNDP continuing in 2018, the current project was repeatedly extended from April **2018**. The **partnership between the MFEA SR and UNDP** will have the following outputs: creating an environment that will encourage **the involvement of Slovak private businesses in international development cooperation of the Slovak Republic** (in the Western Balkans, Moldova and Ukraine), strengthening the position of Slovakia as a provider of development assistance in security sector reforms, and capacity-building of the Slovak MFEA and the SAIDC in providing effective and high quality ODA.

**The MFEA SR signed a Memorandum of Understanding with USAID on 14 November 2018**. The first joint project will be implemented in **Moldova** in 2019.

On 13 December 2018, **the MFEA SR signed a Memorandum of Understanding with UNESCO**. The cooperation under this memorandum will continue until 2030. The first joint project will be implemented in **Kenya** (Turkana region) in the water management sector in 2019.



**Global Education** is part of the Official Development Cooperation and represents one of the basic forms of providing development aid.

In October 2017, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed with **the Global Education Network Europe (GENE)**, and in January 2018 an Administrative Arrangement. Based on this Arrangement, GENE supported calls for proposals on Global Education through the SAIDC with the amount of €50,000. This support is a part of the **GENE Increase Program**, which focuses on supporting the enhancement of global education in a given country.

In January 2018, GENE initiated and facilitated a **visit of a Korean development agency** expert, who became acquainted with the activities of the agencies and project implementation in global education in Slovakia and Austria. The meeting was held with the participation of the SAIDC, MFEA SR and non-governmental sector.

On 14 June 2018, at the MFEA SR there was a **meeting of national and foreign experts on introducing global education into formal and informal education in Slovakia**. The meeting was held with the participation of various foreign experts, and a state secretary of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sports of the Slovak Republic, **Peter Krajňák**. It covered the meaning and necessity of global education, and exchange of experience with countries where global education is anchored in the system and has a longer history.



On 29 November 2018, the Slovak NGDO Platform organized an event **„Pathways to high quality and modern education: Through Education to Global Citizenship“** at the Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences. The aim was to enable stakeholders' discussion in the context of global education in Slovakia, and its formal framing and future challenges. Representatives of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sports and the MFEA SR, SAIDC, NGOs, GENE, Comenius University students and the Minister of Education, Ms. **Lubyová**, together with the state secretary Mr. Krajňák, among others, participated in the meeting.

In April 2018, a DDHA representative participated in the **GENE Roundtable** held in Oslo. The outputs included new goals: how to improve strategies of initiatives in global education, enhance cross-cutting topics, consider specific priority areas through pan-European campaigns, and specify calls for proposals so they will focus on youth and inclusion of European citizens.

In October 2018, another **GENE Roundtable** was organized in **Brussels**, with participation of the SAIDC representative. The cross-cutting topics of the meeting also included integration of global education in development and foreign policy and global education as prevention of violence and extremism.

In 2018, a **mapping of the global education situation** in Slovakia was initiated by the NGDO Platform. The GENE supported this initiative with €50,000. A **consortium project** was organized simultaneously, complementing the mapping carried out by the NGDO Platform; it will be finalized in autumn 2019.

In the beginning of 2018, the SAIDC supported activities of the **GENE** with the amount of €30,000.

Existing development and humanitarian needs require new financial resources and forms of cooperation. Therefore, **involving the private sector** is indispensable for the success of development activities. The MFEA SR is naturally interested in finding synergies between goals of the development cooperation and interests of Slovak businesses, especially small and medium size companies. From the beginning of 2018 several meetings and activities were organized, aimed at enhancing the business sector's participation in development activities :

- On 13 February 2018, representatives of the consultation platform Rozvojmajstri initiated a second meeting at DDHA that focused on how to involve the Slovak business sector in development cooperation projects of international institutions.
- On 15 February 2018, with participation of DDHA and the SAIDC, a round table was held at the MFEA SR with entrepreneurs already involved in the SlovakAid grant programme. The discussion focused on objections of entrepreneurs regarding how calls for proposals are announced, and on their own experience with implementation of development projects.
- On 9 May 2018, the SAIDC and DDHA presented, to a Government Council for Export and Investments meeting, possibilities of involving businesses in Slovak ODA.
- On 16 May 2018, bilateral consultations of DDHA and SAIDC directors were organized with representatives of the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) in Vienna. Among other things, the discussions focused on the system of involving entrepreneurs and experience transfer in this area.
- On 3 July 2018, the SAIDC participated in consultations with the director of Czech Development Agency (ČRA – CzechAid) with the aim of collecting more information on the B2B programme of development partnership for the private sector (following the de minimis scheme).

At the end of 2018, the SAIDC prepared a **new grant scheme for the Business Partnership Programme (BPP)**, structured in two phases. **The first stage – preparation** – is designed for entrepreneurs that do not know the market environment in a developing country and need to establish potential business partnerships with representatives of the local private sector. **The second stage – implementation** – is for entrepreneurs who have already established local partnerships in a developing country and can directly implement their business plan. Detailed conditions under which it is possible to join the programme, supported activities, and forms and amounts of subsidies/grants are listed in a **new BPP Manual**. The SAIDC prepared a separate **Financial Manual for BPP**. Since the add-on BPP programme is subject to the de minimis rules, the SAIDC prepared a **Scheme of State Support**. That was sent for approval to the Anti-Monopoly Office of the Slovak republic on 15 November 2018. The SAIDC plans to open a call for proposals at the beginning of 2019.

**Implementation of a joint project of V4 countries in Kenya continued in 2018**. Its main goal was to support development on the coast by creating jobs and increasing food safety. The project, in the total value of **2 million eur**, has a **4-year** implementation period with the aim of providing for sustainable improvement of the socio-economic situation of 15 thousand small farmers and creating new jobs through BIO and **Fair Trade production of cashew nuts and sesame seeds** in the coastal area of Kenya, in **Kilifi, Lamu and Kwale provinces**.

The SAIDC's project role is to be the grant manager, the main coordinator and the implementing agency for some of the activities. Various organizations from V4 countries actively participate in the project, including: the Czech University of Agriculture in Pilsen, Foundation for Science development (PL) and National Research and Innovation Centre of Agriculture (NAIK) (HU). The main local partners are Ten Senses Africa and Farm Africa.

The project is running in line with its planned timeline. The most important project activities include Fair Trade and Organic trainings for the farmers, starting nurseries in Kwala, Kilifi and Lamo, farmer training in agriculture practices with related distribution of high-quality of cashew and sesame plants, training of target groups to form community self-help groups, collective management, conflict prevention, and basic financial literacy.

**On 12 June 2018, there was an official project launch**, with the participation of the main stakeholders and project implementers. Representation was at the level of the SAIDC director and SMOP director general.

So far, the project has strong visibility, as seen by a news piece broadcast on the private television TV JOJ and media coverage in various Kenyan media.

The SAIDC submitted its Interim Report on 9 November 2018.





**Internal standardization of SAIDC processes** and enhanced cooperation with all MFEA SR agencies and representatives in development cooperation is necessary for enhancing effective operation.

In autumn 2018, the SAIDC announced public procurement for securing **ISO 9001:2015 (quality management certification)**. A contract with TUV NORD Slovakia s.r.o. on providing this service will be signed in January 2019. Then, the SAIDC certification process will commence. Based on the recommendations and findings identified during the ISO 9001 process, all SAIDC guidelines will be updated.

On 24 May 2018, the SAIDC officially asked the European Commission to **formally initiate the Pillar Assessment process**. The SAIDC is in the process of completing a 105-page questionnaire. On 28 January 2019, a launch meeting will be organized in Brussels. In the beginning of 2019, the SAIDC plans to open public procurement for an audit company. Once the Pillar Assessment is successfully completed, the SAIDC will participate in joint EU projects.

In 2018, an external supplier designed **guidelines per GDPR**. The SAIDC enhanced the efficiency of registration rules and the digitalization of public administration processes in close cooperation with the MFEA SR.

SAIDC representatives participated in **external and internal training and seminars** on amendments to legislation, regulations on personal data protection, remuneration and accounting, digitalization of state administration, registration and Labour code, reporting for OECD DAC (RIS DEV), safety at work, UNDP events organized under a capacity-building project (Istanbul) and other activities. SAIDC project and financial managers participated in a three-day training of **Prince 2 Foundation** and the director of SAIDC took Prince 2 Practitioner training in Bratislava in December 2018.

Internal SAIDC activities were carried out pursuant to the Contract (between the MFEA SR and SAIDC for 2018 with the Founder) and approved Framework of Bilateral Development Cooperation of the Slovak Republic for 2018 (Zamerania bilaterálnej rozvojovej spolupráce Slovenskej republiky na rok 2018).

On 21–22 November 2018, the SAIDC carried out **monitoring of two closing workshops in Moldova** – in Chisinau and Stefan Voda. The workshops presented results of the project titled Technical Assistance in Transposition of Directive No. 91/271/EEC by local governments in Moldova (Technická asistencia pri implementácii požiadaviek smernice 91/271/EEC samospráv v Moldavsku) – SAIDC/2017/RO/MD/1. The contractor was the Water Research Institute. On 27 November 2018 the SAIDC carried out monitoring of project No. SAIDC/2017/EK/1/3 (contractor SCCD - Slovenské centrum pre komunikáciu a rozvoj, n.o.).





**The SAIDC budget was revised as follows in 2018:**

- Internal budget measures – transfer of funds between budget lines within the approved SAIDC budget:
  - From category 640 (Ordinary transfers) to category 630 (Goods and services) in the amount of €120,000 to fund CETIR programmes;
  - From category 640 (Ordinary transfers) to category 630 (Goods and services) in the amount of €70,000 to fund of Public information activities; and
  - From category 640 (Ordinary transfers) to category 630 (Goods and services) in the amount of €10,000 for SAIDC and ODA stakeholder capacity-building.
- Through budgetary measure of the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic No. 9/2018, funds from previous years were made available for providing Official Development Assistance: the amount in category 640 (Ordinary transfers) was increased by €4,680,621;
- Through budgetary measure of the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic (MF SR) No. 20/2018, funds were transferred to the MFEA SR to cover financial contributions in 2018 from category 640 (Ordinary transfers) in the amount of €700,000;
- Budgetary measure of the MF SR No. 27/2018 permitted exceeding the limit for expenditures of the MFEA SR via transfer from the VPS chapter to raise salaries pursuant to Section 5 of Act No. 333/2017 on the State Budget for 2018 in category 610 (Salaries, pay, service income and other personal pay) by €6,990 and in category 620 (Premiums and contributions to insurance companies) by €2,442;
- Through an internal budgetary measure, €78,500 were transferred within the SAIDC budget from category 640 (Ordinary transfers): in the amount of €39,900 into category 630 (Goods and services), and €37,600 into category 620 (Premiums and contributions to insurance companies) due to the increased number of SAIDC employees and new tasks,
- Budgetary measure of the MF SR No. 35/2018 changed mandatory indicators of the state budget, covered through transfer of €100,000 within the SAID budget from category 640 (Ordinary transfers) to category 610 (Salaries, pay, service income and other personal pay); €100,000 - due to the increased number of SAIDC employees and new tasks (revision No. 3);
- Budgetary measure of the MF SR No. 42/2018 changed mandatory state budget indicators, with transfer of €6,000 within the SAIDC budget from category 640 (Ordinary transfers) to category 710 (acquired capital assets) for purchase of a new server for the SAIDC;
- Budgetary measure No. 46/2018 transferred funds to the Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic, Ústredie ekumenickej pastoračnej služby for arranging production of school uniforms for students in Afghanistan. The budget for category 640 (Ordinary transfers) was reduced by €12,036;
- Budgetary measure No. 47/2018 permitted exceeding the limit for expenditures of the MFEA chapter based on a decision of the Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Miroslav Lajčák, to provide funds for House of Family, School of Public Health and Social Work of St. Elizabeth in Cambodia. The budget for category 640 (Ordinary transfers) was increased by €20,000;

- Through an internal budgetary measure, funds were transferred within the SAIDC budget from category 630 (Goods and services) into 640 (Ordinary transfers) in the amount of €79,600; and from category 630 (Goods and services) to category 620 (Premiums and contributions to insurance companies) in the amount of €4,360;
- Budgetary measure No. 51/2018 earmarked funds in category 640 (Ordinary transfers) to the MFEA SR budget for posting SAIDC employees as development diplomats to representative offices in Chisinau and Nairobi, and due to transfer of funds to the central body for personal costs of the Council of Europe representative in Sarajevo, in the total amount of €281,698;
- Budgetary measure No. 61/2018 transferred unspent funds to the MF SR to cover installments for ODA projects in the next budget year in the amount of €4,419,600.

- Funds under category 610 (Salaries, pay, service income and other personal pay) were spent pursuant to the modified budget, in a total amount of €293,891, i.e. 99.99% of the approved budget.
- Funds under category 620 (Premiums and contributions to insurance companies) were spent pursuant to the modified budget, in a total amount of €106,869, i.e. 99.79 % of the modified budget.
- Funds under category 630 (Goods and services) were spent pursuant to the budget in the amount of €245,301, i.e. 99.05% of the approved modified budget. This category was not used up since some payments and invoices were in amounts less than expected.
- Funds under category 640 (Ordinary transfers) were spent pursuant to the budget in the total amount of €5,556,268, i.e. 94.86% of the modified budget.

As of 31 December 2018, a total amount of €5,554,188 was awarded to ODA SR projects; of that €1,260,408 was spent from Source 131G (unused funds for ODA SR from 2016), €1,537,720 was spent from Source 131H (unused funds for ODA SR from 2017) and €2,756,060 from Source 111 (funds budgeted for 2018).

As of 31 December 2018, the total spending of the SAIDC was €6,208,134, i.e. 95.34% of the modified budget. Operational SAIDC expenditures for 2018 (610, 620, 630, 642015) equal €508,718. The CETIR programme was supported by €72,500; capacity-building by €9,325; and public information by €57,598.

**Budget spending 1 January-31 December 2018:**

**Budget spending as of 31 December 2018**

Economic classification	Approved budget (€)	Supplemental appropriations (€)	Spending (€)	% share of budget appropriations
610	186,920	293,910	293,891	99.99%
620	62,691	107,093	106,869	99.79%
630	91,712	247,652	245,298	99.05%
640	6,873,520	5,856,907	5,556,268	94.86%
ODA as subset of 640	6,871,860	5,854,247	5,554,188	94.87%
710	0	6,000	5,808	96.80%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,214,843</b>	<b>6,511,562</b>	<b>6,208,134</b>	<b>95.34%</b>

Other expenditures	Allocation (€)	Spending
SAIDC expenditures	342,938.00	508,718.00
Development diplomats (KE, MD)	153,589.00	281,698.00
Public awareness	70,000.00	57,597.56
Capacity-building of SAIDC and ODA stakeholders, grant application evaluation	10,000.00	9,325.00
Project evaluation	150,000.00	0.00
Project audit	50,000.00	0.00

Grants

Number of contracted projects	Development interventions programme	Total allocation (€)	Approved and contracted funds (€)	Spending as of 31-Dec-2018 (€)
1	Afghanistan	400,000.00	199,916	5,000
4	Kenya	840,000.00	875,083	485,770.55
3	Moldova	500,000.00	382,000	6,4 912.55

Transformation experience-sharing programme - Western Balkans and Eastern Partnership				
3	Albania			102,930.00
2	Bosnia and Herzegovina	300,000.00	430,287.40	116,417.33
1	Belarus			0.00
2	Georgia	600,000.00	456,298.91	9,200.00
2	Ukraine			58,267.71

Capacity and partnership building programme				
5	Global development education (+ €50,000 GENE)	100,000 (+ 50,000)	152,327.30	115,045.24
32	Programme of posting volunteers and experts	248,271.00	239,861.00	168,958.00
1	Capacity-building of Slovak development organizations	50,000.00	49,995.00	17,539.00
4	Co-funding EU development projects	70,000.00	102,551.00	92,295.90
2	Supporting new business partnerships	100,000.00	77,045.00	0.00

Programme of humanitarian and post-humanitarian aid				
2	South Sudan	600,000.00	399,998.60	319,998.88
4	Syria and neighbouring Middle East countries	600,000.00	1,049,281.00	839,424.80



AFGHANISTAN

**Project name:** Food and Water Analysis Laboratory for Kabul Polytechnic University.  
**Registration number:** SAIDC/2016/AFG/1/1  
**Main sector priority:** Higher education  
**Contractor:** Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava  
**Slovak ODA grant:** €199,990.00  
**Project implementation:** November 2016 – November 2018

The aim of this project was to support human potential through improved quality of vocational education in Afghanistan. Demand for vocational education in Afghanistan is high, however lack of technical facilities and trained personnel continues to have an impact on the quality of education. On the other hand, the food and water safety sectors (both drinking water and waste water) require immediate solutions and specialized capacities. Through a project implemented at KPU, a modern laboratory for food and water analysis was built. The project also included draft design of lab works and facilities by Slovak experts, revision of curricula, installing devices and facilities, training of KPU teachers, opening the laboratory, preparing and publishing a manual on laboratory works, and joint management of the laboratory for a defined period of time. Project implementation significantly contributed to an improved level of knowledge and capacities among KPU teachers, students and graduates, and has brought about many social, economic and ecological benefits for diverse strata of society.

**Project name:** Establishing Business Contacts in Afghanistan and Promotion of the EXIMBanka Project in the public sector.  
**Registration number:** SAIDC/2017/PPP/1/6  
**Main sector priority:** Solar energy  
**Contractor:** ELVOSOLAR  
**Slovak ODA grant:** €50,000.00  
**Project implementation:** September 2017 – September 2018

The project aim was to analyze the market and present solar solutions that are reliable, accessible. The project aimed at offering a fast solution to the electricity shortage, mainly in remote provinces of the country, and establishing partnerships that could be useful for society in project implementation. Together with the Slovak export-import bank Eximbanka SR, which offers purpose-bound commercial aid for low-income countries, the society will be able to offer and implement high quality, effective projects with half the investment costs. The project was aimed mainly at the public sector (such as schools, hospitals and clinics) and entrepreneurs (small businesses and the like).

**Project name:** Examining and Promoting the Use of Aquaholder™ Solution in the Agricultural Sector in Afghanistan with a View to Increase Crop Yield and Decrease Water Consumption  
**Registration number:** SAIDC/2017/PPP/1/8  
**Main sector priority:** Agricultural research  
**Contractor:** Pewas  
**Slovak ODA grant:** €50,000.00  
**Project implementation:** October 2017 – October 2018

The project examined the use of the Aquaholder™ solution in the agricultural production in Afghanistan with a view to lower water consumption. The research was carried out in 7 locations of the city of Herat with production of cucumbers in three greenhouses and wheat grown in four open fields. Preliminary results indicated that by using Aquaholder™ products, water consumption may be reduced, along with higher production of heat which can possibly lead to increased crop yield. Based on preliminary results, it is possible to conclude that Aquaholder™ products have the highest economic efficiency in crops with high value, such as cucumbers, tomatoes, soy beans, sesame, peas, etc. These crops are the most important ones in the Afghan agriculture.







## REPUBLIC OF KENYA

**Project name:** Reducing Youth Unemployment Through Improved Access to Vocational Education in Kenya

**Registration number:** SAIDC/2016/KE/1/3

**Main sector priority:** Vocational education

**Contractor:** St. Elisabeth University of Health Care and Social Work

**Slovak ODA grant:** €247,433.20

**Project implementation:** September 2016 – August 2018

The project aimed at reducing youth unemployment through improved access to high quality education and acquisition of practical skills and their use in the labour market. The project scaled up the institutional capacity of a rehabilitation institution – St. Kizito Children Centre – that now offers vocational education in the most sought-after professions, including wood processing, building, tailoring and hairdressing. Project activities also aimed at prevention of unemployment through motivation seminars for elementary school students.

**Project name:** Empowering Women's Status through Practical Skills

Registration number: SAIDC/2016/KE/1/5

**Main sector priority:** Vocational education

**Contractor:** SAVIO o.z.

**Slovak ODA grant:** €226,150.00

**Project implementation:** November 2016 – September 2018

Project activities helped to decrease women's unemployment and improve their status in the poor region of Marsabit. The well-established Don Bosco Technical Institute opened new practical skills courses for women – tailoring, hair dressing, cosmetics – run by the Marsabit Technical Institute. The course graduates received arranged meetings with potential employers, business skills training, start-up kits for starting their own business, and accompaniment in their businesses. The second part of the project aimed at improving the quality of education at the Technical Institute through enhancing teachers' qualifications. A certified course in teaching technical subjects aimed to improve the quality of education, and a mediation skills course will contribute to bettering relations among young people from different ethnic groups for the benefit of peaceful coexistence among those living in the city of Marsabit.

**Project name:** Supporting Processes that Increase Macadamia Production (both in volume and quality) for the Local and Global Market.

**Registration number:** SAIDC/2016/KE/1/2

**Main sector priority:** Agricultural development

**Contractor:** Integra Foundation

**Slovak ODA grant:** €250,000,00

**Project implementation:** October 2016 – October 2018

The main project goal was to support fair and sustainable development in the Republic of Kenya through interventions in agriculture. The project supported increased production of macadamia nuts for the local and global markets. The project created three plant nurseries and facilitated access to healthy and high-quality seedlings for 10,000 farmers. The farmers had insufficient knowledge of the agricultural care for this kind of trees, and therefore the project included training on proper farming skills, techniques and procedures pursuant to Fair Trade and organic standards.

**Project name:** Supporting Independence and Economic Autonomy of Disadvantaged Women from the Eldoret Slum

**Registration number:** SAIDC/2016/KE/1/4

**Main sector priority:** Training facilities and training

**Contractor:** Dvojfarebný svet o.z.

**Slovak ODA grant:** € 197,778.00

**Project implementation:** October 2016 – October 2018

The project offered vocational training to 250 people in a slum area of the city of Eldoret, Langas in machine knitting, tailoring, hairdressing, and PC and business skills. The aim was to decrease poverty among slum inhabitants in Eldoret. The graduates had the chance to use a so-called business incubator, which was a temporary production company, area for marketing education, and mentoring during the first month of their active entrepreneurship. Project activities were implemented in the existing Training Centre of St. Vincent de Paul, which is registered with the Republic of Kenya's Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Development, and is authorized to offer certified education. This is an important element for the project's long-term sustainability.



## Moldova

**Project name:** Supporting Effective Implementation of the Basel Convention in View of the Republic of Moldova's Reporting Obligations

**Registration number:** SAIDC/2016/MD/1/2

**Main sector priority:** Waste management

**Contractor:** Slovak Agency of the Environment

**Slovak ODA grant:** €93,230.00 (with co-funding of €103,730)

**Project implementation:** January 2017 – May 2018

The project aimed at systemic changes in waste management related to the introduction of a data collection system and inventorying of waste with the goal of creating a basis for reporting on waste production and disposal, and cross-border transportation of waste. The project aims to assist Moldova to fulfill its obligations as a party to the Basel Convention. The project assisted in creating adequate legislation, and building specialized and technical capacities. Its overall goal is to increase environmental awareness by introducing a data collection and processing system in waste management. The specific goal was to implement national inventorying of hazardous and other waste, and supporting implementation of a new legislative framework and strengthening the national reporting system.

**Project name:** Bardar Water Pipeline – Access to Healthy Drinking Water, Improving Citizens' Health and Sustainable Water System Management

**Registration number:** SAIDC/2016/MD/1/7

**Main sector priority:** Water supply and sanitation

**Contractor:** Regionálna rozvojová agentúra Senec-Pezinok

**Slovak ODA grant:** €99,999.93 (with co-funding of €120,149.93)

**Project implementation:** March 2017-May 2018

This project is based on a strategic document at the Laloveni district level - General Water Supply and Sanitation Plan (GWSSP) at the level of Laloveni Region 2014-2039, prepared in May 2015 under the project ApaSan supported by ODA resources in Switzerland and Austria. The applicant's project is part of the second stage, dealing with specific segments of the crossing constructed on the connection from Sociteni to the municipality of Bardar (see Annex No.5.2 – Technical Specification) and its implementation has significantly accelerated construction in the second GWSSP implementation stage and residents' access to drinking water. The overall project goal was to improve access to drinking water and environmental quality while increasing the efficiency of the sanitation system and waste management.



## Albania

**Project name:** Supporting Entrepreneurship and Innovative SMEs in Albania  
**Registration number:** SAIDC/2016/ZB/1/6  
**Main sector priority:** Development of small and medium size enterprises (SMEs)  
**Contractor:** Slovenská organizácia pre výskumné a vývojové aktivity SOVVA, o.z.  
**Slovak ODA grant:** €80,244  
**Project implementation:** January 2017 – September 2018

The project was a response to the negative starting point for development of small and medium size enterprises (SMEs) in Albania. Its main goal was to improve conditions of the business ecosystem and support growth of innovative start-ups and SMEs through training activities aimed at creating a joint platform of interests. Specific project goals included: (1) Building capacity and increased awareness and know-how of selected target groups from the perspective of adapting ecosystem to support innovative start-ups and SMEs, (2) Improving cooperation of innovative ecosystem players to support start-ups and SMEs, and (3) Sharing experience between Slovakia and Albania, and enhancing relations in the field of innovative start-up growth and SMEs. Over the long term, the project aims to increase effectiveness and provide for better support services response to the needs of innovative companies, and to support drafting of a joint strategy to support innovative SMEs.

**Project name:** Pillars of Civil Society: Increasing Effectiveness of Cooperation Between Civil and State Sector in Albania  
**Registration number:** SAIDC/2016/ZB/1/8  
**Main sector priority:** Democratic participation and civil society  
**Contractor:** PDCS, o.z.  
**Slovak ODA grant:** €89,971  
**Project implementation:** January 2017 – April 2018

The project reacted to the target of the call for proposals that was to support democratic and reform processes through sharing Slovak transformation experience in those fields that are relevant for the beneficiaries in Albania, through building a civil society and strengthening cooperation between the government and NGO sectors. The project was based on the needs of Albania's civil society to share experience in the area of efficient cooperation with the state sector, and on empowering civil society through building expertise and capacities of small and medium size organizations. The plan was to achieve changes through systemic, long-term and intense leaders' training of small and medium size organizations in Albania, assistance and interventions directly in the organizations, organizing meetings with representatives of the government sector in Slovakia and Albania, and enhancing networking among Albanian civil sector organizations and also between the civil society of Albania and Slovakia.



## Georgia

**Project name:** Harmonization of Analytical Methods in the National Environmental Agency of Georgia with the Requirements of the Updated EU Water Framework Directive 2013/39/EU  
**Registration number:** SAIDC/2016/VP/1/1  
**Main sector priority:** Water management policy and administrative management  
**Contractor:** Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava  
**Slovak ODA grant:** €50,082.00  
**Project implementation:** January 2017 – September 2018

The project was aimed at harmonizing analytical methods for identifying priority compounds in surface water listed under the Water Framework Directive (2013/39/EU) as well as considering the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (2008/56/EC). The main project goal was to introduce analytical methods fully compatible with the requirements for the quality of data provided, considering the measuring devices of the partner organization. Training organized within the project was designed for Agency employees to be able to react to planned amendments of environmental legislation and be able to fulfill EU requirements when drafting lists of specific water pollutants for Georgia.

**Project name:** Monitoring and Impact Assessment of Drought on Water Protection and Its Efficient Use in Georgia  
**Registration number:** SAIDC/2016/VP/1/6  
**Main sector priority:** Waste management  
**Contractor:** Slovak Hydrometeorological Institute  
**Slovak ODA grant:** €89,735.00  
**Project implementation:** January 2017 – November 2018

The project aim was to enhance the knowledge on waste and the impact of drought on water resources, and their protection and rational use in Georgia. The impact of climate change on changes in weather can also be seen in the Caucasus region. Recently, such impact includes heavy rains that lead to flash floods and frequent episodes of drought. Both of these factors are among the major influences on economic and social development in Georgia. According to a World Bank Study, losses on agricultural production due to drought amounted to up to 6% of annual GDP. Therefore, it is important that the government and society take steps to mitigate the impacts of drought on food availability, striving to lower the impact mainly on the poorest inhabitants. According to the National Environmental Agency (project partner), 44% of agricultural land depends on irrigation if reliable crop production is to be secured. Among the measures for trying to resolve and manage drought are monitoring and evaluation of drought, an identified functional institutional and organizational structure with clearly defined competencies for mitigating drought impact, and an early warning system. Current monitoring and assessment of drought is insufficient, the institutional structure for mitigating drought impact does not comply with drought management requirements, and an early warning system is lacking.





## BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

**Project name:** Effective Management of Water Management Projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina: EU Tender Implementation  
**Registration number:** SAIDC/2016/ZB/1/1  
**Main sector priority:** Water management policy and administrative management  
**Contractor:** NISPAcee  
**Slovak ODA grant:** €100,000  
**Project implementation:** November 2016 – January 2018

The main project aim was to provide for and contribute to transfer of experience and knowledge aimed at efficient project management of water management projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The specific project goal was to effectively manage water management projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina pursuant to EU criteria, with a focus on transfer of Slovak experience. Project outputs included methodological guidelines for carrying out tenders for water management projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina pursuant to EU criteria – the manuals A (A1, A2, A3, A4), B, C, D, E, and F 1.2. Project activities included meetings between experts from Slovakia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the project team; data collection and analysis of the current situation in BiH; two working trips of Slovak experts to BiH allowing for consultation with local experts, civil servants, project designers and managers of waste water treatment plants; site visits to existing waste water treatment plants and constructions under progress; and a 3-day training and PR conference. Slovak experts prepared several manuals in the English language that will be translated into Bosnian.



## Ukraine

**Project name:** NAPA Capacity-Building for Open Local and Regional Government  
**Registration number:** SAIDC/2015/NP2/1/1  
**Main sector priority:** Public sector policy and administrative management  
**Contractor:** NISPAcee  
**Slovak ODA grant:** €99,560.80  
**Project implementation:** April 2016 – November 2017

Implementing open governance in Ukraine requires amendment of relevant legislation as a basic framework. Currently, this process is under way in the country. However, practical implementation was a major challenge, and requires new capacities building in public administration, mainly at the local level. The project's aim was to offer an adequate training so that they have skills and qualifications to work in new positions in public administration. The National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) under the auspices of the Ukrainian president, as the main training centre offering training and education, further education and advanced education for public administration employees in Ukraine, played a crucial role in those processes. To achieve effective changes, however, NAPA needed new, innovative training programmes and materials. A specific project goal therefore was to offer training and education for open local and regional government at NAPA. This had two results: preparation of specialized training capacities at NAPA that used principles of open governance of public affairs in local and regional administration, and development of new training modules and materials.

**Project name:** Conflict as Opportunity – Working with Community Leaders and Local Governments in Conflict Resolution (effects of war) at the Local Level  
**Registration number:** SAIDC/2016/UA/1/2  
**Main sector priority:** Public sector policy and administrative management  
**Contractor:** PDCS, o.z.  
**Slovak ODA grant:** €100,000.00  
**Project implementation:** January 2017 – August 2018

The project goal was to increase cooperation effectiveness between state administration and civil society in conflict resolution and effects of war at the level of local governments. The project was a response to a growing number of conflicts in society related to the war as well as reforms. These conflicts occur not only at the national level, but mainly at the local level – in towns and municipalities, communities and families. Local public administration and civil society do not know how to react to them adequately. There is no communication among different sectors in the society and different groups of citizens. Most of the conflicts are transferred to the municipal, community and family level. Conflicts mostly concern values, national identity and direction the country is taking; they are often defined as conflicts between East and West, between internally displaced and old inhabitants, and caused by scarcity of resources and lacking integration programmes, conflicts between ATO soldiers, their families and communities, conflicts related to economic and social reforms, and the resulting poverty and exclusion of certain groups. It is difficult to deal with those conflicts at the national level and the government does not have the financial resources and personnel capacities to resolve them. The project drew upon a network of community activists with robust experience, who enjoy the trust of their local towns. Together with local government representatives or local state administration representatives, they became agents of change. Necessary capacities were built through project activities, including training and consultations, financial support of joint municipal development plans and small conflict resolution projects, transfer of experience from Slovakia through internships in Slovakia, and festivals of community activities.

**Project name:** Civil Society and Public Administration – Truly Together  
**Registration number:** SAIDC/2016/UA/1/7  
**Main sector priority:** Decentralization and support of sub-national government  
**Contractor:** The Carpathian Foundation  
**Slovak ODA grant:** €97,562.00  
**Project implementation:** January 2017 – November 2018

Overall project goal was to contribute to an effectively-operating state administration and development of civil society in the Carpathian part of Ukraine through transfer of Slovak experience. Ukraine has a centralized system of public administration. Though it has embarked on a decentralization process, quality of governance at the local level is very low, competencies of local representative offices are weak, and civil participation in decisions about public affairs in certain areas is completely absent. Limited experience with reform process results in an insufficient level of cooperation between the state and non-governmental sectors.

The decentralization process makes it indispensable to strengthen this cooperation, along with civic participation and public scrutiny, especially in rural areas, where the authority of government offices is to grow significantly. Project activities aimed at direct involvement of rural inhabitants in governance of public affairs in a target area in Ukraine. This employed Slovak experience and established close bilateral expert cooperation (SK – UA), increased active participation of citizens in managing public affairs, and support for civic participation through establishing and reviving so-called civil councils in the target area. The target group included: above all, young people (aged up to 35 years) with a genuine interest in enhancing democracy in their society, representing potential for sustainable and positive development of civic participation in governance of public affairs; NGO representatives from the rural environment; and municipal representatives in four border areas (oblast) of the Western Ukraine – Zakarpattia, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk and Chernivtsi.

**Project name:** Applying Experience with Green Public Procurement in Slovakia to Ukraine  
**Registration number:** SAIDC/2016/UA/1/8  
**Main sector priority:** Public sector policy and administrative management  
**Contractor:** Slovenské centrum pre komunikáciu a rozvoj, n.o.  
**Slovak ODA grant:** €73,316.70  
**Project implementation:** November 2016 – December 2018

The project aimed at increasing competencies of state administration, local governments and civil society in the Kyiv region to organize green public procurement, and increase awareness of state administration and civil society in Ukraine about the role and possibilities of green public procurement in increasing the effectiveness of state administration, sustainable development and the fight against climate change. Ukraine committed to approximating its legislative system to EU legislation and adopted environmental commitments. The project was a response to those commitments as well as the country's commitments under international conventions and forums, including the Rio+20 Earth Summit. Ukraine's current legislative framework allows for green public procurement, but it is rarely used. The project is a first initiative to support practical implementation of environmental criteria into public procurement (PP) in Ukraine based on Slovak experience and in line with EU requirements. It builds on international programmes at the political level that aim at supporting approximation of the Ukrainian legislative framework to *acquis communautaire*. The project carried out a detailed analysis of available options and practices in green public procurement in Ukraine, and developed and published support tools to carry out green PP, including an online training course for contracting authorities and pilot training of contracting authorities in the Kyiv region.



## LEBANON

**Project name:** Providing High Quality Primary Health Care for Syrian Refugees Through a Mobile Health Unit and Static Health Centres in the Akkar district in Lebanon

**Registration number:** SAIDC/2016/SYR/2/5

**Main sector priority:** Basic health care

**Contractor:** MAGNA

**Slovak ODA grant:** €199,110

**Project implementation:** April 2017 – August 2018

The project facilitated access to comprehensive health care for Syrian refugees at three levels. It thus contributed to: reducing the incidence of disease and mortality in informal settlements through a mobile health unit; at the level of static primary health care facilities through increased technical and operational capacities of these facilities and the staff; and at the level of secondary health care through creating and strengthening reference structures in the area of intervention. The technical and operating capacity of static primary health care facilities was scaled up through regular deliveries of medication and health care material. The capacity of health care staff was also scaled up through specialized health care training. A system was structured for referring patients from the communities to health care institutions and hospitals, including covering their costs for medical consultations; this secured access to primary, secondary and specialized medical care for people in need. In the scope of primary care, the project focused on diagnostics, treatment, management and prevention of infectious and communicable diseases, serving the most vulnerable populations: women and children, older people, and people with chronic diseases. Specialized care from a mobile unit offered counselling for children of up to five years of age, and care for women's reproductive health, with a primary focus on prepartum and postpartum care.



## SOUTH SUDAN

**Project name:** Overcoming gaps: Strengthening Capacities in Management of the Health of Mothers, Newborns and Children in Duk County, Jonglei, South Sudan

**Registration number:** SAIDC/2016/SSD/1/1

**Main sector priority:** Development of health professionals

**Contractor:** MAGNA

**Slovak ODA grant:** €131,755.50

**Project implementation:** November 2016 – March 2018

The project aimed at strengthening capacities of health professionals and the health care system in five health care centres in Duk County and improving health services for mothers and children. The project focused on facilitating access to quality health care thanks to trained health professionals in diagnostics and treatment of post-partum bleeding, which is one of the leading causes of maternal mortality in the country, for 29,000 women of reproductive age. The project also focused on capacity-building and interventions through community volunteers trained as community-based distributors of health care (CBDs) under an integrated approach of community case management; this is a highly effective way of treating the four main causes of death among children under five years of age: pneumonia, diarrhea, malaria and malnutrition. The project facilitated access and high-quality health care for more than 20,000 children under 5 years of age. The project contributed to a decrease in mother and child mortality.



## Iraq

**Project name:** Health Care Programme for People Affected by Conflict in Iraq

**Registration number:** SAIDC/2016/SYR/2/1

**Main sector priority:** Basic health care

**Contractor:** Integra Foundation

**Slovak ODA grant:** €154,210

**Project implementation:** April 2017 – April 2018

This project provided health care to inhabitants affected by conflict in Iraq, contributing to stabilization and improvement of their living conditions. The project facilitated humanitarian assistance from qualified health personnel, and access to primary health care and medications. The improvement of the overall health of this vulnerable group, through training and education, and raising awareness of health and nutrition including prevention against communicable diseases, strengthened their resilience in case of potential health threats in the future. Conflict-affected areas face a shortage of medical doctors, and a low level of professional skills among health care staff. Thus the project also focused on enhancing capacities and skills of health professionals.

**Project name:** Improving Access to Quality Education and Psycho-Social Support for School-Age Children from Communities of Returned Persons in Northern Iraq

**Registration number:** SAIDC/2016/SYR/2/8

**Main sector priority:** Elementary education

**Contractor:** People in need, n.o.

**Slovak ODA grant:** €190,000

**Project implementation:** May 2017 – March 2018

The project focused specifically on a vulnerable group of children of school age from returned communities in the Nineveh province in Northern Iraq with the aim of creating safe and adequate educational opportunities and conditions for providing psycho-social support. The project offered a comprehensive package of activities for five schools, contributing to increased quality of education and overall prosperity for children affected by conflict and their parents. Basic access to education was improved by building additional classrooms, a reorientation course for children returning to school, provision of basic teaching aids, and thematic training and support for teachers concentrating on teaching in crisis situations. The project also facilitated transfer of educational experience and expertise, provision of psycho-social support, and work with excluded communities. The project engaged a Slovak expert from the field of psycho-social support in crisis situations with a specialization in children and youth, and community work.





## JORDAN

**Project name:** Educational Infrastructure and Stabilization of Refugee Communities in Jordan  
**Registration number:** SAIDC/2016/SYR/2/2  
**Main sector priority:** Multi-sectoral assistance for basic social services  
**Contractor:** Habitat for Humanity International Foundation  
**Slovak ODA grant:** : €199,982.70  
**Project implementation:** May 2017 – April 2018

Jordan's Ministry of Education often identifies the insufficient capacity of schools to enroll new students, and lacking or insufficient school sanitary infrastructure, as sources of problems. The main project aim was to improve conditions for children's education in communities with high numbers of refugees from Syria through improved infrastructure in elementary schools. The project facilitates a healthy and safe educational environment for children from refugee and home communities in several schools in low-income areas of Amman. The project focuses mainly on reconstruction of teaching spaces, sanitary and hygiene facilities, the provision of drinking water by installing water containers and filters, electrical installation, reconstruction of roofs, and installation of safety components.



## SYRIA

**Project name:** Facilitating Access of Conflict-Affected Residents to Life-Saving Emergency Health Care, Including Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Services in the Besieged Area North of the City of Hams  
**Registration number:** SAIDC/2016/SYR/2/4  
**Main sector priority:** Basic health care  
**Contractor:** MAGNA  
**Slovak ODA grant:** €199,950  
**Project implementation:** April 2017 – August 2018

The project responded to the urgent health needs of a population affected by conflict, and contributed to lower incidence of illnesses and mortality through the strengthened technical and operational capacity of a selected hospital. There is a long-term shortage of material and personnel capacities for quality emergency care and emergency reproductive health care in the selected area, and an absolute absence of proper diagnostics and management of chronic, communicable and non-communicable diseases. Apart from arranging for health care professionals, and providing equipment necessary for operating the hospital (health care materials), the project created a functional system for referring urgent-condition patients from communities to the hospital. The operation of a mobile health care unit increased access of the conflict-affected inhabitants in given areas to emergency health care. The unit was also used to transport immediately patients with life-threatening injuries and illnesses and women giving birth. Increasing capacities of the local health staff filled gaps in providing emergency and trauma care, reproductive health care and comprehensive emergency obstetric care as part of comprehensive management of children's illnesses.

**Project name:** Capacity-Building of Development Stakeholders and Involvement of New Stakeholders in Development Cooperation in the Context of the International Development Agenda 2030  
**Registration number:** SAIDC/2017/BK/1/1  
**Main sector priority:** Enhancing awareness of development cooperation  
**Contractor:** NGDO Platform  
**Slovak ODA grant:** €49,995 (with co-funding of €5,555)  
**Project implementation:** August 2017 – September 2018

The overall project goal was to increase capacities of Slovak stakeholders active in development cooperation, humanitarian aid and global education, and the capacities of the umbrella organization that unites them. The project was also intended to assist in creating space for new partnerships and experience-sharing at the international level and thus contribute to raising awareness on this topic.

The project had two specific goals. The first was to promote partnership and cooperation among stakeholders in development cooperation, and strengthen their internal structures and support synergies and the coordination and effectiveness of their activities. This goal was to be achieved through building capacity of member organizations, strengthening expertise, and facilitation of working groups and increased efficiency of information distribution. A seminar and training on trends in EU funding, support of crowdfunding, creating space for cooperation with businesses, and advocacy for increased funds for the Official Development Assistance of Slovakia, were to contribute to diversification and increased funding for ODA.

The second specific goal was to increase public awareness about development cooperation. Activities – such as designing information materials, media outputs, expert materials and recommendations, and promotion through a web site and social networks – focused on two target groups: the general public and experts, including members of parliament, policy makers and media focusing on current issues related to Slovak development cooperation, including the 2030 Agenda.



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