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1. BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE AGENCY

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Ministry/Founder:	Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic
Type of economy:	Non- profit organization attached to the state budget via the Budgetary chapter of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic
Company Registration Numbe:	31819559
Director:	Dr. Ing. Zuzana Leťková
Number of employees:	12

2. HUMAN RESOURCES

Between the 1st of January and 31st of December, 2016, the organization was led by Dr. Ing. Zuzana Letková. Up to 31st of December 2016, the organization consisted of 12 employees and 5 people worked on agreement outside the employment relationships. Some essential services, related to the SAIDC operation were secured by outsourcing: legal and telecommunication services, IT support, and web page maintenance etc..



3. Mission and the medium-term strategy of the organization

Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation (SAIDC) is a non-profit organization of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovakia.

Its mission is to manage the implementation of official development assistance of the Slovak Republic in compliance with programming and conception documents prepared by the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, binding documents of the European Union (EU), United Nations Organization and OECD and their international commitments.

The SAIDC S is set down by § 5 of the Act No. 392/2015 Coll. on Official Development Assistance and Supplement and amendment to individual acts. Pursuant this act, the main activities of the organization include in particular:

- Implementation of development cooperation including humanitarian aid, raising public awareness, enhancement of development, education and capacity building via grants, financial allocations, and by placing orders or using other tools on the basis of the government decision
- Cooperation with the institutions functioning in the area of development assistance in Slovakia and abroad
- Cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic while creating strategies and other conceptual documents
- Monitoring and checking the implementation of development projects
- Providing updates on the activities of development assistance via web site.

SAIDC provides official development assistance according to the fundamental rules and principles which are in accordance with the foreign policy priorities of the Slovak Republic and in line with the principles of the international development policy, mainly with the development policy of the European Union and the Agenda for the sustainable development after 2015 (*We are transforming our world: Agenda 2030 for sustainable development*).

SAIDC manages all the activities related to the management and administration of the project cycle in the frame of the *Medium-term Strategy of the Official Development Cooperation of the Slovak Republic for 2014 - 2018* and the *Focus of bilateral cooperation* for the respective year. The following are the main activities: preparation and calls for submitting proposals to obtain grants or placing orders, assessment of submitted applications, preparation of Commission meetings of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic, conclusions of contracts with the stakeholders involved in the projects, financial management and monitoring of the projects, and their assessment and evaluation.

Furthermore, SAIDC has a role to provide support to everyone who is interested in the implementation of development programs and projects coming from non-governmental organizations, entrepreneurial organizations or academic institutions.

The agency, with the use of various external communication channels, disseminates fundamental ideas and mission of the official development assistance among professionals and general public.

SAIDC puts an emphasis on the effectiveness of development assistance, coherence for account of development, and flexibility of the development assistance provision, whilst carefully considering economic efficiency of the financial means spent.

In 2016, in the frame of the Medium-term strategy of development assistance of the Slovak Republic for 2014 - 2018, the development assistance was focused on 7 priority and 3 programming countries and several countries with urgent humanitarian needs, stemming from the conflicts and migrations. In the area of sectoral orientation, the topics in which Slovakia has a potential and comparative advantages were enhanced.

In the frame of grants, the following programs and countries were supported:

- Program of development interventions: Afghanistan, Southern Sudan, Kenya and Moldova
- Program of knowledge sharing: countries of Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Kosovo), the countries of Eastern partnership of the EU (Belarus, Georgia and Ukraine)
- Program of entrepreneurial partnerships
- Program of humanitarian aid: Syria and neighboring countries of Near and Middle East, countries situated within the migration routes, mainly in the countries of Balkans
- Program of sending volunteer experts
- Program of development and global education: Slovakia
- Program of capacity building and co-financing of development projects of the European Union.

The focus when allocating financial means was on solving urgent humanitarian needs, enhancing programs of bilateral and multilateral cooperation implemented by local or international organizations as well as on the direct support of small projects in the priority countries via the use of small grants.

In 2016, the development diplomats of the SlovakAid were working within the administrative office in Nairobi and Kishinev. Their work significantly enhances the effectivity and quality of development assistance in these programming countries and helps make coordination and cooperation with other donors more effective.

4. Contract of the agency with its administrative office

The contract for 2016 between the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic and SAIDC was concluded on the basis of the government decree No. 1370/2002/B1 as of 18 of December 2002 and according to the Act No. 523/2004 Coll. on the development rules of public administration. It amended the relationships for foreign assistance administration according to the Act No. 617/2007 Coll. on the Official Development Assistance and the Supplement to Act No. 575/2001 Coll. on the Organization of Activities of the Government and Central State Administration as amended by the later legislation of the acquisition deed (Resolution of the Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic No. 57/2006 as of 27 of December 2006) and of the provision of SAIDC. The contract defines the concluded rights and duties of the involved parties as it follows:

Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic:

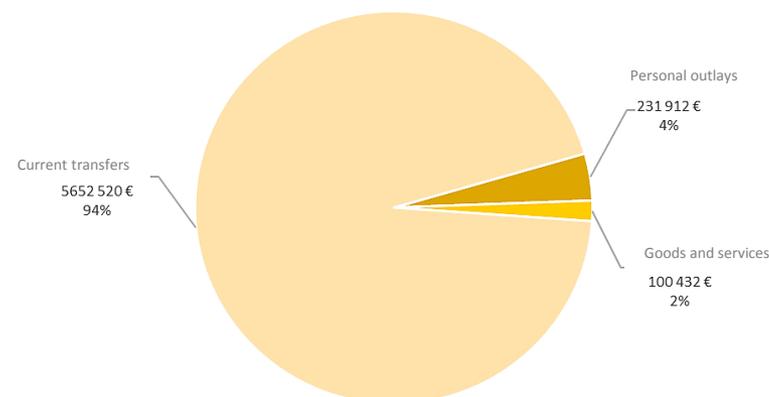
- stipulates the content orientation of activities and methodically coordinates SAIDC;
- provides financing of the scope of activities stated in the article III. of the Contract;
- approves the volume of financial means defined in the article V., in the extent and terms resulting from the relevant legal amendments, resolutions of the Slovak Republic and decisions of the Minister of the Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic;
- executes mid- year evaluation and checks the Contract pursuance;
- manages labor legal relationships between the SAIDC director and the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic (in particular foreign business trips and holiday requests), which are subject to approval of the section for economic cooperation and development assistance;
- consents contract proposals, minutes from the provisional assessment of the contract, the final report on the contract performance and the annual report.

SAIDC:

- performs the task fulfillment as defined in the Act No. 392/2015 Coll. on the Official Development Assistance and the Supplement to several acts, other legally binding regulations, the acquisition deed and the internal normative regulations;
- submits the proposal for the division/based on the economic classification/ of the amount of financial means allocated for the SAIDC activities in line with the approved budget of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic;
- follows the budget defined in the Contract whilst meeting individual limits stated in the chart on "SAIDC budget, Expenditures" in article V.;
- submits all necessary documents to the section of international organizations, development and humanitarian assistance and the section of economy and general administration of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic one week prior to the evaluation day of the contract assessment and performance;
- informs the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic on the issues which have occurred during the contract performance;
- Elaborates contract proposals, minutes from provisional contract assessment, the final report on the contract performance and the final report.

SAIDC budget for 2016			
Item	Economic classification	Description of expenses	Amount in EUR
1	610	Salaries, wages, business income and others	173 737
2	620	Insurance and contributions to insurance companies	58 175
3	1+2	Personal outlays in total	231 912
4	630	Goods and services	100 432
5	630	Goods and services in total	100 432
6	640	Current transfers	5 652 520
7	640	Current transfers in total	5 652 520
8	710	Capital assets acquisition	0
9	710	Capital assets acquisition in total	0
10	3+5+7+9	TOTAL	5 984 864

SAIDC budget for 2016



5. Official bilateral development cooperation of Slovakia in 2016

SAIDC implemented activities on the basis of the approved NP ODA for 2016 and the indicative budget. As for the instruments of development assistance, grants for Slovak organizations, financial contributions for humanitarian aid or multilateral cooperation granted to the foreign subjects, microgrants to support activities of local organizations in partnership countries through the Slovak administrative offices were applied. Apart from the cooperation with domestic and foreign organizations, SAIDC was financing activities aiming at capacity building, and raising public awareness on development assistance and knowledge sharing.

a) grants

Apart from the development projects in programming and priority countries (development interventions and experience transfer program) the grants were used to finance global and development education in Slovakia (mainly in cooperation with the universities) with the involvement of the entrepreneurial spheres into the development cooperation with an aim to strengthen social and economic development in poor countries (the program of entrepreneurial partnerships). The projects of successful Slovak organizations, which obtained financial means from the EU funds (co-financing of the EU development projects) were enhanced as well. During 2016, SAIDC invited **14 calls** for grant proposals, and the overview of approved projects and contracted amounts are provided in the table below.

Overview of calls for grant proposals in 2016							
Reference number	Call for grant proposal	Deadline	Available resources in EUR	Maximum amount per project in EUR	Number of approved projects	Decision by Minister	Approved amount in EUR
SAIDC/2016/SYR/1	Humanitarian aid project	22.4.2016	500 000	200 000 & 40 000	11/4	23.6.2016	444 344,45
SAIDC/2016/EK/1	EU co- financed projects	27.5.2016	150 000	75 000	1/1	4.7.2016	72 500,00
SAIDC/2016/AFG/1	Development intervention program	1.7.2016	200 000	200 000	2/1	3.10.2016	199 990,00
SAIDC/2016/KE/1	Development intervention program	1.7.2016	1 100 000	250 000	9/4	3.10.2016	695 211,20
SAIDC/2015/MD/1	Development intervention program	1.7.2016	700 000	100 000	8/3	3.10.2016	269 569,93
SAIDC/2016/SSD/1	Development intervention program	1.7.2016	200 000	200 000	1/1	3.10.2016	131 755,50
SAIDC/2016/JA/1	Experience transfer program	1.7.2016	700 000	100 000	7/3	3.10.2016	270 878,70
SAIDC/2016/VP/1	Experience transfer program	1.7.2016	300 000	100 000	11/3	3.10.2016	229 721,00
SAIDC/2016/ZB/1	Experience transfer program	1.7.2016	300 000	100 000	8/4	3.10.2016	339 069,40
SAIDC/2016/RV/1	Development education program	1.7.2016	100 000	35 000	8/4	3.10.2016	139 537,80
SAIDC/2016/PPP/1	Entrepreneurial partnerships program	1.7.2016	150 000	50 000	7/4	3.10.2016	197 180,00
SAIDC/2016/D/1	Volunteers and experts program	21.6.2016	250 000	---	39/31	4.9.2016	226 602,18
SAIDC/2016/EK/2	EU co- financed projects	1.8.2016	77 500	35 000	5/5	3.10.2016	83 350,00
SAIDC/2016/SYR/2	Humanitarian aid projects	3.10.2016	855 655	200 000	7/4	23.12.2016	753 252,70

Overview of projects in 2016

	Project name	Contractor	Sector priority	Priority country	Approved ODA budget in EUR
SAIDC/2016/SYR/1/1	Education infrastructure and stabilization of refugee communities in Lebanon	Habitat for Humanity International Foundation	Education	Lebanon	199 982,70
SAIDC/2016/SYR/1/5	Basic hygienic care for Iraqi refugees	St. Elizabeth University of Health & Social Sciences	Health Care	Iraq	80 080,00
SAIDC/2016/SYR/1/7	Primary mobile healthcare and psychosocial care and care for women in reproductive age in the besieged area of Syria, Homs district	MAGNA	Health Care	Syria	124 520,00
SAIDC/2016/SYR/1/10	Humanitarian aid in Greece	ADRA	Health Care	Greece	39 761,75
SAIDC/2016/EK/1/1	European project for the Slovak presidency in the European Union in 2016	Platform MVRO	Education	Slovakia	72 500,00
SAIDC/2016/AFG/1/1	Laboratory to analyze foodstuff and water for Kabul Polytechnic University	Slovak Technical University in Bratislava	Education	Afghanistan	199 990,00
SAIDC/2016/KE/1/2	Enhancement of processes which lead to the significant increase of macadam nuts production (in volume and quality) for the local and world market	Integra Foundation	Agriculture	Kenya	250 000,00
SAIDC/2016/KE/1/3	Decrease of the youth unemployment by improving access to professional education in Kenya	St. Elizabeth University of Health & Social Sciences	Education	Kenya	247 433,20
SAIDC/2016/KE/1/4	Enhancement of independence and economic autonomy of the disadvantaged women in slums in Eldoret	Two Color World	Education	Kenya	197 778,00
SAIDC/2016/KE/1/5	Strengthening of the women's position via practical skills	SAVIO	Education	Kenya	226 150,00
SAIDC/2016/MD/1/2	Enhancement of effective implementation of the Basil Agreement in connection to the compliance of reporting duties in Moldova	Slovak Environment Agency	Waste Management	Moldova	93 230,00
SAIDC/2016/MD/1/7	Water conduit Bardar - access to drinkable water, improvement of health of inhabitants and sustainable management of water system	Regional Development Agency Senec- Pezinok	Water & Sanitation	Moldova	99 999,93
SAIDC/2016/SSD/1/1	Bypassing of the gap: enhancement of capacities in the area of health management of mothers, new born children and a child in Duk County, Jonglei, Southern Sudan	MAGNA	Education/Health Care	Southern Sudan	131 755,50
SAIDC/2016/UA/1/2	Conflict as an opportunity- cooperation of community leaders and self-governments when solving conflicts (impacts of the war) on the local level	PDCS	Civic society, public administration & self-government	Ukraine	100 000,00
SAIDC/2016/UA/1/7	Civic society and public administration- truly together	Carpathian Foundation	Civic society, public administration & self-government	Ukraine	97 562,00
SAIDC/2016/UA/1/8	Experience transfer with the green public procurement from Slovakia in Ukraine	Slovak Center for Communication and Development	Civic society, public administration & self-government	Ukraine	73 316,70
SAIDC/2016/VP/1/1	Harmonization of analytical methods in the National Environment Agency in Georgia with the requirements of the amended Frame regulation on water 2013/39/EU	Slovak Technical University in Bratislava	Water Management	Georgia	50 082,00
SAIDC/2016/VP/1/6	Monitoring and assessment of impacts of drought on water protection and their rational use in Georgia	Slovak Hydro- meteorological Institute	Water Management	Georgia	89 735,00

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SAIDC/2016/ZB/1/1	Effective management of water management in Bosnia & Herzegovina: Implementation of selection procedure of the EU	NISPAcee	Water management	Bosnia & Herzegovina	100 000,00
SAIDC/2016/ZB/1/6	Enhancement of entrepreneurship and the growth of innovative medium and small enterprises in Albania	SOVVA	Market economy	Albania	80 244,00
SAIDC/2016/ZB/1/8	Civic society pillars: Making cooperation of the civic and state sector in Albania more effective	PDCS	Civic society, public administration and self- government	Albania	89 971,00
SAIDC/2016/RV/1/1	Challenges of Contemporary Urban Planning	Slovak Technical University in Bratislava	Development education	Slovakia	34 980,00
SAIDC/2016/RV/1/2	Academicians- actively and practically	CEEV Živica	Development education	Slovakia	34 999,80
SAIDC/2016/RV/1/6	Solving conflicts in the development context II.	PDCS	Development education	Slovakia	34 980,00
SAIDC/2016/RV/1/7	Global university IV: Introducing development topics into the university education system	Pontis Foundation	Development education	Slovakia	34 578,00
SAIDC/2016/PPP/1/2	Examining the use of the Aquaholder solution for agricultural production in Afghanistan with an aim to decrease the water consumption	Pewas	Agriculture	Afghanistan	50 000,00
SAIDC/2016/PPP/1/3	Enhancing agricultural development in hardly accessible highland areas of Georgia by increasing productivity and effectiveness of beef- raising	Agro Stud Javorie	Economy	Georgia	47 180,00
SAIDC/2016/PPP/1/4	Non- waste processing of dangerous biological waste onto the products suitable for intensive ecological agriculture	ROKOSAN	Waste management	Moldova	50 000,00
SAIDC/2016/PPP/1/5	Non- waste processing of dangerous biological waste onto the products suitable for intensive ecological agriculture	ROKOSAN	Waste management	Ukraine	50 000,00
SAIDC/2016/EK/2/1	Change your shoes	Slovak Center for Communication and Development	Education	Slovakia	29 000,00
SAIDC/2016/EK/2/2	Time for change- enhancement of sustainable mining and consumption of raw materials	Slovak Center for Communication and Development	Education	Slovakia	7 650,00
SAIDC/2016/EK/2/3	SAME WORLD - Sustainability/consciousness / mobilization/ environment	Slovak Center for Communication and Development	Education	Slovakia	28 134,00
SAIDC/2016/EK/2/4	SUZY - Social and solidary economy as a development approach to sustainability	Slovak Center for Communication and Development	Education	Slovakia	11 946,00
SAIDC/2016/EK/2/5	Scouts understand the world	Slovak Center for Communication and Development	Education	Slovakia	6 620,00
SAIDC/2016/SYR/2/1	Healthcare program for the conflict impacted population in Iraq	Integra Foundation	Healthcare	Iraq	154 210,00
SAIDC/2016/SYR/2/4	Providing people with access to life saving healthcare services including urgent obstetric and neonatal services in the besieged area, north from Homs	MAGNA	Healthcare	Syria	199 950,00
SAIDC/2016/SYR/2/5	Providing quality healthcare service for Syrian refugees via a mobile healthcare unit and static healthcare centers in the district of Akkar in Lebanon	MAGNA	Healthcare	Lebanon	199 110,00
SAIDC/2016/SYR/2/ 2	Education infrastructure and stabilization of refugee communities in Jordan	Habitat for Humanity International Foundation	Education	Jordan	199 982,70
SAIDC/2016/SYR/2/8	Increasing access to quality education and psychosocial support for school children from the communities of returned people in northern Iraq	People in Peril Slovakia	Education	Iraq	190 000,00

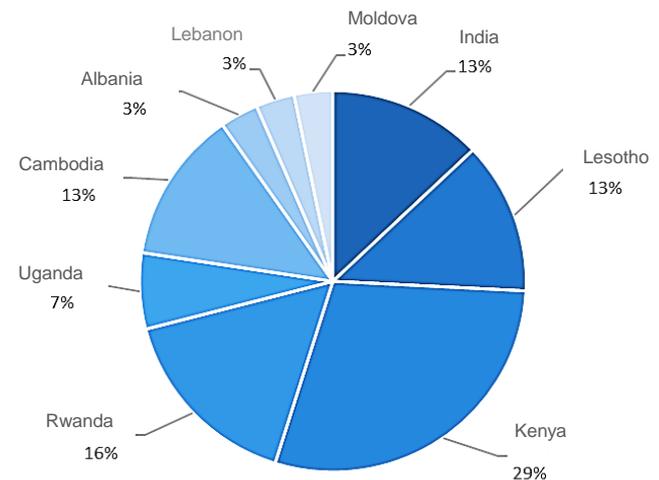
Volunteers program

The program for sending volunteers is one of the forms of official development assistance. This program, apart from cooperation with the youth, has several objectives.

It enhances the creation of partnerships and institution relationships, enables young people to gain intercultural experience and helps exchange and share knowledge. In 2016, the SlovakAid program financed the stays for **31 volunteers** in the total contracted amount of **226 602,18 €**.

Volunteers sent in 2016		
Sending organization	Accepting country (number of volunteers)	Total amount in EUR
St. Elizabeth University of Health & Social Sciences	India (4), Lesotho (4), Kenya (4), Rwanda (5), Uganda (2)	136 800,00
Two Color world	Cambodia (4)	33 600,00
SAVIO	Kenya (2)	17 502,18
Pontis Foundation	Kenya (1)	3 600,00
ADRA	Albania (1), Lebanon (1)	15 230,00
People in Peril	Moldova (1), Kenya (2)	19 870,00
In total	31	226 602,18

Number of volunteers in accepting countries (in %)



b.) financial contributions

Providing financial contributions on the basis of the decision of the Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic represents flexible tools of development cooperation of Slovakia. Financial contributions were provided for humanitarian aid, bilateral and multilateral cooperation and for the project carried out by the local organizations in the partners institution (the so- called small grants) in cooperation with the administrative authorities of the Slovak Republic. In 2016, the total financial contributions reached the amount of **1 762 941,45 €** (out of this amount: 883 896 € was allocated for humanitarian aid, 248 686,35 € for small grants and other financial contributions represented the amount of 630 359,10 €).

The financial contributions, the so- called small grants implemented in cooperation with the Foreign Office of the Slovak Republic, are an effectively used tool of development cooperation. They are used to support small projects of up to 10 000 € and in a maximum duration of 6 months. In 2016, 39 small grants were approved for 11 countries (Albania, Moldova, Ukraine, Kenya, Kosovo, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Macedonia, Georgia, Lebanon, Afghanistan and Iran) in the total amount of 248 686,29 €, providing support to the sectors of education, healthcare and water and sanitation.

Overview of financial means provided within humanitarian aid

Name	Country	Amount provided in EUR
Financial humanitarian aid for UA	Ukraine	25 000
Financial humanitarian aid for the Foster home number 2 in Luhansk	Ukraine	25 000
Financial humanitarian aid for Syrian refugees in Jordan	Jordan	20 000
Financial humanitarian aid for creating an area to educate children of Syrian refugees in Jordan	Jordan	20 000
Financial humanitarian aid for Italy	Europe, regional/multi- country	143 070
Financial humanitarian aid for the local organization of Red Cross in Foča, Bosnia & Herzegovina	Bosnia & Herzegovina	5 000
Financial humanitarian aid for Syria	Syria	127 826
NATO trustee fund for mine sweeping in Ukraine	Ukraine	50 000
Financial humanitarian aid for building damaged infrastructure after the earthquake in Ecuador	Ecuador	30 000
Voluntary financial contribution to equip cinques in the refugees camps in Greece	Greece	300 000
Financial humanitarian aid for building damaged infrastructure after the earthquake in Ecuador	Ecuador	20 000
Financial humanitarian aid for the new born children and children mainly in the refugee camp in Subotica and in other places	Serbia	10 000
Humanitarian aid for victims of the armed conflict in Ukraine	Ukraine	35 000
Financial humanitarian aid for Afghani children, construction of schools and school areas in Sharak Azady near Mazar-e-Sharif, northern Afghanistan	Afghanistan	25 000
Humanitarian aid for victims of the armed conflict in Ukraine	Ukraine	38 000
Financial humanitarian aid for the children of Syrian refugees in Lebanon, renovation of a classroom in the school in Baalbeck	Lebanon	10 000

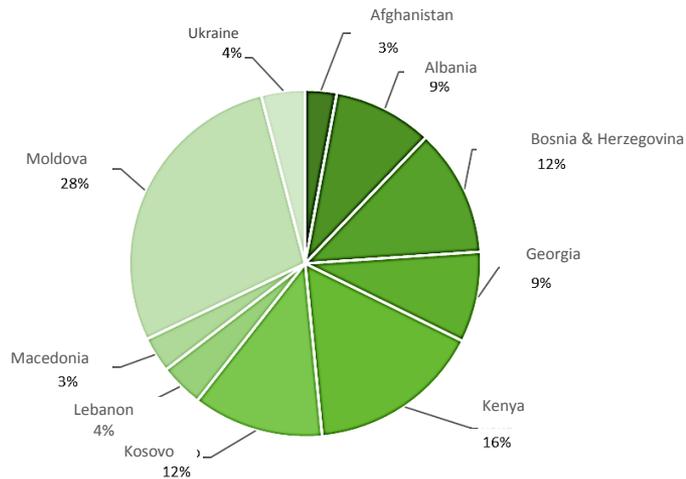
Overview of general financial means

Name	Country	Amount provided in EUR
Financial contribution to support the UNDP project- Secretariat for energy effectiveness in Ukraine	Ukraine	150 000,00
Contribution from the ODA means to finance an event in the frame of SK PRES under the sponsorship of the Foreign Office in the Hague	Europe, regional/multi- country	5 000,00
Parenteral upbringing project in Capalanga- Escola da Palankinha	Angola	10 000,00
Voluntary financial contribution of the Slovak Republic to the EU Trustee Fund for Colombia	Colombia	20 000,00
Voluntary financial contribution of the Slovak Republic to support the initiative which provides health insurance for children and women relocated in Nigeria	Nigeria	10 000,00
Voluntary financial contribution of the Slovak Republic to support DAC OECD activities	not applicable	15 000,00
Slovak Republic - UNDP partnership for the results in international cooperation	Slovakia	200 000,00
Voluntary financial contribution of the Slovak Republic to support UNIS activities	Europe, regional/multi- country	1 000,00
Voluntary financial contribution of the Slovak Republic into the European Fund for Democracy (EED) for 2016	Europe, regional/multi- country	50 000,00
Voluntary financial contribution of the Slovak Republic into the UN Democracy Fund	Europe, regional/multi- country	15 000,00
Voluntary financial contribution for ISSAT	Switzerland	59 359,10
Voluntary financial contribution of the Slovak Republic to secure the functioning of the medical center of St. Bakhita in Yei, Southern Sudan	Southern Sudan	35 000,00
Voluntary financial contribution of the Slovak Republic to train Libyan coast guards and navy in the frame of a new backup task within the EUNAVFOR MED Sophia operation	Europe, regional/multi- country	50 000,00
Financial contribution of the Slovak Republic for the Children cancer hospital in Cairo	Egypt	10 000,00

Overview of financial contributions allocated for small grants

Partnership country	Number of provided grants	Total amount in EUR
Afghanistan	2	7 216,66
Albania	3	22 751,96
Bosnia & Herzegovina	6	29 530,07
Georgia	4	21 010,00
Kenya	4	40 000,00
Kosovo	7	29 982,50
Lebanon	1	10 000,00
Macedonia	1	8 200,00
Moldova	9	69 997,89
Ukraine	2	9 997,27
In total	39	248 686,35

Financial contributions provided to partnership countries (in %)



c.) CETIR – Center for Experience Transfer from Integration and Reforms

The Centre for Experience Transfer from Integration and Reforms – CETIR is one of the flexible tools of the bilateral ODA of the Slovak Republic. In 2016, the program had a task to transfer Slovak experience from the integration into the European and North Atlantic structures, as well as the knowledge exchange from the transformation process and implementation of reforms to the state institutions in the priority countries and in the countries, which are undergoing a transformation or integration process.

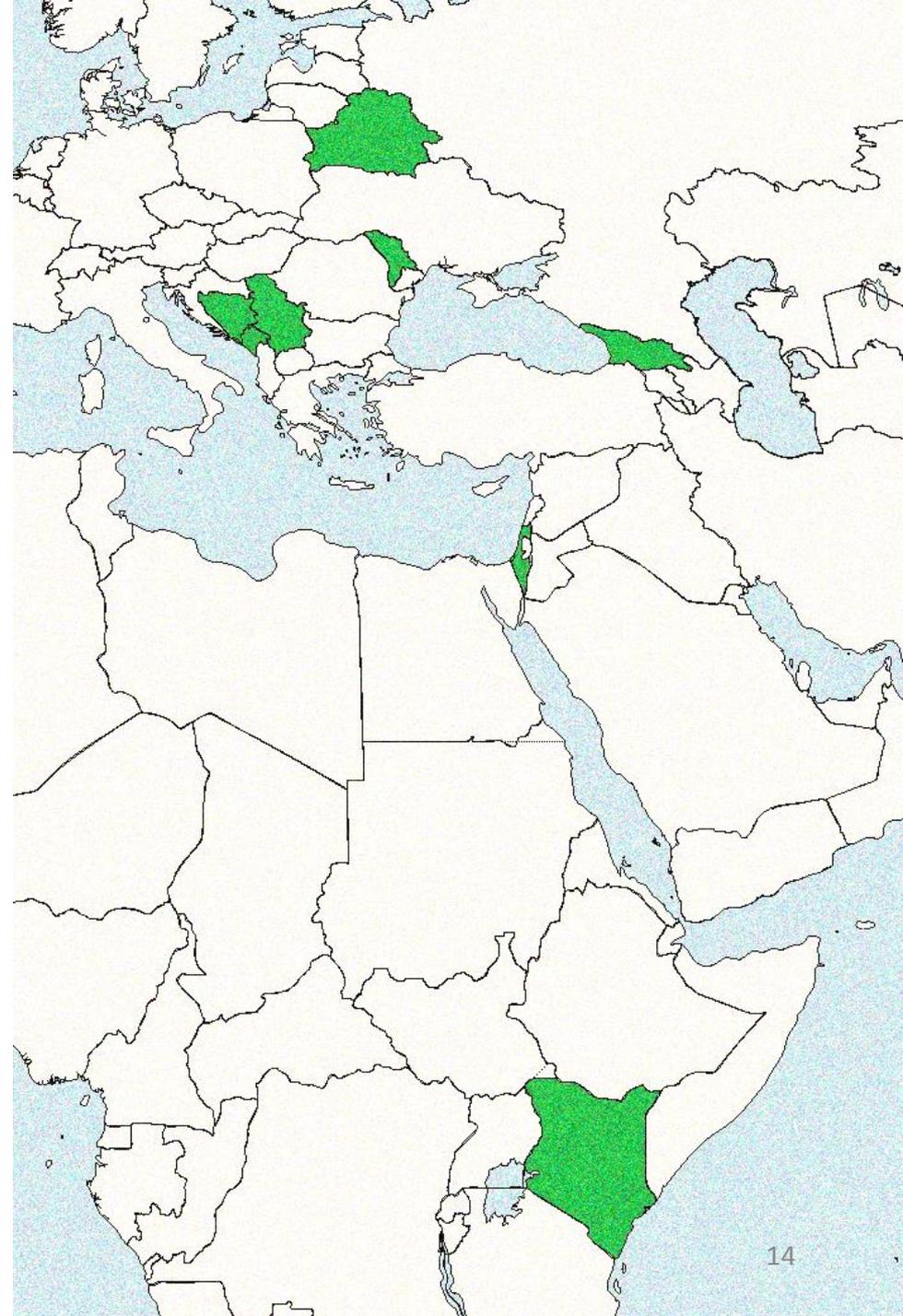
CETIR concentrated on further strengthening of contacts of Slovak experts with the representatives of state institutions concerning in particular the countries of Western Balkans and Eastern partnership.

The majority of CETIR activities were focused on strengthening of the reformation effort, pursuance of the European perspective and improvement of good governance through the partnership consultations, study visits and stays in concrete sectors and state institutions.

SAIDC secured the program implementation with the help of their point of contact and a financial manager in close cooperation with the representative offices, which initiated and were submitting individual proposals of activities. The program is led by the CETIR Steering Committee (Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic) by course of the approved provision.

In 2016, 16 activities in form of professional consultations of the Slovak experts from the state sector abroad, internships of diplomats from the partnership Ministries of Foreign Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic, study visits and short- term internships were implemented.

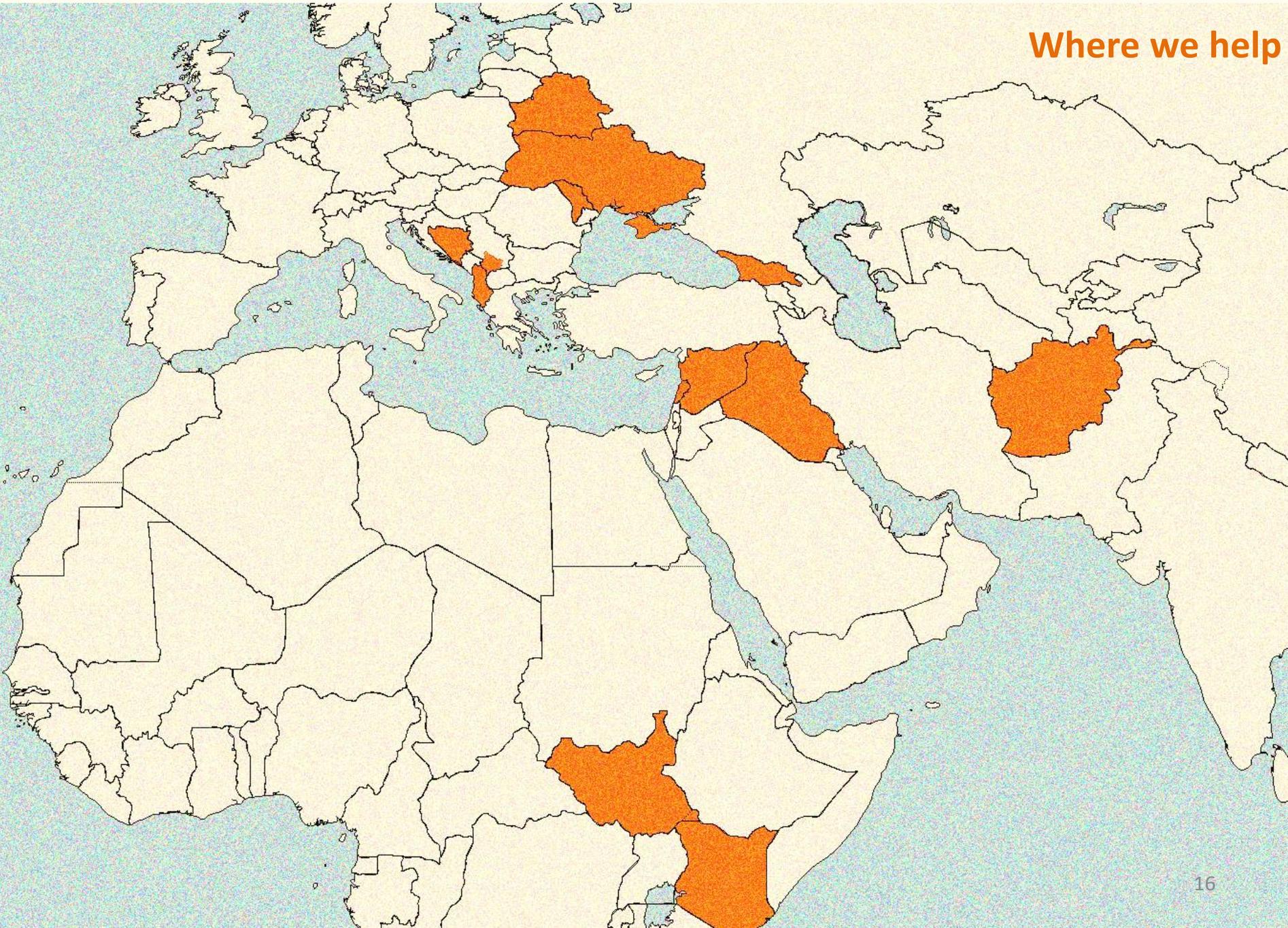
The CETIR projects were implemented in these 9 countries: Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Montenegro, Georgia, Israel, Kenya, Kosovo, Moldova, and Serbia in the total amount of **103 324,79 €**. The table below shows the overview of CETIR activities implemented in 2016.



Overview of CETIR activities in 2016

Partnership country	Activity	Form of activity	Date of activity	Number of participants	Total amount of activity in EUR
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Short- term internship of a Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs employee in Bosnia & Herzegovina	internship of diplomats	19.02. - 18.03.	1	1 882,12
Moldova	Capacity building of the staff of the Moldovan emergency rescue team	sending experts	08.02. - 10. 02.	3	3 739,90
Moldova	Experience exchange in the area of waste management handling	study visit	23.05. - 26.05.	5	4 378,10
Montenegro	Experience transfer from the accession process of Slovakia into NATO	sending experts	14.05. - 15.05.	2	886,80
Kenya	Slovak experience with anti- corruption measures in the decentralization process	sending experts	18.04. - 23.04.	4	5 545,65
Serbia	Experience transfer when reforming the state and public administration	study visit	05.06. - 09.06.	5	3 050,74
Kosovo	Implementation of the EU principles into eco- agricultural production	study visit	01.05. - 07.05.	5	5 860,25
Belarus	Research of cultural- historical memory of the nation	study visit	04.07. - 08.07.	5	4 867,12
Kenya	Short- term professional internship of nurses ARA and perfusiology	internship	07.08. - 28.08	4	5 412,00
Georgia	Slovak legislative experience when providing social services and policy	study visit	02.10 - 07.10.	6	7 033,70
Serbia	Short- term internship of an employee of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Serbia	internship of diplomats	04.09. - 30.09.	1	1 743,34
Israel	Slovak- Israeli education training - enhancement of entrepreneurship and gender equality	sending experts	12.09. - 22.9.	2	1 124,00
Serbia	URSO experience when making decision on granting certification and monitoring	study visit	02.10. - 05.10.	6	5 099,27
Georgia	Visit of the start- up winners in I.D.C. Holding Slovakia	study visit	04.10. - 08.10.	5	4 189,28
Moldova	Slovak experience when using the energy from natural resources	sending experts	25.10. - 27.10.	3	2 166,96
Georgia	Study visit of experts from the Georgian Ministry of Finances	study visit	16.10. - 20.10.	5	3 966,75
	Administrative and salary costs				42 378,81
In total					103 324,79

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6. Evaluation of development cooperation in 2016

2016 was the year of important changes in the area of development assistance of the Slovak Republic. Since the 1st of January 2016, the new Act on Development assistance (Act 392/2015 Coll. on the Official development assistance and Supplement to act, approved by the National Council of the Slovak Republic in November 2015) has been in force. In the first half of the year, new measures and directives to the act were elaborated. By implementing new tools, the Slovak Republic reacted to the new trends and challenges of the international development assistance, aiming at securing better effectivity and sustainability of the results in the priority and programming countries. The new legal regulation at the same time enables to respond to the new issues, mainly those connected with terrorism and migration with a higher flexibility. The act, apart from the traditional grant and financial contributions, expanded the group of tools enhancing the involvement of entrepreneurial subjects (placing orders, providing a favorable export credit) and at the same time defined further tools used within the development assistance such as scholarship, debt mitigation, and donating tangible property of the state.

In this global world, the current issues such as poverty, illegal migration, terrorism or climatic changes have become our problems as well. By accepting the Agenda 2030 for sustainable development, the United Nations and their member states have accepted a political commitment to respond to the current challenges in an integrated way. The new agenda focuses mainly on the elimination of poverty and famine and a creation of decent conditions for life. Slovakia as part of this initiative has been actively involved in the process of preparing measures and the integration of the related tasks into the policies and programs on the national, local and international level, including its financing.

In 2016, the means to tackle the current issues (humanitarian crisis and migration) were increased for the first time and this trend shall continue in the following years as well. The SAIDC internal activities were implemented in line with the agreement (Agreement between the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs and SAIDC for 2016) with the founder and on the basis of the approved Focus of bilateral development assistance of the Slovak Republic for 2016.

SAIDC introduced 14 calls for grant proposals in 2016. In total, 124 application forms were submitted, and out of these 73 projects in the total amount of 4 234 014,46 € were supported. In terms of the experience transfer and capacity building of the state organizations in partnership countries (program CETIR), the amount of 103 324,79 € was used to finance the following activities: study visits, internships and lectures given by the Slovak experts. The local organizations in priority countries obtained financial contributions to cover project activities focusing on the local development and the improvement of infrastructure, amounted in total to 248 686,35 €. Further financial contributions were allocated for the humanitarian aid and multi-lateral cooperation, reaching the amount of 1 514 255,10 €. The amount of 36 136 € was used to support the capacity building and enhance the program activities with the focus on raising public awareness. SAIDC, in terms of the capacity building, was organizing training sessions for the people interested in the grants for development assistance projects, training of the volunteers as well as individual consultations with the aim to improve the quality of project documents and intervention logic. In 2016, the female employees of SAIDC took part in several training sessions (training relegated to the implementation of legislative, personal and accounting agenda, the agenda of procurement, electronic mail box, and management of the project circle etc.) and participated in a number of working and coordination meetings and projects monitoring (Moldova, Afghanistan, Kenya, Albania, Ukraine and Georgia).

The development diplomats of SAIDC working in the representative offices in Kishinev and Nairobi significantly contributed to a successful implementation of the Slovak development projects (monitoring and evaluation, and communication) and to the involvement into trilateral and multilateral cooperation with other donors (USAID, Czech Development Agency, EU TF for Africa and etc.). Thanks to the efforts and diplomacy of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic and the representative office in Nairobi, the countries of V4 for the first time obtained a financial contribution from the EU TF fund for Africa. In the following 4 years, this contribution will be used for financing the project which focuses on agriculture and social development of farmers in Kenya.

The accession to the EU Joint cooperation Strategy in Support of Kenya's Medium-term Plan 2014 - 2017, as the first joint strategic program of the EU for Kenya to which Slovakia wants to contribute, is another significant move of the Slovak ODA in Kenya.

In 2016, in the frame of the trilateral cooperation, SAIDC undertook negotiations with the Czech Development Agency. The agencies agreed on common activities in Moldova in the area of water and sanitation in cooperation with professional organizations of both countries. Furthermore, SAIDC continues in cooperating with the UNDP with the main focus on the capacity building of the involved ODA people in Slovakia as well as on cooperation with Moldova in the area of water and sanitation. At the same time, through the projects the agency is to enhance the state institutions and the civic society building. In the frame of the public awareness program, SAIDC in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs (SK PRES, Good news) participated in several medial activities, and together with the representative office in Tel Aviv supported the exhibition of photographs from the projects of development assistance at the National Council of the Slovak Republic during the Open days and in Kenya in cooperation with the representative office in Nairobi. In 2016, the new logo of Slovakia "Good Idea, Slovakia" was introduced. It is a key element of a visual identity of our country and a new logotype of the state administration organizations, which consists of the state symbol and the tricolor. In this context, SAIDC changed their logotype and introduced the new SlovakAid logo as well.

The director of SAIDC, participated in the lectures for the pupils and the Joint School Novohradská in Bratislava, and for young diplomats at the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs and took part in a few presentations for the entrepreneurs (CONECO, SARIO). The SAIDC representatives represented the agency at various events in 2016 (e.g. Development Festival, GENE Roundtable 35, conference within the LADDER project).

Apart from the update and preparation of presentation objects, SAIDC prepared the printing of strategic materials, a campaign focusing on promotion of development assistance and presented the activities of the agency on the social media and regularly updated their website (photo documentation, videos, and news etc.). The website has an interactive map which displays all the relevant pieces of information on the projects financed by SAIDC.

7. SAIDC budget used in 2016

During 2016 the SAIDC budget was adjusted accordingly:

- According to the budget provision of the Ministry of Finances of the SR No. 6/2016, the exceeding the limit of expenditures was approved by shifting financial means from the General cash administration; the increase in the 640 item - Current transfers by 500 000 €.
- According to the budget provision of the Ministry of Finances of the SR No. 9/2016, the limit of expenditures in the item 640 - Current transfers was increased by 3 591 935 € through releasing the binding means from 2014 and 2015 in connection to the provision of the official development assistance.
- According to the budget provision of the Ministry of Finances of the SR No.10/2016 the financial means were shifted into the budget of the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic: the decrease of the budget in the 640 item - Current transfers by 5 000 €.
- According to the budget provision of the Ministry of Finances of the SR No. 19/2016, the budget in the 610 item - Salaries, wages, business income and others was increased by 6 217 € and in the 620 item - Insurance and contributions to the social insurance companies by 2173 € due to valorization of wages and salaries.
- According to the budget provision of the Ministry of Finances of the SR No. 21/2016 the exceeding of the limit for expenditures: the increase in the 640 item - Current transfers by 300 000 € was approved.
- According to the budget provision of the Ministry of Finances of the SR No. 22/2016, the exceeding of the limits of expenditures: the increase by 600 000 € in the 640 item - Current transfers was approved.
- The shift of finances within the budget:
 - to finance public awareness activities from the 640 item - Current transfers into the 630 item - Goods and services in the amount of 80 000 €;
 - to finance experts for external evaluation of projects, the transfer from the 640 item - Current transfers into the 630 item - Goods and services in the amount of 1 000 €;
 - to build capacities of SAIDC and state administration, the shift from the 640 item - Current transfers into the 630 item - Goods and Services in the amount of 10 000 €.
- The amendment of the budget in the 640 item - Current transfers and the grant received from the USAID in the amount of 59 259,10 €.
- According to the budget provision of the Ministry of Finances of the SR No. 32/2016, the shift of means into the budget of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic: the decrease of the budget in the 640 item - Current transfers by 15 000 €.
- According to the budget provision of the Ministry of Finances of the SR No. 44/ 2016 a shift of means into the budget of the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic, the decrease of the budget in the 640 item - Current transfers by 127 826 €.
- According to the budget provision of the Ministry of Finances of the SR No. 45/2016, the exceeding of the limit of expenditure by releasing the means from the previous years in connection with the official development assistance was approved, the increase in the 640 item - Current transfers by ◦ 1 341 235 €.
- According to the budget provision of the Ministry of Finances of the SR No. 49/2016 the shift of financial means from the budget of the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak republic: the increase of the budget in the 640 item - Current transfers by 127 826 €.

- The transfer of finances within the SAIDC budget from the 630 item - Goods and services into the 620 item - Insurance and contributions to insurance companies in the amount of 3 800 €.
- The transfer of finances within the SAIDC budget from the 630 item - Goods and service into the 640 item - Current transfers in the amount of 109 280 €.
- The transferred money was from the unused means for the CETIR program, the public awareness program and the capacity building of SAIDC and the state administration representing the amount of 100 280 €. These financial means will be used to finance the ODA projects. The remaining 9 000 € SAIDC used a membership contribution for "Practitioners' Network for European Development Cooperation".
- According to the budget provision of the Ministry of Finances of the SR No. 54/2016 the transfer of 134 070 € from the 640 item - Current transfers into the 720 item - Capital transfers due to the real inclusion of the provided means for the official development assistance.
- According to the budget provision of the Ministry of Finances of the SR No. 58/2016 binding of finances in the 640 item- Current transfers – for the benefit of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs in the amount of 134 050 € to cover sending of SAIDC employees as development diplomats to the representative office in Kishinev and Nairobi.
- According to the budget provision of the Ministry of Finances of the SR No. 64/2016 the budget decrease in the 640 item - Current transfers by binding unspent means for the ODA projects for the following budget year amounting to 5 576 610 €.

In 2016 the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs secured financing of SAIDC in line with the Contract. Regarding the 610 item - Salaries, wages, business income and other, the finances were spent in line with the adjusted budget in the amount of 179 736 €, i.e. 99,88 % toward the adjusted budget.

In the 620 item - Insurance and insurance contributions to insurance companies, the finances were spent in line with the adjusted budget in the sum of 76 776 €, i. e. 99,52 % towards the adjusted budget.

In the 630 item - Goods and services the expenditures were in line with the adjusted budget and used in the sum of 207 708 €, i.e. 96,46 % towards the adjusted budget.

In the 640 item - Current transfers, the finances were used in line with the adjusted budget amounting to 6 038 870 €, i.e. 99,99 % towards the adjusted budget.

In the 720 item - Capital transfers, the finances were spent in line with the adjusted budget in the amount of 143 070 €, i.e. 100% towards the adjusted budget. To December 31, 2016 the total SAIDC budget spent reached 6 646 160 €, which is 99,87 % of the adjusted budget. The SAIDC operational costs by December 31, 2016 were 324 134 €.

For the CETIR program, 103 324 € was spent, 28 780 € was allocated for raising public awareness activities, 7 356 € was used to enhance capacity building of SAIDC and state administration and 1 500 € was spent to cover costs of experts assessing external projects.

Overview of the budget used between January 1 to December 31,2016:

Table of the budget used up to December 31, 2016				
Economic classification	Approved budget in EUR	Adjusted budget in EUR	Spending in EUR	% ratio to the adjusted budget
610	173 737	179 954	179 736	99,88%
620	58 175	77 148	76 776	99,52%
630	100 432	215 352	207 708	96,46%
640	5 652 520	6 039 599	6 038 870	99,99%
Out of this ODA	5 650 860	6 038 000	6 037 996	99,99%
720	0	143 070	143 070	100%
In total	5 984 864	6 655 123	6 646 160	99,87%

Overview of the financial spending according to the ODA instruments in 2016

Indicative budget 05T0A for 2016 in EUR		
ODA allocated for the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic for 2016		5 984 864
Free finances from 2015		400 000
Subtotal		6 384 864
Additional finances obtained in 2016 (500 000 EUR Call to Humanity; 300 000 EUR - humanitarian aid to Greece; 59 359,10 EUR refund to USAID; 600 000 EUR - humanitarian aid for Syria)		1 459 359,10
Total for 2016		7 844 223,10
Development interventions program		
	Budget planned in EUR	Contract amount in EUR
Afghanistan	200 000	199 990,00
Kenya	1 100 000	921 361,20
Moldova	700 000	193 229,93
Southern Sudan	200 000	131 755,50
Syria and neighboring countries (projects)	1 300 000	1 387 597,15
Experience exchange program - Western Balkans		
Albania		170 215
Bosnia & Herzegovina	300 000	100 000
Kosovo		0
Experience exchange program- Eastern partnership and CETIR		
Belarus		0,00
Georgia	300 000	139 817,00
Ukraine	700 000	270 878,70
CETIR	150 000	103 324,79
Entrepreneurial partnerships program	150 000	197 180,00
Humanitarian aid program (Financial contributions)	900 000	883 896,00
Volunteers and their training program	250 000	226 602,18
Development education and public awareness raising program		
Development education	100 000	139 537,80
Public awareness raising	80 000	28 780,00
Capacity building program		
Financial contribution for umbrella organizations	50 000	0,00
SAIDC capacity building	10 000	7 356,00
EU co- financed projects	40 000	155 850,00
Auxiliary tools		
Small grants	350 000,00	248 686,35
Financial contributions	470 359,10	630 359,10
Other expenditures		
SAIDC expenditures	338 078	324 134
Development diplomats	135 786	134 050
Project proposals evaluations		1 500
Projects evaluations	20 000	0
Financial refunds from projects		-65 573,99
Total spending / ODA contacted according to the tools (excluding refunds)	7 844 223,10	6 406 100,70

8. Overview of projects accomplished in 2016



AFGHANISTAN

Project name: Laboratory for basic bioprocesses for analyzing foodstuff in Herat University

Registration number: SAIDC/2014/AFG/01/01

Main sector priority: Education

Contractor: Slovak Technical University in Bratislava

ODA SR allocation: 199 333,54 EUR

Project duration: November 2014 – October 2016

The project contributed to the enhancement of human potential through the improvement of quality in specialized education in Afghanistan. The project objective were formulated in line with the development strategy of the Afghani government for the medium- term strategy of the official development assistance of the Slovak Republic. The project fell within the priority sector: Education (specialized secondary and high school education). These are the results of the project; a modern and effectively working laboratory of basic bioprocesses (microbiology and biochemistry) as an elementary need to analyzing the foodstuff, suggestion of laboratory pieces of work, updated study plans and trained teachers at Herat University.





ALBANIA

Project name: National Convent on the EU in Albania

Registration number: SAIDC/2014/ZB/01/03

Main sector priority: Civic society

Contractor: Research Center of the Slovak Society for Foreign Policy

ODA SR allocation: 92 884,12 EUR

Project duration: November 2014 - May 2016

The National Convent on the EU in Albania project was primarily focused on the institutionalization of the public debate on the topics of the EU integration on the basis of a partnership of the state, non- governmental, entrepreneurial and interested institutions, as well as on the enhancement of Albanian capacities in relation to their EU accession. The project aimed at involving broader professional public from all spheres of the society into the creation of national policies and positions in the European integration agenda, transfer of Slovak know- how from their political, economic and social transformation, as well on a formation of a long- term reliable, interactive and permanent information source for all the segments of the Albanian society on the EU.

The project included a creation of 4 working groups which were focusing on the topics of the judicial system and fundamental rights justice, freedom and security, agriculture and development of the countryside, and environment. There were 16 conferences and meetings within 2 plenary meetings organized. A broader spectrum of experts involved in the project helped build expert capacities of the state and non- governmental organizations, provide structured information on the EU/ reforms according to the sector interest of the main segments of the Albanian society and improved Albanian preparedness for their integration into the international structures. The sector recommendation of individual working groups for the government and their publishing are the key outputs of the project.

Project name: Improving entrepreneurial environment in Albania

Registration number: SAIDC /2014/ZB/01/09

Main sector priority: Small and medium enterprise development

Contractor: Business Alliance of Slovakia

ODA SR allocation: 71 318,02 EUR

Project duration: January 2015 - June 2016

The project strived to improve the entrepreneurial environment in Albania and enhance the transformation process. It offered the local entrepreneurs tested tools and procedures for improving the economic efficiency of the country. The following actions are the result of the project: expert assessment on how legislation is accepted and its impact on entrepreneurship, a creation of analytical monitoring of changes of internal and external conditions for entrepreneurship, a comparative analysis of the quality and barriers of the entrepreneurial environment in Albania and in Slovakia with a set of recommendations for changes in Albania, 3 in- depth sector analyses aiming at grey economy combat, elimination of barriers of joint trading and investments between Slovakia and Albania, transfer of experience from the main structural reforms implemented in Slovakia, the definition and sharing of Slovak best practices related to the corruption combating and a preparation of a sample ethical codex of entrepreneurship based on the best world standards.



BELARUS

Project name: Capacity building and the mobility increase of the representatives of the civic society on a local and regional level

Registration number: SAIDC/2014/VP/1/1

Main sector priority: Democratic and civic society building

Contractor: People in Peril

ODA SR allocation: 57 654,00 EUR

Project duration: October 2014 - February 2016

The project focused on the democratic process enhancement in Belarus through the exchange of transformation experience of the Slovak Republic in the civic societies building, increasing mobility of the representatives of the Belarusian civic society in order to obtain knowledge on how the civic society in Slovakia functions, the enhancement on the international cooperation of Slovak and Belarusian organizations, the capacity building within the local non-governmental organizations in a number of regions of Belarus, through the knowledge and procedure exchange regarding the community development, the protection of culture, informal education, building relationships with public, the increase of public involvement and enhancement of the computer security and work with information. Many thematical roundtable discussion, study trips and training sessions within the project inspired and motivated Belarusian non- governmental organizations to implement various activities on the community level and to utilize the community potential in which they function. During the project, the experience of people involved in this subject including the area of informal education and culture, and protection of cultural heritage was deepened. A suitably set model of project activities was meant to help acquire theoretical knowledge and their following practical application which increased the likelihood that the project activists would be able to apply them in the conditions of their communities. For the Assembly of NGOs (as an umbrella organization for 300 smaller non- governmental organizations in Belarus), as a local partner, the roundtable discussions became an important platform which enabled them to involve and coordinate the best know non- governmental organizations in the given sector (education, culture or community development) and create common standpoints, which are subsequently communicated to public, media and the state institutions. The participants of the training on the ITC security proved that the knowledge they gained was being applied in practice.



BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

Project name: Institutional capacity building in Bosnia & Herzegovina in renewable resources of energy via the exchange of experience in energy

Registration number: SAIDC/2014/ZB/1/4

Main sector priority: Renewable resources

Contractor: Regional Development Agency Senec - Pezinok

ODA SR allocation: 13 092,53 EUR

Project duration: January 2015 - June 2015, due to the breach of the contractual terms in relation to the partnership institutions, the project was terminated ahead of the schedule.



GREECE

Project name: Humanitarian assistance in Greece

Registration number: SAIDCS/2016/SYR/1/10

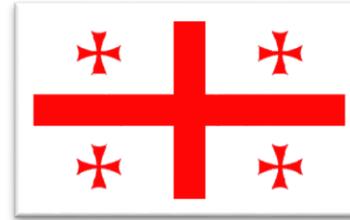
Main sector priority: Humanitarian assistance - Refugees in hosting countries

Contractor: ADRA

ODA SR allocation: 39 413,09 EUR

Project duration: August 2016 - December 2016

The project strived to decrease the health risks in the refugee camps around Thessaloniki in northern Greece, secure basic human needs and increase the quality of life of its inhabitants. The activities had their main focus on the families with children, as this group represented 80 - 90% of the population from the camps. Material humanitarian aid in form of hygienic packages and education training in the area of hygiene and prevention of diseases was provided within the project implementation.



GEORGIA

Project name: Enhancement of water protection process through the monitoring of waste water discharge and monitoring of risk water flows in Georgia

Registration number: SAIDC/2014/VP/1/6

Main sector priority: Water resource protection (including data collection)

Contractor: Slovak Hydro - meteorological Institute

ODA SR allocation: 77 719,00 EUR

Project duration: November 2014 - March 2016

The project aimed at strengthening the process of water protection through the higher and better quality of waste water discharge monitoring and monitoring of risk water flows in Georgia.

The project set the aims to elaborate a mechanism for better functioning of the inspection in the area of water protection in Georgia in line with the EU water policy and processing of the methodology for operative monitoring of risk water flows in Georgia as set in the EU Frame regulation on waters.

The contractor through the project activities significantly helped improve this issue in Georgia. The enhancement of cooperation of individual institutions whilst implementing requirements which are defined in the EU directives was an important project aspect. One of the contractor experts was assigned by the Ministry of Environment of Georgia to work in an expert group on the preparation of Monitoring and Evaluation of water flows of the surface water in Georgia.

The representatives from the Slovak Hydro - meteorological Institute and the National Environmental Agency in Georgia also outlined possible areas of cooperation in the upcoming period with the focus on the implementation of the Frame regulation on water, Slovak experience transfer when implementing the EU water policy as well as on laboratory activities (standardized sampling and water analyses).



SOUTHER SUDAN

Project name: Strengthening of the foodstuff security and nutrition of farmers' families in Aweil in Southern Sudan

Registration number: SAIDC/2014/SSD/01/02

Main sector priority: Agriculture

Contractor: People in Peril

ODA SR allocation: 152 745,38 EUR

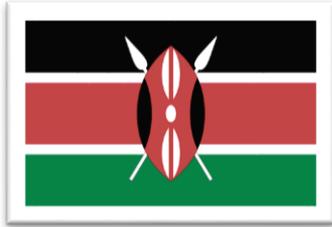
Project duration: October 2014 - September 2016

The project objective was the increase of the foodstuff security in Aweil where the inhabitants face issues with securing sufficient nutrition mainly during the period of drought. As a result of the project, the production from farms was increased, the income from farming, processing and selling of crop plants grew, and the daily eating standards in the target groups of approximately 1000 farmer households (the increase was higher than expected), who were involved in a series of training sessions, improved.

Practical training to increase effectiveness of the used farming methods and the subsequent processing production, and educating the community in the area of nutrition and hygiene were the key activities for reaching these results. The contractor expects a subsequent dissemination of knowledge from the communities involved towards the rest of population. Dues to the worsening safety situation, the project was reallocated into Aweil (from the original area of Deim Zubeir) and the contractor was forced to change the local partner. The entire Slovak part of the project team had to be evacuated from Southern Sudan and towards the end of the project also the foreign part of the project team had to leave.

Nevertheless, nearly all important projects activities were implemented on time. Farmers acquired various practices of ploughing and stock breeding. However, the situation in the country is unpredictable and continues to worsen. During the crisis, the transits between Sudan and the northern part of Southern Sudan are blocked, and the roads from the capital city are impassable. The safety and security risks are very high.





KENYA

Project name: Secondary school, quality education and gaining practical skills for the youth in the countryside on Rusinga island

Registration number: SAIDC/2014/KEN/01/04

Main sector priority: Education

Contractor: NAROVINU

ODA SR allocation: 281 788,00 EUR

Project duration: November 2014 - October 2016

The project focused on securing access to education for the youth in an isolated island Rusinga in Victoria Lake. The contractor purchased the land when he launched a secondary school construction and its first part was built and started working.

The final construction of the school is subject of an ongoing follow - up intervention SAIDC/2015/KE/1/2. The development of activities which were meant to contribute to the future sustainability and economic independence of the center and thus securing financial income and related independency of donors and expert assistance - a concrete establishment of the work room for processing of soapstone and fish farming in the fish cages on the lake were project part of cooperation with the local partner.

Project name: Enhancement of craft education for socially weaker groups of inhabitants in Kenya

Registration number: SAIDC/2014/KEN/01/05

Main sector priority: Education

Contractor: Two Color World

ODA SR allocation: 202 542,36 EUR

Project duration: October 2014 - October 2016

The project aimed at helping decrease unemployment within the target groups in slums of Langas in Eldoret. The intervention is a follow - up to the previous activities in the given region, implemented from the finances of the SlovakAid program with the main focus on young people, mothers and primary school teachers in the region.

The contractor provided the target groups with access to professional education in the frame of practical courses. In total, 618 people upgraded their qualification. The project activities consisted of professional courses (for hairdressers, tailors, weavers, PC course and entrepreneurial skills course). The teachers and students were given certificates after the completion of the courses. Since the training center has been registered within the Kenyan education infrastructure, the certificates of professional courses are valid and recognized in the entire country. The courses significantly help beneficiaries and people in the slums show a very big interest in them, which exceeds the capacities of the contractor as well as the partner. The graduates who have gained practical skills can independently follow up on their gained knowledge and skills, and a big majority of females who did the tailor, hairdresser or weaving courses managed to start their own business and secure a higher income.

Gaining a stable income in the conditions of slums is a huge success and thanks to the courses, mothers manage to secure regular food, better health care and cover school fees, which is for many families a significant and important life change.

In 2016, the contractor had participated in the call for a grant proposal for Kenya and it was granted to them, therefore the project activities could continue.

Project name: Practical skills building of the disadvantage youth in Kenya - preparation for future jobs

Registration number: SAIDC/2014/KEN/01/07

Main sector priority: Education

Contractor: Integra Foundation

ODA SR allocation: 209 408,19 EUR

Project duration: October 2014 - October 2016

The main project focus was to secure quality specialized higher education and practical skills for the marginalized youth. Specialized courses (e.g. designer/ weaver, hairdresser, cook/ waiter, IT, water fitting expert, and electrician) were the key project activities in the training center called Beacon of Hope, which the participants attended with an aim to improve their skills and thus secure better position on the labor market, increase their career growth and build financial independency. The expected result should strengthen their competitiveness and secure regular income in the future. The graduates of the courses can use the provided contacts for their potential future employees, however their individual penetration into the labor market is their own responsibility. The project also aimed at increasing the quality of education and the number of trained teachers using innovative methods in education.

Project name: Enhancement of entrepreneurs in entrepreneurship and water management and improving access to drinkable water for the local community

Registration number: SAIDC/2015/SU/01/01

Main sector priority: Water and sanitation

Contractor: AQUA Solutions

ODA SR allocation: 30 313,46 EUR

Project duration: October 2015 - October 2016

The main project focus was on the starting cooperation, strengthening of existing contacts and a creation of new business partnerships of the contractor in Kenya in the accessibility and water adjustment. The contractor set an aim to improve access to drinkable water for the inhabitants of selected regions and then a creation of 15 - 20 new business partnerships. In spite of the prolongation of the project and implementation of nearly all projects activities and meeting all results, the set aims were not met. On the one hand, there was a lack of successful interconnection between the results with the aims of the project, and on the other hand the specific aim to gain 15 - 20 new partnerships was too ambitious. However, the contractor is still in the process of negotiations with the potential business partners as well as with the local state authorities, which were launched thanks to the project. The extent of sustainability thus depends on their skills to further build contacts and purchaser relationships.

The contractor managed to identify two segments (NGOs and state institutions) on which they would like to focus in the future since they represent a bigger potential for the business partnership creation.

Project name: Decrease of poverty and strengthening of the foodstuff safety on the coast of Kenya through the development of economic activities of inhabitants and sustainable use of the sea resources

Registration number: SAIDC/2014/KEN/01/14

Main sector priority: Agriculture

Contractor: People in Peril

ODA SR allocation: 248 449,68 EUR

Project duration: October 2014 - September 2016

The project strived to increase the foodstuff safety on the coastal area of Kilifi through the implementation of new effective economic methods, diversification of foodstuff, increase of the added value of production and rational economy with the sea resources through the current education on protection and enhancement of environment. Five local schools and community groups of farmers in the costal areas of the region were the target groups of the project. The contractor implemented a series of training sessions, courses and mentoring programs. Within the project activities focusing on the beekeeping development, relatively positive results and aims were reached since 4 out of 5 groups registered the increase in the volume and quality in production, and at the same time many beekeepers started also with production of other goods with a higher added value (cosmetics and candles). A part of activities focusing on the rational use of sea resources was during the project adjusted. The contractor, instead of breeding fish, decided to breed lobsters as the demand for this article in the region is higher. Community workshopy and advertising campaigns were successfully spread among the groups of inhabitants in the region. The results in individual communities vary significantly. Some groups are active while others due to bad dynamics had to be excluded from the project. Getting involved in the regional program Plan Vivo, as an interesting project element, helps increase the sustainability.



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KOSOVO ¹⁾

Project name: Capacity building of civic society in northern Kosovo through the Slovak Fund for Public Policy in Balkans

Registration number: SAIDC/2014/ZB/1/7

Main sector priority: Civic society

Contractor: Pontis Foundation

ODA SR allocation: 88 462,38 EUR

Project duration: December 2014 - February 2016

The project aimed at the support of democratization processes in northern Kosovo through the experience sharing of the Slovak civic society from participative democracy. Young people got involved in the creation of public policy and administration of public matters through the grant circle in the frame of the Slovak Fund program.

The team of students, young people and those involved in non-governmental organizations were given an opportunity to cooperate with the Slovak mentors who brought along Slovak experience from the active civic society building. The contract was intensified with 5 study visits to Slovakia. Small grants resulted in solving a concrete local issue with qualifiable indicators in cooperation with local offices. At the end, all individual projects were introduced on the market of non-governmental organizations dedicated to the donors present in Kosovo. The project was building up on experience from successful operating of the Slovak Fund for public policy in Balkans.

Over the last few years, the supported analysts and non-governmental organization activists shared their gained experience as consultants in individual projects.



MOLDOVA

Project name: Capacity building of towns in the area of integrated city planning in regional context

Registration number: SAIDC/2014/01/12

Main sector priority: Decentralization

Contractor: Regional Development Agency Senec- Pezinok

ODA SR allocation: 94 247,44 EUR

Project duration: January 2015 - July 2016

The project aimed at improving efficiency of the tasks of territorial self-government and strengthening their importance for the local and regional development in the central region.

Enhancing capacities of towns in the area of integrated city development in the context of regional development through the experience sharing of similar Slovak towns, with an emphasis on practical access and network creation was set to be a specific project objective.

The project resulted in the creation of an elaborated analytical study material of the city development, an interactive map and elaborated concepts of the projects for the development of 12 cities within the central region.

¹⁾ In line with the resolution of the UN Security Council No. 1244/99

Project name: Independent self - government: Precondition of democratization on a local level in Moldova

Registration number: SAIDC/2014/MD/1/20

Main sector priority: Decentralization and enhancement of self- government

Contractor: Pontis Foundation

ODA SR allocation: 85 462,95 EUR

Project duration: January 2015 - 31 of March 2016

The projects aimed at enhancing the process of capacity building of the local self-government and its key structures and communication with public. The Slovak experience transfer from the transformation process contributed to intensification of the territorial and fiscal decentralization in public administration, and thus enhanced the tasks of the local self- government. The project was organized through these 3 key activities: 1. capacity building; 2. communication with public; 3 structured dialogue. The project resulted in the strengthening of capacities of the CALM office and its member self- governments, implemented communication campaigns on the tasks and mission of the local self- government in Moldova and the creation of preconditions for a structured dialogue between the central government and territorial self- government on a local, regional and national level as a key element of strategic planning, improvement of efficiency and quality of services of the territorial self- government by the local partner CALM.

Project name: European future perspective of Moldavian regions

Registration number: SAIDC/2014/MD/01/10

Main sector priority: Civic society

Contractor: Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association

ODA SR allocation: 91 236,15 EUR

Project duration: January 2015 - April 2016

The project aimed at increasing the quality of knowledgeability and active participation of the regions of Moldova in an all society discussion on fundamental questions of the relationships between Moldova and the EU as well as on the European future of Moldova. The project focused mainly on 8 identified regions of Moldova (Balti, Taraclia, Ocnita, Dubasari, Basarabeasca, Donduseni, Edinet and Gagauzsko) where the level of relevant knowledgeability is very low.

The activities of the project were enhancing the dialogue between the target groups, provided relevant and professional information and created a mechanism for a regular open debate in form of a series of 16 public debates in 8 regions and a national conference.

The project resulted in two complex studies on knowledgeability in individual regions and on the EU best- practices in the area of the power division between the central and regional level, which is currently one of the key topics in Moldova.

Project name: Support in processing a program of measures for the area of water sanitation as part of plans of river basin management in Moldova

Registration number: SAIDC/2014/MD/1/6

Main sector priority: Waste economy

Contractor: Water Management Research Institute

ODA SR allocation: 72 455,10 EUR

Project duration: November 2014 - June 2016

Moldova as a transforming country has been facing a number of issues and challenges also in the area of water management and protection of environment. The implementation of the regulation No. 91/271/ES, which is related to the cleaning of municipal waste water, is part of the transformation process. The project was designed the way so that its activities and stipulated aims contributed to the preparation of legal provisions necessary for the implementation of the regulations of Ministry of Environment of Moldova. The project resulted in the creation of The Methodology for setting of emission limits when discharging waste water and acceptable concentrations in the upper water, Methodology for stipulating agglomerations and Proposal of agglomerations in the pilot basin of Lapusna, Proposal of sensitive areas of water systems of upper water in the pilot basin and the Protocol for industrial sources of pollution.

Project name: One world at schools in Moldova – education towards the human right via documentary films

Registration number: SAIDC/2015/MD/1/6

Main sector priority: Decentralization and enhancement of self- government

Contractor: People in Peril

ODA SR allocation: 75 156,10 EUR

Project duration: November 2015 - October 2016

The project enhanced tolerance and a dialogue on human rights among students and teachers at secondary schools through the use of audiovisual study materials which helped increase the civic involvement and interest in keeping human rights among young people in Moldova. The project aim was accomplished through the documentary film which represents an effective tool disseminating the current topic of human rights at schools and among young people. Correctly selected films with a consequential discussion provided students with new information as well as an opportunity and ability to have critical thinking and discussions about these topics and thus create own opinion.

Small grants enabled students to reflect their interest in the human right topics in a concrete action, which is an important step towards their realizing that they can also contribute to a concrete positive change in the society and become more active. The project resulted in a set of films on human rights and supporting methodological materials, as well as trained secondary school teachers on the topic of human rights.



UKRAINE

Project name: School of active citizenship, Ukraine - Slovakia

Registration number: SAIDC/2015/UA/1/3

Main sector priority: Building of democratic and civic society

Contractor: PDCS

ODA SR allocation: 100 000,00 EUR

Project duration: October 2015 - December 2016

The project focused on the transfer of experience from the area of building authentic democratic self- government, community initiatives, civic participation on a local level, human rights protection as well as solving conflicts and issues related to the development of regions and communities in connection to the environment, ownership rights, nationality and ethical tolerance and increasing the involvement of marginalized communities. The contractor focused on 5 key groups of inhabitants from the local communities: self- government representative, entrepreneurs, media, non- governmental organization and inner migrants, who have been striving to get integrated into the new and often very different communities as they lost their original community due to the war.

The project activities such as training sessions, on- line consultations, study trips and a conference enabled participant to acquire missing pieces of knowledge, experience and skills from the democratic system transformation.

The small grant scheme enabled running of small projects focusing on the improvement of the community life and respecting human dignity in a citizen - public administration relationship. The project contributed to better functioning of self- governments and improved communication between various groups of inhabitants in the target towns. Furthermore, it significantly enhanced the process of decentralization and preparedness of towns for their new tasks and competences.



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