



Summary Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Assistance of the Czech republic in 2022



2022 Year in review

- The implementation of the Czech Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Assistance in 2022 was particularly affected by the Russian **war in Ukraine**, including its global impact on food, energy and cyber security.
- Another important factor was the second **Czech presidency of the Council of the EU** (July – December) with its opportunity to influence more the EU and global agenda.
- Despite the additional budget cuts for development cooperation and humanitarian assistance at the beginning of 2022 and the limitations resulting from the extended period of provisional budget for the first three months of the year, it was possible to mobilise additional funds, especially for assistance to Ukraine and Moldova, and to achieve efficient use of available funds: almost **495 million CZK** was spent on **foreign development cooperation** and **128 mil. CZK on humanitarian aid** (MFA and the CzDA).
- Based on the preliminary results published by OECD in March 2023, the Czechia provided official development assistance that equaled **20.855 bil. CZK (987 mil. USD)** and **0.36 % ODA/GNI**, mostly due to additional support to Ukraine and in-donor refugee costs that equaled to 14 bil. CZK (635 mil. USD) and 66.7 % of the total ODA.



Activities of the Czech Development Agency

- The main task of the Czech Development Agency (CzDA) is the administration of the bilateral development projects in the priority countries of the Czech development cooperation. In compliance with the Development Cooperation Strategy of the Czech Republic 2018-2030 the development projects were mainly implemented in the **six priority countries**: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Georgia, Moldova, and Zambia. In addition, bilateral cooperation was implemented in Ukraine (Specific Priority Country).
- Bilateral cooperation activities aimed at specific thematic priorities (Sustainable management of natural resources, Agriculture and rural development, Inclusive social development, Good democratic governance, Economic transformation and growth) and were connected to selected Sustainable Development Goals of the Agenda 2030.

Country	Disbursement
Bosnia and Herzegovina	50.37 mil. CZK
Cambodia	26.1 mil. CZK
Ethiopia	54.909 mil. CZK
Georgia	35.48 mil. CZK
Moldova	27.967 mil. CZK
Ukraine	6.9 mil. CZK
Zambia	23.7 mil. CZK



Main instruments of the CzDA

- **Bilateral projects**
Bilateral grants and cash donations to meet the development objectives of partner countries / 247.4 mil. CZK
- **B2B Programme**
Development partnership for private sector / 3.728 mil. CZK
- **Trilateral projects**
Co-financing of projects of Czech entities with other donors, mostly the EU / 23.552 mil. CZK
- **Projects in the Czech Republic**
Global Education and awareness raising, Capacity building of implementing partners and their platforms / 17.378 mil. CZK

Sector	Number of Projects
Agriculture and forestry	23
Water and Sanitation (WASH)	16
Global Education and awareness raising	14
Public governance and civil society	13
Capacities of implementing partners	10
Other social infrastructure and services	9
B2B	9
Healthcare	8
Education	5
Power generation and supply	1
Grand total	108



Programmes under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

In 2022, the MFA implemented local small-scale development projects, programs and projects in cooperation with other line ministries and international organisations, projects promoting partnership between public universities, humanitarian and stabilization projects in response to the Russian war in Ukraine, and transformation cooperation and humanitarian assistance activities. The MFA also provided evaluations of the Czech funded programmes and projects.

- **Local small-scale projects (25.3 mil. CZK)**
The local small-scale projects target development needs of local subjects in developing countries with the contribution of up to 500,000 CZK. In 2022, 62 small-scale projects were implemented in 43 countries.
- **Assistance to Afghanistan (20 mil. CZK)**
Provision of funds to the United Nations Special Trust Fund for Afghanistan, which was established in autumn 2021 as an initiative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in response to the seizure of power by the Taliban in August 2021. Activities are implemented by UN agencies with a focus on basic human needs, strengthening community resilience and supporting local economic activities with an emphasis on women-led livelihoods.
- **Strengthening capacities of public higher education institutions in partner countries (8.988 mil. CZK)**
Within the programme, the emphasis is on comprehensive partnerships between universities, from quality education, through scientific and research cooperation to management capacities and good governance, including mutual mobility of teachers,





students and staff. In 2022, four Czech universities participated in the programme in all six priority countries and Ukraine.

- **Transformation Cooperation Programme (63.304 mil. CZK)**

The programme supports activities that aim at democratic institution building, protection of hu-

man rights, support of civil society and free media. It is traditionally focused on several priority countries of the Czech foreign policy and utilizes Czech transition experience and expertise. Countries of cooperation in 2022 included Armenia, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cuba, Georgia, Kosovo, Moldova, Myanmar/Burma, Serbia, Ukraine and Vietnam.

Humanitarian Assistance

Within the humanitarian budget of 2022, a total of 44 humanitarian activities in 18 countries were implemented. Total disbursement under the MFA equaled to 150.6 mil. CZK, total humanitarian assistance to Ukraine equaled to 321.129 mil. CZK.

Czech Republic provided assistance:

- **In response to disasters** (floods in Brazil, earthquake in Afghanistan)
- **In response to conflicts and forced displacement** (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Colombia/Venezuela, Iraq, Jordan, Ukraine, Yemen)
- **In response to protracted humanitarian crises** (Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Lebanon, Myanmar/Burma, Sahel)
- **In strengthening disaster risk reduction and resilience of vulnerable countries and regions** (Ethiopia, Cambodia, Nepal, Zambia)





Special Assistance Programmes

In 2022, three multi-year assistance programmes were managed at the MFA. **The cooperation programme with Africa** responds to new challenges, including stabilisation of the Sahel region and strategic communication with African countries to counter disinformation from Russia and other countries against the backdrop of the conflict in Ukraine.

The Czech Republic's **reconstruction programme in the Middle East** provides support during the transition from humanitarian activities to stabilisation projects and subsequent post-conflict reconstruction in the target countries (Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, oPt, Syria, Yemen), and also responds to new emergencies.

Programme	Disbursement
Africa	62.861 mil. CZK
Middle East	78.066 mil. CZK



Ukraine

In the context of Russian invasion of Ukraine, on 25 February the Government of the Czech Republic released funds totalling 300 million CZK for emergency aid for Ukraine and refugees from Ukraine, particularly in Moldova. For the whole year 2022, the funds under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs reached 400 million CZK. In addition, the MFA also contributed 23.6 million CZK from the regular humanitarian budget on initial humanitarian needs of Ukraine.



Czechia provided assistance for:

- 27 humanitarian aid projects (21 to assist internally displaced people in Ukraine and their access to basic services, 6 to assist Ukrainian refugees in Moldova)
- 20 activities under the MEDEVAC and Aid in Place programmes
- development projects in support of education and equipment in Ukrainian medical faculties
- other activities related to the provision of assistance to asylum seekers and refugees in the Czech Republic

In October 2022, the **Humanitarian, stabilization, reconstruction and economic assistance programme for Ukraine 2023-2025** was approved, which is designed across humanitarian and economic assistance, but also across the public, private, academic and non-profit sectors, and which promotes active involvement of Czech expertise and Czech solutions.



Cooperation with other line ministries

- Various activities were implemented in cooperation with other line ministries:
 - **Transformation Economic and Financial Cooperation Programme** (Ministry of Finance),
 - **Aid for Trade** (Ministry of Industry and Trade),
 - **Security Development Cooperation Programme** (Ministry of the Interior),
 - **Programme of Government Scholarships for students from developing countries at public universities in the Czech Republic** (Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports) including related healthcare services provided to government scholarship holders under the responsibility of the Ministry of Health
- Pilot project in the field of **cyber security (Cybervac)** was implemented in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice and relevant national institutions for cyber security



Other forms of development cooperation

- **Aid in Place programme** (Ministry of Interior)
 - assistance to refugees in regions of origin and support of asylum and migration infrastructure (Western Balkans, Middle East, Northern Africa, Sahel and Ukraine)
- **MEDEVAC** – Permanent medical humanitarian programme (Ministry of Interior)
 - deployment of Czech medical teams abroad, expert trainings and internships for foreign medical staff, provision of health care equipment
- **EU and OSCE Special Monitoring Missions**
 - Acts as a tool for prevention, stabilisation and development of crisis regions.
 - Czech experts were represented in EU missions in Georgia, Iraq, Israel or Ukraine, Czechia was represented in UN missions in South Sudan or Cyprus, and in OSCE missions in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo.

Czech presidency of the Council of the EU

Cooperation with the EU in the development and humanitarian field was particularly intense in 2022, especially with regard to CZ PRES. The main priorities of the Presidency included:

- comprehensive and ongoing support to Ukraine, including addressing global impacts,
- Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in the context of climate fragility,
- linking humanitarian, development and peace activities (triple nexus),
- private sector involvement in EU development instruments.

The main outputs of the Presidency are the Council Conclusions on DRR in the EU's external action, Council Conclusions on the Youth Action Plan in EU's external action, practical guidelines on the implementation of the Triple Nexus, an ECDPM study on opportunities and challenges in engaging European private sector in EU development cooperation and finance, recommendations on humanitarian diplomacy and common humanitarian messages on Ukraine and Yemen.

United Nations

In 2022, the Czech Republic was member of the **UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS Executive Board** (from January 2020 to December 2022). At the same time, the long-term project Partnership for Sustainable Development Goals between the Czech Republic and the United Nations Development Programme (CUP), implemented in cooperation with the UNDP Regional Office in Istanbul, successfully continued in the form of transfer of know-how of Czech experts and companies according to the needs of partner developing countries. The UN Volunteers (UNV) programme also continued successfully.

In May 2022, Czechia was elected to **UNICEF Executive Board** for the period 2023-2025. During the Czech EU Presidency, a comprehensive cooperation with WFP led to a joint side event to UNGA week in New York on the role of humanitarian diplomacy in preventing food crises, an exhibition on food security in Brussels and a nexus field trip to Sudan. Czechia also contributed to WFP-led humanitarian innovations for drought-resilient agriculture.