

Czech Aid in Zambia

2025/2026

Development Cooperation
Private Sector Engagement
Humanitarian Aid



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Introduction

This report provides an overview of Czechia's Development Cooperation, Private Sector Engagement and Humanitarian Aid in Zambia during the years 2025/2026.

Zambia is among the six priority countries receiving support through Czech Development Cooperation Programme.

In addition, Zambia benefits from humanitarian assistance across three key areas: Disaster risk reduction (DRR), preparedness and resilience and response to crisis. The report presents an overview of Czech Aid's development initiatives in Zambia, highlights the instruments used, and provides specific details on the projects supported throughout the two years.

The relations between Czechia and Zambia have a long history, beginning with the establishment of diplomatic ties by Czechoslovakia in 1965, shortly after Zambia's declaration of independence in 1964. Today, Zambia is a strategic partner in promoting shared democratic values, human rights, and good governance. Our partnership strengthens the international standing of both countries, as they often align on key geopolitical issues and collaborate in multilateral fora.

Czechia emphasizes linking development cooperation with the engagement of Czech and European businesses and investors, fostering economic partnerships benefiting both sides.

Development cooperation remains a cornerstone of the relationship between Czechia and Zambia. Czech Aid focuses on key sectors, including **agriculture, rural development, sustainable management of natural resources and creating jobs**, particularly for women and youth. Beyond that, Czechia emphasizes inclusive social development and good democratic governance, improving access to **education, healthcare and nutrition**, while promoting transparency, accountability, human rights, and constitutional principles.

Development Cooperation Programme of the Czech Republic for Zambia outlines Czechia's activities in Zambia in the period of 2024–2030. The Programme as well as all implemented projects are designed in line with all key strategies and development plans of Zambia.

The Czech Aid activities in Zambia are governed by the Memorandum of Understanding between Zambia and Czechia on Development Cooperation from April 2024.

In 2025, Czechia allocated 3.3 million EUR to its Development Cooperation efforts, Private Sector Engagement and Humanitarian Assistance in Zambia. A significant portion of this funding is streamed through projects detailed in the Flagship Projects Chapter.

Czech Aid in Zambia works hand in hand with a **network of trusted implementing partners** both from Czechia and Zambia.

Czechia also increasingly engages in cooperation with the European Union in Zambia. Through the **Team Europe Initiatives**, Czechia seeks to implement well coordinated projects in the areas where the Czech solutions prove efficient.

This report serves not only as a record of achievements but also as a pledge for the future. With the ongoing collaboration and common objectives, **Czechia and Zambia are well positioned to strengthen their partnership and economic ties in the coming years.**



Czech Aid Instruments for Zambia

Czechia has been implementing a **Development Programme for Zambia** since 2017. **Czech Aid puts greater emphasis on engaging its businesses and investors, integrating economic cooperation into its long-term development priorities.**

Czech Aid Development Instruments in Zambia

Bilateral Projects / Trilateral Projects

Large, long-term projects – the main pillar of the Czech Development Cooperation. Following the specifically designed Country Programme for Zambia. Czech Aid's projects are targeting natural resource management, agriculture, forestry, environment protection and rural development.

- **Budget allocated:** 0.5 to 1.5 million EUR per 3-year projects
- **Institution:** Czech Development Agency
- **Implementing partners:** Partners selected in the public procurements (tenders or grants) following the approved identification submitted to the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Lusaka

Team Europe Initiative

Czech Aid in Zambia aspires to play an active role in implementing the Team Europe Initiatives which together with the Global Gateway Strategy constitute a pillar of the European partnership with Zambia.

Czechia is now a part of the Green Nexus Programme contributing to the **EU-Zambia Forest Partnership** which aims to strengthen the political and economic collaboration, helps to reduce deforestation, create jobs, and promote sustainable trade.

- **Institution:** Czech Development Agency
- **Implementing partners:** European and local CSOs, experts, academia and private sector entities selected in the public procurements (tenders or grants)

UNDP Challenge Fund

Czechia's support to highly innovative solutions for development challenges in Zambia. This instrument focuses on areas like environment, energy, good governance or healthcare. The goal is to **promote effective and sustainable Czech solutions** and Czech expertise while contributing to global development goals.

- **Budget allocated:** Up to 50,000 EUR per 1-year project
- **Institution:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
- **Implementing partners:** Businesses, associations, universities, start-ups, etc.

Small Scale Projects

Support to initiatives addressing specific needs and enhancing the capacities of various Zambian entities while promoting Czech solutions, expertise and products or tackling specific development challenges.

- **Budget allocated:** Up to 20,000 EUR per project
- **Institution:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
- **Implementing partners:** Zambia registered PBOs, businesses, associations, trust funds, universities, start-ups, etc.

Transition Projects (Human Rights and Democracy)

Projects contributing to **protection of human rights, democracy building and opening public dialogue on policy making** and protection of the most vulnerable groups of society.

- **Budget allocated:** Up to 20,000 EUR
- **Institution:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
- **Implementing partners:** Civil society organizations, registered NGOs and PBOs, research and public institutions focusing on human rights and democracy building

Scholarships for Masters and Doctoral Students Capacity Building of Universities in Zambia

Zambian students can benefit from the **fully-funded scholarship to study Masters and Doctoral degrees at the leading Czech universities**. This scholarship programme aims to educate Zambian professionals in higher-value added fields and facilitate their return to Zambia to further contribute to the development goals of Zambia.

Partnerships with Zambian and Czech universities enhance higher education through teaching, study programmes design, joint research and management support.

- **Budget allocated:** Full tuition, scholarship and living allowance (yearly granted to approx. 20–25 Zambian students) Capacity building projects up to 60,000 EUR
- **Institution:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic
- **Implementing partners:** Leading Czech public universities

MEDEVAC - Medical Programme

Permanent Humanitarian Programme with **strong development component for the health sector** allows the most vulnerable groups of population to access **medical care free of charge**, strengthen healthcare infrastructure and build capacities of Zambian medical professionals.

- **Frequency:** Four full-scope missions per year
- **Institution:** Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic in cooperation with the leading Czech public hospitals and medical professionals
- **Implementing partners:** University Teaching Hospital in Lusaka, National Heart Hospital in Lusaka, Lewanika Hospital in Mongu

Private Sector Engagement Instruments



Private sector entities play a significant role in development instruments. To boost the private sector engagement, Czech Aid also dedicates **specific instruments facilitating market access for the Czech and European companies to Zambia.**

Aid for Trade

Enhancing Zambia's public commerce institutions and sectoral associations. The instrument focuses on improving good governance, skills, market access, promoting economic growth and integrating Zambia into the global economy.

- **Budget allocated:** Up to 50,000 EUR per 1-year project
- **Institution:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
- **Implementing partners:** Business associations, governmental institutions, universities, etc.

B2B Projects

Czech Aid's support to the Czech and European businesses expansion in Zambia. This instrument aims on creating jobs, transferring technology and know-how through establishment of economic partnerships between small and medium-sized enterprises.

- **Budget allocated:** up to 100,000 EUR per up to 3-year project (inc. feasibility study and implementation)
- **Institution:** Czech Development Agency
- **Implementing partners:** Czech, European and Zambian SMEs

Tied Financial Donations

A specifically identified instrument helping to overcome development challenges through financial donations to **advance technological development using Czech and European solutions and equipment**. The donations seek complementarity with other Czech Aid projects.

- **Budget allocated:** Per individual identification
- **Institution:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
- **Implementing partners:** Zambian public institutions (e.g. universities, hospitals, etc.)

IDC Guarantee

The International Development Cooperation Guarantee is primarily used to **cover investment expenses** when companies expand to the developing countries. The beneficiaries must demonstrate that the financed projects have strong development component.

- **Guaranteed amount:** up to 2 million EUR (up to 80 % of the principal financing loan), per individual case
- **Institution:** Czech National Development Bank
- **Implementing partners:** Czech and European private sector entities in their business operations in Zambia

In addition to the Private Sector Engagement Instruments, the Czech Republic seeks ways to involve the **Export Guarantee and Insurance Corporation (EGAP)** and the National Export Credit Agency, in private sector operations between Czechia and Zambia. This cooperation aims to expand financial support and enhance the overall impact of the Czech development initiatives.



Czech Aid Humanitarian Assistance Instruments



DRR and resilience

Focus on **Disaster Risk Reduction** (DRR) and increasing resilience of the vulnerable communities. Aiming to address long-term consequences of conflicts by fostering peace, stability and social reintegration.

- **Budget allocated:** Up to 100,000 EUR per project
- **Institution:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
- **Implementing partners:** CSOs, the UN and other multilateral agencies

Complex and Stabilization Assistance

Comprehensive aid to support regions facing crisis humanitarian situations. Aiming on **stabilizing the regions** affected by natural disasters or conflict emphasizing the sustainable development.

- **Budget allocated:** Up to 200,000 EUR per project
- **Institution:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
- **Implementing partners:** CSOs, the UN and other multilateral agencies

Ad-hoc Needs and Emergencies

Response to unforeseen humanitarian crises such as natural disasters. Flexible, timely assistance addressing immediate needs.

- **Budget allocated:** Per individual identification
- **Institution:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
- **Implementing partners:** CSOs, the UN and other multilateral agencies

Financial Summary 2025/2026

3.3
million EUR

Budget implemented in 2025*

*including the Scholarship programme
(approx. 0.6 mil. EUR)

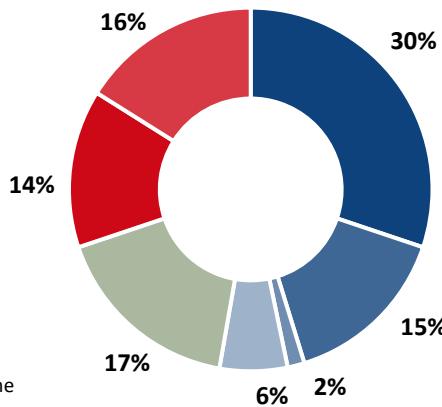
Budget pledged in 2026*

*including the Scholarship programme
(approx. 0.6 mil. EUR)

3.6
million EUR

Estimated Budget Distribution in 2025 (in %)

- Bilateral/Trilateral Projects
- Team Europe Initiatives
- Small Scale Projects
- Other Instruments
- Scholarship Programme
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- MEDEVAC - Medical Programme







Czech Aid Flagships



Team Europe Initiative

SLIM – Sustainable Landscape through Integrated Management, part of the Green Nexus Programme

Key projects

MWAZACO – Mine Water Atlas of the Zambian Copperbelt

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Team Europe Initiative

The Team Europe Initiative (TEI) in Zambia brings together the European Union and its Member States to support Zambia's transition toward a sustainable, inclusive, and climate-resilient economy. Czechia participates in this joint programme and coordinated investments and collaborates in key areas such as green growth, agriculture, forestry, critical raw materials, and health – ensuring that local actions contribute to global sustainability goals.

Green Nexus Programme (GNP)

At the core of the Czech Team Europe efforts lies the Green Nexus Programme, a **46 million EUR initiative co-funded by the EU**, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Sweden, Czechia and the World Food Programme under the Global Gateway strategy. The programme promotes a nexus approach that recognizes the **interconnection between agriculture, forestry, biodiversity, water, and climate**. Its main objectives are to enhance ecosystem resilience, improve community livelihoods, increase participation in sustainable value chains, and strengthen policies and institutions for integrated natural resource management. The programme empowers Zambian institutions and communities, especially women and youth and aims to protect Zambia's natural capital while creating decent jobs and opportunities for green growth.



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SLIM - Sustainable Landscape through Integrated Management

- **Implementer:** Czech Development Agency
- **Duration:** 2023–2027
- **Total budget:** 7 mil EUR (co-financed by the European Union with 6 mil EUR)
- **Czech partners:** People in Need, Caritas Czech Republic, Mendel University, Czech Life Science University, All for Soil, CzechGlobe
- **Private sector:** GISAT, Inmapy, Devise Group, Naviga, Rinato Space
- **Location:** National level

As a part of the Green Nexus Programme, the **Sustainable Landscape through Integrated Management (SLIM)** project applies Czech expertise in forestry, landscape management, geoinformatics, remote sensing, and satellite mapping to improve landscape planning, management, and monitoring in Zambia. It strengthens national capacities for Integrated Landscape Management (ILM) through the Copernicus Earth Observation data, artificial intelligence, and open-access mapping tools. **The project supports forestry policy reform, builds technical skills across ministries, and develops tools such as thematic maps and forest monitoring systems for disaster prediction and informed decision making.**

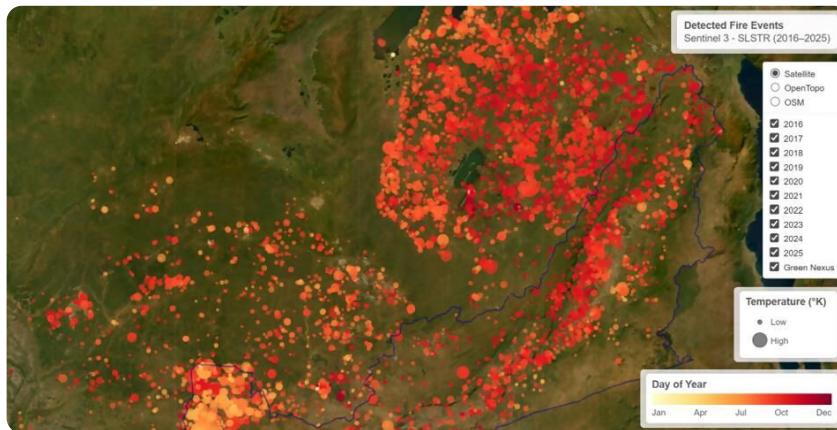
SLIM works across three areas – **forestry, ILM, and geospatial data** – combining technology with capacity building and policy support. Through this approach, it enables the Zambian institutions to plan, monitor, and restore ecosystems more efficiently. At its core there are the ILM framework, uniting **forestry, agriculture, water, and biodiversity sectors** around shared systems. The project helps the Government define and operationalise a national ILM concept, embedding its principles into policies and legislation.

By fostering collaboration among ministries, traditional leaders, civil society, and private stakeholders, SLIM aligns ecosystem restoration with livelihood goals.

In forestry, SLIM supports **modernising governance and planning, contributing to the revision of the National Forestry Policy and Forests Act and developing the District Forest Management Planning Framework**, now piloted in several provinces. With the Czech research expertise, SLIM is developing growth and yield models for nine key tree species to guide reforestation and sustainable harvesting, providing accurate data on tree volume, biomass, and carbon stock. A forest fire confidence map, combining Copernicus imagery and AI, helps identify high-risk areas and enhance early-warning systems.

In collaboration with the National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), **SLIM has produced Zambia's first six national baseline maps on land cover, slope, biodiversity, soil degradation, drought, and wildfire hotspots.** Using these, flood, drought, and soil-erosion prototypes are being developed, including a pilot flood hazard map for Mazabuka validated by the Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit. To strengthen data governance, SLIM prepared 14 national guidelines on spatial-data management based on ISO/INSPIRE standards, harmonising institutional data-sharing. A five-year strategic plan and centralised GIS server for NRSC and the Forestry Department ensure secure, interoperable data access.

Through its blend of technology, training, and policy support, **SLIM turns complex data into actionable insights – helping Zambia predict floods and wildfires, manage forests sustainably, and integrate ecosystem values into national planning.**





MWAZACO – Mine Water Atlas of the Zambian Copperbelt

- **Implementer:** Future Resources Development Association
- **Duration:** 2025–2027
- **Total budget:** 1,300,000 EUR
- **Location:** Copperbelt, National level

MWAZACO project maps pollution sources affecting drinking and irrigation water in the Copperbelt Province, assesses risks to communities and consolidates fragmented datasets into a publicly accessible Mine Water Atlas – an online decision-support platform managed by the Zambian institutions.

The project includes the construction of a pilot mine water treatment plant, which will feature a drinking water production unit alongside modules for agricultural reuse. The treated water will be further utilized at a demonstration farm for irrigation and aquaculture. This ensures that the project not only addresses environmental risks but also delivers a safe drinking water supply for local communities.

MWAZACO represents a strong link between Czech development cooperation and the private sector. Key Czech partners include:

- OPV – private company with expertise in remediation technologies and groundwater modeling and hydrogeology
- HYDRO-PUR – an engineering firm specializing in innovative water treatment solutions
- Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (CZU)

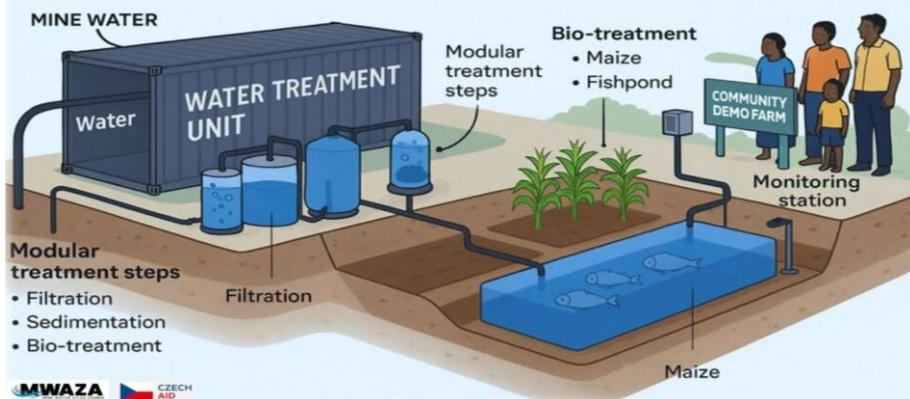
This project demonstrates how Czech companies and universities can deliver cutting-edge technologies, applied research, and innovative solutions, contributing to sustainable development in Zambia while also strengthening the role of the Czech private sector internationally.





Pilot Treatment Unit + Demo Farm

Reuse of treated mine water for irrigation



ZAMAGRO – Mechanisation & Innovation for Commercial Farming Growth

- **Implementer:** Caritas Czech Republic
- **Duration:** 2025–2027
- **Total budget:** 1,300,000 EUR
- **Location:** Southern, Central and North-Western Provinces

ZAMAGRO project is a flagship initiative designed to modernise Zambia's commercial and cooperative farming systems through introduction of the Czech agricultural technology and mechanisation adapted to local agro-ecological conditions.

Targeting commercial farmers and cooperatives cultivating 20+ hectares, the project establishes demonstration farms and service centres in strategic agricultural hubs – initially Southern and Central Provinces – to showcase practical, climate-smart, and market oriented production models supporting also medium and large scale farmers.

By working with the Czech manufacturers through the Agricultural and Forestry Machinery Association (AZET), Mendel University in Brno, Planet Partners, and LiNC Advisory, **ZAMAGRO bridges development cooperation and private sector engagement, creating pathways for sustainable technology transfer, vocational training, and business partnerships.**

The project supports Zambia's National Agricultural Mechanisation Strategy (2024–2028). The project aligns with the EU Global Gateway's Lobito Corridor, positioning the Czech technology as a driver of productivity, resilience, and green growth in Zambia.



AtomTrace – Advanced Czech Technology for Geochemical Analysis in Zambia

- **Implementer:** AtomTrace a.s.
- **Duration:** 2025
- **Total budget:** 250,000 EUR
- **Location:** Copperbelt

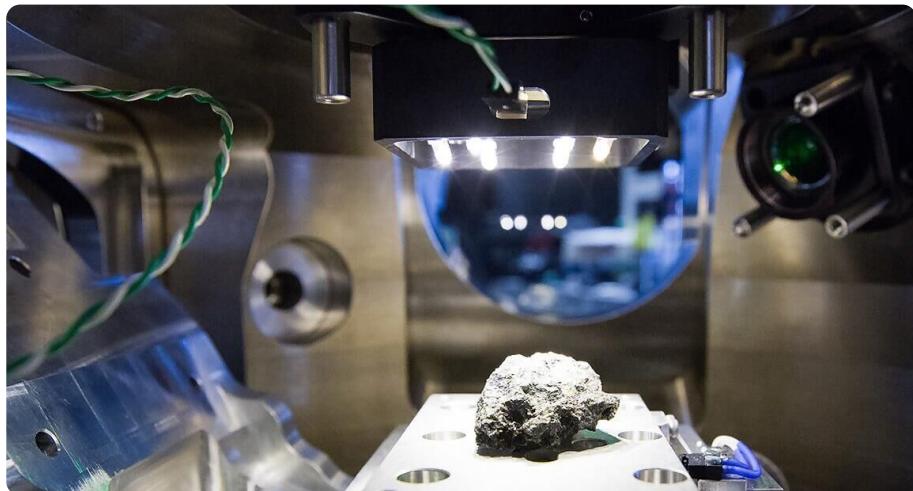
The Czech high-tech company AtomTrace a.s., one of the global leaders in elemental analysis using Laser-Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy (LIBS), has launched a new cooperation with Zambia within the Czech Tied Financial Donation programme.

Through this project, AtomTrace is **delivering advanced instrumentation for both field and laboratory chemical analysis in geology, mineralogy, and mining.** The systems – M-Trace Laboratory Unit and M-Trace Field Unit – enable real-time, on-site examination of rocks and mineral samples without the need for laboratory preparation. This makes analytical work faster, more accurate, and more efficient, supporting informed decision-making in exploration and mining activities.

The project represents a modern, high-technology contribution of the Czech Republic to the development of Zambia's geological and mining sector. It supports the transfer of know-how, local capacity building, and sustainable use of critical raw materials.

Together with other Czech institutions and companies active in geology, exploration and mining, AtomTrace is preparing the Czech Mining Initiative – an effort aimed at strengthening cooperation in mineral analysis, mapping, exploration, education, and research, as well as supporting mining sector and environment protection.





Support to Agro-Forestry Value Chains

- **Implementer:** Mendel University in Brno (MENDELU), Faculty of Forestry and Wood Technology
- **Duration:** 2024–2027
- **Total budget:** 1,000,000 EUR
- **Location:** Southern Province (Choma and Monze Districts)

The aim of this project is to contribute to **reducing deforestation and land degradation, increasing the adaptability of ecosystems to climate change, and improving the living standards of people** through adoption of the sustainable agroforestry practices and processing and marketing of related products.

The project follows up on the previously implemented project of Silvopastoral Systems (2020–2023), which supported the afforestation of pastures to provide quality feed for livestock, especially during the dry season. **Project supports farmers in afforestation to improve soil fertility, provide livestock feed, and create opportunities for farmers to process agroforestry products and add value to increase income.** Processing methods include oil pressing, solar drying, jam making, and others.



Support to Agro-Forestry Value Chains **project also includes:**

Carbon Farming

The Carbon Farming project **empowers farmers to adopt agroforestry and sustainable land management practices that enhance soil health and sequester carbon.** By integrating tree planting with climate-smart agriculture, the initiative promotes long-term resilience while improving livelihoods. It also strengthens water resource management through rainwater harvesting and irrigation systems tailored to agroforestry production. In parallel, the project conducts research on soil **carbon dynamics**—assessing both the quality and quantity of carbon stored—to explore viable pathways for farmer participation in carbon offsetting schemes.

Photovoltaic Academy for Technicians in Czechia

A ten-day training programme was conducted in Czechia for technicians from Zambia and Lesotho, **focusing on photovoltaic energy systems and their practical applications.** **The training was organized in close cooperation with ČEZ, a leading Czech energy company, and Mendel University in Brno that provided technical expertise and academic support.** The exchange fostered cross-country learning and strengthened institutional partnerships, contributing to capacity building in renewable energy and supporting the broader goals of sustainable development and climate resilience in Southern Africa.



Manufacturing of Eco-Friendly Insect Control Products

- **Implementer:** Papírna Moudrý, s.r.o.
- **Duration:** 2024–2026
- **Total budget:** 250,000 EUR
- **Location:** Chisamba, Lusaka

The Czech family company Papírna Moudrý, s.r.o. has successfully entered the Zambian market through the Czech Aid B2B programme. While the production base of the flytraps remains in Židlochovice, the final steps – packaging and distribution – are being transferred to Zambia. **This localization of production creates new jobs for the local community and strengthens the availability of innovative Czech solutions directly on the Zambian market.**

The flytraps, tested in local conditions during the pilot phase, have proven to be a valuable tool for farmers in protecting their crops against harmful insects. **The project demonstrates how a Czech SME can combine business development with social impact** – contributing to improved agricultural productivity while opening new export opportunities.

Local partners have also shown strong interest in the technology. Livestock Services Co-op has signaled its intention to become the sole distributor of Papírna Moudrý Flytraps in Zambia, ensuring sustainable market presence and long-term cooperation.

This initiative is a clear example of how private sector engagement under the Czech development cooperation brings benefits both to Czech businesses and to Zambia's agricultural communities.





Strengthening Climate-Resilient Agriculture Markets

- **Implementers:** People in Need (PiN), Musika, Impuls Africa, University of Life Sciences Prague (CZU)
- **Duration:** 2025–2027
- **Total Budget:** 1,500,000 EUR
- **Location:** Western and Southern Provinces

This project applies a market systems approach to strengthen the resilience of smallholder farmers against climate change impacts. A baseline survey and Gender & Social Inclusion Vulnerability Assessment were completed, providing critical evidence for targeting interventions. **Farm labs were initiated in Kaoma and Choma**, including biodigester construction, to serve as innovation hubs for climate-smart technologies. The project enhances private sector linkages by connecting farmers to financial services, off-takers, and technology providers. Tailored financial products are being developed to improve access to credit and investment.

The initiative also supports value chains in **biogas and bioslurry**, creating pathways for sustainable green investments in Zambia.



Czech Technology to Increase Menstrual Hygiene and Fight School Absenteeism

- **Implementer:** Live Well in partnership with SNUGGS
- **Duration:** 2025
- **Total budget:** 20,000 EUR
- **Location:** Eastern Province (Chanjowe and Chiparamba Schools)

This impact-driven initiative is implemented by Live Well – Zambian social enterprise focused on health and community empowerment. In cooperation with SNUGGS, a Czech private company producing high-quality reusable menstrual underwear, the project supports menstrual hygiene management among adolescent girls.

A total of 315 girls from Chanjowe and Chiparamba schools received three pairs of reusable menstrual underwear along with comprehensive training on menstrual management and product use. The initiative was launched on Menstrual Health and Hygiene Day 2025 and aims to reduce school absenteeism among girls in underserved communities.



Hydrogel Technology to Strengthen Drought Resilience and Processing of Wild Oils in Mukuni

- **Implementers:** Mendel University in Brno (MENDELU) in cooperation with the UNDP
- **Duration:** 2025–2026
- **Total Budget:** 40,000 EUR
- **Location:** Southern Province (Livingstone and Kazungula Districts)

This women-led initiative brings together female scientists from the Mendel University in Brno and members of the Booma Women Cooperative. The project explores hydrogel as an innovative technology to combat drought during tree planting, assessing its field performance, financial feasibility, and market potential for wider application. It is implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) with financial support from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic. Between 2022 and 2024, the Booma Women Cooperative received support from the Czech Embassy in Lusaka, showcasing Czech technology for non-timber forest product development.



MEDEVAC – Medical Missions

- **Implementer:** Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic in cooperation with the leading Czech public hospitals, University Teaching Hospital in Lusaka, National Heart Hospital in Lusaka, Lewanika General Hospital in Mongu
- **Duration:** every year, since 2023
- **Total budget:** approx. 500,000 EUR allocated between three full-scope mission per year

In Zambia, the programme has been active since 2023. Since then, the Czech medical teams, together with their Zambian counterparts, have **performed more than one hundred surgeries on Zambian patients in the fields of Ear-Nose-Throat (ENT) specialization, Traumatology, and Paediatric Cardiac Surgery.** In addition to providing surgeries, the programme aims to systematically enhance healthcare expertise and standards through the transfer of medical know-how, training of Zambian medical professionals in Zambia as well as in Czechia and consultations.



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Scholarships for Masters and Doctoral Students

- **Implementers:** Ministry of Education of the Czech Republic, partner Czech and Zambian public universities
- **Total budget:** 20–25 Zambian students supported yearly, approx. 500,000 EUR yearly (depends on the cost of the study programme)
- **Year of implementation:** repeating every year

Scholarships are aimed at Zambians, who can apply for **Master's and Doctoral study programs at the leading Czech public universities**. Fields of study range from agriculture, ICT, geology, environment, engineering, chemistry, finance, cybersecurity, AI, food processing and more. Programmes are in English.

In the 2025/2026 academic year, 22 full-scholarship (inc. living allowances) were granted to Zambian students. Students can study in the capital, Prague, as well as in Brno, Ostrava, and other Czech cities at the leading public universities. In total, Czechia offers over 150 study fields at 16 public universities.



Response to Food and Nutrition Security in Western Zambia

- **Implementer:** People in Need (PiN), Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic, Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic
- **Total Budget:** 200,000 EUR
- **Duration:** April 2024 – June 2025
- **Location:** Sioma and Nalolo Districts, Western Province

This emergency project responded to the food and nutrition crisis in the Western Province caused by prolonged drought. **It provided life-saving support to children under five and pregnant and lactating women (PLW).** Over 16,000 children and 7,000 PLW were screened for malnutrition, and 3,600 cases were treated. The project strengthened health systems by training 351 health workers and community volunteers in Management of Acute Malnutrition. Supporting recovery and resilience, households received agriculture inputs and training.

Sustainable Chilli Production in Meheba and Mayukwayukwa Refugee Settlements

- **Implementer:** Caritas Czech Republic
- **Total Budget:** 230,000 EUR annually
- **Duration:** 2025–2027
- **Location:** Meheba and Mayukwayukwa Refugee Settlements

The project engages 600 farmers in climate-resilient chilli cultivation, supported through training, input provision, and aggregation infrastructure. A central innovation is the strategic partnership with Hematon Agro, a youth-led Zambian agribusiness with long-term international supply contracts. Hematon provides technical training, guarantees off-take agreements, and links farmers to markets.

By combining humanitarian aid with private sector engagement, the project creates dignified economic opportunities for refugees and host communities while contributing to local market development and regional trade along the Lobito Corridor.



Implementing and Business Partners

CZDA – Czech Development Agency

The Czech Development Agency (CZDA) is a state organization founded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

FRDA – Future Resources Development Association

Brings together Czech experts in geology, hydrogeology, and environmental remediation, supporting sustainable development in Zambia

Caritas Czech Republic

Implements healthcare, agriculture, value-chains and market linkages projects and refugee support in Zambia since 2013

People in Need

Focuses on agriculture, climate adaptation, and disaster response in Zambia since 2017

CARE International in Zambia

Empowers women and fights poverty in Zambia through health, sustainable agriculture and education since 1992

Mendel University in Brno

Enhances agro-forestry, value-chains and education for sustainable farming in Zambia since 2011

CZDA – Czech Development Agency

The Czech Development Agency (CZDA) is a state organization founded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic. The main goals of the Agency are reducing poverty, improving quality of life, and supporting sustainable development.

The Czech Development Agency identifies **six countries of the highest priority where development programmes are pursued over the long term**. These are **Zambia, Ethiopia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Georgia and Moldova**. CZDA is the main implementing body for the Czech Republic's development cooperation in Zambia, where it focuses on the agriculture and rural development sector. **Activities are mainly aimed at diversification and improvement of production of small and medium farmers. All pillars of sustainable development are taken into account, i.e. economic, social and environmental aspects of the interventions.**

At the same time, emphasis is also placed on projects to improve the quality of nutrition, including its diversity, improve eating habits, prevent malnutrition and improve the health of the population. These steps will contribute to further reducing Zambia's dependence on development aid, reducing poverty, hunger and sustaining economic growth. CZDA is also currently implementing Sustainable Landscape through Integrated Management (SLIM) Project under the Team Europe initiative.



Czech Development Agency



FRDA – Future Resources Development Association



Future Resources Development Association (FRDA) is a Czech organization based in Prague, uniting experts in geology, hydrogeology, environmental remediation, and sustainable community development. With extensive experience in Africa, FRDA addresses key environmental and social challenges linked to mining and water management.

From 2025 to 2027, FRDA is implementing the flagship project MIWAZACO – Mine Water Atlas of the Zambian Copperbelt, funded by the Czech Development Agency. **The project maps pollution sources affecting drinking and irrigation water in the Copperbelt Province, assesses risks to communities, and consolidates fragmented datasets into a publicly accessible Mine Water Atlas** – an online decision-support platform managed by Zambian institutions.

The project includes the construction of a pilot mine water treatment plant, which will feature a drinking water production unit alongside modules for agricultural reuse. The treated water will be further utilized at a demonstration farm for irrigation and aquaculture. This ensures that the project not only addresses environmental risks but also delivers a safe drinking water supply for local communities.





Caritas Czech Republic is the largest non-state provider of social and health services in Czechia. It has been operating in Zambia since 2013, implementing a diverse portfolio of development and humanitarian projects that foster climate-smart agriculture, sustainable livelihoods, and refugee self-reliance.

In recent years, CCR has placed growing emphasis on linking development cooperation with the engagement of Czech and Zambian companies and entrepreneurs, creating tangible partnerships that drive innovation, investment, and market integration. Through flagship initiatives such as Green Solutions, ZAMAGRO, and trilateral projects with UNHCR, CCR connects Zambian farmers, SMEs, and refugee communities with the Czech expertise and European market actors – ranging from seed companies and mechanisation manufacturers to agribusiness firms and honey processors. This strategic approach leverages Czech technological know-how, private sector investment, and EU frameworks such as the Global Gateway and the Lobito Corridor, positioning CCR as a key facilitator of sustainable, inclusive, and market-oriented development in Zambia's agricultural and refugee-hosting areas.



People in Need



People in Need (PIN) is a global non-governmental, non-profit organisation founded in Czechia in 1992 on the ideals of humanism, freedom, equality and solidarity. It has been present in Zambia since 2017, implementing projects that strengthen community resilience, sustainable livelihoods, and climate adaptation.

Working in close partnership with government institutions, civil society, and local communities, PIN has established a strong footprint across the country, combining emergency response, climate resilience, and inclusive governance. With support from the Czech Aid and other European donors, PIN ensures that Czech and European expertise contributes to innovation, investment, and long-term impact in Zambia.

PIN links communities to private sector opportunities to foster durable livelihoods. The Enhancing Livelihood Opportunities in the Barotse Floodplain Project (2023–2026), implemented with WWF, formalised 90,400 hectares of community-managed land, promotes improved cookstoves and eco-briquettes, and engages local entrepreneurs to sustain green markets. The Strengthening Climate-Resilient Agriculture Markets Project (2025–2027) piloted farm labs and biodigesters, connecting farmers to financial services, off-takers, and technology providers to unlock investment and climate-smart innovations.





A member of a worldwide movement Care International dedicated to saving lives, ending poverty, and promoting social justice in more than 100 countries.

Since 1992, CARE has been working in Zambia in partnership with the government, donor agencies, local non-governmental organizations, community-based organizations, and the private sector, **delivering a range of programmes aimed at improving the lives of vulnerable and socially excluded individuals, with a focus on women and girls.**

Designed with local communities and partners, CARE creates sustainable and impactful solutions for addressing poverty and inequality. These tailored humanitarian and development projects have empowered women and girls to address: Critical Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene, Health, Livelihoods, Food Security, Agriculture and Nutrition, Climate Adaptation, Education, Social Protection, Gender Equality, and Humanitarian Needs.





Mendel University in Brno (MENDELU) has been active in Zambia since 2011, directly implementing development projects particularly in the Western, Southern, and Copperbelt Provinces, and providing technical expertise to other Czech Aid initiatives.

The university specializes in agriculture, agroforestry, and forestry, with a strong focus on natural resource management, including landscape and soil restoration, agroforestry product processing, and the application of technology, research and innovation in these sectors. An integral part of the activities is also cooperation with the local partner academic institutions.

As a university, MENDELU is also committed to education, engaging in inter-university cooperation, exchange programs, study tours, and collaborative research. **MENDELU works closely with the Copperbelt University to advance research capabilities and improve practical training at the School of Natural Resources.** Their efforts include enhancing the quality of the Forestry Study Programme and developing new curriculum in forestry. In terms of research and science, their focus areas include land rehabilitation, sustainable charcoal production, and forestry management.



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