



SUMMARY

DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION
AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE
OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
IN 2021



2021 YEAR IN REVIEW



Activities of the development cooperation and humanitarian assistance in 2021 continued to be affected by the **COVID-19 pandemic**, especially by the restrictions that hindered both implementation and evaluation of projects. Significant impact of the pandemic led to additional cuts in development and humanitarian budget, altogether amounting to 200 mil. CZK.



Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in close cooperation with the Czech Development Agency and the Council for Development Cooperation, carried out a **revision of the Methodology** of the Development Cooperation of the Czech Republic. More emphasis was put on the integrated approach across all phases of the project cycle, in order to increase the effectiveness of the development efforts. A new chapter on communication was added and processes for identification of new projects and for results-based monitoring were enhanced.



In the context of the **European Union** (EU), principal change arrived in the form of a complex instrument for external action NDICI-Global Europe. In 2021-24, it will be the source of funding for Team Europe Initiatives, focused on recovery of developing countries after the pandemic and their overall transformation in the sense of "building back better". Czech Republic has joined preparations of several such initiatives.






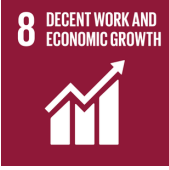



Political situation in **Afghanistan** impacted the Czech, European and global programmes. While development and security cooperation was suspended in August 2021, humanitarian assistance to the country increased.



Despite the aforementioned challenges, the maximum of available resources was disbursed and thus: for the **development cooperation** programmes under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Czech Development Agency **758 mil. CZK**, for the **humanitarian assistance 144 mil. CZK**.

ACTIVITIES OF THE CZECH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

The main focus 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 projects were implemented in Ukraine (Specific Priority Country).

Country	Disbursement	2 ZERO HUNGER	6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
Ethiopia	65,3 mil. CZK		
Moldova	58,8 mil. CZK		
Bosnia and Herzegovina	54,1 mil. CZK		
Georgia	48,6 mil. CZK		
Zambia	37,6 mil. CZK		
Cambodia	12,9 mil. CZK		

Bilateral cooperation activities aimed at specific thematic priorities of the Strategy (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.

OTHER INSTRUMENTS OF THE CZDA

B2B Programme

Development partnerships in private sector / 8,4 mil. CZK

Trilateral projects

Trilateral projects of Czech entities/ 33,2 mil. CZK

Projects in the Czech Republic

Education and awareness raising, Capacity building of platforms and non-state actors, Activities of regions and towns in the priority countries of the Czech development cooperation / 24,3 mil. CZK

PROGRAMMES UNDER THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) is responsible for managing local small-scale projects, projects in cooperation with other line ministries and international organizations, projects based on government resolutions related to the COVID-19 response and activities of transformation cooperation and humanitarian assistance. The MFA also ensures the evaluation of programmes and projects of the Czech development cooperation.

Local small-scale projects

28,1 mil. CZK

The main aim of the local small-scale projects is to support the activities of local subjects in developing countries with the contribution up to 500,000 CZK. Despite the difficult conditions of global pandemic in 2021, 61 small scale projects were implemented in 50 countries.

Assistance to Afghanistan

75 mil. CZK

After the takeover of power by the Taliban and the related suspension of international security and development cooperation, the Czech government re-directed financial resources reserved for Afghanistan (40 mil. CZK, plus extra 35 mil. CZK) to support selected humanitarian programmes (eg. UNHCR, UNICEF) working in the country.

Transformation Cooperation Programme

74 mil. CZK

The programme supports activities that aim at democratic institutions building, protection of human rights, support of civil society and good governance. It is traditionally focused on the priority countries of the Czech foreign policy and the areas where the Czech experience and expertise can be utilized and transferred. Countries of cooperation included Armenia, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kosovo, Cuba, Moldova, Myanmar/Burma, Serbia, Ukraine and Vietnam. In 2021, a total of 39 projects were implemented.

Strengthening capacities of public higher education institutions in partner countries

Within the programme, the emphasis is put on mutual mobility of teachers and students, scientific and research cooperation and enhancing managerial capacities and good governance. In 2021, five Czech universities participated in the programme.

8,9 mil. CZK

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Within the humanitarian budget of 2021, a total of 44 humanitarian activities in 20 countries were implemented. Ministry of Interior received 9 mil. CZK for the mission of Czech rescue workers to Albania and Greece, and for material aid to India. Total disbursement under the MFA equaled to 144,2 mil. CZK.

Besides the pandemic response, the Czech Republic provided assistance:

- **During catastrophes** (fires in Albania and Greece, drought in Ethiopia)
- **During conflicts and forced displacement** (Afghanistan, Iraq, Yemen, Jordan, Ukraine)
- **During complex humanitarian crises** (Myanmar/Burma, Ethiopia, Lebanon, Sahel)
- **In strengthening the resilience of vulnerable countries and regions** and decreasing the risk of disasters (Ethiopia, Cambodia, Zambia)

ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES

In 2021, three multi-year assistance programmes were managed at the MFA: **Programme for the support of source and transit countries of migration in Africa** (2020-22), programme **Stabilization and reconstruction of Iraq** (2018-2021) and **assistance programme for Syria** (originally 2016-19 with follow-up 2020-21).

Realization of activities under the programmes was substantially affected by the pandemic, both in 2020 and 2021, manifesting mainly through increased humanitarian needs in partner countries and in part also through prolonging of the time of implementation of some activities.

Programme	Disbursement
Africa	107,2 mil. CZK
Iraq	65,6 mil. CZK
Syria	61,6 mil. CZK

Given the expiration of programmes for Iraq and Syria at the end of 2021, MFA suggested continuation of the support in the form of assistance programme for countries of the Middle East. The Government approved the proposal for the period 2022-24 with yearly allocation of 100 mil. CZK.

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)
- **Projects of global development education for teachers** (Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports)
- **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** was implemented in Georgia, in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice.

OTHER FORMS OF DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

- **Aid in Place** programme (under Ministry of Interior)
 - assistance to refugees in regions of origin and support of asylum and migration infrastructure
- **MEDEVAC** - Permanent medical humanitarian programme (under Ministry of Interior)
 - deployment of Czech medical teams abroad, expert trainings and internships for foreign medical staff
- Support of international financial institutions, eg. World Bank Group
 - institutions aiming to reduce global poverty, providing technical and financial assistance and supporting the development of private sector

In 2021, contributions were made to several institutions of the **World Bank Group** - International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Development Association, International Finance Corporation and Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative, in the total amount of 384,76 mil. CZK.

MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION



Czech Republic participated in the implementation of the new instrument for external action of the EU **NDICI-Global Europe**, and also in the preparations of **Team Europe Initiatives**. Contributions to the EU's development and humanitarian activities amounted to 4,4 bil. CZK (56,7 % of total official development assistance of the Czech Republic). Among others, preparations for the **Czech presidency in the Council of the EU in 2022** continued.

The Czech Republic has continued the cooperation with the United Nations (UN), especially with the **UN's Development Programme** (UNDP). The long-term project "Czech-UNDP Partnership for Sustainable Development Goals" successfully progressed. Czech Republic held the membership in the UNDP Executive Board (period 2020-22). Within the UN, the Czech Republic has also been involved in other programmes, eg. the UN volunteers programme (UNV).



OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE (ODA) OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Based on the preliminary results published by the OECD in April 2022, the Czech Republic provided official development assistance that equaled **7,843 bil. CZK** (361,74 mil. USD). Compared to the year 2020, there was a nominal growth, caused mainly by the increase in the ODA-eligible resources contributed to the EU (4,4 bil. CZK, i.e. 56,7 % of the total Czech ODA) and by the donations of covid vaccines worth more than 500 mil. CZK. However, as the gross national income (GNI) grew as well, the share of ODA/GNI remained at 0,13 % (behind the international goal of 0,7 % and EU-set goal of 0,33 %).

