

# Czech Aid in Zambia

**2023/2024**

**Development and  
Humanitarian Cooperation**



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in Lusaka

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# Introduction

This report provides an overview of Czechia's development cooperation and humanitarian aid in Zambia during the years 2023/2024.

**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.

**Relations between Czechia and Zambia has a long history**, beginning with the establishment of diplomatic ties by Czechoslovakia 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 on multilateral forums.

**Development cooperation remains a cornerstone of the relationship between Czechia and Zambia.**

Czech Aid focuses on key sectors, including **agriculture and rural development**, with the aim of increasing productivity, **managing natural resources sustainably, and creating jobs**, particularly for women and youth. This is especially important given the frequent droughts in Zambia that lead to emergencies and threaten food security. Beyond agriculture, 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 drafted **in line with the GRZ strategies, and development plans**. Czech Aid activities in Zambia are overseen by the **Memorandum of Understanding between Zambia and Czechia on Development Cooperation**.

**In 2024, Czechia allocated 3,18 million EUR to its development cooperation efforts and humanitarian assistance in Zambia.**

A significant portion of this funding has been utilized through projects detailed in the final chapter of this report, all executed in collaboration **with our trusted implementing partners.**

In recent years, Czechia is increasingly engaging in cooperation with the European Union in Zambia. Through the **Team Europe Initiatives, Czechia seeks to implement impactful projects** in the areas of expertise further highlighting the European impact in Zambia.

This annual report is not only a reflection of the progress made but also a commitment to the future.

**Through continued collaboration and shared goals, Czechia and Zambia are poised to build an even stronger partnership in the years ahead.**



# Czech Aid in Zambia

Czechia has a **Development Programme for Zambia** since 2017. Our projects emphasize increasing the resilience of developing areas and disadvantaged communities. We also focus on providing relief through strategic **humanitarian assistance** and support in crisis.

## 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, in 2023/2024 Czech Aid's projects are targeting natural resource management, agriculture, forestry, environment protection and rural development.

- **Budget allocated:** 0,5 to 1,2 million EUR per 3-years 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.

### Team Europe Initiatives

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

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

- **Budget allocated:** 7 million EUR per 4-years project (6 million from the European Union, 1 million from Czechia)
- **Institution:** Czech Development Agency
- **Implementing partners:** Partners selected in the public procurements (tenders or grants) following the project programming.

# Czech Aid in Zambia

## B2B Projects

Czech Aid's support to private sector and its expansion to Zambia. This instrument aims on creating jobs, transferring technology, and promoting the Green Growth of Zambia through establishment of economic partnerships between small and medium-sized enterprises in Zambia and Czechia.

- **Budget allocated:** up to 100 000 EUR per up to 3-years project (inc. feasibility study and implementation)
- **Institution:** Czech Development Agency
- **Implementing partners:** Small and Medium Enterprises

## UNDP Challenge Fund

Czechia's supports to highly innovative solutions for development challenges in Zambia. This instrument focuses on areas like environment, energy, good-governance or healthcare. 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:** Associations, Universities, Start-ups, etc.

## Aid for Trade

Enhancing Zambia's public commerce institution's and sectoral associations. The instrument focuses on improving the trade infrastructure, skills, market access, promoting sustainable 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:** Associations, Universities, Start-ups, etc.

# Czech Aid in Zambia

## 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
- **Institution:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
- **Implementing partners:** Zambia registered PBOs, 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.

## MEDEVAC - Medical Programme

Medical humanitarian programme allowing the most vulnerable groups of population to access medical care free of charge, strengthen healthcare infrastructure and build capacities of Zambian medical professionals.

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



# Czech Aid in Zambia

## Tied Financial Donations

Specifically identified instrument helping to overcome development challenges through financial donations to advance technological development using Czech and European solutions, equipment. Donations seek complementarity with other projects.

- **Budget allocated:** Per individual identification
- **Institution:** Czech Development Agency
- **Implementing partners:** Zambian public institutions (such as universities, hospitals, etc.)

## Scholarships for Masters and Doctoral students Capacity Building of Universities in Zambia

Zambian Students can benefit from **full scholarship to study Masters and Doctoral degrees at 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 **enhancing higher education through teaching, study programs designing, 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 of the Czech Republic
- **Implementing partners:** Leading Czech public universities

# Czech Aid in Zambia

## Czech Aid Humanitarian Assistance to Zambia

### DRR and resilience

Focus on disaster risk reduction (DRR) and increasing the resilience of 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:** Civil society and NGOs, 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:** Civil society and NGOs, 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:** Civil society and NGOs, UN and other multilateral agencies.

# Financial Summary 2023/2024

**3,14**  
million EUR

## Budget implemented in 2023\*

\*including the Scholarship programme  
(approx. 0,5 mil. EUR)

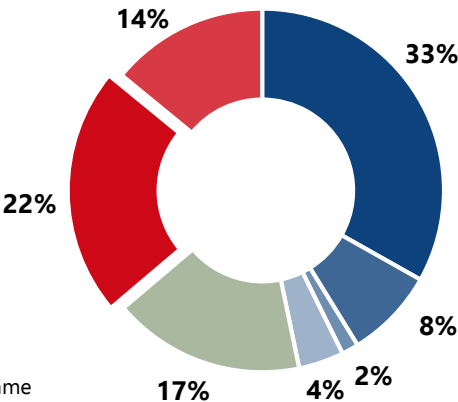
## Budget estimated in 2024\*

\*including the Scholarship programme  
(approx. 0,5 mil. EUR)

**3,18**  
million EUR

## Estimated Budget Distribution in 2024 (in %)

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





# Czech Aid Flagship Projects

## Team Europe Initiative

- Sustainable Landscape through Integrated Management (SLIM)

## Projects in Western Province

- Integrated Farming III.
- Through Biogas Technology towards Higher Resilience
- Productivity Increase and Development of Agro-forestry Value Chains

## Projects in Southern Province

- Green Solutions for Sustainable Development and Growth
- Sustainable Agroforestry for Improving Production

## Other Projects and Initiatives in 2024

- Small Scale Projects
- Scholarships for Masters and PhD. Students
- Humanitarian Aid
- MEDEVAC – Medical Programme





# Team Europe Initiative

Team Europe represents a unified approach by the European Union (EU) and its Member States to support climate action and green partnerships, aiming for sustainable recovery, growth, and decent jobs in Zambia.

Czech Aid in Zambia in 2023 translated the Team Europe approach into a key European programme **Green Partnership and Investment Programme along the Agriculture, Forestry, Biodiversity, Water, and Climate Nexus**.

The Green Nexus Programme is designed to promote and facilitate investments in green recovery and sustainable growth, aiming at decent job creation and skills development. Czechia is participating alongside Germany, France, Sweden, and the United Nations represented by World Food Programme (WFP).

**Under this initiative, Czech Aid leads the project called Sustainable Landscape through Integrated Management (SLIM) and contributes to the Forest Partnership between the European Union and Zambia.**



# Sustainable Landscape through Integrated Management project (SLIM)

- **Year of implementation:** 10/2023- 2027
- **Implementation partners:** Czech Development Agency
- **Total budget:** 7 000 000 EUR (co-financed by the European Union with 6 million EUR)
- **Location:** National level

The project aims to build the resilience of ecosystems and people's livelihoods by supporting changes at both strategic and programmatic levels. The **project strengthens governance mechanisms**, policies, and the coordination for integrated landscape management implementation by enhancing technical and technological capacities of the Government of Zambia (GRZ) on national and sub-national levels and together with other partners of the European Green Nexus Programme.

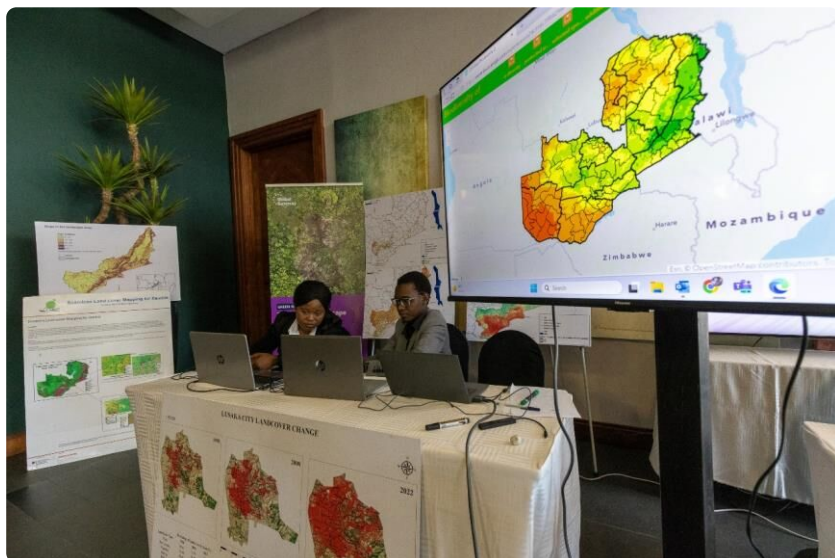
SLIM project provides multi-stakeholder coordination structures and builds inter-institutional partnerships for better Integrated Landscape Management (ILM) policies and their implementation. SLIM supports the utilization of **advanced technological approaches and methods in geographical information systems and remote sensing through cooperation with the European Copernicus satellite service.**

By improving the data management and data sharing in Zambia, the **project develops various maps and data products to identify hotspot/risk areas within the landscape prone to natural disasters** such as drought and soil degradation, and to monitor changes within the landscape through land cover/land use change, **providing enormous databases for effective decision-making.**

Further, **SLIM project specifically focuses on forestry**, with the development of inclusive forest statistical and monitoring tools, and support for sustainable forest management planning and monitoring. Among others contributes to the **Forest Partnership between European Union and Zambia**, highlighting the Czech contributions within the Team Europe approach.

## Main Components of the SLIM project

- **Technical assistance**, on-site mentoring, joint results ownership
- Capacity building in **advanced methods and machine learning, artificial intelligence (AI)**
- Development of evidence-based data products and maps of the landscape for **transparent and informed decision-making** and targeted interventions
- Collaboration, coordination, partnership and **inter-institutional linkages**
- Knowledge and innovation transfer among students and professors at **universities and high-schools**



**Find all Base line Maps for SLIM project and more information about the SLIM project using these QR Codes**





## Key impacts in the efforts to combat climate change

- **Data-driven information** improve land use planning and management and provide a comprehensive evidence base to analyse ongoing and expected trends such as deforestation, land degradation, or biodiversity loss
- Increases **application of high-tech technology and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Remote Sensing (RS)**
- Building partnerships and **multisectoral cooperation** among ministries, partner stakeholders and private sector
- **Transfer knowledge among young people** and motivate them to pursue technical studies and career
- Building **strong and transparent institutions** with evidence-based decision-making processes



# Projects in Western Province

Czechia has been present in Western Province since 2010. Since then Czech Aid has launched several flagship bilateral projects focused on **agriculture, forestry and community development**, which are a key priorities in Czech development program for Zambia.

These initiatives aim to **address critical issues such as climate resilience, food security and the development of sustainable agribusinesses** in the most vulnerable communities of Western province.

By **transforming small-scale farming practices and enhancing household incomes**, these projects are improving the livelihoods of local communities.



# Projects in Western Province

## Integrated Farming (Phase III.)

- **Year of implementation:** 2022- 2024
- **Implementation partners:** MENDELU, Faculty of Forestry and Wood Technology
- **Total budget:** 800 000 EUR
- **Location:** Mongu, Limulunga, Nalolo, Senanga

The goal of the project is to **increase the efficiency of sustainable agricultural production** among 100 small- and medium-scale farmers through **increased income, business skills, processing, and commercialization** while building a resilient landscape and **promoting agroforestry**.

The project supports **honey and fish production and processing of agroforestry products**. The first and second phases increased agricultural and agroforestry production through sustainable practices (holistic land and livestock management, afforestation).





# Projects in Western Province

## Biogas Technology Towards Higher Resilience

- **Year of implementation:** 2021-2024 (Phase I.), 2024-2027 (Phase II.)
- **Implementation partners:** People in Need, Czech University of Life Sciences, Keepers Foundation Zambia
- **Total budget:** 1 000 000 EUR
- **Location:** Mongu, Nalolo, Kalabo

This project aims to enhance climate resilience, increase food and nutrition levels for smallholder farmers, **promote sustainable household energy**, encourage the use and production of organic fertilizer and increase household income levels.

Key activities include **constructing a minimum of 130 biogas plants** (per phase), training farmers in capacity building, financial literacy and business management, training 25 masons in biogas construction, **establishing market linkages** and value addition for bio-slurry to increase household income and finally **demonstrating the utilization of bio-slurry in aquaculture**.



# Projects in Western Province

## Increasing Productivity and Supporting the Development of Mango, Cassava and Organic Fertilizer Value-Chains

- **Year of implementation:** 2020-2023
- **Implementation partners:** Caritas Czech Republic, University of Barotseland, Czech University of Life Sciences
- **Total budget:** 1 000 000 EUR
- **Location:** Mongu

The goal of this projects is to **enhance agricultural productivity** by developing value chains for mango, cassava, and organic fertilizer, targeting emerging farmers in the Mongu district. The overarching goal is to **transform small-scale farming into sustainable agribusinesses**.

The project builds on the earlier "Farmers Capacity Building Focusing on Value Chains Development" initiative. **Five business plans** were selected for implementation: two focused on mango processing (juice and dried fruit), two on cassava production and processing (flour and chips), and one on organic fertilizer production. By the project's conclusion, the **businesses are now well-positioned for long-term sustainability and growth**.



# Projects in Southern Province

Monze District and all Southern Province, known for its **agricultural potential**, faces challenges related to climate change, unsustainable farming practices, and limited market access.

**Czech Aid's bilateral projects focus on sustainable agriculture and agro-forestry and developing agri-food businesses** in addressing challenges in climate resilience and market access.

## Green Solutions for Sustainable Development and Growth in Monze

- **Year of implementation:** 2023-2025
- **Implementation partners:** Caritas Czech Republic
- **Total budget:** 1 000 000 EUR
- **Location:** Monze, Choma

The project is a **transformative initiative aimed at revolutionizing agricultural practices in Monze** district and is designed to address the challenges faced by small and medium-scale farmers, particularly women and youth.

It promotes **sustainable farming techniques** and integrates them into **market-oriented, climate-resilient value chains**. Key areas include empowering farmers with sustainable practices through training, **improving market access and financial inclusion** (with the formation of 90 savings groups), **and transitioning SMEs to green economies**.





## Support to Agro-forestry Value Chains

- **Year of implementation:** 2024-2027
- **Implementation partners:** MENDELU, Faculty of Forestry and Wood Technology
- **Total budget:** 1 000 000 EUR
- **Location:** Monze, Choma

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 the **adoption of sustainable agroforestry practices** and the **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.

# Other Projects and Initiatives

## Small-Scale projects

### Processing of Wild Oils in Mukuni

- **Year of implementation:** 2024
- **Implementation partners:** Booma Women Cooperative
- **Total budget:** 20 000 EUR
- **Location:** Livingstone

Continuation of the project's first phase, which established a processing plant for wild oils, further supporting the emerging business. The aim is to improve the livelihoods of women and youth while promoting sustainable environmental management. The second phase aims to strengthen the enterprise into a growing business and increase its production and income.

### Building Secondary School with Family House in Kashitu

- **Year of implementation:** 2024
- **Implementation partners:** New Renato Community, Czech Technical University
- **Total budget:** 20 000 EUR
- **Location:** Kashitu

As part of a larger initiative to build a secondary school in Kashitu, this small-scale project constructed a family/teacher house to accommodate future staff. The school will offer a five-year study program with student and teacher housing and is strategically located to ensure accessibility. The second phase in 2024 builds on the success of the 2023 workshop construction, where local volunteers were trained in brick-making. This initiative addresses the critical shortage of secondary education in Kashitu.



# Other Projects and Initiatives

## Scholarship for Masters and Doctoral Students

- **Year of implementation:** repeating every year, following the study programmes
- **Implementation partners:** 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)

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, environment, engineering, finance, to ICT, cybersecurity, AI and more. Programmes are in English.

In the 2024/2025 academic year, **24 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.



# Other Projects and Initiatives



## MEDEVAC – Medical Missions

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

MEDEVAC is Czechia's medical humanitarian program that focuses on **providing medical treatment to the most vulnerable populations free of charge** and strengthening healthcare infrastructure in partner countries.

In Zambia, the program has been active since 2023. Since then, Czech medical teams, together with their Zambian counterparts, have performed more than 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 program 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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# Humanitarian Projects

Czech Aid's humanitarian projects in Zambia **address food insecurity, climate resilience, and crisis response.**

In partnership with local and international organizations, Czech humanitarian assistance helps the most vulnerable groups of population, primarily **refugees, farmers, and drought-affected population** through nutrition promotion, model gardens, and cash transfers.

## Tackling Food Insecurity and Malnutrition by Promoting Nutrition-Dense Crops

- **Year of implementation:** 2022, 2023, 2024
- **Implementation partners:** Caritas Czech Republic
- **Total budget:** 200 000 EUR yearly
- **Location:** Meheba and Mayukwayukwa Refugee Settlements

This project aims to **improve nutrition and food security** in the Mayukwayukwa and Meheba **Refugee Settlements** by promoting the sustainable production of **nutrient-dense crops**, such as Vitamin A-rich sweet potatoes and iron-rich beans.

Project also provides **income opportunities** for 1,200 farmers, enhancing economic self-reliance. Key activities include the installation of **solar-powered irrigation systems** benefiting 1,200 farmers, the distribution of walking tractors, the equipping of post-harvest centres with solar dryers, and farmer training.



# Humanitarian Projects

## Response to Food and Nutrition Security Crisis

- **Year of implementation:** 2023, 2024
- **Implementation partners:** People in Need
- **Total budget:** 200 000 EUR yearly
- **Location:** Nalolo, Sioma

Providing immediate and **live-saving nutrition assistance** and mitigating the impact of food security shocks on children under 5 years of age and pregnant or lactating women (PLW).

## Innovative Technological Solutions for Climate Resilience

- **Year of implementation:** 2022, 2023, 2024
- **Implementation partners:** People in Need
- **Total budget:** 100 000 EUR yearly
- **Location:** Western province

**Boosting climate resilience for 40 000 smallholder farmers** across six districts in Western Province. Key objectives include capacity building in climate-smart techniques, improving access to agricultural services and markets, and enhancing disaster preparedness.

## Cash Transfers during the Drought Response 2024

- **Year of implementation:** 2024
- **Implementation partners:** Zambian Red Cross Society
- **Total budget:** 200 000 EUR
- **Location:** Southern and Western provinces

Provision of **emergency financial assistance** through social cash transfers to vulnerable households affected by the extreme drought crisis in 2024. By offering rapid, targeted cash transfers, the initiative seeks to **alleviate immediate food insecurity**, reduce poverty, and support basic needs.





# Czech Aid's Implementing Partners

## **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**

- 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.

# Caritas Czech Republic



**Caritas Czech Republic is the largest non-state provider of social and health services in Czechia. The organization is committed to delivering humanitarian aid and development assistance to vulnerable communities, focusing on improving their quality of life through sustainable solutions.**

Since 2013, Caritas Czech Republic has been actively involved in Zambia, implementing various humanitarian and development projects in sectors such as **maternal and child healthcare, nutrition, sustainable agriculture, enterprise development, refugee support, and education.**

Caritas Czech Republic have **significantly impacted Western, Lusaka, North-Western, Central, Luapula, and Southern Provinces.** In the refugee settlements of Meheba, Mayukwayukwa, and Mantapala, and in urban areas, Caritas Czech Republic has **improved livelihoods** through sustainable value chains, vocational training, small enterprise development, financial inclusion, and facilitating market access. In Lusaka,

**Caritas Czech Republic manages five Outreach Centres,** provide educational support to vulnerable refugee pupils, and facilitate tertiary scholarships. Caritas Czech Republic efforts are funded by partners such as UNHCR, Czech Aid, and the US Embassy in Lusaka and others. Moreover, Caritas' work is conducted in **close partnership with the Government of Zambia.**





# Caritas Czech Republic

## Ongoing Projects Currently Implemented:

- Enhancing Education and Livelihoods of Refugees and their Host Communities (Lusaka)
- Scholarship Programme: Tertiary Education for Refugees
- Green Solutions for Sustainable Development and Growth in Monze
- Innovative Technological Solutions for Climate Resilience in Western Province of Zambia III
- Tackling Food Insecurity and Malnutrition by Promoting Nutrition-Dense Crops in Mayukwayukwa and Meheba Refugee Settlements
- Promoting Education and Livelihoods for Refugees and their Host Communities
- Participatory Development of an Integrated Landscape Management Concept and its Implementation in Zambia



# 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. With a presence in Zambia since 2017. PIN has been at the forefront of empowering civil society actors and supporting vulnerable communities.**

In Zambia, PIN focuses on **sustainable agriculture and climate change adaptation, environmental protection, combating malnutrition, empowering civil society, clean energy solutions and emergency response and disaster preparedness.**

Working hand in hand with **local organizations and authorities**, PIN strives to enhance the resilience of the most vulnerable communities while promoting good governance and positive change.

Through the diverse initiatives listed on the next page, **People in Need continues to work tirelessly towards building a more resilient, sustainable, and equitable Zambia.**

PIN's commitment to **empowering local communities, promoting innovative solutions**, and fostering partnerships remains steadfast as tackling the challenges of poverty, inequality, and climate change in the country.



# People in Need

## Key Initiatives:

- **Sustainable Agriculture and Nutrition:** PIN supports farmers in adopting climate-smart agricultural practices, including the use of biochar technology to improve soil quality and water retention. PIN combats malnutrition, especially among children, pregnant women, and breastfeeding mothers.
- **Clean Energy and Environmental Conservation:** In the Western Province, PIN is pioneering the use of biogas technology as an environmentally friendly alternative fuel source. This initiative not only reduces deforestation but also produces eco-fertilizer.
- **Education and Capacity Building:** Through projects like "Let's Build A School", PIN has supported primary education, introduced innovative approaches to disseminating health information via mobiles, enhancing knowledge on health and nutrition.
- **Disaster Preparedness and Response:** PIN is actively involved in strengthening disaster response and preparedness in vulnerable districts, working with local disaster management



# CARE Zambia



**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 programs** 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



# CARE Zambia





# Mendel University Brno



**Mendel University in Brno (MENDELU) is active in Zambia. MENDELU is dedicated to sustainable landscape management, agro-forestry practices and environmental rehabilitation.**

MENDELU supports small and medium-scale farmers through **agroforestry initiatives**, assist with **agricultural product processing**, and provide capacity-building programs to enhance local farming practices.

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 Copperbelt University to advance research capabilities and improve practical training at the School of Natural Resources. Our efforts include enhancing the quality of the Forestry study program and developing new curriculum in forestry. In terms of **research and science**, our focus areas include land rehabilitation, sustainable charcoal production, and forestry management.

## **Ongoing Projects Implemented:**

- Integrated Farming I, II. and III., Western Province
- Silvopastoral Systems, Southern Province
- Sustainable Agroforestry, Southern Province



# Mendel University Brno



## Closing Remarks

As this yearbook highlights, Czech Aid's development work in Zambia during 2023/2024 has focused on **key areas such as agriculture, agro-forestry, rural development, education and promoting good governance and empowered civil society.**

Additionally, Czechia has continued to be a **traditional partner to Zambia** also in humanitarian assistance not only through resilience building and emergency response to the extreme drought in 2024, but among others also supporting healthcare with MEDEVAC Medical mission or donations.

In 2023/2024 **Czech Aid in Zambia expanded thanks to active cooperation with the European Union**, especially through the Team Europe Initiatives. Being part of the broad **Green Nexus Programme and the Forest Partnership**, Czechia promotes its **effective and technologically advanced solutions for sustainable landscape and management of natural resources.**

Looking ahead, **Zambia continues to be among the 6 priority countries benefiting from the Czech Development Cooperation Programme.**

Czechia will continue building on the previous achievements, deepening our partnerships, and addressing new challenges.

Together, we aim to create **lasting, positive change that benefits the people of Zambia and strengthens our ties for years to come.**

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