



Annual Report 2023

ADRA Czech Republic



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ADRA CZECH REPUBLIC IN 2023

Humanitarian aid during emergencies, as well as the need for long-term assistance to people in many parts of the world, has led us to become involved in helping people in up to 18 countries around the world, 8 of which have been affected by emergencies. Throughout the year, we also continued our assistance to people affected by the war in Ukraine and to refugees arriving in the Czech Republic. We connected more than 3,115 volunteers with lonely, sick or disadvantaged people. We talk about global issues, and especially the meaning of aid, with teachers, students, all supporters and donors who are willing to listen. For us, the year 2023 is therefore associated with an awareness of the challenging but still necessary and meaningful assistance at home and abroad, as well as with gratitude for the continued support of our donors, supporters and volunteers.



VOLUNTEERING

ADRA operates 15 volunteer centers and helps in 71 cities across our country. In 2023, 6,994 clients were helped through volunteer service, which include lonely seniors, children in orphanages, the long-term sick and people with disabilities. During their 47,325 visits to clients, volunteers devoted 91,649 hours of their time to other people.

We continue to seek and train additional volunteers for the specific area of helping people with chronic mental illness, especially Alzheimer's disease. ADRA Volunteer Centers also organized suburban camps and other experiential activities for children from families of refugees arriving from Ukraine. A new opportunity was the launch of a volunteer programme called „Healthy Lifestyle“ for children under 18. Our volunteer centres also manage 37 charity shops and 12 social wardrobes, which employ people in need while providing a sustainable way to shop.

The thousands of long-term ADRA volunteers who regularly visit lonely elderly people or children in orphanages are now being joined by a growing group of corporate volunteers. In the past year, 475 corporate volunteers participated in 60 events. Some welcome the opportunity to provide manual help, such as beautifying the garden of a retirement home, while others enjoy spending time together with children or seniors talking or walking.



GLOBAL EDUCATION

For 18 years we have been helping to integrate global issues into the Czech education system – from kindergartens to universities.

During the year 2023, we successfully tested a new Methodological Guide for teaching about global contexts for kindergartens and primary schools in cooperation with 8 teachers. The lessons help teachers implement themes based on the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals into their teaching. This set of goals responds to current issues facing humanity. We offer a long-term collaboration with the World School Project, which helps integrate global education into the teaching and life of participating schools through projects. For children and young people aged 10-20, we run a Comic Book Competition on the Sustainable Development Goals, which attracted a record 631 entries in 2023.

In the past year we published 6 issues of the magazine for children with different mother tongue SLOVICKO. The magazine aims to support and improve the adaptation of not only Ukrainian pupils in the school environment and beyond, playfully using the method of storytelling, fun tasks and picture reading.



EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

After several years of intensive work, 2023 was a relatively quiet year in terms of emergency relief in the Czech Republic. We have been able to focus on evaluating our processes, we have also conducted extensive research on post-tornado relief in 2021 and we are looking at improving the effectiveness of our work based on the outputs of this research. We have conducted several trainings in humanitarian and psychosocial assistance, as well as trained colleagues in fieldwork, monitoring in the affected area, and a full crisis intervention course.

In the end, we narrowly avoided the area of emergency relief in the acute phase and were left only with the threat of floods in the winter period. However, we were able to pass on our experience in this type of assistance to our colleagues from ADRA Slovenia, for example, where there was widespread flooding in August 2023. Due to the scale of the disaster, which was the largest in Slovenia's history, and the lack of experience with floods, coordination on the ground was very challenging and long-term assistance over many months was needed. We raised more than 1,000,000 CZK in the collection, which provided basic needs for the people affected by the floods - distribution of drinking and drinking water, dryers, material aid and volunteer coordination.

The devastating earthquake that struck large parts of Turkey and Syria in February 2023 claimed thousands of lives, flattened countless buildings and left local communities without electricity and access to drinking water. The collection raised more than 15,000,000 CZK, which helped to provide the basic needs of the earthquake-affected population - the distribution of drinking water, food aid, hygiene packages. We continue to help people in Syria to rebuild water systems and shelter and other areas.

In 2023, ADRA CR also provided humanitarian and financial assistance to people affected by the May floods in Croatia, to the refugee crisis in Armenia and earthquake victims in Morocco in September, and to people affected by the earthquake in Afghanistan in October. We used funds for this humanitarian aid (without opening a public earmarked collection) from the ADRA Coins a Day regular donation programme.





PROJECTS ABROAD

Project type:

development

humanitarian

Areas of help:



health



livelihoods



education



humanitarian aid

EUROPE

UKRAINE

Aid after the destruction of the Kachov Dam

Immediate assistance to people affected by the destruction of the Kachov Dam and ensuring access to drinking water and sanitation

12,082 people supported

Assistance in access to drinking water (Water Supply and Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems)

Ensuring continued access to drinking water for the population, improving operational and sanitation conditions in food preparation areas and toilets, ensuring the continued



24,000 people supported

Winter aid (Reconstruction and Winterization)

Access to construction assistance, material and winterization packages, reconstruction of damaged dwellings

380 households supported

GEORGIA



Humanitarian aid for Georgia

Providing for the basic needs of refugees from Ukraine and the local population in Georgia

Target group: 3,340 people supported – 2,600 beneficiaries of food vouchers, 700 beneficiaries of medical vouchers, 40 participants of the Social Inclusion Activities for Children (camp)

3,340 people supported

MOLDOVA



Helping children with autism spectrum disorders and other genetic disorders in Moldova II

Promoting the social inclusion of children and adolescents with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and other rare disorders in different regions of Moldova by increasing the availability of services at local level and improving legislation on this issue



Meeting the immediate needs of the most vulnerable refugees in Moldova

Providing humanitarian assistance to address the immediate needs of the most vulnerable refugees from Ukraine and the local population

Target group: 10 refugee centres, 120 refugees in language courses, 8,000 vulnerable local people and refugees



Autism – the epidemic of the 21st century

Increasing access to services for people with autism spectrum and genetic disorders in Moldova by improving the legislative framework and creating a study on the real number of people with ASD in Moldova, training psycho-educational staff in the evaluation and recognition of children with ASD

Target group: Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labour, Social Protection and Family in Moldova, Ministry of Education, Culture and Research in Moldova, National Statistical Office, Local governments, Health personnel in all regions of Moldova, Organizations from the FEDRA network

ASIA

CAMBODIA

Adaptive Resilient Initiative for Sustainable Disaster Risk Reduction Engagement (ARISE)

Building local capacity in DRR and resilience, risk management, community planning and coordination with government structures, installation of DRR resilient infrastructure

Target group: community groups, local authorities, private sector



Strengthening the capacity of the ADRA network in Community-led-MEAL II

Strengthening the capacity of the ADRA network in community-led monitoring and evaluation of projects

Target group: ADRA staff, strategic partners from the ADRA network

SYRIA



Resilience in Emergency Contexts and Opportunities for Recovery II (RECOVER II)

Improving access to basic services for conflict-affected communities, rehabilitation of water systems, distribution of school equipment

Target group: 80,000 people supported under WASH, 30 children enrolled in school

**80,000 people supported under WASH,
30 children enrolled in school**



Earthquake Response for Syria

Improving living conditions in earthquake-affected areas, restoring water supply systems

6,000 people supported

LEBANON



Strengthening agricultural livelihoods of smallholder farmers for economic development in Bekaa and Baalbek-Hermel (SAVE)

Supporting the livelihoods of local communities through goats distribution and training

387 people supported

IN 2023,
we helped more than

230,000

people in need in

18

countries.

AFRICA

ETHIOPIA



Post-war reconstruction for the conflict-affected population of the Afar region

Reconstruction of conflict-damaged schools, repair of conflict-damaged water reservoirs, distribution of vaccination vouchers to livestock-owning households, distribution of livestock

6,000 people supported

Life-saving aid for drought-affected people in Somali region

Providing basic needs for IDPs at risk of drought, ensuring the safety and dignity of girls and women, access to hygiene and sanitation

3,600 people supported

NIGER



Integration of Malian refugees and livelihood support (MIEL II)

Construction of 5 inclusive classrooms, drilling of a water borehole for the school with a solar system and tank, construction of 6 latrines for the school, capacity building of teachers and sensitization in preventing gender-based violence in schools, establishment and development of community gardens including purchase of inputs and training, construction of 1 agricultural borehole and irrigation system

Target group: a total of 11,125 beneficiaries – including 5,563 refugees from Mali, 2,225 IDPs and 3,337 people from host communities

11,125 people supported

SOUTH AMERICA

ECUADOR A PERU



Holistic Response for People in Humanitarian Emergencies in Ecuador and Peru (HOPE)

Improving the quality of life and dignity of people affected by humanitarian crises in terms of mobility and improving access to specialized health, food security and protection services for displaced and vulnerable populations in Ecuador and Peru

83,799 people supported

LONG-TERM FOREIGN PROJECTS

ADRA BANGLAKIDS

Education and aid for children in Bangladesh

ADRA BanglaKids provides education, food and medical care to children and students from poor families in Bangladesh. Through distance adoption, we improve their living conditions and contribute to poverty alleviation. In 2023, we supported the education of 1,236 children, including 151 orphans and 89 university students. We are happy to have 12 graduated specialists and 5 graduates with bachelor's degrees.

- Target group:**
- 1,236 children and their families
 - 350 people supported by construction and investment projects in schools
 - 400 beneficiaries of emergency humanitarian aid
 - **A total of 5,694 people supported**



ADRA CHALANTIKA CELEBRATES 10 YEARS of changing the lives of children in a Bangladeshi slum

ADRA Chalantika Education Centre celebrated a significant milestone in 2023: 10 years of helping the poorest illiterate children and adults. Thanks to the generosity of donors, we have already provided education and a chance for a better life to more than 1,200 children from the slum of Chalantika. We have cooked more than 150,000 nutritious lunches for the children and taught more than 9,000 classes in basic education, health, hygiene and social issues. We provide school children with school uniforms and supplies and provide regular medical care. In 2023, we supported 80 children at the centre and another 70 in the upper grades at affiliated schools. Parents of the children receive literacy and health care classes and courses to help them enter the job market.

Target group: 150 children from the Chalantika slum and their families

ITIBO

Itibo is a humanitarian development project of a health facility under the auspices of ADRA o.p.s. in the southwestern part of Kenya. It is aimed at providing health care to the people of the general area, improving the quality of health care, and educating health care personnel. Last year a total of 5 tours of medics and doctors were conducted. During the time of cooperation with the students, about 500 medics and about 240 doctors of different specialties have already helped in Itibo. The number of patients treated by medics at Itibo Hospital has stabilised at around 12,000 per year.

Construction of an emergency room is underway. As a result of new legislation issued by the Ministry of Health in Kenya and collaboration with WHO, new rules have been introduced in the provision of maternal care during labour and postpartum. The expectant mother can now avail of the services of any health facility equipped for delivery, with all care being covered by the insurance company based on documentation. The aim is to reduce home births and consequently reduce obstetric and postpartum complications, including maternal and infant mortality. In addition, with funds from our supporters and donors, we were able to purchase a fully automated biochemical analyzer that is able to test many parameters from the patient's blood that are important for adequate treatment. We owe this to two students of the Faculty of Medicine of Masaryk University in Brno, who, after returning from their internship with us, organized many lectures and approached companies until they reached the target amount of money.

Our challenge for the coming year is to sustain the project in our absence. Furthermore, the continuation of the internships of medics and doctors, which are of great benefit to our health professionals and especially to our patients.



OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

ADRA Gift broke records

Thanks to the generous support of our donors, last year we sold the most ADRA Gift donation certificates ever last year. In total, you donated 3,653 ADRA Gifts worth CZK 1,698,460 last year. And we can turn your donations into help for those in need. Thank you! The clear bestseller this Christmas was our magical chickens. Thanks to your enormous interest, we are able to get this unpretentious pet into many households, not only in Ethiopia or Niger, and provide an easy source of biologically valuable food – which eggs are.

Crisis Intervention Training

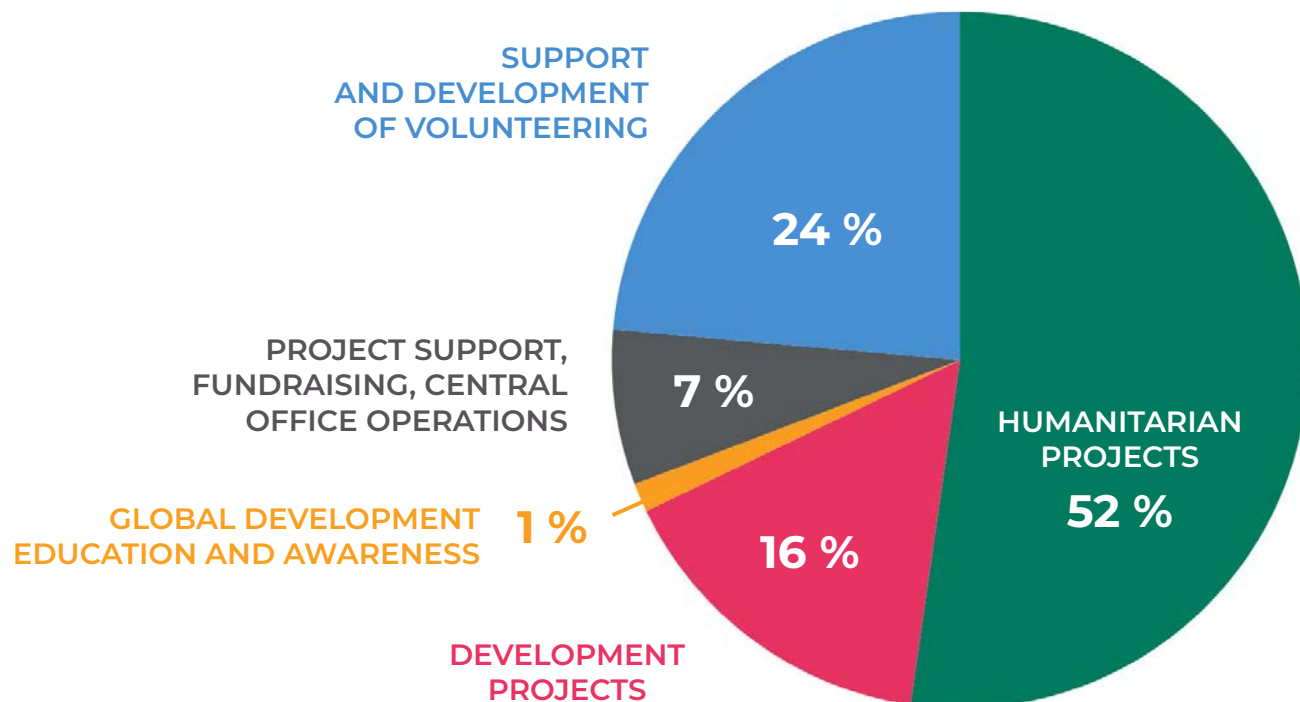
Due to the increasing frequency of emergencies and the increased need to be adequately prepared to respond to such events, we decided to train 20 employees of our organization in complete crisis intervention training. This will strengthen the professional capacity of our team in providing assistance to the most vulnerable groups such as people in acute crisis or survivors of tragic events.

„In the context of events such as the covid-19 pandemic or the migration crisis, it has become important to manage, for example, telephone support or online chat, where people also turn to. These are all skills that our staff will acquire through training. In addition to providing assistance and support, focusing on their own responses and coping with stressful situations is an important topic,” says Josef Koláček, Humanitarian Aid Coordinator in the Czech Republic and KIP teams project.

ADRArun 2023

The 10th anniversary edition was more than successful. It was attended by a record 1,698 runners who together ran or walked 25,425 km. They contributed an amazing CZK 488,500 to support volunteering for children, but not only for them! Thanks to the amount raised, we were able to find even more volunteers and connect them with those who need their help.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY



The total revenue of ADRA o.p.s. in 2023 amounted to CZK 203,158 thousand. Their predominant sources were mainly income from public finances (39 %), donations from individuals and companies (32 %) and donations from public collections (27 %).



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