



# Annual Report 2024

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here for others*



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# INTRODUCTORY WORD

Dear friends, supporters, and collaborators,

with great joy and gratitude, I am once again sharing with you the key moments of our humanitarian aid in the past year. A year full of challenges and hope brought many opportunities to help those in need. Thanks to your support, we were able to develop projects at home and abroad and continue to fulfill our mission of helping people in difficult life situations.

Abroad, we provided assistance to people in more than 15 countries, where we implemented humanitarian projects supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic. A significant part of our assistance was also a project funded by the Czech Development Agency, focused on supporting children with autism spectrum disorder in Moldova. We continue to engage in helping Ukraine, where the war conflict still continues, and people there need not only material but also psychological and social support.

Our long-term effort to make education accessible to children in Bangladesh continues, and thanks to our donors, 1,300 children today have a better chance for quality education and hope for a better future. In the Czech Republic, we have been dedicated to volunteering in healthcare and social facilities as well as in households for a long time. Over the past year, more than 3,200 volunteers regularly visited lonely seniors and long-term patients, bringing them joy and welcome company.

In the autumn months, we faced the challenge of extensive floods in the Czechia, which affected many households. Thanks to the active involvement of more than 2,000 volunteers, we were able to help more than 1,000 households and financially support 860 families. Personally, I had the opportunity to spend a week in the field in the Ostrava and Opava regions, where I helped coordinate aid and met with families affected by the floods. It was touching to see the power of human solidarity. One of the local residents told me, that he never expected so many people to come to his aid. It was a great encouragement for him in a difficult situation. This experience once again showed me how important it is to be where we are needed. I cannot overlook our educational activities, which contribute to raising awareness (not only) among the younger generation.

Thanks to everyone who participates in our activities – our employees, volunteers, corporate and private donors, and the founder, the Seventh-day Adventist Church, which stands behind our values and mission. Last but not least, I thank God for His guidance and blessings. Together, we can continue to bring hope where it is most needed.



**Radomír Špinka**

Director of ADRA CZ

# VOLUNTEERING

In 2024, it has been 20 years since the establishment of the first ADRA volunteer center (VC) in Frýdek-Místek. It was here, when ADRA embarked on the path of organized volunteering, which gradually inspired the creation of fourteen more VCs in the Czech Republic.

***“I’m happy about this, because volunteering is something that ADRA considers a key theme. And it all started right here in Frýdek-Místek. Since then, volunteering has grown significantly, and today there are many different programs. We visit seniors, children, people with various disabilities, we go into households. At the same time, we also do volunteering during emergencies, when something unexpected happens. So I’m glad that this is a topic we at ADRA can devote ourselves to.”***

**– Radomír Špinka**  
Director of the ADRA CZ

In 2024, VCs focused on connecting lonely, sick, and disadvantaged individuals with those, who can and want to help them. The network of 15 centers operating in eight regions of the Czech Republic allowed for effective monitoring of the situation in individual regions and flexible response to current needs.

VCs continued to develop volunteering in the regions. In the Moravian-Silesian and Liberec regions, they coordinated the activities of information and contact centers, that connect volunteers, non-profit organizations, contributory organizations, and municipalities. The aim of these centers is to popularize volunteering and offer a wide range of volunteer opportunities. ADRA volunteers provided invaluable support to lonely seniors, children in orphanages, long-term patients, and people with disabilities in 2024. Their kindness, empathy, and willingness to spend their free time brought joy and hope into the lives of those in need.

ADRA also won the main prize in both categories of the national Cen za DOBROvolnictví for 2024, awarded by the Ministry of the Interior. The award is proof of the long-term and quality work of our volunteers and the entire organization.

Last year, ADRA introduced two new programs focused on health and psychosocial care. The Healthy Lifestyle program aims to raise awareness among minors about healthy lifestyles and food safety. The second program, thanks to trained volunteers, focuses on supporting hospitalized pediatric patients with psychosomatic illnesses.





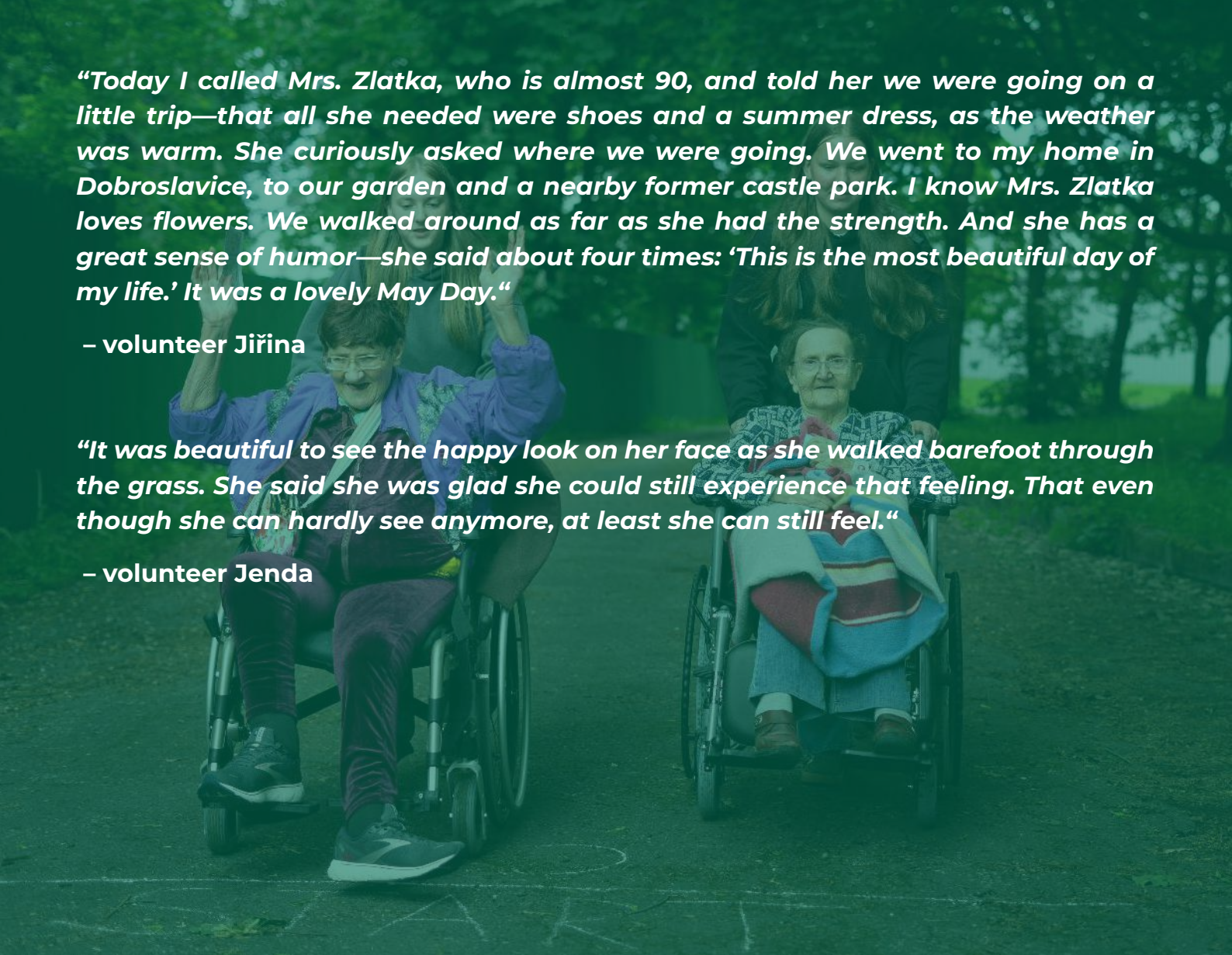
## Volunteer centers

In 2024, ADRA successfully established cooperation with Společnost pro ranou péči in Ostrava, which helps children with disabilities and their families in early age. ADRA volunteers support families with children with visual or combined disabilities, help organize events, and make handmade crocheted gifts. VC Havířov implemented the intergenerational program Adráček, where mothers with young children up to 6 years old visit seniors in homes. Joint activities such as painting, building with Lego, singing, and crafting bring joy and enrichment to both generations.

VC Liberec established cooperation with the Liberec Remand Prison. Convicts made handmade elf figures, which were sold in ADRA charity shops. The proceeds supported charitable projects in the Liberec region. VC Frýdek-Místek organized the fourth annual day camp for children with autism spectrum disorder. Twenty children and twenty volunteers spent a week full of games, fun, and new experiences.

The traditional charity event ADRArun 2024 took place in May in several cities across the Czech Republic, including Prague. Participants supported ADRA's volunteer centers through their registration fees—centers that help lonely seniors, hospital patients, people with disabilities, and disadvantaged children.

We thank all volunteers, partners, and supporters who contribute to the work of ADRA. Thanks to their selfless work and dedication, we can continue to spread kindness and help those in need.



***“Today I called Mrs. Zlatka, who is almost 90, and told her we were going on a little trip—that all she needed were shoes and a summer dress, as the weather was warm. She curiously asked where we were going. We went to my home in Dobroslavice, to our garden and a nearby former castle park. I know Mrs. Zlatka loves flowers. We walked around as far as she had the strength. And she has a great sense of humor—she said about four times: ‘This is the most beautiful day of my life.’ It was a lovely May Day.”***

**– volunteer Jiřina**

***“It was beautiful to see the happy look on her face as she walked barefoot through the grass. She said she was glad she could still experience that feeling. That even though she can hardly see anymore, at least she can still feel.”***

**– volunteer Jenda**



## Corporate volunteering

Corporate volunteering remained an integral part of ADRA's assistance in 2024. A total of 59 companies and 861 employees participated in activities, dedicating their time to seniors, children from orphanages, and people with disabilities. They also helped with garden maintenance in social facilities, prepared programs for children in Klokánek, accompanied seniors on walks, organized joint gatherings, and created an atmosphere of closeness that many miss. Thematic events such as beauty day for senior women, hat rides, or trips, which would be difficult to realize without the support of corporate teams, were also very successful.

***“For us, the Dobroden event had an incredible impact in making us realize just how many trivial and unnecessary things we sometimes worry about.”***

**– Lenka Kubiková**

**Operations manager, Tesco Frýdek-Místek**

Corporate volunteers also actively engage during emergencies. When devastating floods hit the Czechia in September 2024, 244 employees from 18 companies helped with clearing mud and debris, cleaning homes, and distributing aid. Their quick response and commitment supported dozens of households during a difficult time.

Regular corporate events also include popular clothing drives for ADRA shops or participation in ADRAruns, where employees support both their own health and a good cause. We thank all the companies and their employees who contributed their time and energy in 2024. We look forward to more shared experiences that help make the world a better place.

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FIREM ZAPOJENÝCH  
DO DOBROVOLNICTVÍ

18



FIREM ZAPOJENÝCH  
DO DOBROVOLNICTVÍ  
PO POVODNÍCH

861



ZAMĚSTNANCŮ  
ZAPOJENÝCH DO  
DOBROVOLNICTVÍ

244



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DOBROVOLNICTVÍ  
PO POVODNÍCH



## Volunteering Abroad

In 2024, ADRA Czech Republic joined a European Commission project under the European Solidarity Corps, enabling people to take part in humanitarian missions abroad. The goal is to send a total of 24 volunteers in cooperation with ADRA Slovakia by January 2027. Participants contribute directly in the field, gain new skills, and help improve the lives of local communities.

Last year, Czech and Slovak ADRA jointly sent 4 volunteers: two to Serbian partner organizations (Philanthropy and Merhamet), one to ADRA Zambia, one to Uganda Pioneers Association. The volunteers contributed in areas such as PR and communications (Zambia), working with children (Uganda), supporting humanitarian projects for vulnerable groups, and assisting in shelters for homeless people (Serbia). In total, these volunteers contributed 1,298 hours of service in 2024.

# EMERGENCY EVENTS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

In 2024, Czechia was hit by floods during June, August, and especially September, which experts described as an extreme situation. ADRA quickly joined other non-governmental organizations in helping affected people in the affected areas. In terms of scope, number of involved workers and volunteers, and volume of provided assistance, this event was one of the largest in recent years, and recovery will continue in the coming years.

Assistance was directed to five regions, with the greatest effort required in the Moravian-Silesian and Zlín regions. A total of 2,137 volunteers helped with flood aftermath. ADRA distributed material assistance worth 3.2 million CZK, and thanks to a public collection that raised 81.5 million CZK, we supported 604 households with financial assistance in the first wave. Further payments will continue during 2025.

An important prerequisite for managing such situations is the training of staff and volunteers, which also involves the Czech Fire Rescue Service, particularly its psychological support division. The training focuses on coping with natural disasters and providing psychosocial support to people affected by emergencies. Thanks to this preparedness, ADRA volunteers were able to visit 1,950 households during so-called monitoring missions in 49 municipalities.

***“In September, our town was hit hard by a devastating flood. Almost the entire town of Krnov, home to 23,000 residents, was submerged, causing enormous damage—worse than in 1997. The recovery will be long and demanding, yet thanks to the tremendous help of hundreds of volunteers, we managed to get back on our feet quickly. ADRA helped us greatly—not only by coordinating volunteers, but also by attracting many of them to our town. We truly appreciate your support!”***

**– Tomáš Hradil, Mayor of Krnov**

***“I’ve cried twice in my life. Once when my mother passed away, and now after the floods. Thankfully, water didn’t enter our apartment—only the hallways and basement were flooded—but it was terrible. There was mud everywhere. We wouldn’t have managed on our own. Thank you, ADRA, for helping us.”***

**– Vojtěch Vysekal, aid recipient in Krnov**





2,137



VOLUNTEERS  
HELPING DURING  
THE FLOODS

1,950



HOUSEHOLDS  
VISITED DURING  
MONITORING

49



MUNICIPALITIES  
WHERE ADRA  
PROVIDED FLOOD

81.5



MILLION CZK RAISED  
IN THE FLOOD RELIEF  
FUNDRAISER

## EMERGENCY EVENTS ABROAD

In 2024, ADRA Czech Republic also supported humanitarian aid efforts during several emergencies abroad. Assistance was provided to people affected by floods in Spain, Romania, Poland, and Slovakia. Aid was also directed to those affected by the conflict in Lebanon and during the political upheaval in Syria. ADRA further provided humanitarian support to refugees from Gaza and to people impacted by the refugee and migration crisis in South America. We thank all volunteers, donors, and partners who helped people through difficult times in 2024.

# PROJECTS ABROAD

Project type:

development

humanitarian

## AFRICA

### BURKINA FASO

#### Emergency Relief, Stabilization and Peace Coexistence for IDPs and Host Communities

Improving the living conditions and health of internally displaced persons by ensuring access to food, safe water, hygiene, and more sustainable sources of livelihood.

5,000 people supported

### NIGER

#### Strengthening Education and Livelihoods for Vulnerable Populations in Niger (SEL)

Focusing on educating young people, particularly from refugee communities, and ensuring long-term livelihood options.

Sixty young refugees and internally displaced persons completed vocational training in carpentry, welding, and sewing, which helps them improve their professional skills and increase their chances of earning a livelihood.

12,190 people supported

### ETHIOPIA

#### Improving livelihoods and ensuring access to public and social services in Ad'ar Woreda in the Afar region

The project improved the livelihoods of vulnerable pastoralists and increased access to education for children who had dropped out of school. This was achieved by facilitating access to basic public and social services.

6,000 people supported

#### Building Opportunities for Livelihoods Development and Enhanced Resilience (BOLDER)

As part of the project, we helped to develop community action plans that enable the local community to identify their own priorities and define specific steps to take. We also organized workshops on entrepreneurship and supported local women in starting their own small businesses.

4,207 people supported

### ZAMBIA

#### Strengthening Resilience of Smallholder Households and Schools in Drought Prone Areas of Zambia

We contribute to restoring livelihoods, building resilience, and improving food and nutritional security for smallholder farmers and schools affected by prolonged drought.

3,145 people supported

# ASIA

## CAMBODIA

### **Adaptive Resilient Initiative for Sustainable DRR Engagement II (ARISE II)**

Through training and investment planning, we strengthened the capacities of local leaders and built resilient infrastructure such as dams, water canals, and safety hills where people can seek refuge or protect their belongings during floods.

**1,659 direct beneficiaries**

### **Vermiculture Based Sustainable Organic Innovative Livelihoods (V-SOIL)**

Introduction of vermicomposting methods and support for local farmers in developing sustainable fertilizer production.

Support for the expansion of vermicomposting as a simple and sustainable technology that helps local farmers start their own businesses, increase self-sufficiency, and protect the environment by reducing the use of industrial fertilizers.

**172 people trained**

## YEMEN

### **Multisectoral Life-Saving Assistance in Yemen (MLAY)**

Improving access to healthcare, nutrition services, and safe, clean water for communities affected by conflict.

The restoration of two healthcare facilities, provision of essential medicines, and support for medical staff significantly improved access to care for vulnerable populations including children and pregnant women.

**8,030 people supported**

## MYANMAR

### **Bridging the Gaps for Crisis-Affected Families in Northern Shan (BRIDGE)**

Providing comprehensive assistance to families impacted by the crisis in Myanmar, ranging from food aid to educational support.

Despite the need to relocate the project to a different area, all activities were successfully restored in a short time, ensuring that people in need received support of the same quality and scope.

**9,381 people supported**

## SYRIA

### **Helping Educational Assistance to be Raised for those with Disabilities (HEARD)**

Improving access to appropriate and safe educational environments and enhancing the quality of education for children with disabilities.

**812 people supported  
32 classrooms renovated**

### **Earthquake Response for Syria (ERS)**

Improving the living conditions of people affected by the earthquake and supporting the restoration of their livelihoods.

**219,116 people supported**



## SOUTH AMERICA

### ECUADOR & PERU

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

Provision of comprehensive humanitarian assistance to people in need — from access to basic necessities such as food, water, and temporary shelter, to the provision of healthcare, psychological and legal support, and assistance in securing livelihoods.

**46,456 people supported**

## EUROPE

### MOLDOVA

#### Ensuring the Needs of the Most Vulnerable Local Population and Refugees in Moldova II

Improving access to healthcare and supporting labor market integration for vulnerable local populations and Ukrainian refugees.

ADRA in Moldova ensured access to medications and medical equipment for vulnerable individuals and Ukrainian refugees and organized training sessions focused on entrepreneurship, accounting, and IT. Additionally, eighteen minigrants were awarded to support small businesses.

**1,262 household supported**  
(335 individuals received support through the purchase of medical equipment, 280 individuals participated in training sessions, 18 individuals received entrepreneurial mini-grants)

#### Aid for children with autistic spectrum disorder (ASD) and other genetic disorders in Moldova II

Supporting access to services and social inclusion for children with autism and other genetic disorders.

The project contributed to the expansion of social services and promoted equal access for children and adolescents with autism spectrum disorder and rare genetic diseases. It also supported changes in legislation, increased awareness of social inclusion, and contributed to the achievement of sustainable development goals in the areas of social protection and inclusion.

**(We supported individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other rare genetic conditions. Assistance was also provided to family members, caregivers, healthcare professionals, behavioral specialists, psychotherapists, and other experts working with this vulnerable group.)**

## UKRAINE

### Safe Water, Mental Peace and Social Transport for Ukraine Affected by Conflict (WMT)

In Ukraine, ADRA Czech Republic is implementing a project in collaboration with the ADRA Germany and Ukraine, focused on providing aid in four key areas:

- 1) ensuring access to drinking water and improving hygiene conditions through the replacement of water towers, drilling wells, and installing filters
- 2) distributing of food to two collective centers
- 3) providing psychosocial support and legal counseling
- 4) ensuring social transportation for residents of remote areas in four regions

**11,000 people supported**





## LONG-TERM FOREIGN PROJECTS

### ADRA BANGLAKIDS

The BanglaKids child sponsorship program celebrated 25 years of empowering the most vulnerable children in Bangladesh. With the generous support of donors, over 8,000 children have benefited from education, healthcare, and nutritious meals. Despite the challenges of political unrest and two devastating floods in 2024, ADRA remained steadfast, ensuring that 1,077 children—85 orphans and 85 university students—continued their education.

In addition, the library at the SAMS boarding school, which serves 800 children, was fully renovated, and sustainable agricultural initiatives were expanded within the school. During the floods, humanitarian aid reached more than 200 families in need.



## ADRA ČALANTIKA

The Chalantika educational center in the capital city of Dhaka continued its work despite extreme weather, cyclones, and political unrest. Thanks to the Chalantika program, children from the slums received quality education, regular medical care, school supplies, and nearly 15,000 lunches. The center supports 80 children, with another 96 continuing their studies in secondary schools. The annual educational excursion was also a highlight of the year.

The adolescent program featured 24 sessions on important topics, including adolescence, career counseling, early marriage, health protection during natural disasters, and the prevention of tropical diseases.

Additionally, the children's mothers participated in 173 literacy lessons and 180 health education sessions. Key awareness topics covered included human rights, parenting, child labor, education, early marriage, and more. Twenty mothers also completed sewing or food production courses, making it easier for them to find employment.





## ITIBO

Itibo is a humanitarian development project of a healthcare facility under the auspices of the humanitarian organization ADRA, located in the southwestern part of Kenya. From its early days, when the hospital treated only about 500 patients a year, it has evolved—thanks to the selfless support of donors, sponsors, and Czech healthcare professionals—into a modern facility now serving more than 12,000 local residents annually.

Student and doctor internships, which are organized in cooperation with Czech universities, continued in 2024. Czech medical students not only gained valuable experience, but also actively contributed to handling crisis situations and the hospital's daily operations. Over the year, five such groups took turns in Itibo. The enthusiastic students, under the guidance of experienced professionals, regularly participate in comprehensive patient care and pass on their knowledge to the local team.

New maternal care standards, introduced by the Kenyan Ministry of Health in collaboration with the WHO, led to a significant increase in childbirths, all supervised by trained medical staff—on some days, up to five births took place. These efforts, along with the regular internships, contribute to the continuous improvement of care quality, reduction of neonatal mortality, and education of the local healthcare staff.





## Modernization and Development

Thanks to a successful fundraising campaign led by students, which raised CZK 183,637 (from 163 donors), a modern ultrasound machine with both linear and convex probes, as well as a tablet for image display, was purchased. This device significantly expanded the hospital's diagnostic capabilities—from examining abdominal pain and dehydration to complex monitoring of complicated deliveries. In addition, supporter donations were used to acquire a fully automated biochemical analyzer.

During the past year, construction of an emergency outpatient clinic was completed, directly connected to the existing general outpatient department. It enables the staff to care for patients with injuries, acute, and life-threatening conditions. The clinic is equipped with various instruments and equipment to help manage serious health issues. Maintenance work was also carried out on buildings, which deteriorate more quickly due to the tropical and rainy climate.

## Recognition and International Nominations

The Itibo project has also received several recognitions. During the SDG Awards, organized by the Association of Social Responsibility, it was selected as one of 37 finalists out of 269 submitted projects in the category of Development Cooperation, Peace, and Partnerships. Another major recognition is the nomination for the prestigious Japanese Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize, which honors exceptional achievements in medicine in Africa.

Looking ahead, the goal is to ensure the sustainability of the project even during our absence and to continue sharing knowledge through internships. Thanks to the regular visits of Czech doctors and ongoing modernization of the equipment, Itibo is continuously evolving and stands as a model of a sustainable humanitarian project. Sincere thanks go to all donors, sponsors, and volunteers whose support enables us to continue this shared journey toward improving healthcare in Kenya.



# GLOBAL EDUCATION

ADRA has been involved in global education and public awareness in the Czech Republic since 2006. Through the program „Real World,” it supports teachers, pedagogy students, and students in kindergartens, elementary, and secondary schools in integrating topics of sustainable development, active citizenship, and respect towards the planet into their classes.

Together with other organizations, ADRA also participated in the Global Education Week, where it presented the project „World of the Earth” and the online comic exhibition „Human Rights” was introduced. ADRA also focuses on climate education – in cooperation with the SEVER eco-center, the Global Education Department team prepared a methodological workshop for pedagogy students.



## Real World

As part of the Real World project, 789 pedagogy students from five universities and 48 teachers attended professional seminars and webinars. The main topics were climate change, dignified jobs, and responsible consumption.

## ADRA Comic Art Competition

The ninth annual Comic Art Competition brought 295 comic works on five sustainable development topics. Thirty authors were awarded, and their works were exhibited at the Letná Water Tower. A workshop with artist Hanna Kovtun and a opening with a buffet from Kuchařka bez domova were also prepared. An evaluation of all previous years was conducted, which brought recommendations for further development of the competition.



## Comic Exhibitions

New traveling and virtual exhibitions were created on Climate Change and Human Rights. ADRA organized a total of 24 exhibitions, which over 400 children and young people attended. More than 80 participants attended following educational programs. For the second time, a summer exhibition took place in the public space at the Gothic castle Točník.



## Pilot Testing of Methodological Handbooks

In 2024, pilot testing of two new methodological handbooks for elementary and secondary school teachers took place. A total of 12 lessons were tested by five teachers from five schools. The handbooks aim to help integrate the UN's Sustainable Development Goals into school curriculums and provide specific suggestions on how to introduce these topics to students.

***"The lesson is designed in a very engaging way. The simulation game involves students—emotionally and ethically—in a very serious topic and brings awareness about the realities families in the Global South."***

**– Lesson "End of Hunger" (Methodical handbook for Secondary Schools)**

# Global School and the Inspiration Award

A total of 12 new schools were awarded the title Global School, two of which were recognized for their work under the organization ADRA. The Global Schools Summit was held under the theme "A World for Girls and Boys" and focused on equal opportunities and inequalities both in the Czech Republic and globally. At the Senate of the Czech Republic, eight Inspiration Awards were awarded to schools with outstanding projects. The program also included a panel discussion titled "Stories Under the Stars and to the Stars" featuring guests from various scientific fields.

## Slovíčko Magazine

In 2024, the Department of Global Education published two new issues of the magazine Slovíčko, designed for school children with a different mother language than Czech. The magazine uses playful methods to help children learn Czech, expand their vocabulary and comprehension, and supports their integration into school communities.

*"When it comes to reporting your numbers, you can add approximately 55 happy children who really enjoyed your magazine."*

*– Ms. Hana, teacher*

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PILOT LESSONS FROM  
METHODOLOGICAL  
HANDBOOKS FOR  
PRIMARY AND  
SECONDARY SCHOOLS

295



RECEIVED COMIC ARTS  
IN THE COMIC CONTEST

24



TRAVELING COMIC  
EXHIBITIONS

789



TRAINED PEDAGOGY  
STUDENTS

48



TRAINED  
TEACHERS

2



NEW ISSUES OF THE  
MAGAZINE SLOVÍČKO





## WHAT ELSE WAS ACCOMPLISHED

### ADRA Czech Republic assisted in 22 countries worldwide

In 2024, ADRA Czech Republic provided aid in a total of 22 countries. Long-term humanitarian and development projects—including international volunteering programs—were carried out in 17 countries, including Bangladesh and Kenya. In addition, emergency assistance was provided in five other countries: Lebanon, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Spain. Among the countries where ADRA Czech Republic was involved for the first time were: Uganda, with a new international volunteering program, Spain, during the autumn floods near Valencia, and Colombia, where the organization supports humanitarian contact centers as part of the response to the migration and refugee crisis.

In 2024, we provided help in

22

countries around the world.

### ADRA and volunteer Anetta Erbanová recognized for contributions to volunteering

In 2024, the Ministry of the Interior awarded ADRA as part of the Volunteer Awards for its long-term efforts in developing volunteerism in the CzechIA. This recognition belongs to all the volunteers and staff who devote themselves wholeheartedly to helping others. In the individual category, Mrs. Anetta Erbanová was honored. For 15 years, she has been regularly visiting seniors in the Senior Home in Frýdek-Místek. With over 500 volunteer hours, she has been a steady support for seven seniors, offering them her time, care, and presence until their final days. Her kindness and dedication earned her the title “angel”, lovingly given to her by the seniors she accompanied.

## Psychological First Aid at Colours of Ostrava

In 2024, ADRA provided a safe space for psychological first aid for the first time at one of the Czech Republic's largest music festivals, Colours of Ostrava. In a specially adapted tent just outside the festival gates, we created a calm and welcoming place for anyone who needed to relax, take a break, or talk to professionals. A team of volunteers from our centers in Ostrava, Frýdek-Místek, and Havířov was ready to help every day from afternoon until night. Throughout the festival, we held dozens of conversations about difficult life situations, including some of the most serious cases. Our support was used not only by festivalgoers but also by members of the organizing team.

## ADRA and Giving Tuesday

During Giving Tuesday, ADRA volunteers handed out chocolates in ten Czech cities. These sweet treats, handmade by people with disabilities, brought not only a taste experience but also smiles and a reminder that kindness is all around us. It wasn't just about the sweets—it was about shared joy. The chocolates were given not only to passersby but also delivered to senior homes and children's hospices.

## ADRAběh 2024 – The Never-ending Story of Help

The May ADRAběh once again became a celebration of movement and solidarity in 2024. A total of 1,180 runners and walkers came together to support volunteerism, raising CZK 513,000—a record amount for this benefit event. Thanks to this support, ADRA can continue to connect volunteers with lonely seniors, children with disabilities, and chronically ill individuals, bringing joy and companionship into their everyday lives.

## Research on Post-Tornado Aid

In 2024, ADRA continued work on research into the aid provided after the 2021 tornado in South Moravia. The study evaluates the quality and effectiveness of the aid and provides recommendations on how to better coordinate volunteers, NGOs, foundations, emergency services, and local governments in responding to similar disasters. The goal is to improve preparedness and response time in the future and to strengthen cooperation among all involved actors during emergencies.





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for being here with us for others.*





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Compassion  
Love

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