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Integration of refugees into the labour market

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EMERGENCY APPEAL

CARITAS RESPONSE TO UKRAINE REFUGEE CRISIS





OUR HELP AT A GLANCE

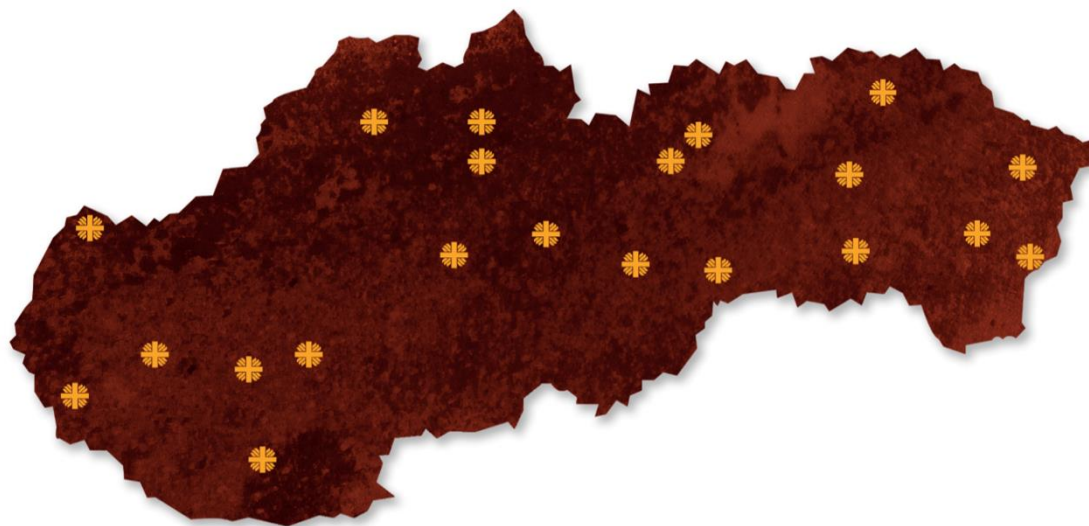
+ 46,000 refugees

+ 180,000 services

24 centers across Slovakia

EMERGENCY APPEAL PROJECT

- After the outbreak of the conflict in Ukraine we applied for the Emergency Appeal project through Caritas Internationalis – project duration: 1.5.2022 – 30.4.2023
- Caritas Slovakia together with 10 diocesan/archdiocesan Caritas operated 24 integration centres across Slovakia and Caritas point at the border crossing in Vyšné Nemecké.



HUMANITARIAN AID

23 trucks and tens of cars transporting more than **600 tons** of food and non-food items dispatched to Ukraine



OUR STAFF

- More than 850 volunteers active since the beginning of the war
- More than 150 centre coordinators and management staff
- More than 50 professional staff (psychologists and social workers)



At the beginning of the conflict, Slovak population showed a great wave of solidarity. Today we are looking for new ways to receive material aid through individual, corporate and international donors.

We provide hot meals, food packets, clothing, hygiene kits, household equipment and school bags for children.

BASIC NEEDS

+ 58, 035 hot meals and food packets provided

+ 45, 731 hygiene kits distributed

+ 22, 833 non-food items distributed





We cooperate with international humanitarian organizations to distribute in-kind support to refugees:

- UNHCR – 7 000 pieces of winter clothes
- IOM - 6 925 hygiene kits
- Junge Leute - 15 tons of humanitarian aid

We implement CASH+ programme to support the most vulnerable refugee groups: mothers with small children, disabled persons and elderly without income.

**IN KIND
SUPPORT**

**CASH+
PROGRAMME**



SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

**+ 19, 729 services provided:
case management, social
assistance, accompaniment**



Social workers assist refugees to find accommodation, employment, nursery or schools for their children.

We inform refugees about government social aid and accompany them when dealing with public institutions and health care facilities.



We offer children and adult Slovak language classes to help refugees integrate in the Slovak society. English classes are particularly welcomed by refugees seeking employment in Slovakia.

We divide those interested into groups, provide tutors, books and learning materials and arrange certifications in selected centers.

LANGUAGE CLASSES

+ 5, 116 participants



SOCIAL INCLUSION ACTIVITIES

+ 9, 697 participants



We organize workshops, summer camps, excursion, trips. We offer activities for different age groups: children, youth, adults and seniors.

Each center creates its own portfolio of leisure activities. Refugees can experience various barbecues with friends, organized celebrations, trips or excursions.



Psychosocial support in the centers is provided by Ukrainian psychologists who are familiar with the problems of the refugees. They work with clients through individual consultations, group sessions or in specific workshops – art therapies. Our professionals in Žilina meet regularly autistic refugee children.

We open discussions between various experts on sensitive topics that experience refugees such as bullying in schools.

PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

+ 4, 609 services provided



PUBLIC RELATIONS



We raise public awareness about refugees in Slovakia through radio and TV spots, concerts and events. We post stories of help on Caritas website and social media to promote solidarity among Slovaks.

We organize community activities where Slovaks and Ukrainian unite, such as humanitarian corridor during World Humanitarian day in Caritas garden in August 2022.



All regional staff in Caritas centers have undergone safeguarding training.

Feedback response mechanism is in place through designated channels: telephonic surveys, F2F, locked boxes, post distribution email surveys and national email.

SAFEGUARDING

1 national safeguarding coordinator

110 employees educated



WHAT THOSE WE SUPPORT SAY ABOUT US

"When we arrived in Slovakia, all the Slovaks helped us. When they heard the Ukrainian language, they gave the children candy, toys, it was a great support for us. Since the war started in winter, we had only winter clothes. With everything we have now, me, my sister, our children, Caritas helped us."

Inna Chernyšenko

"We had absolutely nothing with us. Caritas helped us with everything. That's why I also want to be useful and the job I have makes me finally feel needed. We are also grateful for material things like clothes, toys, dishes."

Tetiana Lisna



Centrum podpory



Greek Catholic Charity Prešov Support Centre for Refugees



In this centre, we have a social worker and an interpreter to help refugees better integrate into our society.

The social worker assists in finding an adequate job and integration into society



Our centre has a very good cooperation with the OFFICE OF LABOUR, SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND FAMILY. Their staff came to our centre and registered the refugees and then offered them jobs that the refugees were interested in.

We have a very nice experience how refugees have found a job in the field they graduated from. For example, the dentist we helped with the stratification of her documents, which took over 6 months, now has her own practice open in Prešov

**Time for
questions**



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