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Introductory Word

from Our Director, Miroslava Čančíková Illeťsková

Recently, I was in contact with a teacher who shared the story of her former student. He grew up without stability or a sense of safety. When she first met him, he was withdrawn, lost in his own world, yet he carried a remarkable gift – exceptional creativity. He took part in ADRA's comics competition, and this experience became one of the turning points that set him on a new path. Today, he is studying a field he enjoys, has friends, and for the first time believes that his life can be different. His teacher wrote to me: "**ADRA is among those who changed his life**."

It is in stories like these that, for me, the true meaning of our work lies. **The year 2025 was a year of real human stories.** It was not only about numbers and projects, but about genuine change with deep impact. Children in Bangladesh gained the opportunity to attend school thanks to educational programmes. Thousands of volunteers supported lonely people in the Czech Republic, while others travelled abroad to help communities in different parts of the world. Students and teachers gained a deeper understanding of the world through global education. We helped families affected by emergency situations return to everyday life. Thousands of people involved in humanitarian and development projects abroad had the chance to build resilience, dignity and hope.

At the same time, it was a year of challenges. The world around us is not always changing for the better. Humanitarian needs are growing, and conflicts and climate change continue to affect the most vulnerable. Over the past year and at the beginning of 2026, we therefore advocated for the preservation of humanitarian aid within the Czech Republic's national budget, and we deeply appreciate the support of the media and the public. We also greatly value the opportunity to meet and present our work in Ukraine during an official reception with the President.

I often seek inspiration for my own life in the Bible. Many principles of helping others can be found in the Book of Ruth. One of them is captured in the words: "**You must not come back to your mother-in-law empty-handed**." (Ruth 3:17)

At ADRA, both in the Czech Republic and abroad, we do everything we can to ensure that no one leaves us empty-handed. We believe that real change is not created through grand gestures, but through persistent work and the courage to see potential in every person – even where others no longer see it.

Thank you to everyone who was part of this journey in 2025 – our donors, partners, colleagues and volunteers. Without you, these stories would not exist.



Volunteering

VOLUNTEERING IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Volunteers bring into the lives of many people something that no service can replace – human contact, closeness and genuine interest. Our volunteer centres take care of recruitment, training and ongoing support, and create a safe environment for long-term engagement.

Petr Adamus, Head of Volunteering, ADRA

Each of my visits with clients is beneficial for both sides. I bring my time and something good, and I take away wisdom and new knowledge. After these visits, I leave feeling grateful and at peace.

Pavol, volunteer from Vyškov

32
charity shops

12
social clothing banks

310
supported organisations and programmes

3,554
volunteers

91,427
hours spent volunteering

45,614
volunteer visits

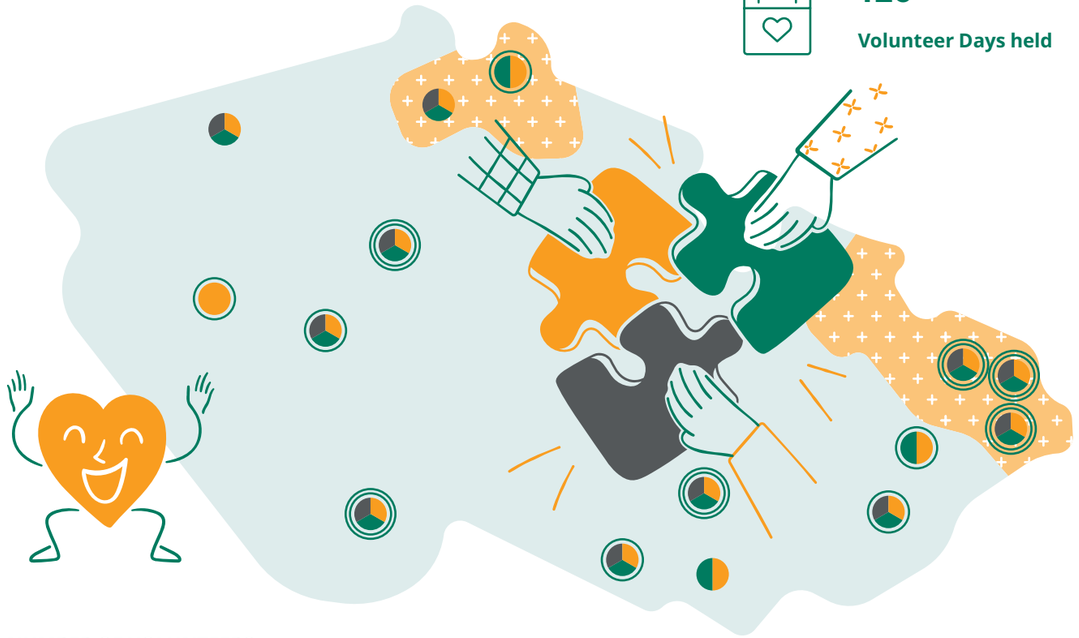
OUR FOCUS IN 2025

- **Volunteering in households** – seniors, people with disabilities and people with long-term illnesses
- Development of **programmes supporting families with children on the autism spectrum**
- Expansion of **intergenerational programmes**
- **Corporate volunteering (so-called Volunteer Days)** – involvement in one-off and long-term activities (manual assistance, activities with ADRA clients, seasonal events, organisational support)

50
companies involved

822
corporate volunteers

126
Volunteer Days held



NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS:
1—100, 101—350, 351—550

Regional Volunteer Centers

WHO DO WE SUPPORT?
seniors, children, people with mental and/or physical disabilities

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING

5 to 12
months spent in the host country

16
volunteers involved

12,439
hours of volunteer work completed

8
partner organisations cooperating

In 2025, together with ADRA Slovakia, we once again implemented the project sending humanitarian volunteers to our partner organisations in **Serbia** (Philanthropy, EHO, ADRA Serbia, Merhamet Sandžak), **Uganda** (Uganda Pioneers Association) and **Zambia** (ADRA Zambia). The project, titled "**Humanitarian Volunteering for Solidarity Activities**" (101140258), is carried out within the framework of the **European Solidarity Corps** and is financially supported by the **European Union**.

Co-funded by the European Union

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS

Working with vulnerable groups on the margins of society strengthened my sense of responsibility, empathy and social awareness. I also realised how meaningful even small actions can be in supporting people and creating positive change in their lives.

Nazife, volunteer in Serbia





WHAT DOES OUR VOLUNTEERING INVOLVE?

Serbia
- Visits to asylum centres for refugees (Novi Sad)
- Preparation of workshops for children from socially excluded communities (Novi Sad)
- Operation of a community centre (Belgrade)
- Development of communication strategies (Belgrade)
- Support of social housing programmes (Novi Pazar)

Zambia
- Project writing
- Improving monitoring processes and procedures
- Inclusion of vulnerable populations in projects

Uganda
- Strengthening digital literacy and communication capacities
- Leisure-time activities in schools

Emergency Events

EMERGENCY EVENTS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

In the field of emergency response in the Czech Republic, 2025 was primarily a year focused on completing assistance following the extensive floods of September 2024. We continued to coordinate community and psychosocial intervention teams. Several trained coordinators also took part in an international exercise organised by ADRA offices in Serbia, where they shared their experience.

Zdeněk Soviš, Head of the Emergency Response Department



AFTERMATH OF THE 2024 FLOODS

CZK 70 million
total financial assistance

CZK 4 million
total material assistance

825
households supported

WE ALSO RESPONDED TO:
- an armed attacker incident in the Karlovy Vary Region
- a fire in a residential building in Havířov

EMERGENCY EVENTS ABROAD

In 2025, we provided emergency assistance in 7 **countries**, delivering financial aid exceeding **CZK 1.8 million**.

WHERE?	WHY?	HOW MUCH?	WHAT KIND OF HELP?	HOW MANY PEOPLE?
Ecuador and Peru	Migration and humanitarian crisis	USD 16,000 (~CZK 332,700)	Assistance to people in need	Not specifically defined – support within an ongoing project (see p. 10)
Gaza	Humanitarian crisis	USD 10,000 (~CZK 207,900)	Winterisation assistance	4,160 people
Myanmar	Earthquake	CZK 569,979	Financial assistance to affected communities	19,500 people
Afghanistan	Earthquake	USD 12,500 (~CZK 259,900)	Food distribution	7,931 people
Sri Lanka	Floods	CZK 387,600	Financial assistance to affected households	160 households
Colombia	Migration and humanitarian crisis	USD 7,000 (~CZK 145,500)	Operation of protection centres along migration routes	15,000 people

Projects Abroad

In 2025, we delivered humanitarian assistance abroad amounting to more than **CZK 68 million**. Over **CZK 25.5 million** was allocated to development and transition promotion projects. We provided immediate assistance to people affected by humanitarian crises while also implementing sustainable solutions aimed at protecting communities and supporting their long-term development.

ECUADOR AND PERU +

1

Providing comprehensive humanitarian assistance to people in need, including refugees, migrants, internally displaced persons, and local communities.

— **26,745 people supported**

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA ⛶

1

Preventing domestic violence and promoting gender equality in rural areas of the country.

— **321 people supported**

NIGER + ↗

1

Strengthening education and school infrastructures, improving sustainable livelihoods for young people, and fostering social cohesion activities among refugees, IDPs and host community.

— **12,462 people supported**

2

Action to Strengthen Partnerships for Inclusion, Resilience and Education

— **13,978 people supported**

BURKINA FASO +

1

Emergency assistance, stabilization, and support for peaceful coexistence among internally displaced persons and host communities.

— **4,000 people supported**

ZAMBIA ↗

1

Strengthening the resilience of smallholder farmers and schools in drought-affected areas.

— **4,570 people supported**

2

Supporting school feeding through climate-resilient school gardens.

— **4,803 people supported**

UKRAINE +

1

Ensuring access to basic services and providing humanitarian assistance to people affected by the conflict in Ukraine.

— **37,071 people supported**

2

Strengthening community resilience, improving institutional capacities and supporting the sustainability of local services.

— **20,946 people supported**

SYRIA +

1

Creating conditions for the safe return of displaced populations by restoring access to clean drinking water.

— **28,000 people supported**

ETHIOPIA ↗

1

Supporting inclusive and safe schools, improving children's health, and contributing to the development of local communities

— **13,317 people supported**

2

Improving livelihoods and community resilience by supporting women in entrepreneurship.

— **2,482 people supported (predominantly women)**

MOLDOVA +

1

Improving access to basic needs for Ukrainian refugees in Moldova and for vulnerable members of the local population.

— **5,904 people supported**

CAMBODIA + ↗

1

Reducing disaster risk and developing strategies for effective disaster preparedness and response.

— **4,904 people supported**

2

Supporting health and protecting the rights of vulnerable individuals – girls, women and children.

— **3,967 people supported**

3

Increasing the productivity of smallholder farmers' agricultural production through sustainable and environmentally friendly practices.

— **343 people supported**

PROJECT TYPE:

+ Humanitarian, ↗ Development, ⛶ Transition promotion cooperation

AREAS OF INTERVENTION:

● Water resource restoration / sanitation , ● Livelihoods / food assistance, ● Education, ● Health, ● Social cohesion, ● Winter assistance, ● Protection

In our communities, it is often said that if one person has a plate of food, that plate can be shared with many people, even if only for a small relief.

Compaoré Camille, Community Mobiliser, ADRA Burkina Faso



Now, we and our neighbours feel at ease. We drink clean and safe water and no longer have to fear for our children as we did before.

Abu Ziyad, aid recipient in Syria

T he involvement of Czech organisations in the project is particularly valuable in terms of sharing experience. We believe that some of the acquired know-how and approaches can be transferred and applied in our work.

Jasminka Borgović, partner organisation in Bosnia and Herzegovina



Without this project, our family would still be facing economic hardship. Now we have confidence, knowledge and a growing climate-friendly business. I sincerely thank you for empowering us and creating lasting change.

Houn Thy, aid recipient in Cambodia

I would like to thank ADRA Zambia for all the information and knowledge about beekeeping that I gained. Even when the project ends, I will be able to make a beehive on my own and continue beekeeping.

Mercy, aid recipient in Zambia



Thanks to our humanitarian and development projects, we supported more than 150,000 people in need across 10 countries worldwide in 2025.

Long-term International Projects

The BanglaKids and Chalantika programmes share one goal: through education, they give Bangladeshi children from extremely poor backgrounds the chance of a better future. Simply put, we help children attend school while enabling donors to make a meaningful difference through their support. Together, we build a bridge of empathy that truly transforms the lives of the youngest.

Kamil Kreutziger, Head of the BanglaKids and Chalantika programmes





ADRA BANGLAKIDS

helping children across Bangladesh access education

WHAT DID WE ACHIEVE IN 2025?

- The number of supported children increased from 1,077 to 1,193.
- We expanded the programme to four additional schools.
- We laid the foundations for supporting children living in slum communities in Dhaka.
- We completed the development of a new internal IT application to improve data management efficiency.
- We delivered another educational workshop for participating schools in Bangladesh.

ADRA CHALANTIKA

creating a safe community centre for children and parents

WHAT DID WE ACHIEVE IN 2025?

- 80 children received education, school supplies, medical care and meals.
- Through 960 home visits, we focused on school attendance, hygiene and family support.
- We promoted health education among children and adolescents.
- Mothers completed 219 literacy lessons and 219 lessons focused on child healthcare.
- 19 mothers completed tailoring and food-processing courses, with 14 going on to start their own businesses.

	financial support provided	people supported	indirect beneficiaries
BANGLAKIDS	~CZK 10 million	1,193	5,290
CHALANTIKA	~CZK 1.3 million	230	~800

When I saw how children live in the slums of Bangladesh – hungry, dirty and without direction – and then saw children attending school thanks to ADRA, it felt like looking at two completely different worlds. The children supported through the programme are happy because they know they have a chance. And what is truly beautiful is that the impact reaches their families as well.

Ivanka, long-term donor



Thanks to the many donors and supporters of our hospital, which proudly celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2025, we have been able to build a high-quality healthcare facility in an area where basic medical care was almost entirely absent.

Aleš Bárta, Project Manager, Itibo



ITIBO

WHICH PATIENTS DO WE SUPPORT IN ITIBO?

- Patients injured in traffic accidents
- Patients after workplace injuries
- Victims of attacks (animals or violence)
- Women giving birth and mothers after delivery
- Newborn babies

WHAT DID WE ACHIEVE IN 2025?

- We maintained the existing number of patients with a slight increase (from 12,000 to 12,300).
- We improved the level of medical equipment and medical supplies.
- The professional expertise of local staff continues to grow.
- Cooperation between Czech and local healthcare professionals has deepened.
- Demand for internships and field placements among students and doctors has increased.
- We built a new emergency outpatient department.

In many cases, the level of care we provide exceeds that of local hospitals, especially in the initial phase of emergency admission and intensive care. Patients in serious, and often life-threatening, conditions are brought or transported from distances of many kilometres.

Global Education

Global education brings topics into schools and the public space, that help us understand the world in broader context. For me, the year 2025 was a reminder that our work makes sense even when things do not go according to plan. I am especially proud of the comics challenge, which received 164 submissions, the continued cooperation with universities, the SLOVÍČKO magazine, and the the sharing of teaching materials for primary and secondary schools.

Petra Svatková, Head of the Global Education Department





OUR MAIN ACTIVITIES THIS YEAR

World School (Světová škola)

- Supports schools in integrating global topics into teaching and everyday school life.
- Develops critical thinking, cooperation and responsible citizenship.
- Currently involves **149 Czech kindergartens, primary and secondary schools**.
- **12 newly certified schools** and **13 schools enrolled** in the programme for 2025/2026.

University education

- We cooperate with **6 universities**.
- Target group: students of education and related fields (future teachers).
- We offer seminars and workshops on global topics (sustainable development, global interconnections, environmental and social issues).
- In the **2024/25 academic year**, ADRA delivered **43 workshops**, training **703 students**.

SLOVÍČKO magazine

- A programme supporting Czech language learning for Ukrainian pupils who have come to the Czech Republic.
- **8 issues published**, all still available for free download, with continuing interest from new users.
- By **31 December 2025 – over 4,000 downloads**.



Other Achievements

Colours of Ostrava

A safe space, psychological support or a moment of calm – all of this was available to visitors at the Colours of Ostrava festival from 16 to 19 July 2025. ADRA joined the festival's Mental Health service, which offers participants a safe refuge away from the bustle of the festival.

ADRA shops and social clothing banks

We operate a network of 31 ADRA charity shops with the aim of offering clothing, toys, books and household items to the public. Within this network, we also run 12 social clothing banks, providing material assistance to people experiencing homelessness, those in financial hardship, individuals released from prison, people in healthcare facilities, or those affected by extraordinary events.

Regional Volunteer Centres

ADRA has long been one of the key partners of the Regional Volunteer Centres. In 2025, we ensured the operation of RVCs in the Moravian-Silesian and Liberec regions, where we developed a network of partner organisations, supported volunteers and helped connect assistance where it was most needed. An important part of these activities were the Volunteer Days, which introduced volunteering to the wider public.

Our goal at Colours of Ostrava was to offer a space where anyone in a psychologically challenging situation could find calm, support and understanding. Often, sharing experiences, releasing emotions, normalising feelings and providing follow-up contacts proved to be very helpful.

Kristýna Velváthy, Head of the ADRA Ostrava Volunteer Centre





ADRAběh

A total of 1,556 runners took part, raising CZK 444,000 and running more than 20,000 kilometres. We ran for seniors, people who are ill, children and people with disabilities in eleven cities, experiencing not only a warm atmosphere of togetherness but also the pure joy of movement.

Sustainability and ADRA

Long-term integration of support for people in need with a responsible approach to the environment is one of ADRA's core values. Our volunteer centres, in cooperation with local partners, organise activities (such as corporate volunteering events) that help improve the quality of life in local communities.

Collaboration with Influencers

In 2025, we continued our cooperation with influencers and also established new partnerships. We would therefore like to thank Justýna Zedníková, Jan Macák (known as MenT), Tadeáš Vrba, and also Hanka Děd-ková. We are delighted that help and kindness continue to spread further, also thanks to social media.

A Story from Liberec

Returning once again to his childhood home was a heartfelt wish of Jiří, seventy-six old man, who is living with an advanced stage of Parkinson's disease and resides in the SeneCura senior home in Liberec. Thanks to ADRA volunteers in cooperation with the Ambulance of Wishes, his wish came true, and Jiří was able to meet his entire family in the house where he was born!





Outlook for 2026

Over the past year, we faced a significant reduction in public funding, which directly affected the financing of some of our international projects. This loss has compelled us to fundamentally reconsider our approach to funding. In 2026, we are therefore deliberately strengthening support from individual and corporate donors and actively seeking new partners. Our goal is to maintain the continuity of assistance and to preserve our presence in the countries where we have been working long term, as it is precisely there that our work is indispensable for local communities.

We continue to develop and deepen cooperation with other ADRA offices around the world. At the same time, we are investing in modern technologies and striving to maintain and further develop the professional capacities of our staff and collaborators. In cases of emergency situations in the Czech Republic – and abroad as well – this expertise and preparedness are absolutely crucial. We are fully aware that there is always room for improvement in this area, which is why we continuously work on ourselves and keep pushing our standards of assistance forward.

We also continue to expand our volunteering programmes, as the need to support isolated and vulnerable people in the Czech Republic is steadily growing. We respond to new social challenges and extend our assistance into additional areas where help is currently needed most.

The mission of ADRA remains unchanged – to be a reliable partner in difficult situations, to be there for those who need help, as well as for those who support us. We want to remain an organisation you can rely on in times of crisis and challenging life situations, and one you can be proud of and share moments of joy with as well. ♥

Yours sincerely,
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