

SLOVAKIA HAS BEEN HELPING KENYA FOR 17 YEARS

SLOVAK DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

The mechanism of the Official Development Assistance of the Slovak Republic (ODA), in current form, was established in 2003. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic (MFA) is the national coordinator of the ODA provision. In January 2007, the Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation (SAIDC) was established as a budget organization of the MFA. The mission of SAIDC is to ensure the implementation of the Slovak ODA in terms of an administrative and contracting unit under the name SlovakAid.

Official Development Assistance of the Slovak Republic has been flowing to Kenya since 2004. Since 1996, however, the organisation eRko – Christian Children Communities Movement has been helping the street children in Nairobi, through funds from private donors. eRko was the first Slovak NGO to offer assistance to Kenya.

Slovak development projects mainly focus on development of healthcare, vocational education, socio-economic development of rural areas and environment protection. Projects are implemented by universities, NGOs, research institutes or business entities. In the frame of the programme SlovakAid, 5.8 million EUR has been allocated for bilateral development projects since 2004.

SLOVAK NGOS OPERATING IN KENYA

- eRko – Christian Children Communities' Movement
- People in Peril
- Two-colour world
- Humanist Centre Narovinu
- Magna Children at Risk
- Integra Foundation
- Pontis Foundation
- Caritas Slovakia
- SAVIO

SLOVAK UNIVERSITIES OPERATING IN KENYA

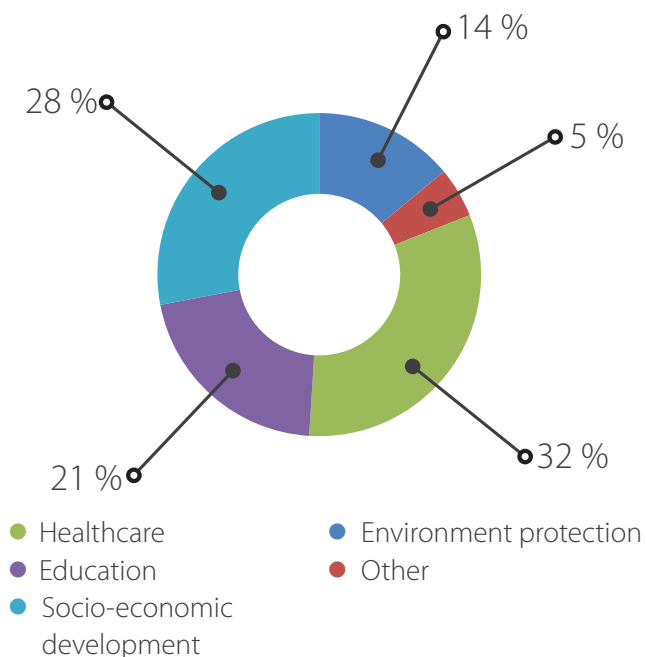
- Trnava University in Trnava, Faculty of Health Care and Social Work
- St. Elizabeth University of Health & Social Work

THE AREAS OF THE SLOVAK DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

- Emuhaya • Rusinga Island • Busia • Molo • Kericho
- Eldoret • Kisumu • Kasigau • Kwale • Voi
- Kilifi • Nyandarua • Nanyuki • Laikipia • Kajiado



SECTORAL PRIORITIES OF SLOVAKAID PROJECTS IN KENYA



SLOVAK RESEARCH INSTITUTES OPERATING IN KENYA

- Institute of zoology - Slovak Academy of Sciences
- Slovak Hydrometeorological Institute (SHMI)
- EFRA Ecological & Forest Research Agency

HEALTHCARE

The main objectives of the development assistance in the area of healthcare include the provision of the basic healthcare, reduction of children's malnutrition, treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS, including prevention of mother-to-child transmission of the disease. An important part of this effort is training of medical staff and introduction of new treatment methods.

These activities are the focus of the organisation Magna – Children at Risk. More than 6500 clients were counselled during the course of the projects in the areas of Kwale and Kisumu, 50 local medics were trained, more than 1000 HIV-positive women were enrolled in complex treatment programme PMTCT for mother-to-child HIV transmission prevention, and other patients were enrolled in several nutrition and educational programmes.

The Faculty of Health Care and Social Work at Trnava University in Trnava is also operating in the Kwala area, with the aim of reducing mortality of children under five by fighting against malnutrition. Three nutrition centres were established in order to provide healthcare and counselling through 50 trained medics.

Reducing mortality, along with providing health and social care to local population, is also the aim of Humanist Centre Narovinu. It focuses primarily on children, women and patients suffering on malaria, typhoid fever or HIV/AIDS. The movement has established a healthcare centre at the Rusinga Island, where there were previously no doctors, for 10 000 inhabitants of the Island, and a community centre providing nutrition for 210 children.

St. Elizabeth University of Health & Social Work makes a significant contribution to building capacities of local

EDUCATION

The main objectives of development assistance in the area of education include the provision of the access to basic education for socially disadvantaged groups of children and youth, as well as vocational education of young people with the purpose of providing access to the labour market and increasing their qualification.

SLOVAK BUSINESS ENTITIES OPERATING IN KENYA

- Scientica, Ltd.
- Timan, Ltd.
- cooperative Integra Co-op
- Aurex, Ltd.
- SCPC, Ltd.
- Way Industry, Ltd.
- Aqua-geo, Ltd.

medical staff, as it implements the project of undergraduate study programme of public healthcare at the Catholic University of East Africa in Nairobi for 33 students from socially disadvantaged communities.

The company Scientica, s.r.o. focuses on a different area of healthcare – it introduces and promotes maggot therapy, for healing of open and chronic wounds by sterile maggots.



Home visits of the medical staff in families in the locality Mkongani, Deri, region Kwala, Kenya, 2012, archive of the Faculty of Health Care and Social Work, Trnava University in Trnava

The first of the above-mentioned objectives is addressed by St. Elizabeth University of Health & Social Work. By construction of an educational centre and dormitory, equipping 10 classrooms, a library and a canteen, it provides preschool education for 150 children and basic education at a boarding school for 180 street children. It involves lo-

cal teachers in schooling, and it provides free healthcare for the families living on the street.

Providing access to education is also the focus of SAVIO and, thanks to its activities, street children in Nairobi can visit schools now, gain vocational education and have the opportunity to attend educational seminars and courses in the area of joinery, welding, tailoring or agricultural skills. Interest groups, courses and camps are organised for the children as well, and they will be given help when looking for employment.

The organisation Two-colour world offers tailoring, hair-dressing and IT courses in its educational centre, and in addition provides those who complete the courses with starting business packages.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The main aims of the organisations operating in the area of socio-economic development are the development of agriculture and farming, small enterprises and tourism.

The People in Peril association decided to achieve these objectives by providing microloans for starting small businesses. In combination with training in business activities and practical skills, these loans increase the income of Kenyan men and women. People in Peril also focus on development of agriculture by practical education of youth, for example in school gardens with greenhouses and irrigation schemes and in forest nurseries.

The company Timan, Ltd. helped 8 cooperative societies in the area of Nayndarua to increase effectiveness of their services in the area of dairy production of farmers (their members) which led to a 24 % increase in revenues.

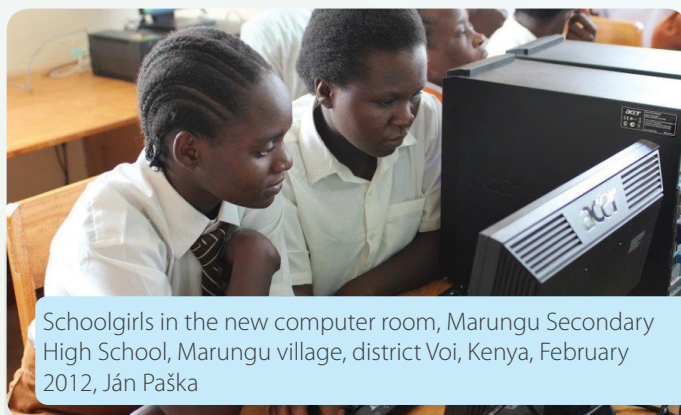
The Integra Foundation, an organisation that aims to promote corporate social responsibility and business ethics strategies, supports business and tourism development by building Eco Lodge Kimanjari in the Taita region. Eco Lodge Kimanjari is a community-owned ecotouristic facility with the capacity of 30 beds. The Ten Senses project was focused on improving the business, marketing and sales skills of small craft producers of jewellery, fabrics and wicker products. Within the project, sales for macadam nuts were secured by the International Trade Fair Association.

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION

The main objective of development assistance in the area of environment protection is the fight against climate change and introduction of green technologies.

The research institutes EFRA and SHMI, in cooperation with local partners, have carried out professional stu-

The Pontis Foundation focuses on computer literacy and introducing modern digital technologies in its projects, by training local teachers, modernising computer classrooms and providing internet connection in schools.



Schoolgirls in the new computer room, Marungu Secondary High School, Marungu village, district Voi, Kenya, February 2012, Ján Paška

Caritas Slovakia focuses its activities on improving food security and health of the communities in the Kericho district, where it teaches farmers to use new technologies in agriculture, and introduces new crops. More than 400 families were given domestic animals and energy-saving ovens. Water and wood is provided by 60 irrigation facilities and 2 forest nurseries.

The Institute of Zoology at Slovak Academy of Sciences chose the different approach of introducing the method of sterilised insects for the control of tsetse-fly population in the affected areas of Kenya.



The pupils of the primary school Kapsorok are renewing a devastated landscape by planting seedlings of trees, the Molo, Kenya, November 2011, Edita Bednárová

dies of the strategy of protection of forest resources and the design of a capacity building system in the field of evaluating vulnerability of agriculture, forest ecosystems and transportation as the consequence of climate change.

The company SCPC, Ltd. focuses on capacity building in 4 Kenyan companies by applying ecological approaches that save energy consumption, reduce CO2 production, and ensure cleaner production.

The company Aurex, Ltd. has installed 5 off-grid solar power plants in touristic facilities and selected schools, that provide access to safe water for the rural population of the Kasigau area. In order to improve the access to drinking water, the project of the company Aqua-geo Ltd. will provide a deep well construction, water reservoir and a water supply network for 6 000 inhabitants of the Kajiado area.

People in Peril aims to reduce the degradation of the Mau Forest ecosystem by planting 150,000 seedlings, introducing new ways of livelihood that are more considerate to

the environment, and using 1000 energy-efficient ovens on biological fuel for households.



David Chepkwony, & Lydia Kaplerartet, a farm family from the village Kaplerarte, district of Kericho, Kenya 2012, archive of the Caritas Slovakia

ACTIVITIES OF SLOVAK ENTITIES FINANCED BY PRIVATE SOURCES

The largest annual public collection – Good News – is a carolling event organised by eRko – Christian Children Communities' Movement. Since 1995, the organisation has collected more than 7,5 million Euro from Slovak citizens for projects in Africa. In Kenya, the Good News has supported its first projects implemented by local organisations, for the children from the street in Nairobi. Since then, the support has been extended to include physically and mentally disabled children, underprivileged groups of women and young people not only in Nairobi but also in other regions of Kenya.

St. Elizabeth University of Health & Social Work has funded a network of healthcare and social projects in Nairobi from its own sources since 2004: a clinic and orphanage in



Asylum Center St. Bakhita for girls, Eldoret, Kenya 2012, archive of the St. Elizabeth University of Health & Social work

Mihango, Mukuru promotion centre for HIV/AIDS testing and counselling, anti-malnutrition centres in South B and Lunga lunga slum. In Eldoret, it funds and operates a clinic and an asylum centre St. Bakhita for girls, a nursing project Sister of Mercy for those dying of HIV/AIDS in Kisumu. Another project financed and personally supported by St. Elizabeth University of Health & Social Work is Ushiriki-ano Centrum in Malindi District.



Afternoon relax in John Paul's II home for disabled children in Lokichar, Kenya, October 2012, Marián Čaučík

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