

Caritas
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Annual report 2018





Ing. Erich Hulman
Secretary General of Caritas Slovakia

Dear our charity friends, partners and benefactors,

the annual report of the Slovak Catholic charity (Caritas Slovakia), which you hold in your hands, wishes to express our gratitude for your past support and invite you along with the Charity continue to be close to the people who, for various reasons, rely on the help of others.

The report states that in 2018 Caritas Slovakia helped tens of thousands of people in need. But behind every number there is a human being, our neighbor, who needed help. In Advent, we introduced to the public, through a photographic exhibition entitled "From Darkness to Light", the fates of specific people whose meeting with the employees of Caritas changed their hard lives for better. For employees and volunteers in our diocesan and parish charities, as well as for you, our supporters, such positive changes in human lives are the best rewards and awards.

Caritas Slovakia also tried to change the fates of our fellow citizens who were victims of human trafficking in other countries. In addition to ensuring their repatriation to Slovakia and returning to normal life, last year, in cooperation with the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic, we started to operate a telephone helpline for such victims.

At the same time, through the MIND project, we have also become the voice of refugees who have had to leave their homes in different parts of the world and want to start a new life in our country. Caritas also wants to be close to them, thus meeting the repeated challenges of Pope Francis. The objective of charitable humanitarian aid is to enable people to live with dignity and security in countries like Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and Afghanistan, which still suffer from the effects of war. We thank the Conference of Bishops of Slovakia and the Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation for long-term support of these projects.

The same thanks go to all of our supporters whose contribution through the Lenten Box for Africa, Children's Donation Project and Online Donation, have given thousands of vulnerable children and young people in developing countries the opportunity to educate themselves and have a chance to work in their homeland. Rwanda, Uganda, Vietnam, India, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Albania and Haiti, everywhere there were Slovak benefactors through Caritas close to those who needed help.

We also thank you for your prayers, that together with the nuns at rest in our homes have shown your love and support of a great charity work. May this deduction of activity over the past year be our common encouragement to continue to support Caritas in the future.

Dear brothers and sisters,

"Accordingly, people will know that you are my disciples, that you will love each other." These words are not spoken by the Lord Jesus, only to His apostles, disciples, but also to us ... not only platonically but by deed.

A ministry based on the teachings and example of the Lord Jesus who says: *"Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."* (Mt 25: 34-36.40)

Every well-organized and functioning company has its principle in solidarity. In the principle of solidarity of the healthy to the sick, self-sufficient to the needy ...In the principle of subsidiarity, which is also advocated by the alternative of state aid - a third sector, where foundations and companies providing services that either complement or replace public services are associated ... one should not only bring something else, but also have the right to receive something from their wealth. The principle of the common good means the right to a dignified life for all people through social justice, which takes care of everyone and each individual - in the form of distributive power.

Despite the great degree of development of science and technological progress, the human community is markedly differentiated. Every day we make sure that a high standard of living, science and technology are not enough to eliminate material and spiritual misery. The needy is and will still be in human society. Only a man with an open and receptive heart, shaped by God's grace, can help a person in need.

Human society is so interconnected that we depend on each other. Historical experience confirms that no society will stand up to it, if the principles of solidarity, subsidiarity and common good do not apply. How does this principle of solidarity manifest itself in daily activities? So, nurses visit the sick and the abandoned to provide help, provide hygiene, food, and home help. Here, professionalism and willingness to serve are combined. There are acts of love of volunteers and people of good will.

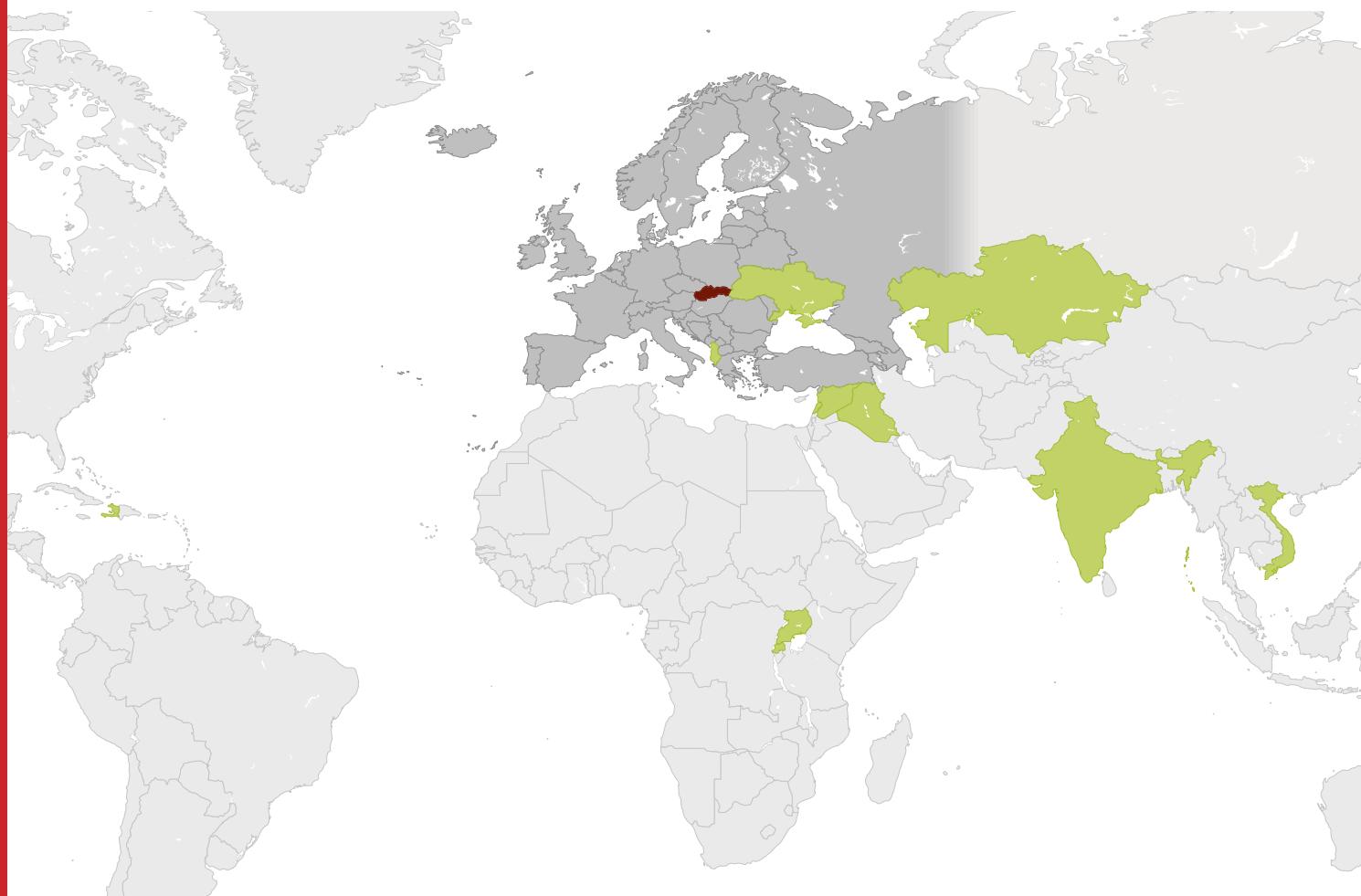
Caritas Slovakia represents the efforts of the Catholic Church to help the needy. It describes the inner content of God's message, lived in the communion of God's people, which was and is characteristic of every communion in the Holy Spirit.

May the Lord bless you



Mons. Štefan Sečka
President of Caritas Slovakia

Caritas Slovakia is a purpose-built unit of the Catholic Church in Slovakia established by Conference of Bishops of Slovakia. It is an independent legal entity. It is based on the Central Caritas in Slovakia, founded in 1927, and is a successor to it.



The organisational structure of **Caritas Slovakia** consists of four archdiocesan (Bratislava archdiocesan charity, Trnava archdiocesan charity, Košice archdiocesan charity, Prešov Greek-catholic charity) and six diocesan charities (Diocese of Nitra charity, Diocese of Žilina charity, Diocese of Banská Bystrica charity, Diocese of Spiš Catholic charity, Diocese of Rožňava charity, Greek-catholic eparchy of Košice charity) that cooperate with volunteers in parish charities. This activity is coordinated by the Caritas Slovakia Secretariat. Thanks to this nationwide network we can be close to all those in need throughout all of Slovakia.

Caritas Slovakia is a member of **Caritas Europa** (CE) and **Caritas Internationalis** (CI), which ensures an international connection and coordination among all charity organisations.

Helping in Slovakia

Caritas provides a total of **322 kinds of services** covering social, health and charity care. It helps more than **24,000 people in need**, presenting as follows; mostly senior people, people suffering from non-curable illnesses, people physically or mentally disabled, children, mothers with children in critical situations, homeless people and victims of human trafficking. In Slovakia, Caritas offers **professional courses for home-care nurses and sisters**.

In Slovakia, help is provided by **1,599 employees** of Caritas.

Helping abroad

Caritas Slovakia Secretariat coordinates assistance in **11 countries** around the world through **humanitarian aid** (countries suffering from war conflicts or natural disasters), **development cooperation** in poorer countries of the world and **support for the education of children** and young people from socially weaker families around the world. Assistance abroad is coordinated by **8 employees** of the Caritas Slovakia Secretariat.

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Effective alleviation of suffering and poverty through Caritas Internationalis Management Standards

International Charities Association Caritas Internationalis, which is an expression of mission of the Catholic Church, operates within the rules that provide canon law and national law and on the basis of which each member charity is also established. Serving the people in need calls on charities to maximize their efforts with focus to help others. Caritas Internationalis Management Standards - Caritas Internationalis (CIMS) management standards are based on existing best practices and accepted global principles of humanitarian and international development cooperation to ensure mutual professional competence and efficiency in providing services to people in need worldwide.

CIMS consists of the following four core sets of standards:

- legal and ethical standards
- management and organisation
- financing and accountability
- transparency and reporting to donors

Pope Francis strongly supports introducing CIMS into practice. On 19th October, 2015, he personally encouraged charity organisations around the world to engage in their implementation: "*These tools must be used to enhance the transparency and credibility of Caritas. Let us remember that we respond to God, to the Church, the benefactors and especially to the poor, with whom the Lord personally identifies. By serving them with lowliness, devotion, trust, and professionalism, we support the mission of the Church to form a single human family that takes care of the creation.*"

Caritas Slovakia as a member of Caritas Internationalis is aware of its responsibility towards employees, clients, donors and supporters. Therefore, it was actively involved in the implementation of CIMS. As part of the implementation process, in 2018 Caritas Slovakia collected and sent all relevant internal documents. Caritas Internationalis followed by a compliance assessment of these documents in accordance to CIMS with the participation of an external evaluator from Caritas Latvia. Evaluation report and draft deficiency plan (Improvement plan) was sent to Caritas Internationalis, where it will be reviewed in the coming months and Caritas Slovakia will receive subsequently final assessment of CIMS compliance.



February
13



May
12



10 to 16
June

National Charity Week

Employees, volunteers and clients of Caritas Slovakia prepared first National Charity Week. From June 10th, in over 20 cities in Slovakia you could get to know those who give their time and talents daily to help others in need.

Prayer Meeting of St. Bakhita

International Day of Prayer and Awareness against human trafficking is celebrated by believers worldwide on February 8, in a day of liturgical memory of St. Josephine Bakhita, religious and a former slave girl from Sudan. Just in the week of the black saint, believers prayed for victims of human trafficking and for ending modern slavery. Believers around the world were invited and inspired by the Pope Francis. For the fourth time, Caritas Slovakia initiated common prayers and reflections on the exploited Slovak women, men and children not only in Bratislava but also in Nitra, Trnava, Banska Bystrica, Humenne, Svidník, Prešov, Zakamenné, Detva, Dudince, Likavka, Rimavská Sobota, Pezinok, Lipovský Mikuláš, Dolný Kubín, Spišské Podhradie, Fiľakovo, Žilina, Rajec, Široke, Vŕcko, Lúbochňa, Okolične, Beckov, Trstena and Trenčín.

The Courts of Kapitulská Street

Bratislava residents as well as visitors from all over Slovakia had a chance to see again normally closed yards and gardens of churches and private homes on Kapitulská street. The history of Kapitulská Street goes back until the 14th century and therefore is one of the oldest street in Bratislava. Except for the space behind the medieval walls, a rich accompanying program was also prepared and aisle came alive with work of craftsmen, musicians and artists, who presented their work in several street stalls. The program constited of: painting with henna, reading fairy tales from Africa and India with the Secretary General Erich Hulman, discussion on Development Cooperation, Charity in Africa and Children's donation project, production of flowers for Mother's Day - quilling technique with a client of the Bratislava Archdiocesan Charity, screening of a short film IVAN awarded on March 15, 2018 by the organization Unchosen - Films Against Slavery in the category "Best International Film o modern slavery ", discussion of activities of the STOP Human Trafficking project.



16 to 22
July

Children's Donation project attended summer festival Verím Pane

Festival of christian music Verím Pane took place in Námestovo from 16 to 21 July. Within the program, participants could get acquainted with the Children's Donation project as well as other activities of the Caritas Slovakia. Thanks to cooperation with Spišská Catholic charity, visitors were offered the opportunity to talk about the local activities of Caritas.



October
5



November
5



November
14

A pilgrimage of charities

Steps of employees, volunteers and clients of charities from all over Slovakia were directed to the village of Zakamenne on 5 October 2018. Almost 500 pilgrims brought their prayers to the birthplace of the bishop Ján Vojtaššák. A festive Holly Mass in the Church of the Assumption was celebrated by Mons. Štefan Sečka, president of Caritas Slovakia. A pilgrimage of charities is regularly organized as a reminder to resume Caritas Slovakia activities after 1989. Currently, Caritas Slovakia consists of ten diocesan and archdiocesan charity and Secretariat. More than 1600 employees work here and hundreds of volunteers help along. Yearly Caritas Slovakia provides assistance to more than 23 thousand people in need in over 330 facilities of health and social services all over Slovakia.

10 years of the Stop human trafficking project

For 10 years Caritas Slovakia effectively helps victims of trafficking. On this occasion, we have balanced that so far we have rescued around 98 people from the hands of the exploiters, including children who lost their own dignity and were denied basic human rights and freedom. Trafficking with people is the second most profitable and fastest growing illegal trade in world. This is an international problem. To ensure help across the borders of different countries effectively, it is necessary to build a network. Just 10 years ago the employees of Caritas Slovakia in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration and the support of the Ministry of Interior of Slovak Republic and other donors participated in the seminar "Understand and act – trafficking with people". This was then the beginning of the aid of Caritas Slovakia in the fight against modern slavery.

From Darkness to light

Caritas Slovakia introduced to the public a series of inspirational life stories of its clients, which despite huge obstacles and a lot of fate, could help. Seven stories were unveiled at the grand opening exhibition of photographs called From the Darkness to Light, which took place on 14 November 2018 in Prešov re-socialization Home of Hope.

OP FEAD food-aid

The food-aid project implemented under Food and/or Basic Material Assistance Operational Programme (OP FEAD) continued in 2018. The aid in Slovakia is funded by the Fund for European Aid (FEAD) to the most deprived via OP FEAD. In Slovakia, this fund focuses on reducing the lack of food and basic hygienic items for people who receive Assistance in Material Need benefits and also for homeless persons.

Within OP FEAD, Caritas participates in two Measures – (1) *The provision of food packages with accompanying measures and (2), the provision of hygiene packages with accompanying measures.*

In total, 4 distributions of food packages and 1 distribution of hygiene packages took place in 2018. Caritas Slovakia organised the distribution of food-aid through a network of diocesan and archdiocesan charities in 41 districts throughout Slovakia. **Caritas employees delivered a total of 159,034 food packages and 20,537 hygiene packages during 2018.**

The food package contains 21 types of food. In addition to long lasting foods it contains foods that do not require extra thermal processing or time-consuming processing. A hygiene package contains 4 types of products.

Accompanying measures are part of providing food and hygiene help. These measures include the provision of social counselling and other professional activities to prevent crisis situations in the family and to reduce and eliminate their negative impacts.

Two diocesan charities were involved in Measure 2. – the provision of hot meals with accompanying measures, namely Greek-Catholic charity of Prešov and Diocese of Spiš catholic charity.



Development of social services and education

Further education of employees and people involved in providing social services form an important part of Caritas Slovakia's activities. Educational program called **Train to Care** for independent carers is being implemented since 2014 in cooperation with Caritas Austria, which offers a 24-hour care service of old and sick people in their home environment.

Carers and caregivers from Slovakia play an important role in this work. For them, as well as for charity homes and various facilities for old people we offer quality short-term courses enabling them to acquire new knowledge, experience and skills they can use for themselves and their clients.

In 2018 we have organized similar courses for carers who work in Austria in cooperation with Austria BAG and Slovak Red Cross. Courses were held in Bratislava, Košice and Dolný Smokovec and lasted 2-3 days. The lecturers were experienced and highly qualified experts from Slovakia and Austria.

The aim of the courses was to contribute to streamlining the work of carers. In the courses they learned how to communicate better with old people, how to provide them with the greatest dignity at every stage of their lives, like position them and etc. An important part of the courses was care about themselves and prevention of burnout.

"I recommend every carer to attend courses, so that they can better understand the behavior of patients and hence know how to help them."

Lýdia

participant of the course in Dolný Smokovec



Practical demonstration of work with clients
for participants of Kinesthetics course

Overview of realized courses	Location	No. of participants
Dementia and activation of seniors with a focus on nursing	Dolný Smokovec, Košice, Bratislava	58
Validation according to Naomi Feil in nursing activities	Dolný Smokovec, Bratislava	26
Nursing care in the last phase of life	Košice	11
Kinesthetics in Nursing Activities	Bratislava	6
Basics of Nursing Activities	Bratislava	7
Healthy nutrition for seniors	Bratislava	21
Fit for Care - Conflict prevention and coping with the 24-hour day care service	Košice, Bratislava	23
Total		152



STOP Human Trafficking project

The project STOP Human Trafficking expanded in September 2018 its activities on the **operation of the National Victim Assistance Line 0800 800 818** in working days from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm and during the day off through the answering machine. During the period 1 September to 31 December we recorded a total of 132 calls, through the line and managed to identify 4 potential victims which were then assigned to Support and protection program for victims of human trafficking.

We continued with pre-return assistance and assistants voluntary returns to victims of human trafficking. We provided pre-return assistance to 24 Slovak people, 5 foreigners (2 Ukraine, 3 Romania). Assisted and a voluntary return was organized for 3 clients.

In cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs we trained 16 future consultants which were sent to embassies of the Slovak Republic abroad.

The main activity of our project remains to work with clients, ie. reintegrating victims of trafficking into society. 13 new clients were included to the support and protection program for victims of human trafficking of Ministry of Interior in Slovak Republic. We provided care of a total of 31 clients during the year.

Prevention and enlightenment are a stable part of the project. Preventative discussions were held at secondary schools; in children homes, in social centers, reeducational homes and community centers. We also gave a lecture on our work for preventors from the regional directorates of Police force, representative of the Academy of Police force, as well as a British partner at Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Slovakia.

Caritas Slovakia, through our project is still guarantor in the nationwide campaign Red Ribbons and participate on the final campaign closure program entry for about 300 school representatives from all over Slovakia.

Our preventive discussions on human trafficking kept the regularity and were associated with **finding foreign victims** among applicants for asylum and refugees in the Humenné detention camp. 12 preventive discussions were held for a total of 32 foreigners, originating predominantly from Afghanistan and Libya.



The STOP Human trafficking project's annual activity is **St. Bakhita's Day**, when we commemorate the victims of trafficking, we talk about them and pray for them. It is **International Day of Prayer and Awareness against human trafficking** that Pope Francis pronounced in a liturgical day of memories of St. Joseph Bakhita, the patron saint of the victims of trafficking. Prayers are held in addition to Bratislava (Church of the Merciful brothers) in other places throughout Slovakia throughout February and early March.

This year the relic of St. Bakhity our new icon was presented along the prayers. We invite more and more parishes and communities, as our ambition is to take this initiative and expand it as much and as far as possible. This year children in a charity center in Uganda also prayed with us, thanks to our volunteers, who also prepared accompanying activities about this African saint. Common prayers always complement the true stories of the victims of trafficking, to bring the fates of those who need our prayers closer.



As part of our membership in international networks, we participated in trainings and RENATE meetings (International Network of Religious Sisters and laymen in the fight against modern slavery) continue to be presented at regular meetings of the EU Civil Society Nonprofit Platform against THB in Brussels Belgium and actively participate at the OSCE Conference (Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe) on the topic of *Human Trafficking in Conditional and Crisis Situation* in Vienna. We are also part of international project *Strengthening the Collaboration of Caritas Members in the Euro-Mediterranean region to fight against human trafficking* (2017-2019) and within of the project are preparing a study on the situation of child trafficking victims in Slovakia.

We also participated in the sports event in April, which was a cultural-educational event in cooperation with the day center for homeless people John from God (Merciful Brothers) and Charity was a partner of the event; the project STOP Human Trafficking also contributed through the GIFT box Slovakia campaign - People aren't for sale.



The stand of the project as well as the exhibition After the liberation could also be seen as part of a traditional Courts of Kapitulská Street in Bratislava. The program also included film screenings IVAN in a charity courtyard associated with a discussion how to help victims of human trafficking. During the National Charity Week in June we were within national activities with the campaign GIFT box Slovakia – People they are not for sale at the Primate's Square in Bratislava.



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Main partners of the National Helpline for Victims of Human Trafficking (0800 800 818) are the Slovak Ministry of the Interior and Slovak Telekom.

Project MIND

MIND is an abbreviation of the English words Migration, Inter-connectedness and Development. This is a three - year project funded by the European Commission, aimed at raising awareness among the general public on migration issues, development and their mutual relations. Under a common vision, 12 charities from 11 European organizations were involved in the project.

Caritas Slovakia joined the project in accordance with the challenges of Pope Francis, who often appeals to support complex and sustainable solutions to situations arising as a result of migration. The MIND project has the ambition to create a meeting space for people to better understand the link between migration and sustainable development, while at the same time directing the public's attitude towards values such as humanity, dignity and respect.

Since the beginning of 2018, MIND has focused mainly in Slovakia on campaign activities to explain facts concerning migration and, in general, foreigners in Slovakia. Through public discussions and communication in the media we tried to clarify the real numbers and situation of foreigners in Slovakia and the positive aspects and impacts of migration. In many cases, the Slovaks' view of migration topics is revised after a personal meeting with foreigners. That's why we organized The Live Library event, which allowed visitors personal and facilitated interview with refugees and migrants. Need for interviews and personal meetings are proving to be most accurate in contacts with young people, which corresponds to secondary school visits and higher education institutions and discussions with refugees.

In addition to the campaign activities, 2019 and 2020 we will start the advocacy part of the project, where it will be the role of the Caritas Slovakia to find a way to communicate migration and development not only with political entities, but also at the level of religious institutions operating in Slovakia. The potential of the MIND project is in excessing the controversies and polarities that are with these sensitive topics linked and also in leading narrative

towards greater rationality, in both media and public space. The goal is to reach a professional and factual discussion. The fruit of such efforts would definitely be worth it. Whether in the form of system changes or in concrete changes in the attitudes of individuals showing action, love and understanding for those who need it.

Countries involved in the MIND project



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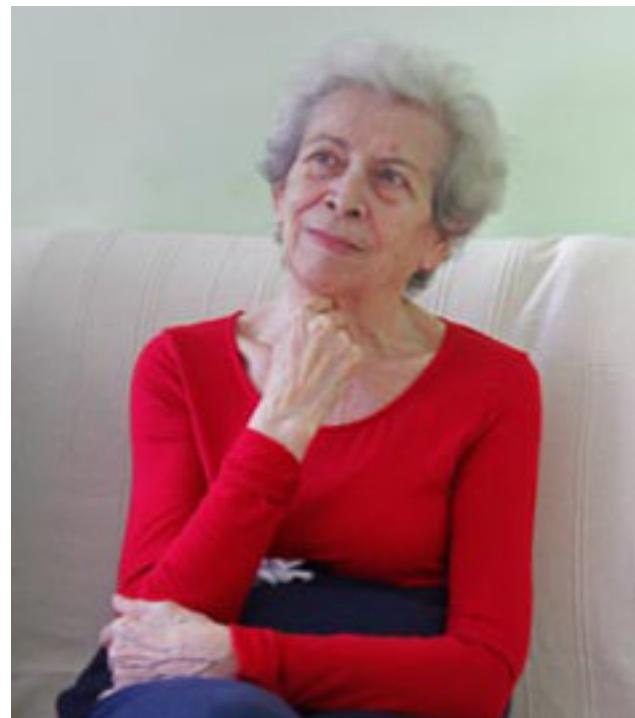


The MIND project is funded by European Union Development Education and Awareness Raising (DEAR) Programme.



Services of Diocesan and Archdiocesan charities

The main area of activity of Caritas Slovakia is to help those in need in all parts of Slovakia, mainly through social and healthcare services. These services are provided to citizens of all age groups. Ten Diocesan and Archdiocesan charities provide their clients with care directly in their homes, but also in various resident-type facilities. The range of services provided is specified in the current legislation of Slovak Republic. Caritas also responds to specific needs of individuals and meets them outside the range of the law. We apply Christian principles and social doctrine of Church while taking care of our clients. Those we take care of are primarily seen as suffering brothers and sisters who we help by providing professional services as well as through volunteer help in parishes. As a member of the Association of non-public social service providers, we regularly participate in negotiating the legislative setting of social services in Slovak Republic, using our long experience and wide range of competence. Caritas advocates the best solutions and interests of all clients of social services without distinction. Not only the directors of the Diocesan and Archdiocesan charities, but also the selected employees, operate in several working groups, whether at state level or regional level, or they may be members of umbrella groups and cooperate with other partner organisations.



A. Healthcare services

Resident and outpatient health care was provided within the meaning of Act No 578/2004 Coll. on healthcare providers, as amended. In 2018, **221 healthcare service employees took care of 4,504 clients in 40 different facilities.**

Service area	Type of service	Number of services	Number of clients
Healthcare services	Ados (Domestic nursing care agency)	24	3,755
	A care home	1	0
	Hospice	3	372
	Mobile hospice	11	271
	Physician's office	1	106
TOTAL		40	4,504

B. Social services

Caritas Slovakia as the largest non-public provider of social services in Slovakia in 2018 provided services in **242 social services facilities** registered under Act No. 448/2008 Coll. on social services, as amended. Caritas provided help and care to **18,299 clients** through **934 employees** working in social services sector.

Service area	Type of service	Services	Clients
Professional activities	Basic social counseling § 19	12	2,148
	Specialised social counselling § 19	19	4,754
	Social rehabilitation § 21	2	23
	Residential nursing care § 22	1	9
Social services of crisis intervention	Terrain social service of crisis intervention § 24a)	5	311
	Low-threshold day care centre § 24b)	10	2,620
	Community Centre § 24d)	4	1,561
	Doss-house § 25	11	948
	Shelter § 26	8	511
	Halfway house § 27	3	63
	Low-threshold social service for children and families § 28	1	197
Social services to support families with children	Emergency housing facility § 29	2	39
	Early intervention service § 33	1	16
	Supported housing facility § 34	2	15
Social services to deal with a disadvantaged social situation due to severe disability, poor health or retirement age	Seniors facility § 35	12	404
	Nursing service facility § 36	2	57
	Rehabilitation centre § 37	2	27
	Home of Social Services § 38	15	215
	Specialised facility § 39	6	109
	Day Care centre § 40	39	621
	Nursing service § 41	44	523
	Shipping service § 42	3	144
	Rental of aids § 47	15	693
	Dining room § 58	4	219
Support services	Laundry room § 59	3	151
	Personal Hygiene Centre § 60	6	445
	Other activities - social wardrobe (personal equipment, necessary clothing)	10	1,476
TOTAL		242	18,299

C. Services in field of social-legal protection of children and social guardianship

In 2018, pursuant to Act No 305/2005 Coll. on social-legal protection of children and social guardianship, as amended, **67 Caritas employees** provided care to **107 clients in 5 facilities**.

Service area	Type of service	Number of services	Number of clients
Social-legal protection of children and social guardianship	Children´s home	3	53
	Resocialization center	1	49
	Crisis center	1	5
TOTAL		5	107

D. Pedagogical and other services

Pedagogical services were provided by Diocese of Spiš catholic charity according to Act No 245/2008 Coll. on education and training, as amended, and pursuant to Act No 568/2009 Coll. on lifelong learning, as amended. Care was provided to **85 clients** by a total of **35 employees**.

Service area	Type of service	Number of services	Number of clients
Pedagogical services	Practice school	1	12
	Primary school for autistic kids	1	6
	Special primary school	1	55
	School center at primary school	2	23
TOTAL		5	96

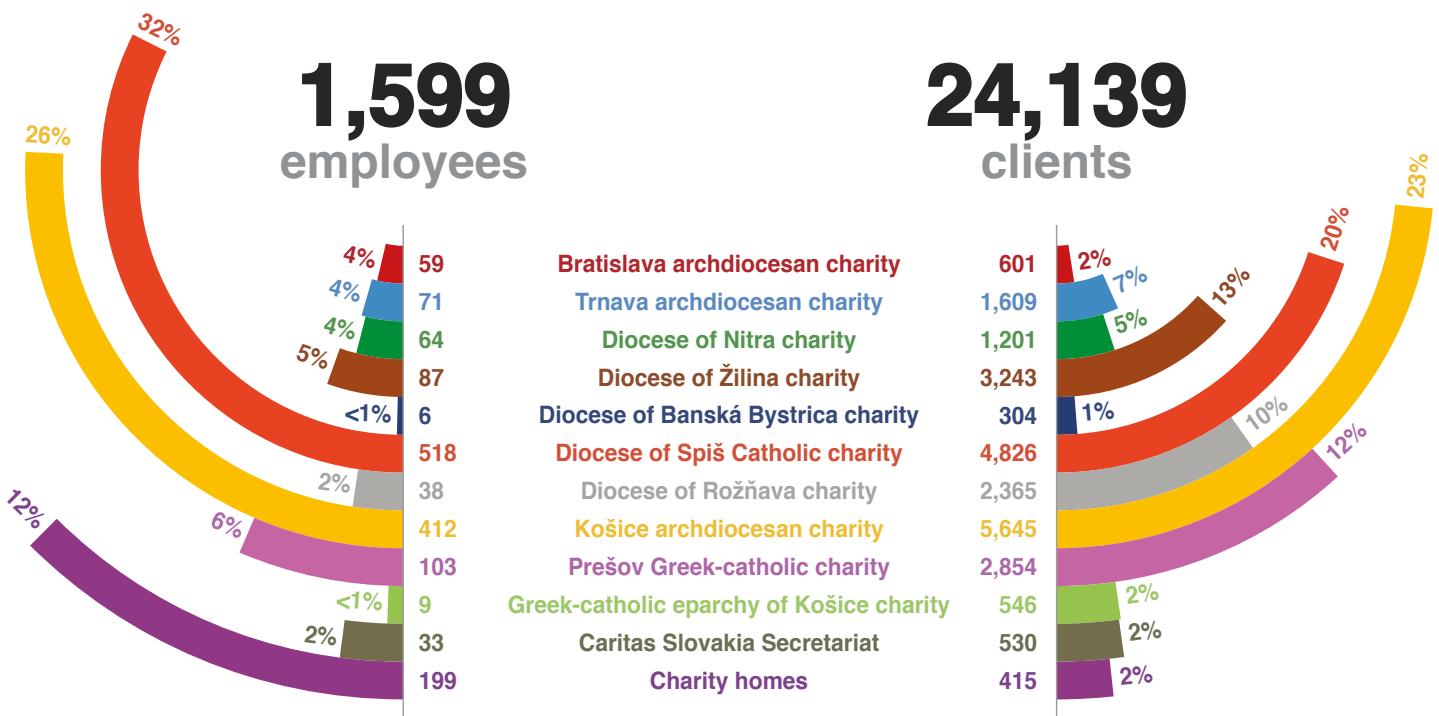
Caritas Slovakia also provided its services within the self-established operations. A major area of services provided by Caritas is running charity homes for religious sisters. In **15 charity homes**, in 2018, **199 employees** took care of **415 retired religious sisters**.

Under the auspices of the Diocese of Spiš Catholic charity, Caritas Spiš, s. r. o. operated **4 shops of religious items – the Caritas bookshop**, as well as one pharmacy. Among other services provided, the most significant are the **3 sheltered workshops** run by Diocesan charities - Diocese of Prešov Greek-Catholic charity, Diocese of Nitra charity and Diocese of Spiš catholic charity . At the same time, the Diocese of Prešov Greek-Catholic charity published a monthly Cesta and in Klub Kahan took care of alcoholics who wish to abstain.

The Archdiocese of Bratislava charity provided food aid to those in need and led a Seniors Club in Bratislava last year. In 2018, the total number of services not legislatively adjusted was **29**, whilst through these services help was provided to **1,133 clients** in Caritas facilities across Slovakia.

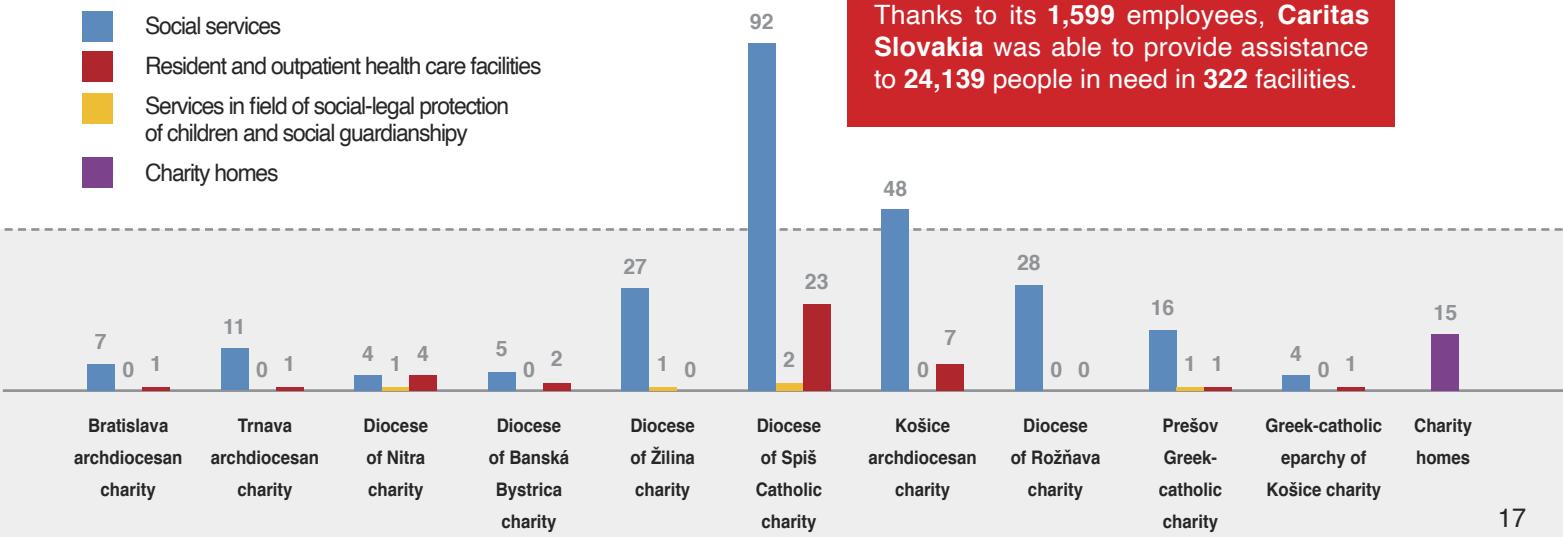
Apart from the above mentioned clients, this statistics also cover the STOP human trafficking project and Solidarity Warehouse of Caritas. The Caritas Secretariat, Diocesan and Archdiocesan charity centres and other Caritas facilities (Caritas homes and sheltered workshops and other operations) employed a total of **331 dedicated employees**.

Numbers of clients, employees and services according to diocesan and archdiocesan charities



- █ Social services
- █ Resident and outpatient health care facilities
- █ Services in field of social-legal protection of children and social guardianship
- █ Charity homes

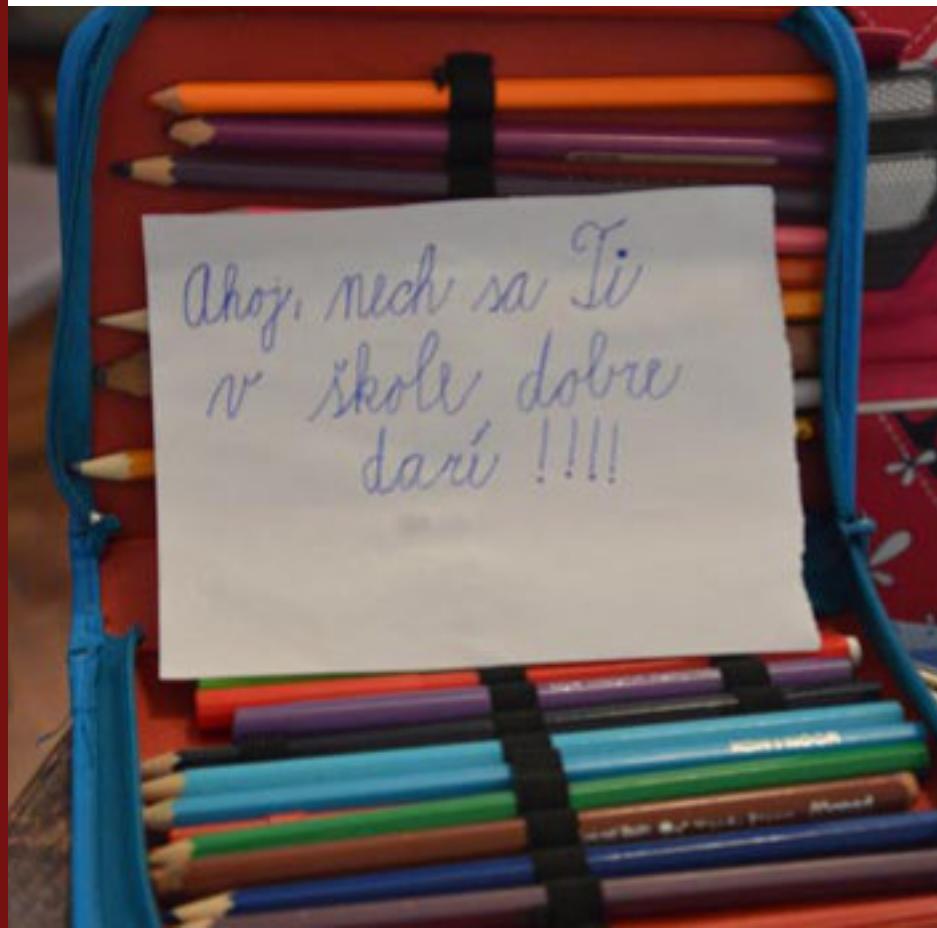
Thanks to its **1,599** employees, **Caritas Slovakia** was able to provide assistance to **24,139** people in need in **322** facilities.



Collection of School supplies

Caritas Slovakia organized for the ninth time Collection of school supplies. In the current year we managed to collect **27,269 school needs** that have been directed towards children from socially disadvantaged families, to crisis centers and orphanages in Slovakia. Pupils were given a chance at full-fledged education.

Most school aids were collected in the Diocese of Žilina, 11 680 units. Already early August in Eastern Slovakia indicated that this year we will be able to collect generous number of school supplies. It was thanks to the young people who took up this activity during the National Youth Meeting P18 in Prešov. Together with the Greek Catholic charity in Prešov they managed to collect over 4067 school supplies at the beginning of August.



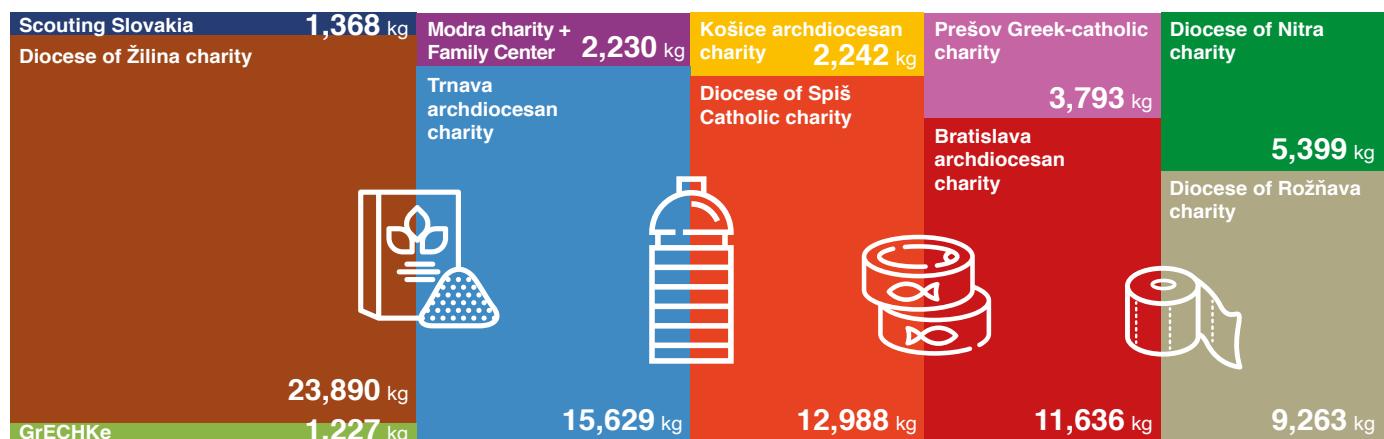
Together we collect
27 269
school needs



Food collection in the TESCO store network

Thanks to the Slovaks who joined for the 6th year our popular Food Collection, we collected in cooperation with TESCO and other organizations, 90 tonnes of durable food and drugstore goods worth almost 138,000 euros, which were redistributed before Christmas to people in need and to households of socially disadvantaged families. Compared to previous years, more young people were involved and donors put in shopping baskets even better quality products. The collection lasted from 22 November to 24 November and Caritas Slovakia collected food in 64 TESCO stores throughout Slovakia.

90 tons of food and drugstore goods worth **€ 137,746**



This amount of food can be used to prepare approximately

225,000



**portions
of hot
food**

for people in need: the homeless, socially weak families, children, seniors and also mothers with children or families and individuals

Financial support from TESCO company to support the operation of the cooperating charity organizations of Caritas was increased by 20% = **€ 27,549**.

Development cooperation

Development cooperation projects are aimed at helping children, that are the future for the community and the country in which they live. Life of every child is important and worth of support. In 2018, thanks to the generosity of donors who contributed to the public collection of Lenten box for Africa, we could run a comprehensive aid project for HIV / AIDS positive orphans and semi-orphans, a kindergarten for children in Uganda and a cultural center for poor children in Rwanda, pilgrimage Kibeho. Local employees provide childcare in both centers and maintain the contact with local culture and way of life. Slovak volunteers participate on both projects, share their talents and time with the kids who similar to kids in Slovakia, like to play, laugh and learn new knowledge.



Uganda Center Of The Immaculate Heart Of The Virgin Mary

Since 2012 the Center in Uganda has been providing health and psychosocial help for HIV / AIDS positive children who have lost their parents and their relatives are unable to provide them with the necessary care. The capacity of the center is currently 52 children and in addition to health care, provides children with accommodation, leisure activities and support for their studies at local primary schools as well as training for adult life when they leave the center. Local employees as well as Slovak volunteers help in the center and are engaged in tutoring and leisure activities for children. Volunteers also help to support children and their families off-center through Children's donation project, several older girls and women from the local community received an opportunity to learn craft, improve life situation and prepare for life after leaving the center. Elderly boys and men had the opportunity to acquire and develop skills at carpenter workshop that also functions alongside the center in Uganda.

There is also a kindergarten that stands in the neighborhood of the Immaculate Heart Center and welcomes approximately 120 children from nearby communities every day, to play, gain new knowledge, and have access to a quality and regular diet while their parents work, to take care of their families.

Volunteering



Rwanda Cultural centre of St. Vincent Palloti

In the Rwandan pilgrimage town of Kibeho, Caritas Slovakia opened in 2016, a development project aimed at the children of the poorest families roaming the streets while their parents worked like non-bound field workers. About 50 children every day has space for education, games, regular and nutritional diet. Thanks to the project, children are getting elementary knowledge to better prepare them for further education in primary school. Except local staff Slovak volunteers also take care of children, support the functioning of the Center and provide children friendly a place full of acceptance and excellent care. In 2018 kindergarten was under construction. Its launching and sanctification is planned in 2019.

The Cultural Center project is carried out by Caritas Slovakia in cooperation with the local pallotin community and the work enjoys great support of the local community as well.

Young people from Slovakia who decided to share their time, knowledge and skills in Caritas Slovakia's projects are an irreplaceable asset not only for children but also for the proper functioning of the centers in Uganda and Rwanda. In the course of 2018, twelve young women and men were prepared leisure activities for children, helped them with learning and becoming their friends in group games and interviews. In addition, volunteers helped to develop activities of the center and community around individual projects. In Uganda it is support for the implementation of Children's donation project through which Slovak donors help Ugandan children. In Rwanda volunteers also help the local community of pallottins and also contributed to the construction process of a new cultural center building with twice the capacity of children.

The enthusiasm of the volunteers is also appreciated by local staff from the individual projects. There is a confirmation that volunteers have found their way to children in form of letters, which they exchange with children after returning home to Slovakia.

In 2018 we made a record number of lectures for you all over Slovakia, from Malacky to Snina. We brought a piece of Africa to 12 elementary and secondary schools and 23 parishes. If you want to listen about experience in Uganda and Rwanda from our volunteers and staff, email us at info@charita.sk. We will be happy to come.



Charita v Afrike



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Children´s donation project

Children´s donation project has been in place for 22 years. It is built on the relationship between the donor and the child. A person who decides to participate in the project becomes an adoptive parent of a particular child and is invited to follow his or her achievements and be happy for them. Assistance is provided in the form of regular contributions.

Who is the help intended for?

The Children´s donation project includes children who have not yet been able to get involved in education or have been forced to break their studies for family reasons. Many of the children are orphans, some lived on the street for some part of their childhood, others suffer from AIDS, others are physically or mentally handicapped.



Number of children who were helped in 2018:



In 2018, **3,510** children and students were assisted by your contributions.

The history of the Children´s donation project:



Vision and mission of the project

The vision of this project is a long-term and systematic assistance to children in the poor countries of the world, regardless of their nationality, health condition, race or faith. By fulfilling this vision, also the Charity Mission of the Church is realized, in the spirit of evangelical love of bringing good to the neighbors and the needy.

Objectives of the project

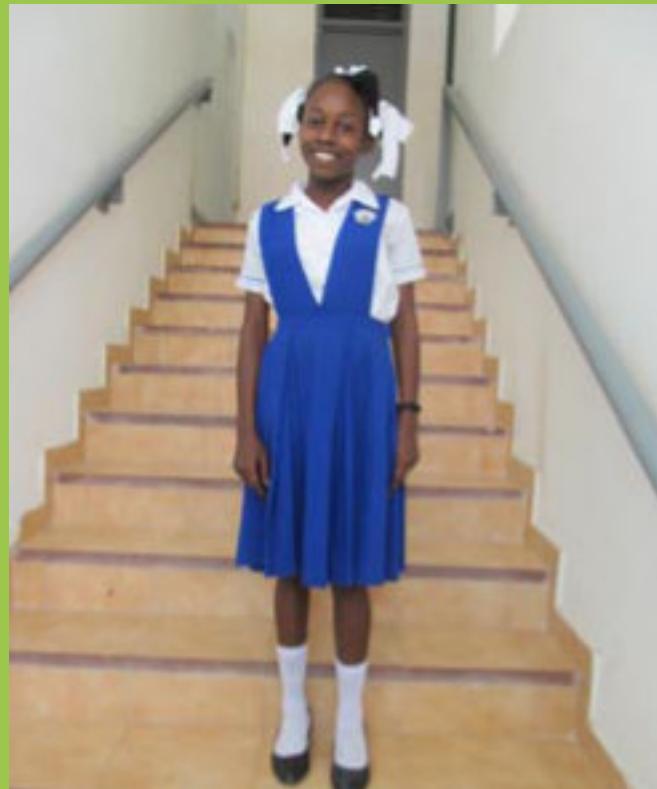
- **Education** – Helping poor children to gain an adequate education and improve their social situation so that they can be fully included in society in adulthood, be able to secure suitable employment and earn and living and sustain their families.
- **Community development** – Support is directed to children within the background of their country and region, to improve living conditions so they can stay in the country where they were born and they are most familiar with the community.
- **Long-term and systematic assistance** – Provide financial support for education, nutrition and health care disadvantaged children during their studies.



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The Josline story

Josline is an orphan. It is educated thanks to help from Slovakia. Josline is 12 years old and was born in Haiti. Her parents died, and so she lives with her two siblings and aunt. However her aunt is in a very poor financial situation and does not have the resources to be able to take care of orphaned children. Despite the fact that Josline lost mother and father and herself has health problems, she is cheerful and nice girl. Joslin was admitted to school by nuns from the Congregation Little Sisters of St. Theresies who help the poor, as much as they can.

They are looking for help abroad to help the poorest in Haiti to mediate education. They realize that education is for Haiti on the way out of poverty, illiteracy and overall poor economic and the social situation Haiti has been in for years. Thanks to Children's donation project, Josline has textbooks, exercise books, school books gear and uniform. Her favorite subject is biology and would like to become a nurse.

Humanitarian aid

As part of humanitarian aid, we help people in need caused by natural elements, armed conflict or other extraordinary situation. The aim of humanitarian aid is to provide help to affected persons to ensure their basic living to improve their living conditions with respect to their human dignity.

Caritas Slovakia within the framework of humanitarian projects always reflects the needs of local communities we help. The project is preceded by an evaluation of the local situation within the monitoring of the Humanitarian Aid Manager in our organization. In 2018 we have implemented 5 humanitarian projects in the Middle East region with a total budget of EUR 269 410 and in October 2018 we started with implementation of the project from the subsidy of the Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation (SAMRS) totaling EUR 206 316. Thanks to the generosity of our partners and donors, including the Conference Bishops of Slovakia (KBS), Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation (SAMRS) and individual donors, in 2018 we implemented projects for more than 25,700 people in need. Year 2018 was exceptional within the humanitarian projects of Caritas Slovakia also thanks to our historically first monitoring trip to northeast Syria - Al-Hassak Governorate. Thanks to cooperation with our local partner Syriac Cross - we can help people in need in this area. As part of a monitoring trip in Syria and Iraq Kurdistan other projects have been identified and are prepared to be implemented in beginning of 2019. Another important moment in the context of humanitarian projects in 2018 was the approval of the construction of wells in the village of Bozan in Iraq, which we started to implement at the end of 2018 thanks to the SAMRS. Since 2014, during Daesh (so-called Islamic state) combat operations, refugees found new home in the village of Bozan and therefore the population of the village increased to 10 000. For this reason, local sources of drinking water are no longer sufficient and therefore we will build in their village within the project, 3 new wells and one older one will be renewed. The project is planned to end in September 2019.



More information about our projects can be found at:



www.charita.sk/pomoc-utecencom

Overview of humanitarian projects implemented and completed in 2018



Distribution of sanitary and food packages for refugees in Al-Hassak Governorate (Syria)



Providing electricity and hot water for the monastery in Maryam al-Adhra (Iraq)



Construction of a well for drinking water in Sinjar (Iraq)



Nursery enlargement in Nabk, Syria



Provision of drinking water in Fejš Kabur (Iraq)

Lenten Box for Africa 2018

Caritas Slovakia has already prepared for the seventh year campaign Lenten Box for Africa.; which is offered to survive fasting period with a view of those living in poverty. In families they could transform a common fasting into a concrete act of love and renounced favorite sweets, coffee or other small things turned into paper box. This, perhaps a small gift, helped children and families in sub-Saharan Africa.

In 2018, we collected more than € 298,000, thanks to which we could build a new kindergarten and vocational building classrooms, where we offer twice as many children access to education. We have prepared a special gift for everyone actively involved in the campaign - a music CD prepared by the children at the Immaculate Center of the Virgin Mary as a thank you to our supporters.



Together we collected

€ 298,208



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REVENUES	Bratislava archdiocesan charity	Trnava archdiocesan charity	Diocese of Nitra charity	Diocese of Žilina charity	Diocese of Banská Bystrica charity
revenues for own products and services	€ 319,728	€ 379,172	€ 409,323	€ 150,936	€ 62,358
received gifts	€ 22,249	€ -	€ 7,078	€ 43,727	€ 4,931
other revenues	€ 4,382	€ 29,044	€ 10,703	€ 158,623	€ 7,347
capital gains	€ 42,331	€ 1	€ 42	€ -	€ 600
contributions received from legal entities	€ 24,185	€ 50,634	€ 189,937	€ 37,902	€ 4,221
contributions received from natural persons	€ 18,412	€ 99,666	€ 118,827	€ 45,466	€ 978
contributions from the share of the tax paid	€ 4,120	€ 2,232	€ 22,202	€ 19,080	€ 217
contributions received from public collections	€ 95,944	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -
subsidies from self-governing regions, municipalities, public resources	€ 216,289	€ 363,486	€ 387,780	€ 710,529	€ 36,828
TOTAL INCOME	€ 747,640	€ 924,234	€ 1,145,891	€ 1,166,263	€ 117,480

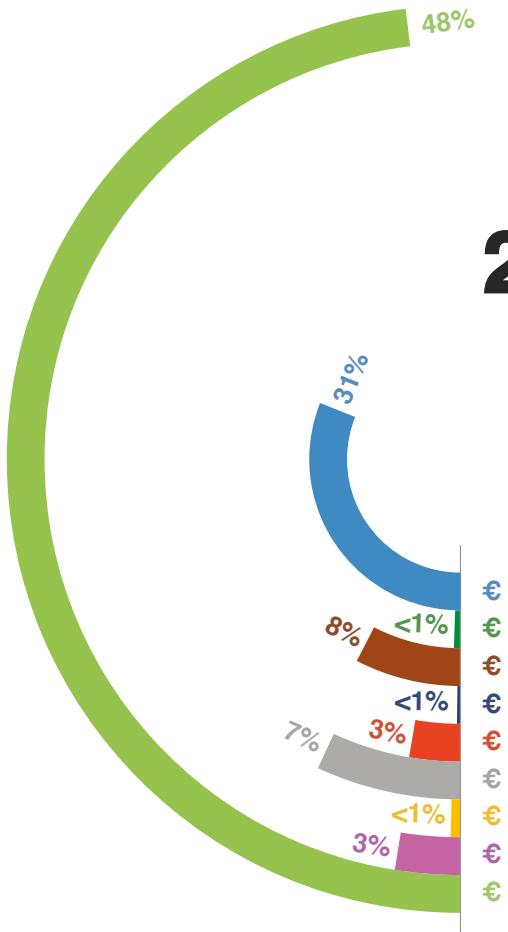
COSTS	BACH	TADCH	DCHNr	DCHZa	DCHBB
material and energy consumption	€ 94,328	€ 125,410	€ 138,905	€ 152,077	€ 10,807
services	€ 100,105	€ 87,633	€ 72,435	€ 63,487	€ 16,643
wages of charity facilities employees	€ 335,789	€ 517,081	€ 578,514	€ 625,449	€ 48,935
social charges and other social costs	€ 132,362	€ 198,324	€ 218,456	€ 247,168	€ 20,681
other costs	€ 7,142	€ 9,151	€ 23,599	€ 14,852	€ 10,624
depreciation	€ 6,785	€ 52,553	€ 57,549	€ 22,410	€ 3,552
donations	€ 22,312	€ -	€ 513	€ 26,508	€ -
donations to legal entities	€ 4,454	€ -	€ 286	€ 200	€ -
donations to natural persons	€ 909	€ 1,098	€ 4,949	€ 10,224	€ -
donations from public collections	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -
TOTAL COSTS	€ 704,186	€ 991,250	€ 1,095,206	€ 1,162,375	€ 111,241

OUTCOME	BACH	TADCH	DCHNr	DCHZa	DCHBB
income tax	€ 1,522	€ -	€ 12,222	€ -	€ -
ECONOMIC OUTCOME	€ 41,932	€ - 67,016	€ 38,464	€ 3,888	€ 6,239

Diocese of Spiš Catholic charity	Diocese of Rožňava charity	Košice archdiocesan charity	Prešov Greekcatholic charity	Greek-catholic eparchy of Košice charity	Caritas Slovakia	TOTAL
€ 2,891,034	€ 82,537	€ 2,261,520	€ 285,955	€ 41,411	€ 881,761	€ 7,765,734
€ 5,566	€ 18,957	€ 21,976	€ -	€ -	€ 14,430	€ 138,914
€ 358,791	€ -	€ 519,015	€ 104,931	€ -	€ 696,516	€ 1,889,352
€ 10	€ -	€ 10,000	€ 100	€ -	€ -	€ 53,084
€ 50,711	€ 500	€ 82,312	€ 63,994	€ 16,292	€ 159,807	€ 680,495
€ 257,696	€ 6,074	€ 138,730	€ 44,039	€ 2,602	€ 986,745	€ 1,719,234
€ 103	€ 3,155	€ 6,315	€ 15,472	€ 2,172	€ 29,013	€ 104,080
€ 119,358	€ 46,044	€ 82,998	€ -	€ 16,000	€ 270,724	€ 631,068
€ 2,943,493	€ 208,884	€ 3,003,468	€ 949,414	€ 50,510	€ 3,147,908	€ 12,018,588
€ 6,626,762	€ 366,149	€ 6,126,334	€ 1,463,905	€ 128,987	€ 6,186,904	€ 25,000,550

SpKCH	DCHRv	ADCHKe	GrCHPo	GrECHKe	SKCH	TOTAL
€ 916,049	€ 59,337	€ 920,775	€ 186,817	€ 12,994	€ 921,532	€ 3,539,031
€ 258,361	€ 18,039	€ 425,782	€ 89,240	€ 25,608	€ 276,933	€ 1,434,266
€ 3,500,089	€ 215,937	€ 3,242,112	€ 712,535	€ 58,847	€ 1,962,505	€ 11,797,793
€ 1,332,753	€ 77,972	€ 1,319,408	€ 246,198	€ 27,636	€ 748,087	€ 4,569,045
€ 297,956	€ 18,203	€ 81,019	€ 112,949	€ 7,471	€ 590,611	€ 1,173,576
€ 292,121	€ 14,906	€ 122,826	€ 49,113	€ -	€ 15,316	€ 637,131
€ 31,279	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ 64	€ 80,676
€ 240	€ -	€ -	€ 986	€ 1,680	€ 1,571,716	€ 1,579,562
€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ 3,214	€ -	€ 20,394
€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ 166,139	€ 166,139
€ 6,628,848	€ 404,394	€ 6,111,922	€ 1,397,838	€ 137,449	€ 6,252,903	€ 24,997,612

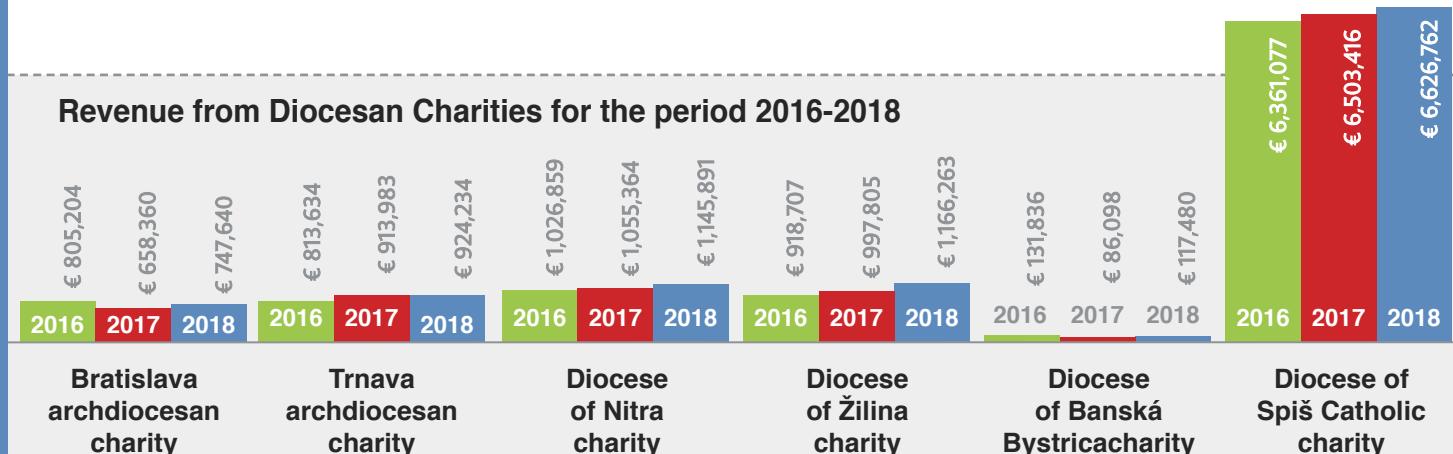
SpKCH	DCHRv	ADCHKe	GrCHPo	GrECHKe	SKCH	TOTAL
€ 21	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ 794	€ 14,559
€ - 2,108	€ - 38,245	€ 14,412	€ 66,067	€ - 8,462	€ - 66,793	€ - 11,621



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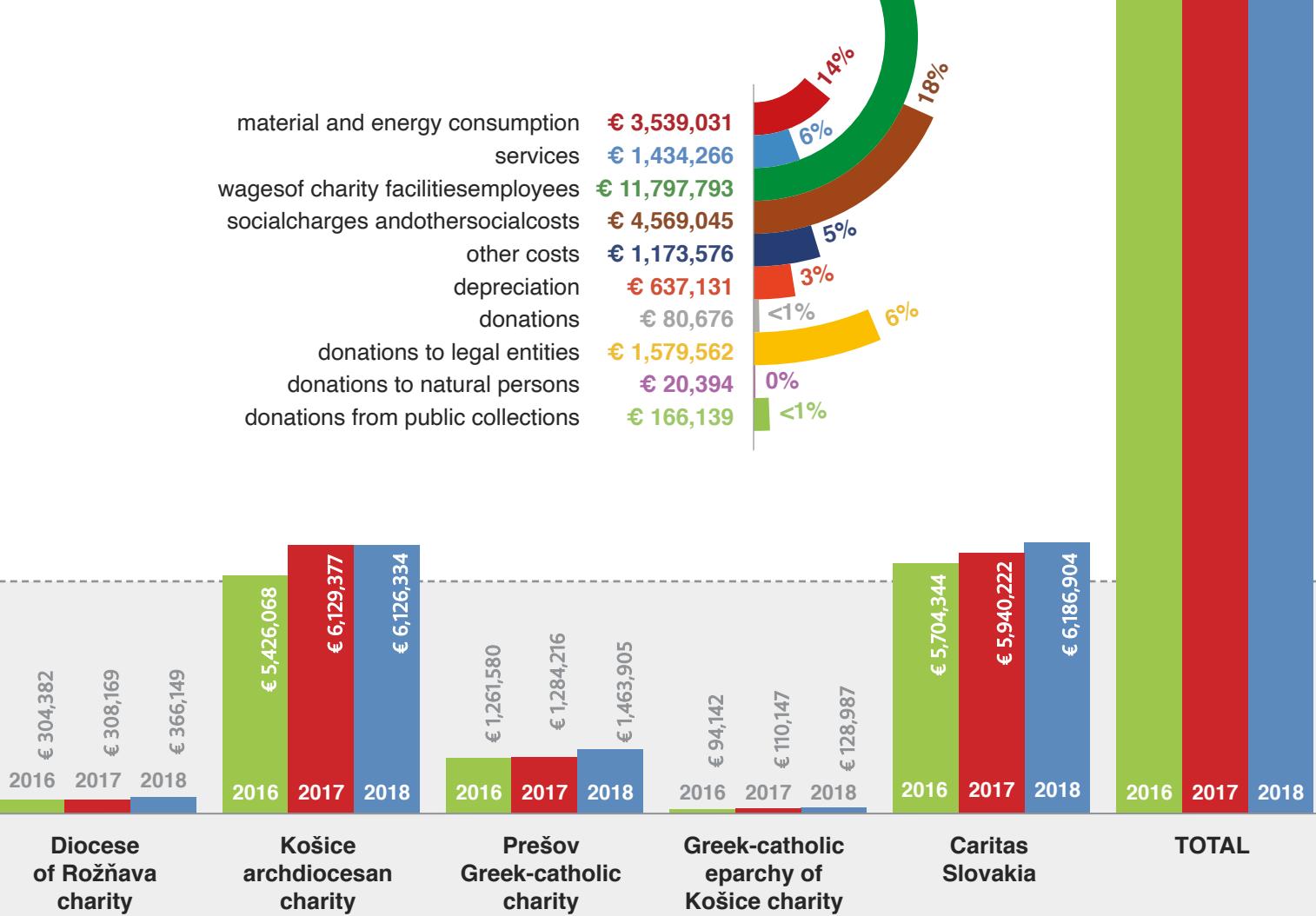
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Revenue from Diocesan Charities for the period 2016-2018



Costs

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SUPPLEMENT TO THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE ANNUAL REPORT

To the Supervisory Board and to the General secretary of Slovak catholic charity, Registration No. 00 179 132
Pursuant to Act No. 423/2005 Coll., Article 27 (6) and to Act No. 431/2002 Coll.

- I. We have audited the documentation for annual report of Slovak catholic charity, Registration No. 00 179 132 ("Entity") as at 31 December 2018 presented in annual report of the Entity. We issued an Auditor's Report on the Audit of Financial Statements dated 26.06.2019 in the wording as follows:

REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the Supervisory Board and to the General secretary of Slovak catholic charity, Reg. No. 00 179 132

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Slovak catholic charity, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2018, and the income statement for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the underlying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Entity as at 31 December 2018, and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the Act on Accounting No. 431/2002 Coll. as amended (the "Act on Accounting").

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the provisions of Act No. 423/2005 Coll. on Statutory Audit and on Amendment to and Supplementation of Act No. 431/2002 Coll. on Accounting, as amended [hereunder the "Act on Statutory Audit"] related to ethical requirements, including the Code of Ethics for Auditors that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management

Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements to give a true and fair view in accordance with the Act on Accounting, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting, unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered

material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omission, misrepresentation, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosure in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report; however, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

Banská Bystrica, June 28th, 2018

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II. REPORT ON OTHER LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

Report on Information Disclosed in the Annual Report – Supplement to the Independent Auditor's Report

The statutory body is responsible for information disclosed in the annual report prepared under the requirements of the Act on Accounting. Our opinion on the financial statements stated above does not apply to other information in the annual report.

In connection with the audit of financial statements, our responsibility is to gain an understanding of the information disclosed in the annual report and consider whether such information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit of the financial statements, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

We evaluated whether the Entity's annual report includes information whose disclosure is required by the Act on Accounting.

Based on procedures performed during the audit of the financial statements, in our opinion:

- Information disclosed in the annual report prepared for 2018 is consistent with the financial statements for the relevant year; and
- The annual report includes information pursuant to the Act.

Furthermore, based on our understanding of the Entity and its position, obtained in the audit of the financial statements, we are required to disclose whether material misstatements were identified in the annual report, which we received after the date of issuance of this auditor's report. There are no findings that should be reported in this regard.

Banská Bystrica, July 5th 2018

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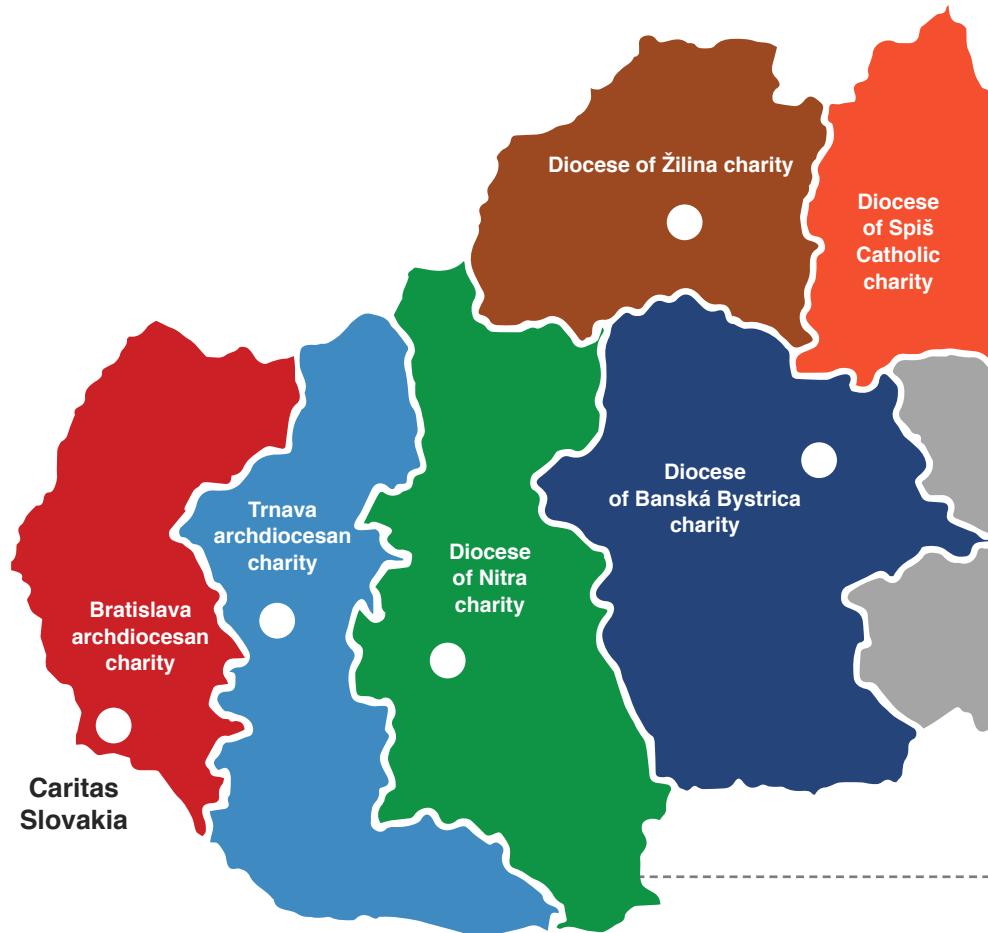
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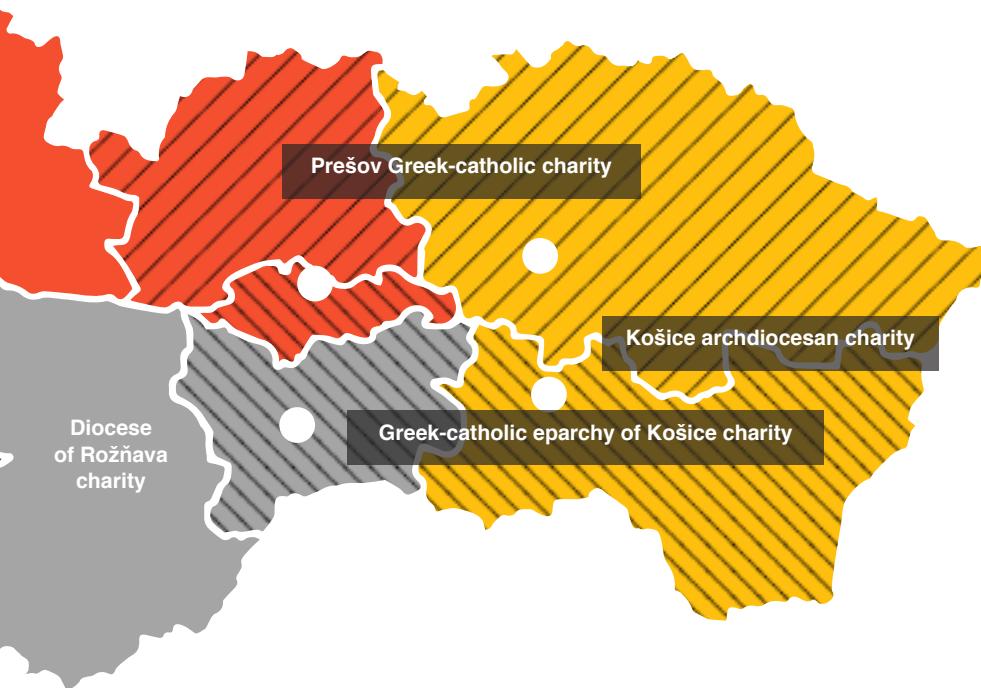


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A black and white close-up photograph of a young African boy's face. He has a shaved head and is looking off to the right of the frame with a neutral expression. His hand is resting against his cheek, with his fingers partially hidden in his hair. He is wearing a dark, ribbed, V-neck sweater.

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