

Annual report
2019



Caritas
SLOVAKIA



Dear our charitable friends, partners, and donors

The annual report of Caritas Slovakia, which you hold in your hands, is not just an expression of our gratitude for your existing support but also a manifestation of our responsibility for your trust and the picture that your help has turned into concrete charitable works and projects. You stood close to the people in a need, whom Caritas was able to help in a past year.

Therefore, we also present you with basic statistics in the report summarizing the assistance and social services provided by the individual diocesan and archdiocesan caritas. Respectable numbers of clients, services, social services facilities as well as employees show greatly the social dimension of the charitable activities of the associated caritas in our organization. However, a life story is projected behind each issue, a person who was hungry, thirsty, sick, abandoned, or homeless.

In the fourteen Caritas Homes, four hundred sisters had a place for a dignified rest. We are grateful to them for their many encouragements and prayers on our charitable work. With the support of the Ministry of the Interior, we have been providing a comprehensive assistance to the victims of human trafficking for eleven years to ensure our fellow citizens return to Slovakia and they get an assistance in the difficult process of re-establishment and integration into society. We have not forgotten about prevention either and the song "Dávaj si pozor, bráško" with the theme of a fake job offer became a YouTube hit.

Together with the Caritas from the other eleven countries, we have also become the voice of the immigrants and refugees seeking security and a better life but more often also to become beneficial for the recipient country. But above all, they are all humans, children, women and men, our neighbors, and the pope Francis invites us to join the community with them.

Caritas Slovakia also helped in poor or crisis-stricken countries around the world so that no one would be forced to leave their home country. With the support of the Episcopal Conference of Slovakia and Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation (Slovak Aid), we built local communities in the Middle East.

In sub-Saharan Africa, your donations to the Lenten Box for Africa has helped hundreds of children and young people, disadvantaged because of their origin or state of health, to provide them with a food, shelter, or education. In Rwanda, a beautiful new building was constructed in the pilgrimage town of Kibeho. In Adjumani, Uganda, additional kindergarten classes, accommodation for volunteers and beautiful church in the neighborhood have been added thanks to the Slovak donors.

In a long-term run the donors have also supported Children's donation project (Adopcia na diaľku®) so that almost five thousand children and students gain an education and have a chance for a better life.

In the past year, through Caritas Slovakia, all of you have been close to the people in a need.

Ing. Erich Hulman

Secretary General of Caritas Slovakia



Dear brothers and sisters,

I am happy to have the opportunity to address you on the behalf of this annual report, which comes to you in time completely different from previous years. Even if, according to the words of the Lord Jesus, there is still enough people around us who need a help, in time of global pandemic caused by coronavirus, the number increased and the conditions of the aid also became more difficult. A new situation in which we found ourselves keeps us so busy that we almost put the evaluation of the last year's activities off.

Therefore, I am glad that this is the chance to re-evaluate least year's activities of Caritas Slovakia and to encourage them helping people in need, furthermore. Together with the Holy Father Francis, I want to remind everyone - employees and supporters of our work that the Christian hope we must have in the exercise of our apostolate of mercy. It is the hope of the risen Christ, which guarantees us that he is still with us and that he wants to be our guide on the way home. No matter, what the circumstances are, we are never left alone, never without a hope. I see this Christian hope as crucial in the performance of our service. If we do not have it then we would not be able to offer it to those who lost it.

We all have place in the kingdom of heaven. To be able to take that place, we need to help each other, we also need to make Christ present to those who for the various circumstances of life cannot perceive him, or they perceive him only vaguely.

Thank you very much to everyone who made the presence of Christ's service to the poorest. May Christ's first satisfaction be our promise: "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."


I am happy to bless you and your families and assure you are in my prayers.

Mons. Štefan Sečka
President of Caritas Slovakia

Caritas Slovakia helps approximately 30,000 people in a need in almost 318 facilities for physical or mental disabilities, children, mothers with children and homeless people. We develop projects with focus on helping migrants, victims of human trafficking and child refugees for their reintegration; and building independence. This often means rescue them from life in the streets or depending on other social assistance.

We provide humanitarian aid abroad and give a chance through Children's donation project to educate children from seven countries around the world. Besides that, we also run a center for children with HIV and AIDS in Uganda. We change the current living conditions of individuals with emphasis to improve the conditions for the future of society.

Our activities are focused on effective and long-term solutions. With these priorities in mind, we strive for more than just providing food and shelter, we also use donations for security education and encouraging society to be sensitive to environmental problems. Just like last year, this year as well we believe that our goal is common and to achieve it, we need your help. You can support our activities here:

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Caritas Slovakia is a purpose-built unit of the Catholic Church, established by the Episcopal Conference of Slovakia, and it is an independent legal entity. We provide assistance in Slovakia through a network of 4 archdiocesan (Bratislava, Trnava, Košice and Prešov) and 6 diocesan caritas (Nitra, Žilina, Banská Bystrica, Spiš, Rožňava and Greek Catholic eparchial caritas of Košice), which cooperate with volunteers in parish caritas. Caritas Slovakia is also part of European and global community – Caritas Internationalis (CI) based in Rome and Caritas Europa (CE) in Brussels, thus internationally interconnected and coordinated with other caritas. In 2019, we passed evaluation of Caritas Internationalis management standards (CIMS), which we successfully implement.



Caritas Slovakia



1 577 employees



24 695 clients



318 facilities

... and other 11 countries





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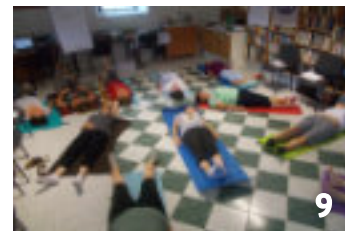
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International Day of Prayer and Awareness of Human Trafficking

Believers all around Slovakia have gotten together to pray, reflect and enlighten the day of the liturgical commemoration of the Saint Josephine Bakhita, the patron of victims of human trafficking from Sudan. They tried to point out that the phenomenon of slavery is still relevant concerning Slovakia.

8th February



9 – 15th of June



National Week of Caritas

Caritas Slovakia organized the 2nd year of this nationwide event which was carried in the spirit of the motto the power of Caritas is in the regions. From Bratislava to Humenné, Caritas was present at squares, in the schools and in its own facilities, to talk more about its beautiful and demanding work and meaningful service in the spirit of caritas - love.

1. St. Jacob's Pilgrimage

Our diocesan caritas in Spiš in cooperation with OZ Priatel'ia offered the pilgrims the possibility to cross the St. Jacob's route from Košice through Levoča to Donovaly. In 14 days, the pilgrims passed together up to 287 km and pointed out the need for a solution burning social issues in Slovakia.

2-15th of July



Caritas at summer festivals

We were present at two summer festivals, Pohoda and Verim Pane with you - our followers and our projects. We talked about migration topics, how to stop human trafficking, development projects in Africa and our services at home. Hundreds of people visited our stands, among them also the Slovak president – Zuzana Čaputová.



50th anniversary of the sisters' arrival to Cerová

Sisters of Mercy of the Holy Cross thanked for their 50th anniversary at the Caritas Home in Cerová. At the beginning of the program, they expressed their gratitude to God for the grace received, forgiveness for failures and prayers for God's blessing for the next days and months.



Caritas Pilgrimage

12th year of the annual caritas pilgrimage was hosted by Trnava. An event, which is attended by more than 500 employees, donors, and clients every year culminated in the St. Nicolas Basilic by presenting an award to the best employees.



Caritas Christmas

The Advent campaign was dedicated to seniors in Caritas facilities in Slovakia. Through the Advent calendar, the public audience could engage in 4 tasks that were associated with each week and therefore contribute by a small amount and make the Christmas period more enjoyable for seniors. Altogether, € 1,200 was collected by the end of December.

Food aid under OP FEAD

In 2019 we also continued helping people in a need with food and hygiene packages. These are people living in difficult economic conditions. They are multi-member families, physically disadvantaged, people on the margins of society, from the marginalized groups, unemployed, homeless, and those who depend on state aid and caritas. The food aid is not only about distribution of packages, but furthermore about social assistance to these people. Caritas workers are trying to approach them with empathy and interest in their life situation and the difficulties they must face. They listen and try to understand but specially to provide them with "tailor-made" advice for a specific life situation.

Food aid in numbers:

- Total number of food packages distributed: 163,324
- Number of recipients of food packages:
 - 1st distribution - 28,330
 - 2nd distribution - 28,209
 - 33rd distribution - 26,928
 - 4th distribution - 26,340
- Number of hygiene packages distributed: 18,437, number of recipients of hygiene packages 9,611
- Number of municipalities in which the packages were distributed: 1204 in 41 districts



The food package contained 21 basic durable food: flour, sugar, oil, pasta, legumes, canned food, instant soup, milk powder, etc. The hygiene package included the following products: shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, shower gel and sanitary napkins. Caritas Slovakia through its partners carried out four distributions of food packages and one distribution of hygiene packages.



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Development of social services and education

Training and development of employees is an important part of Caritas Slovakia activities.

Program for independent caregivers called Train to Care

We have been successfully cooperating with Caritas Austria for 6 years, offering 24- hour care service for elderly and sick people in their homes. We offer a quality education for both caregivers as well as caritas employees in various facilities for the elderly people allowing them to gain new knowledge, experience, and skills they can use to benefit for the sake of their clients.

In 2019, in addition to residential courses, for the first time we also offered the option of an online education in the form of a webinar. This form of education has proven itself as welcomed and positively assessed by the participants, and therefore we plan to continue with it soon.



Overview of realized courses	Location	No. of participants
Fit for Care - Conflict prevention and coping with the 24-hour day care service	Online - webinar	9
Validation according to Naomi Feil in nursing activities	Spišská Kapitula	13
Dementia and activation of seniors with a focus on nursing	Spišská Kapitula	17
Kinesthetics in Nursing Activities	Spišská Kapitula	13
Nursing care in the last phase of life	Dolný Smokovec	17

ODSS organizational development program

Thanks to the support of the ODSS (Organizational Development Solidarity System), we have also started to pay more attention to internal training of employees. The goal of this program is to develop professional skills of employees, as well as the very setting of the training process and the development of all employees.

We managed to carry out two pilot trainings: Giving and receiving feedback (19 participants) and Time and Stress Management (14 participants). We have launched a series of trainings on Catholic social teaching, in which all the staff of Caritas Slovakia participate. Beside above-mentioned, 8 employees also took part in two-day spiritual formation.

Another novelty in the development of internal education was introduction of short information trainings on the mission of our organization for new employees, so-called "Onboarding". These introductory trainings are very positively evaluated by the management as well as the new employees.



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STOP Human Trafficking

The main activity of the STOP human trafficking project is re-integration of victims of trafficking into society, implemented in partnership with the Greek Catholic Caritas of Prešov. The program which is supported by Ministry of Interior of Slovak Republic included in 2019 17 new clients and provided a care to a total of 30 clients during the year; 12 victims ended the program. We continued with pre-return assistance and assisted voluntary returns of victims of trafficking (14 Slovak citizens). We implemented assisted voluntary return with 7 clients. In cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, we trained 26 future consuls sent to Slovak embassies abroad. We continued to operate the National Victim Support Line against human trafficking by calling 0800 800 818. Throughout the year we recorded a total of 551 calls from 247 callers (136 men, 108 women, 3 children). We solved 13 potential cases in human trafficking, of which 2 victims we identified and then included in the Support and Protection Program.

Prevention and education are a stable part of the project. Preventative discussions were held at secondary schools during the year, in orphanages, parishes, re-education homes and community centers. We were part of the educational cycle for the members of the Police Force in the field of prevention and identification of human trafficking.

Twelve preventive discussions were held for a total of 60 foreigners from countries such as Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, but also Ukraine and Russia. Through this project, Caritas Slovakia continued to be the guarantor of the nationwide Red Ribbons campaign. We remained a member of the international network RENATE (Religious in Europe Networking Against Trafficking and Exploitation) and we continued with regular meetings of the non-profit platform EU Civil Society against Human Trafficking. We were actively involved the fight against human trafficking organized by the European Council and the OSCE (Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe) in Bratislava. We spoke at an international symposium training of members of the Police Force in the field of prevention and identifying human trafficking and we were also part of the international project "Strengthening the collaboration of Caritas members in the Euro-Mediterranean region to combat human trafficking (2017-2019), in which we participated in making a study on the situation of child victims' trafficking.

The annual activity of the STOP Human Trafficking project is International Day of Prayer and Awareness of Human Trafficking also known as "Day of St. Bakhita " appointed in 2015 by Pope Francis on February 8th.



RED BUS – Prevention Day in Košice in cooperation with the Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland



Day of St. Bakhita – Prayer for victims of human trafficking - 8th February

Campaign "Nenechaj sa zotročiť"

In 2019, we implemented a preventive campaign aimed at potential victims of human trafficking which was enabled thanks to the support of the British Embassy in Slovakia and the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic, Crime Prevention Department. The aim of the campaign was to reach the poorer regions of the South and Eastern Slovakia with a high unemployment rate and presence of Roma communities which are the most vulnerable to the risk of human trafficking. Our ambition was to raise awareness on threats, as well as the identification of potential victims and follow-up cooperation with local and social organizations workers.



Campaign „Nenechaj sa zotročiť“

We organized 14 educational events, of which 2 were pilot, and trained 377 participants. The workshops took place in selected localities with Roma population: Orechov dvor, Košice, Šarišské Jastrabie, Lučenec, Spišská Nová Ves, Jelšava, Muráň, Lipany, Pavlovce nad Uhom, Stropkov, Plavecký Štvrtok and Jarovnice. For the online campaign, we contacted the Roma band Gipsy Čáve and its hit: Davaj si pozor, bráško reached more than 180,000 views on Youtube. The vulnerable groups were also addressed through short videos by popular Slovak rapper Ego and singer Ricco with an intervention of more than 50 thousand users.

National Helpline for Victims of Human Trafficking - 0800 800 818
operates on weekdays from 8a.m to 8p.m., otherwise through the answering machine. The main partners of the helpline are the Ministry of the Interior of Slovak Republic and Slovak Telekom.



STOP obchodovaniu s ľuďmi



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You can support the project here:
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Project MIND

MIND (Migration, Interconnectedness and Development) is a three-year project which was launched in 2017 by 12 European Caritas supported by the European Commission.

The second year of the MIND Project and the "What's Home?" Campaign was dedicated to building a friendly society for foreigners and improving a public awareness of migration issues. The priority was to create a space for the so-called informed public decision making, providing quality and objective information and finally, personal meetings with the foreigners and refugees. MIND organized "Living Libraries" - public discussions, numerous national competitions for young people, mobile exhibition from around the world that has been presented through several regions of Slovakia, and a press trip to Uganda.

"Occasional contact, such as a cup of coffee or a glass of wine can make a significant contribution helping people create a sense of belonging"

Caritas Europa

In the summer of 2019, the **publication "Our Common Home"** was published which presented the analysis, conclusions and recommendations based on a research by Caritas Slovakia on topics of migration and development. It was based on the message of the encyclical *Laudato Si'* - About taking care of our shared home. Pope Francis recalls in it that "the Earth is our common home" and therefore belongs to all of us. All serious problems are interrelated and affect the situation of the others, albeit at the opposite end of the world. It points out the links between migration and the development of our society and talks about the benefits and valuable contribution of migrants to cultural, social, and economic life of each country. National Study on migration and development, in addition to Slovakia, issued another 10 European countries involved in the MIND project.

In July 2019, a **pan-European social campaign was launched called Welcoming societies**. As one of the key moment in the process of integration is to learn the local language, not only grammar but also specific, typical expressions, we gave the public the opportunity to share their experience of learning a new language abroad. In the campaign, we also pointed out that the individuals, communities and organized migrant associations also contribute to the area of community, social and cultural development.



Project Mind has attended summer festival Pohoda in 2019



690

young people attended the lectures
on the topic of Migration

6

public debates

187

experts participated in public debates

4

living libraries

6

mobile exhibitions

78,380

people who viewed the mobile exhibition

2

national competitions

1

press trip to Uganda

143

copies of the publication "Our common home"
distributed to professionals

3

interviews with experts on the topic
of Migration and Development

6

animated videos about
Development and Migration



"Living library" at the elementary school

If I have a favorite Slovak word, it is "Hello". Since the first time hearing it, I really liked not only the sound of it but also the significance. Greetings are for everyone the manifestation of security and peace. And that's what I'm looking for. I'm looking for a peace in the world. And at the beginning of this dream is the greeting "Hello!"

Turkish student learning Slovak language



The Launch of "Our common Home" campaign

Parish caritas

In 2019 Caritas Slovakia in cooperation with the archdiocesan, diocesan, and Greek Catholic caritas received a project grant from Renovabis for the project:

"Building capacity to support charitable activities in parishes and communities"

The parish caritas is the third pillar of the church in the parish and is pastoral community body which task is to lead, coordinate, promote and testify of love for our neighbors by concrete deeds. It is an association of believers (a community of believing volunteers in parish) who carry out caritas in their parish in the mission of the Church and in the spirit of the Gospel commandment of love.

The people working in their parish caritas are the people thanks to whom we can reach a specific person in a need in their parish. Parish caritas perform various social activities, whether it is collections, helping families or different interest groups. Our common goal is for each parish to have its own parish caritas. And the reason is simple; abandoned mothers with the children, large families, lonely seniors, and people living on the border of the society. Poverty lives in every parish and through parish caritas we want to be close to these people and give them a helping hand.

The actual implementation of the project was launched in the first phase on August 1st, 2019 in cooperation with the Caritas Slovakia and the first four archdiocesan and diocesan caritas: Bratislava, Trnava, Žilina and Spiš. The second phase of the project was launched on December 1st, 2019 in cooperation with the Greek Catholic Caritas of Prešov and Košice.

We have created a new position of parish caritas coordinator in each arch/diocesan caritas whose main role is to help establish parish caritas and to coordinate and form volunteers in there.

During the short implementation of the project, volunteers from the parish caritas were actively involved in:

- Tesco collection, where they collected a total of 108,425 kg of durable food and hygiene products in a total value of EUR 165,898.
- Identifying large families in need for a joint project of Caritas Slovakia and Dm drogerie markt called "Let's help children" as part of diaper assistance for these families.

We would like to thank you to all our project partners for their help and continuous support.





The parish charity Okružná helped building a lookout tower.

Services of Diocesan and Archdiocesan caritas

Caritas Slovakia aids through 10 arch/diocesan caritas. This assistance is provided to the citizens of all ages. Caritas Slovakia is also a member of the Association of nonpublic social service providers and regularly participates in the legislative setting of social services in the Slovak Republic, where it also uses its many years of experience and wide scope. Not only the directors of diocesan and archdiocesan caritas, but also selected employees work in several working groups, whether at the level of the state, or at the level of regions; they are members of umbrella groups and cooperate with other partner organizations.



A. Healthcare services

Within the meaning of Act No 578/2004 Coll. on healthcare providers; in 2019, **156 healthcare service employees took care of 7,896 clients in 40 different facilities.**

Service area	Type of Service	Number of services	Number of clients
Healthcare services	Ados (Domestic nursing care agency)	24	7,058
	A care home	1	0
	Hospice	3	415
	Mobile hospice	11	278
	Physician's office	1	145
TOTAL		40	7,896

B. Social services

Caritas Slovakia as the largest non-public provider of social services in Slovakia, in 2019 provided its services in **238 social service facilities** that are registered under Act no. 448/2008 Coll. on social services. **603 employees** provided assistance and took care of **17,867 clients**.

Service area	Type of Service	Services	Clients
Professional activities	Basic social counseling § 19	12	1,869
	Specialised social counselling § 19	22	4,140
	Social rehabilitation § 21	0	0
	Residential nursing care § 22	0	0
Social services of crisis intervention	Social center § 23	3	965
	Terrain social service of crisis intervention § 24 a)	2	353
	Low-threshold day care centre § 24 b)	9	2,671
	Community center § 24 d)	4	2,168
	Doss-house § 25	11	814
	Shelter § 26	8	416
	Halway house § 27	3	50
	Low-threshold social service for children and families § 28	1	425
	Emergency housing facilities § 29	2	36
Social services to support families with children	Early intervention § 33	1	19
Social services to deal with a disadvantaged social situation due to severe disability, poor health or retirement age	Supported housing facility § 34	2	16
	Seniors facility § 35	11	385
	Nursing service facility § 36	1	23
	Rehabilitation center § 37	2	30
	Home of Social Services § 38	16	222
	Specialised facility § 39	5	87
	Day Care center § 40	33	534
	Nursing service § 41	59	605
	Shipping service § 42	2	71
	Rental of aids § 47	8	467
Support services	Dining room § 58	4	224
	Laundry room § 59	3	131
	Personal Hygiene Center § 60	6	423
	Other activities – social wardrobe (personal equipment, necessary clothing)	8	723
TOTAL		238	17,867

C. Services in the field of social protection of children and social guardianship

In pursuant to Act no. 305/2005 Coll. on the social legal protection of children and social guardianship,**75 employees** took care of **428 clients** in 8 facilities.

Service area	Type of Service	Number of services	Number of clients
Social-legal protection of children and social guardianship	Children’s home	4	69
	Resocialization center	1	34
	Crisis center	3	325
TOTAL		8	428

D. Pedagogical and other services

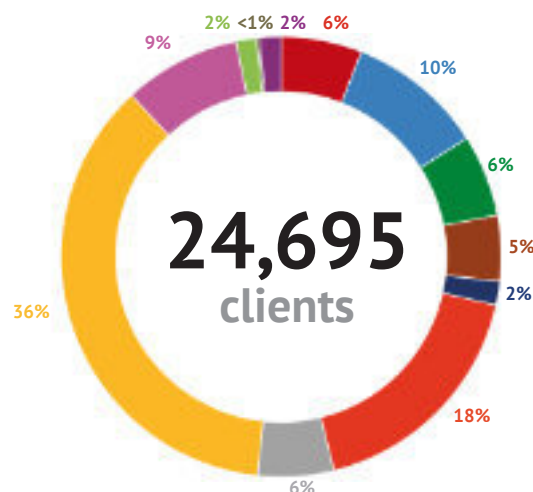
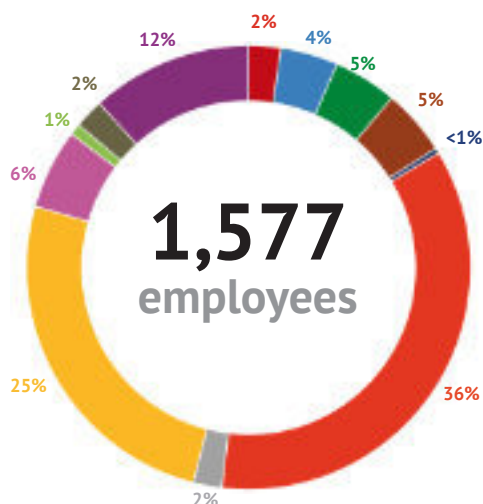
35 employees took care of 102 clients.

Service area	Type of Service	Number of services	Number of clients
Pedagogical services	Practice school	1	9
	Primary school for autistic kids	1	6
	Special primary school	1	62
	School center at primary school	1	25
TOTAL		4	102

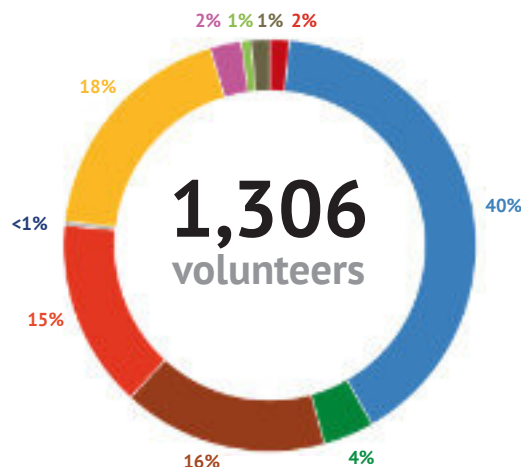
Caritas Slovakia also provided its services within the self-established operations. A major area of services is running Caritas homes for the sisters. In **15 Caritas homes**,**199 employees** took care of **415 retired religious sisters**.

Caritas of Spiš operated **4 shops with religious items** – the Caritas bookshop, as well as the pharmacy. Among other services provided, the most significant are the **3 sheltered workshops** run by Caritas of Spiš, Nitra and Košice. At the same time, Caritas of Prešov published a monthly magazine called Cesta and in Kahan Club took care of people fighting against alcoholism. Caritas of Bratislava provided food aid to those in need and led a Seniors Club.

Number of clients, employees, volunteers and services by diocesan and archdiocesan caritas



	Employees	Clients	Volunteers
Bratislava archdiocesan caritas	37	1,468	20
Trnava archdiocesan caritas	66	2,472	525
Diocese of Nitra caritas	73	1,485	52
Diocese of Žilina caritas	76	1,190	210
Diocese of Banská Bystrica caritas	6	429	0
Diocese of Spiš catholic caritas	561	4,352	193
Diocese of Rožňava caritas	33	1,378	4
Košice archdiocesan caritas	401	8,986	241
Greek catholic caritas of Prešov	92	2,118	32
Greek catholic eparchial caritas of Košice	13	373	10
Caritas Slovakia - secretariat	34	51	19
Caritas homes	185	393	0

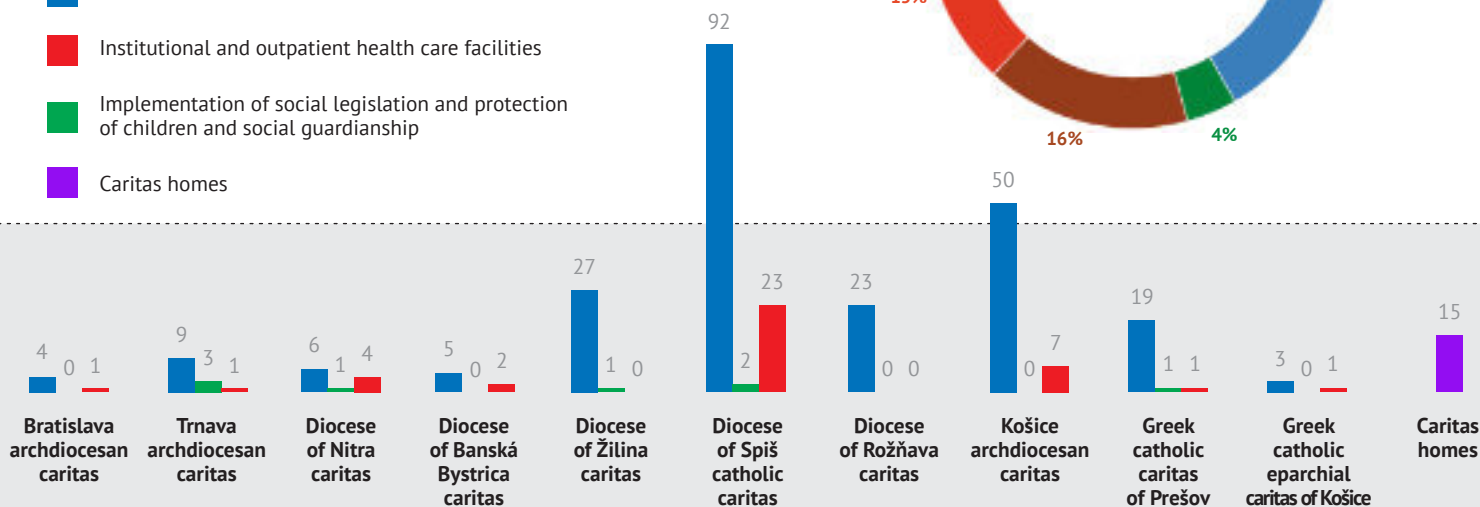


■ Social services

■ Institutional and outpatient health care facilities

■ Implementation of social legislation and protection of children and social guardianship

■ Caritas homes



Collection of school supplies

We organized a 10th year of our Collection of School Supplies in cooperation with Slovenská sporiteľňa and Bratislava City Hall which has recorded an enormous success. More than 40,472 supplies were collected at 40 collection points and the total of € 10,150 was raised, which helped young schoolchildren in the socially poorer conditions and in the crisis centers. Caritas helped by organizing this collection to fill their school bags in and thus facilitates their access to education.

In 2019 we collected
40,472
school supplies and raised a total of
€ 10,150



Food collection in the TESCO stores

The willingness to help people in a need is arising in Slovakia, especially in the pre-Christmas period, and our food collection in the Tesco stores was a proof of it. It took place in more than 60 stores, where volunteers and staff of Caritas with the generosity of Slovak managed to collect more than 108 tons of food and hygiene products in a total value of € 165,898. Compared to last year, when

we collected more than 93 tons, this year's collection broke a record. Rice, pasta, canned food, baby food, milk powder, flour, oil, but also hygiene items were redistributed before Christmas and during the following year to people in a need and households of socially disadvantaged families.

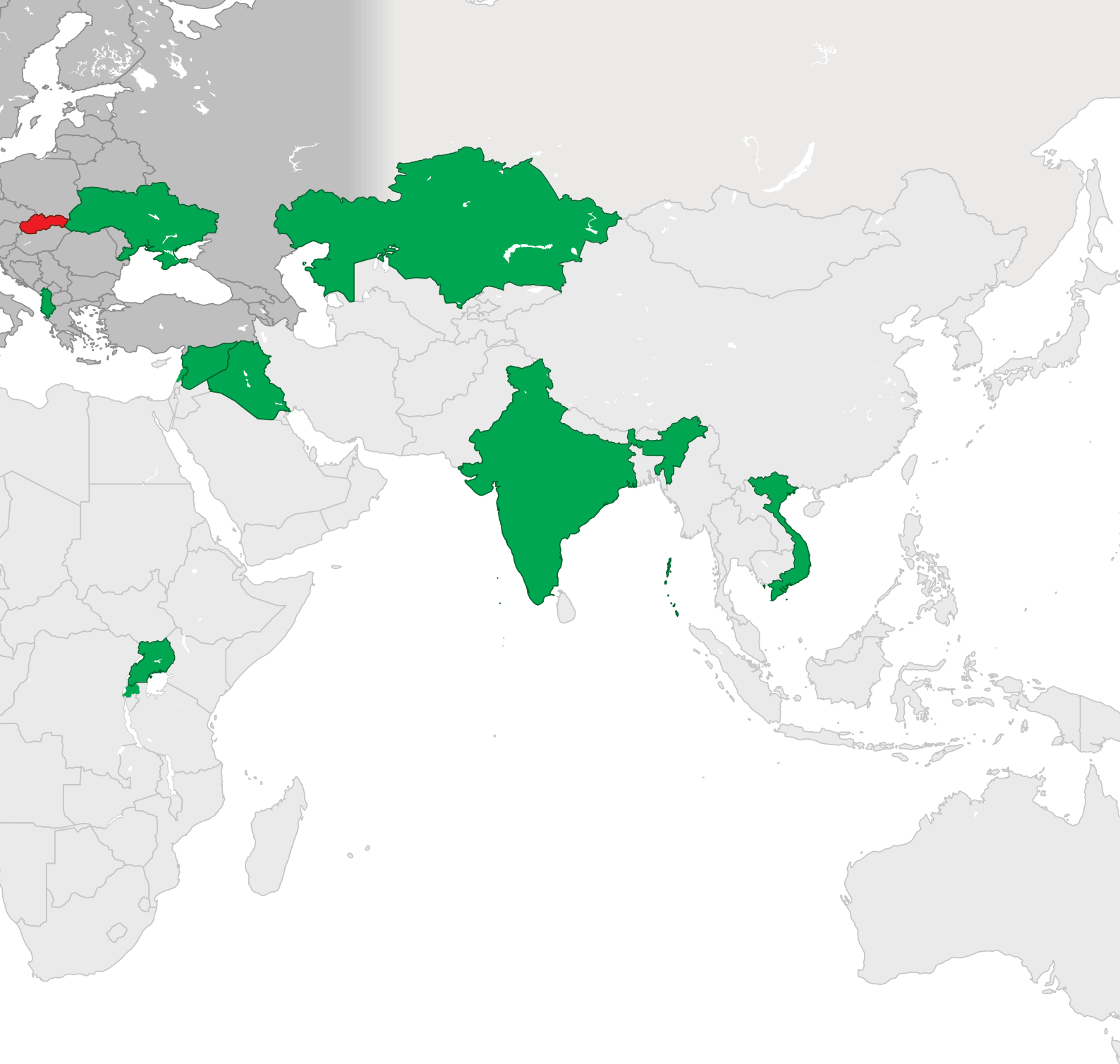


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The countries where we helped in 2019

- Albania
- Haiti
- India
- Iraq
- Kazakhstan
- Lebanon
- Rwanda
- Syria
- Uganda
- Ukraine
- Vietnam



Development cooperation

Development cooperation projects are aimed at helping children and youth who are the future for the community and the country in which they live. Every child's life is important and worth of our support. In 2019, thanks to the generosity of donors who contributed to the public collection of Lenten box for Africa, we could continue operating a comprehensive assistance project for HIV / AIDS positive orphans and semi - orphans, nurseries and associated vocational schools in Uganda, as well as cultural center for poor children in Rwanda in the pilgrimage town of Kibeho. The childcare in both centers is provided by local staff with a help of Slovak volunteers who keep children in touch with local culture and way of life. They decided to share their talents and time with children who, like children in Slovakia, like to play, laugh, and learn a new experience.



A young woman from South Sudan during a tailoring course, October 2019, Uganda



Students of a carpentry course at the Gift of Love Center, April 2019

UGANDA

Center of The Immaculate Heart of The Virgin Mary (also known as Gift of Love) has been providing medical care since 2012 and psychosocial assistance for HIV / AIDS positive. In addition to health care, it also provides accommodation for children and support them in their studies at local primary schools, as well as preparation for life in adulthood. Volunteers also help to support children and their families outside the center through the Children's donation project.

In 2019, we started working with a local diocesan caritas - Caritas Gulu. Thanks to this cooperation young refugees from South Sudan could learn professional skills and thus ensure a livelihood for their families. Part of the course was supported by Slovak Agency for International development cooperation.

RWANDA

In 2016 Caritas Slovakia opened in the pilgrimage town of Kibeho Cultural Center - development project aimed at helping children from the poorest families who roamed the streets while their parents worked as restraints workers in the fields. Children have space for everyday education and games, learning basic hygiene habits, as well as a regular and nutritious diet. Thanks to the project, children gain basic knowledge that will prepare them for the next primary school education. Cultural Center project was implemented by Caritas Slovakia in cooperation with the local community of pallottines and thanks to the commitment of local employees and Slovak volunteers.



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Children's Camp attended by hundreds of children, Rwanda

Lenten Box for Africa 2019

In 2019, thanks to the support of Slovak donors through the public collection of Lenten Box for Africa we managed to:

UGANDA

- continue in providing an accommodation to 50 HIV positive orphans as well as balanced diet, approach to health care and psychosocial assistance
- organize tailoring workshop to acquire practical skills for 18 young girls
- teach the carpentry workshop for 12 young boys
- build a new classroom and a dining room therefore up to 100 children from around the center could receive a basic education
- organize vocational training for 64 young refugees from South Sudan
- build another 2 buildings, meeting room and house for guards
- complete a new guest house where we can currently accommodate 7 volunteers or visitors

RWANDA

- open a new building at the Cultural Center
- increase the number of children up to 75
- continue Saturday's education of 78 schoolchildren

SLOVAKIA

- Public collection of Lenten Box for Africa reached a record of € 305,709, another € 40,438 was donated by donors through the online platform darujme
- Volunteers shared their experiences at 16 parishes or pastoral centers and in 6 schools throughout Slovakia
- We sent abroad 11 volunteers who shared their talents and abilities in both Uganda and Rwanda



In 2019 we collected

€ 346,147



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Humanitarian aid in the Middle East

Caritas Slovakia helps not only at home, but also abroad, especially people suffering as a result of armed conflicts in the Middle East. Many have left their homes and live in limited conditions while other want to go back home but have no conditions for it. Their houses and infrastructure were destroyed during combat operations of Daesh since 2014.

Iraq

We helped: 10,300+ people

We managed to: build 3 wells and a common room

Project implementation was possible thanks to: SlovakAid, Episcopal Conference of Slovakia and local partners: Chaldean Catholic parish of St. Joseph and Shingala Azad.

In a country where summer temperatures reach 50 degrees, lack of drinking water causes big problems. Through financing from SlovakAid, we managed to build 3 wells in the village of Bozan worth total of 206,316 euros. Thus, 10,000 locals have access to drinking water. Its grand opening also took place with the participation of Radio and Television of Slovakia, influencer Martin Ondruš and representatives of Caritas Slovakia - the Secretary General. After completing one project, we began work on the construction of three more wells in the villages of Bášik and Bahzani, again thanks to the SlovakAid program. These wells are scheduled to be completed in 2020.

For people, who have fled from their communities to Suleymania in Iraq because of Daesh, thanks to the financial support of Episcopal Conference of Slovakia we began to build a common room which enables them to establish new social contacts. The auxiliary Bishop of Bratislava, Mons. Jozef Halko, also took part in the monitoring trip where he met the locals.



Grand opening of wells in Bozan (September 2019, Iraq)



Auxiliary Bishop of Bratislava Mons. Jozef Halko met with the Archbishop of Mosul Mons. Yohann Petros Mouche (September 2019, Iraq)



Construction of a pastoral center in Suleymania (December 2019, Iraq)

Syria

We helped: 540+ people in Syria

We managed to: set up a counseling center for women and support a training center for women, a family center and 4 kindergartens in Syria

Project implementation was possible thanks to: Episcopal Conference of Slovakia, your donations and local partner - Syria Cross

Many women have lost their husbands and therefore we help to establish nurseries in which mothers can entrust their children as they acquire new skills in training center. They learn to become hairdressers and beauticians, so they get a chance to make a living for their families.

Lebanon

We helped: 20 children with their families

We managed to: support 20 children in their study

Project implementation was possible thanks to: Episcopal Conference of Slovakia, your donations and the sisters of Nazareth

Life in refugee camp is challenging. Adults have difficulties getting work, which is often only occasional. They are not capable to fund tuition for their children. In the refugee camp, we support 20 Palestinian children. Studying is giving them a hope for the improvement of their living conditions.

Projects in Iraq, Syria and Lebanon, in total worth of € 230,100, are realized thanks to the financial support of Episcopal Conference of Slovakia. They started in 2019 and are scheduled to be completed in 2020. Thank you to all the donors who contributed through public collections.



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Opening of the family center in Al-Qamishli (September 2019, Syria)



Kindergarten in Al-Qamishli (September 2019, Syria)



Monitoring and identification of new projects (September 2019, Syria)

Childrens donation project

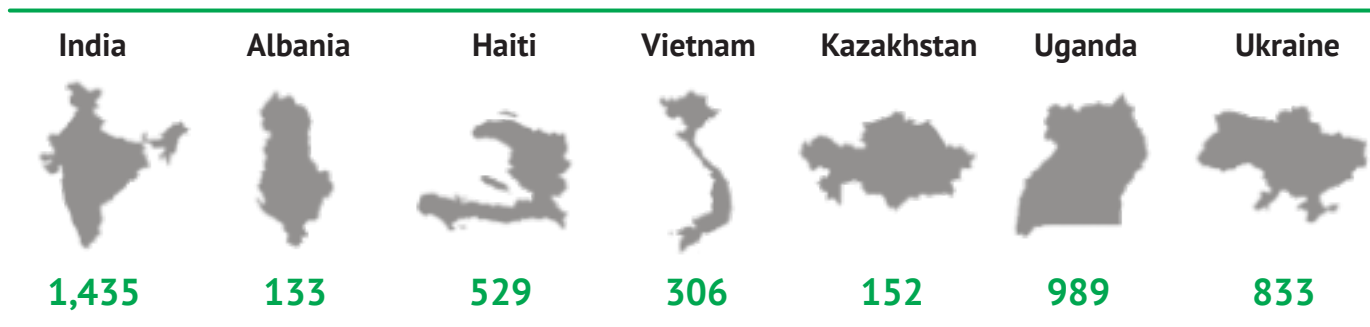
The children's donation project has been implemented by Caritas Slovakia for 24 years. It is built on the relationship between the donor and the child. A person, who decides to get involved in project, becomes the adoptive parent of a particular child, can follow his/her achievements and enjoy the journey along with them. Assistance is provided in the form of regular contributions.

Who are we helping?

We are helping children who didn't have the opportunity to get an education and children who were forced to interrupt the education for various family reasons. Many of the children are orphans; some have survived part of their childhood on the street, others suffer from AIDS, others are physically or mentally disabled.

Vision and mission of the project

The vision of this project is long - term and systematic help for children in poor countries of the world, regardless of their nationality, health status, race or creed. Fulfilling this vision is also realized through the mission of the church in the spirit of evangelical love for the good of neighbors and needy.



In 2019, we helped **4,377** children and students.

History of the project:





Project goals

Education - Helping poor children to receive adequate education and improve their social situation so that they can fully enjoy themselves in adulthood and integrate into society, get an adequate job and support their families.

Community development - Support is dedicated to children in their home country or region, to improve living conditions so that they can stay in the country where they were born and in the community they know.

Long-term and systematic assistance - Provide financial support for education, nutrition and health care for the poor and socially disadvantaged children during their studies.



Adopcia na diaľku



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Bao's story

Bao is a ten-year-old boy who is attending the fourth grade thanks to the Slovak donor. His father died when he was only two months old, and mom left him when he wasn't even two years old. Bao now lives with his grandmother but she is very ill. He cooks for her every day and takes care of her with a great love. Bao has a school near his house, so he can go there every morning on foot or by bike. Fortunately for him he is also being helped by his teacher, who loves him very much. She often visits Bao and his grandmother and helps them with what they need. She also tries to support the boy and reminds him how important it is to be educated. At school he enjoys literature and math. He's a quiet boy with a modest dream to continue getting an education which can help him solve his current problems and secure a better future for him.

Thanks to Children's donation project and his donor from Slovakia Bao has the opportunity to go to school and receive textbooks, school supplies and uniform.

REVENUES

	Bratislava archdiocesan caritas	Trnava archdiocesan caritas	Diocese of Nitra caritas	Diocese of Žilina caritas	Diocese of Banská Bystrica caritas
revenues for own products and services	€ 141,110	€ 375,032	€ 403,375	€ 154,669	€ 76,488
activation of intraorganizational components	€ -	€ 40,481	€ -	€ -	€ -
received gifts	€ 27,482	€ -	€ 5,787	€ 54,341	€ 15,000
other revenues	€ 35,302	€ 8,424	€ 15,253	€ 145,192	€ 10,068
capital gains	€ -	€ -	€ 500	€ 10,100	€ -
contrib. received from legal entities	€ 55,964	€ 92,852	€ 152,604	€ 69,518	€ 4,141
contrib. received from natural persons	€ 18,229	€ 126,029	€ 109,214	€ 43,591	€ 1,599
contrib. from the share of the tax	€ 5,015	€ 8,324	€ 10,606	€ 15,253	€ 521
contrib. received from public collections	€ -	€ 3,620	€ -	€ 2,035	€ -
subsidies from SGR, municipalities	€ 79,471	€ 483,524	€ 463,634	€ 882,739	€ 37,902
TOTAL INCOME	€ 362,573	€ 1,138,286	€ 1,160,974	€ 1,377,438	€ 145,719

COSTS

	BACH	TACH	DCHNr	DCHZa	DCHBB
material and energy consumption	€ 19,207	€ 148,815	€ 131,835	€ 182,918	€ 14,686
services	€ 55,256	€ 88,948	€ 74,657	€ 66,508	€ 18,520
wages of charity facilities employees	€ 172,442	€ 621,541	€ 643,504	€ 732,819	€ 59,427
social charges and other social costs	€ 65,571	€ 230,417	€ 244,894	€ 289,483	€ 20,648
other costs	€ 3,578	€ 8,531	€ 31,401	€ 22,099	€ 13,890
depreciation	€ 5,400	€ 54,925	€ 60,423	€ 22,158	€ 7,740
donations	€ 31,216	€ 10,620	€ 10,703	€ 45,868	€ -
donations to legal entities	€ 8,438	€ -	€ 200	€ 337	€ -
donations to natural persons	€ 8,550	€ -	€ 2,638	€ 14,238	€ -
donations from public collections	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -
TOTAL COSTS	€ 369,658	€ 1,163,797	€ 1,200,255	€ 1,376,428	€ 134,911

OUTCOME

	BACH	TACH	DCHNr	DCHZa	DCHBB
income tax	€ -	€ -	€ 1,805	€ 1,111	€ -
ECONOMIC OUTCOME	€ - 7,085	€ - 25,511	€ - 41,086	€ - 101	€ 10,808

Diocese of Spiš catholic caritas	Diocese of Rožňava caritas	Košice archdiocesan caritas	Greek catholic caritas of Prešov	Greek catholic eparchial caritas of Košice	Caritas Slovakia	TOTAL
€ 3,236,216	€ 88,868	€ 2,397,869	€ 279,277	€ 44,782	€ 863,763	€ 8,061,449
€ -	€ -	€ 21,165	€ -	€ -	€ 36,732	€ 98,378
€ 4,851	€ 13,577	€ 11,964	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ 133,002
€ 337,906	€ -	€ 90,010	€ 238,919	€ -	€ 600,363	€ 1,481,437
€ 74,539	€ -	€ 300	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ 85,439
€ 50,145	€ 15,089	€ 701,700	€ -	€ 29,493	€ 224,405	€ 1,395,911
€ 294,319	€ 54,187	€ 263,354	€ 41,893	€ 16,639	€ 1,148,657	€ 2,117,711
€ 28,571	€ 2,017	€ 22	€ 11,906	€ -	€ 19,961	€ 102,196
€ 75,043	€ -	€ 113,255	€ -	€ -	€ 315,799	€ 509,752
€ 3,669,546	€ 260,676	€ 3,310,185	€ 1,046,870	€ 53,706	€ 3,390,962	€ 13,679,215
€ 7,771,136	€ 434,414	€ 6,909,824	€ 1,618,865	€ 144,620	€ 6,600,642	€ 27,664,490

SpKCH	DCHRV	ADCHKe	GrCHPo	GrECHKe	SKCH	TOTAL
€ 1,172,029	€ 78,347	€ 1,017,507	€ 209,583	€ 15,512	€ 916,121	€ 3,906,560
€ 441,814	€ 39,897	€ 456,071	€ 98,520	€ 11,906	€ 447,827	€ 1,799,924
€ 4,073,181	€ 224,535	€ 3,727,677	€ 834,643	€ 69,182	€ 2,019,781	€ 13,178,732
€ 1,545,878	€ 94,036	€ 1,497,068	€ 287,591	€ 28,821	€ 756,415	€ 5,060,822
€ 3,848	€ 16,130	€ 88,678	€ 123,028	€ 5,523	€ 489,326	€ 806,032
€ 526,806	€ 15,135	€ 121,245	€ 52,119	€ -	€ 29,181	€ 895,132
€ 17,142	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ 824	€ 116,373
€ 15,020	€ 210	€ -	€ 635	€ 1,800	€ 1,845,196	€ 1,871,836
€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ 12,269	€ 250	€ 37,945
€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ 108,870	€ 108,870
€ 7,795,718	€ 468,290	€ 6,908,246	€ 1,606,119	€ 145,013	€ 6,613,791	€ 27,782,226

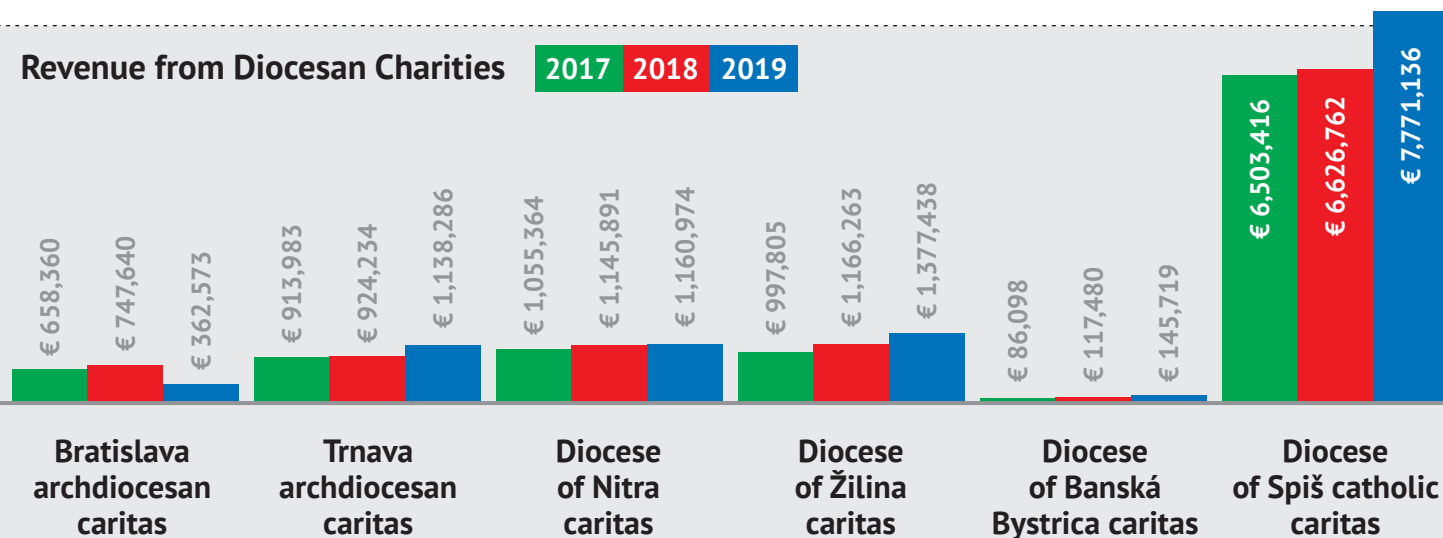
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€ 6,319	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ 2,648	€ 11,883
€ - 30,901	€ - 33,876	€ 1,578	€ 12,746	€ - 393	€ - 15,797	€ - 129,619

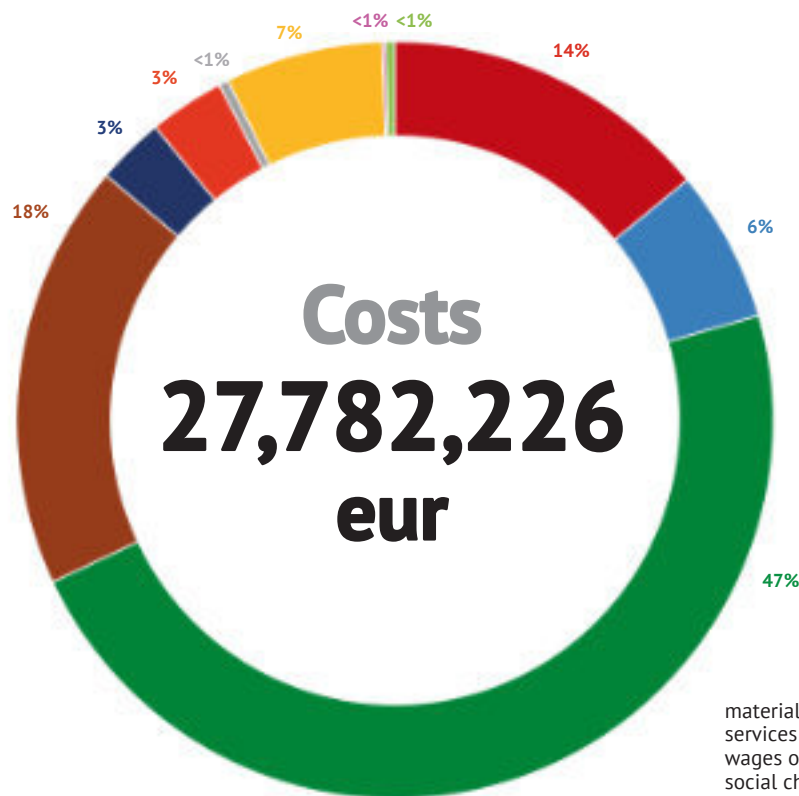


revenues for own products and services € 8,061,449
activation of intraorganizational components € 98,378
received gifts € 133,002
other revenues € 1,481,437
capital gains € 85,439
contrib. received from legal entities € 1,395,911
contrib. received from natural persons € 2,117,711
contrib. from the share of the tax € 102,196
contrib. received from public collections € 509,752
subsidies from self-governing regions, municipalities, public resources € 13,679,215

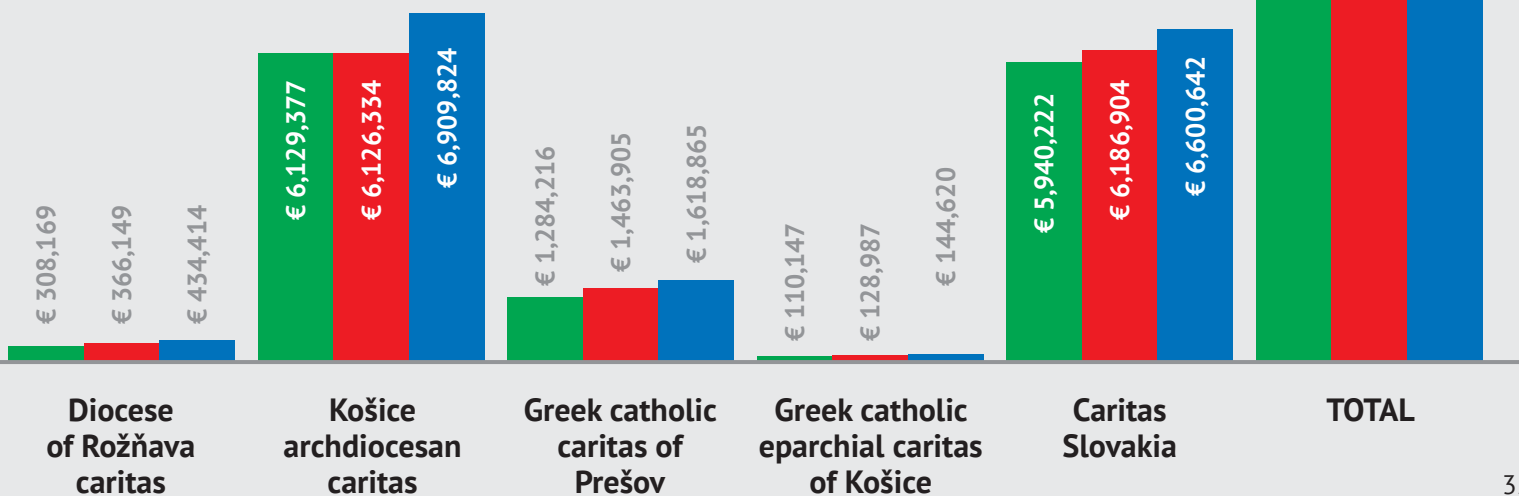
Revenue from Diocesan Charities

2017 2018 2019





material and energy consumption	€ 3,906,560
services	€ 1,799,924
wages of charity facilities employees	€ 13,178,732
social charges and other social costs	€ 5,060,822
other costs	€ 806,032
depreciation	€ 895,132
donations	€ 116,373
donations to legal entities	€ 1,871,836
donations to natural persons	€ 37,945
donations from public collections	€ 108,870





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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Supervisory Board and to the General secretary of Slovak Catholic Charity

Regis. No. 00 179 132

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Slovak catholic charity, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2019, 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 accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Entity as at 31 December 2019, 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. 423/2015 Coll. on Statutory Audit and on Amendment to and Supplementation of Act No. 431/2002 Coll. on Accounting, as amended (hereinafter 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 based on 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 omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit with regard 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 disclosures 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.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Report on Information Disclosed in the Annual 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 have assessed whether the entity's annual report contains information required to be disclosed by the Accounting Act.

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


- the information disclosed in the annual report prepared for 2019 is consistent with the financial statements for that year; and
- the annual report contains information pursuant to the Act on Accounting.

In addition, based on our knowledge of the entity and the situation in the entity that we obtained during the audit of the financial statements, we are required to indicate whether we found material misstatements in the annual report we received prior to the date of this auditor's report. There are no findings to make in this regard.

Bratislava, July 30, 2020

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