

**The Centre of Humanitarian and Development Aid**

**ANNUAL REPORT 2012**



## Foreword

Dear friends,

Diaconia ECCB – Center of Humanitarian and Development Aid entered in January 2012 the second year of its existence. While the year 2011 was a year of establishing the organization and of the first testing of the „waters“ of development cooperation, the following year was a year of a rapid growth.

Most of the activities that we performed in 2012, we did for the first time: We took over the responsibility for humanitarian aid within the Czech Republic – an area where Diaconia has been active for more than 15 years, but a brand new charge for us. We organized first two public collections – for widows and orphans in Ethiopia and for refugees in Mali. Together with partners, we received a grant of the European Union and we started to work on our first EU project (EVHAC) of sending EU volunteers abroad. Our first humanitarian project supporting Syrian refugees in Jordan received support both of the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs and of Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren.

During the year 2012, our team grew from two to five. It brought quite a change for all five of us. Each one of us had to specialize more narrowly on his/her expertise and let colleagues to take over other tasks.

Very little of this would be possible without a support of the CEO of Diaconia, David Šourek, and his staff. The headquarters of Diaconia supported our center not only with a startup loan, but also by renting us office space in their building and enabling us to live in 2012 partially protected by “their wings”. While in the year 2013, our grownup Center is going be fully “standing on our own”, we want to keep remembering this initial help in gratitude.

With fondness, we remember the support of so many – both friends and unknown. We received so much help in many different areas: In promoting the work of our Center; in passing on the good news about our efforts; in collecting money for our projects... In particular, I think of the five courageous women and men who traveled with us to unknown country of Ethiopia in December 2012 to witness our local projects. As soon as they came back, they started telling people around, organizing presentations, and even making a movie.

I want to convey our thanks to all of you – all of you who think of us and support our work; all of you who together with us believe that Diaconia wants to be and should be caring also for the needy in other countries. When people ask me why a Diaconia of a small Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren should care for people on other continents, I keep responding that humanitarian aid and development cooperation is as much beneficial to us as it is to others. It helps us to grow – all of us.

Jan Dus

Director of Diaconia ECCB – Centre of Humanitarian and Development Aid

**Diaconia ECCB – Centre of Humanitarian and Development Aid provides humanitarian aid within the Czech Republic in the form of natural disaster relief, as well as organizing humanitarian aid and development programs abroad.**

**What we do:**

- We provide humanitarian aid to victims of natural disasters both within the Czech Republic and abroad.
- We monitor world disasters and take action in response to them.
- We organize development aid programs abroad.
- We train and send out volunteers to locations within the Czech Republic and abroad.
- We aim to raise public awareness for international development and humanitarian aid.
- We partner with organizations both within the Czech Republic and around the world.

**Diaconia of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren**

The Diaconia of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren (DECCB) is a Christian non-profit-organization offering help and support for living a dignified and valuable life despite age, illness, disability, isolation, difficult social situations and other life crisis. Services of Diaconia ECCB are based on Gospel tidings of God's Love and on the example of Jesus Christ's service. DECCB is one of the biggest organizations in the Czech Republic providing social services. Everyday helps clients in direct care. In 31 centers and 8 special schools DECCB offers social, medical, educational and pastoral care.

# OUR WORK WITHIN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

## PROVIDING AID DURING FLOODS AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS



### **We help people affected by natural disasters in the Czech Republic.**

Diaconia of the ECCB has been providing aid to victims of natural disasters since 1997. It not only helps financially, but since 2002, it has also been sending out volunteers to help the affected households deal with the damage and restore their property. It regularly organizes both field training courses and coordination training courses for these volunteers.

### **Changes in the means of providing humanitarian aid**

During the year 2012, Diaconia of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren, the founder of the Centre, gradually handed over to the Centre the responsibility for ECCB humanitarian aid in the Czech Republic. The Centre has since retained the responsibility in full. The Centre believes that it is here to serve not only the people affected by natural disasters but also the volunteers that help them. Thus, the objective of all the Centre's activities is to provide the volunteers with such working conditions that they can help effectively and safely. Therefore, it also strives to keep its aid system as up-to-date and effective as possible.

### **The database of volunteers, communication and scanning**

In the year 2012, the Centre started to revise the database of volunteers. Prior to this revision, it introduced the "InfoKanál" service, which provides reciprocal SMS communication with a large number of volunteers and which is attached to the Integrated Alert System of Czech Hydro meteorological Institute. This service is also connected with on-line registration of volunteers that are willing to work in the field. At present, 198 volunteers are registered in the database.

In the year 2012, the Centre also launched systematic scanning of the capacities of quarters, manpower and material help the centers of Diaconia of the ECCB and the ECCB congregations could provide, should an emergency situation arise in their vicinity.

### **Training and co-ordination of volunteers**

In October 2012, we organized the annual training course of volunteers–leaders of humanitarian aid teams, in the ECCB-owned summer camp near the town of Běleč nad Orlicí. 28 volunteers from all over the Czech Republic took part and 7 were trained in driving the Centre’s cars during emergencies. From these volunteers, 6 team leaders were chosen to continue their training in the spring of 2013.

The Centre acquired the accreditation of the Ministry of Interior for the work with volunteers during natural, environmental and other humanitarian disasters in the Czech Republic. The Office for Personal Data Protection granted the Centre the permission to handle personal data of its volunteers and of the victims of humanitarian disasters.

### **Natural disasters in the year 2012**

In 2012, there was no natural disaster in the Czech Republic, and therefore no need to send out volunteers or to provide financial aid. The Centre lent out several building and flood dryers. Due to the massive snow melting at the turn of the year 2013, the Centre was on flood standby.

### **Co-operation with partners**

Via Ecumenical Council of Churches in the Czech Republic, we are part of the Integrated Rescue System of the Czech Republic. We help in co-operation with other humanitarian aid organizations.

Our chief partners are: Fire Rescue Service of the Czech Republic, Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic, individual regions and towns with entrusted agencies for neighboring districts, and last but not least, the ECCB congregations and the Humanitarian Committee of the Synodal Council of the ECCB.

In the year 2012, we further developed the co-operation with the Board of the Non-governmental Non-profit Organizations of the South Bohemian Region; also with the Board of the NNOs of the Liberec Region, with the association for mental-health aid that functions under the Fire Rescue Service of the Hradec Králové Region, and with Masaryk University in Brno. The Centre took part in the team co-ordination training called “Water 2012”, which was organized by the Panel of Association of the NNOs of the South Bohemian Region.

Diaconia of the ECCB, through the mediation of Mrs. Olga Mutlová, M.A., was one of the organizations that constituted the working team of the Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic for volunteer help during emergencies. The output of the activity of this working team is the creation of practical methodology.

### **Financial coverage of our readiness to provide humanitarian aid**

In 2012, Diaconia of the ECCB and the Centre were donated money by the German Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe and by the South Bohemian Region. They used the money donated by Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe to revise their humanitarian aid system. The center was also given donations from the Humanitarian Committee of the Synodal Council of the ECCB, from the General Directorate of Fire Rescue Service of the Czech Republic and from the Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic. At present, a fundraising campaign is being prepared.

# OUR WORK ABROAD

## DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

We organize long-term development programs that help people become independent.

### ETHIOPIA



The aim of the project in Ethiopia is to enable very poor families to develop some possibilities of earning basic living on a long-term basis. We support Ethiopian women – single mothers, who take care for orphans, victims of AIDS epidemic, to launch some small businesses that would ensure sustainable and independent living for them and their children. The program supports local socially weakest people and helps them to be able to take care for themselves. It helps widows who stayed alone with their children or adopted someone else's children to stand on their own, to be able to ensure modest living and education for their children. Thanks to the project that reintegrates people into the society, the local economics can be revived which leads to sustainable and long-term support of the local community.

In the year 2012, the program was implemented in two localities. In the city of Bahir Dar in the northern Ethiopia, 35 women were involved in the project that supported development of their small businesses. In the south Ethiopian town of Chuko, we helped 66 women who were organized in 6 self-help groups.

#### **Lent collection**

To support Ethiopian orphans, our Centre together with Diaconia ECCB organized a traditional Lent collection among own employees and members of ECCB congregations. The collection was opened also for general public, who got actively engaged in the collection in the year 2012. Within this collection, the amount of 705.231 CZK was raised.

#### **Solidarity Holidays**

In December 2012, already the second visit of projects in Ethiopia took place. Our Centre employees and 7 members of ECCB congregations led by the Centre director Jan Dus visited the supported projects, met both colleagues from the partner organization and women involved in the project.

## **Rolníčka for Africa**

In June, an internet auction took place, offering products made in a sheltered ceramic workshop of Diaconia ECCB – Rolníčka Centre in Soběslav. The products had been inspired by African motives. During the year, the products were sold also in many other places throughout the Czech Republic. In return for inspiration, Rolníčka decided to dedicate 10% of the price of each sold product made within the special collection “Rolníčka for Africa” to our Ethiopian project.

## **History and partners**

Diaconia ECCB has been participating on the project supporting Ethiopian women and orphans since 2008. Since 2005, the project has been supported by the Lutheran World Federation and the Evangelical Church in Germany. The program has been implemented by employees of the partner organization EECMY-DASSC (Ethiopian Evangelical Church of Mekane Yesu - Development and Social Services Commission) together with the local public authorities. In the years 2008 – 2012, more than 130 very poor families have been involved in the project due to cooperation with Diaconia ECCB. Because every project is tailored to each woman needs, already 77% women involved in the project have run successfully their own business.

## **HUMANITARIAN AID**

**We help in areas that are high-risk for humanitarian disasters.**

**We support all people regardless of their race, gender, religion and religious beliefs.**

## **MALI**



Since the beginning of the year 2012, the northern part of Mali has been scene of heavy fighting and violence on civilians. Due to that, hundreds of thousands of people have left their homes. The situation had been worsening during the whole year. Our partner organization in Bamako, the capital of Mali, has taken care for 365 people – both children and adults, who had fled from the north of the country. We have been trying to get some sources that this volunteer organization could use for buying all necessary things for these refugee families. In August, we organized a public collection to support refugees from the northern Mali.

## **Food, medicine and blankets for families**

Thanks to the public collection and the support of T-Systems Company, we sent finances for purchasing food, blankets and medicine to Mali in December 2012. 15 families living in

Nyamana close to Bamako were helped by that. In the area that was afflicted by a serious expansion of malaria this year, the medicine for curing children was a very effective aid.

### **Cooperation with local organizations**

In Mali, we cooperate with the organization of GBEEM – Biblical groups of Mali students. The organization is affiliated to the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES) and cooperates with the national emergency team.

### **SYRIA – JORDAN**



**We provide appropriate shelters and other necessary things of daily use for vulnerable Syrian refugee families living in Za’atari refugee camp in Northern Jordan.**

Syrian armed conflict erupted after peaceful demonstrations in the year 2011 resulting in a civil war. The situation in the country has been continuously getting worse. Therefore, thousands of people have been trying to flee their homes to the neighbouring countries. According to UNHCR data, the number of refugees was close to one million at the end of the year 2012. From that amount, nearly one third was staying in Jordan. Za’atari refugee camp in the Northern Jordan hosts already more than 60 000 people and hundreds or even thousands more are coming every day.

Our Centre engaged in helping inhabitants of this camp in cooperation with the partner organization, The Lutheran World Federation, and thanks to financial support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic. We have provided a supply of 45 container-style accommodation units that are a much better alternative to tents for 45 families who are especially endangered by living in the harsh conditions in the camp and that are for some reason more vulnerable than the others. The reason is in most cases a presence of very little children, pregnant women, senior or sick people in the families. During Christmas 2012, the accommodation units were transported to the camp and handed over to the selected families, for which they were a significant improvement of the living conditions in the camp.

### **Collection organized by Synodal Council of the ECCB**

In December 2012, the Synodal Council of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren organized an optional collection for supporting Syrian refugees that continued till the mid February. The ECCB congregations supported Syrian refugees by 241.969 CZK within this collection. Together with an immediate humanitarian aid of 150.000 CZK that the Synodal Council allocated from the humanitarian fund to support Syrian people, the collected amount made it possible to buy clothes for refugee families for 391.969 CZK in total.

## **SENDING VOLUNTEER ABROAD**



In the year 2012, we took part in two European projects focusing on deployment of volunteers abroad within the EU Aid Volunteers Program financed by DG ECHO – the European Community Humanitarian Office.

### **EUROPEAN OPEN SOURCE HUMANITARIAN DATA SHARING - EUROSHA**

Within this project, 18 European volunteers (5 of them from the Czech Republic) were sent to 4 African countries – Burundi, Chad, Kenya and Central African Republic. The volunteers left Europe in October 2012 to stay in Africa for six months. Their mission was to collect and record data for Open Street Map and Sahana and to train other stakeholders who would update the maps after their return back home. Collected information and mapped areas should contribute to better preparedness for emergency situations as floods, earthquake, unrests due to elections etc.

A consortium of 9 European organizations led by the French organization of France Volontaires cooperates on the project. Furthermore, some other organizations are involved in the project – French SCD, group URD, Open Street Map and Sahana, Slovenian platform Sloga, Italian organization FOSCIV, Slovak organization People in Peril and Diaconia ECCB – Centre of Humanitarian and Development Aid.

### **A PILOT FOR MORE EFFECTIVE EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY HUMANITARIAN DEPLOYMENT AT LOCAL PARTNER ORGANISATIONS (FOCUSING ON RESILIENCE)**

The main objective of the project is to prepare local inhabitants for future threats, and to prevent loss of life and property damage. Our Centre selected 3 Czech volunteers who left Europe in January (2013) to stay in Ethiopia and Cambodia for 6 months. In the project, the following countries are involved: Ethiopia, Liberia, Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Cambodia, Indonesia, Bangladesh and Nepal. 15 European volunteers in total have been sent to these countries.

Our Centre cooperates with the Netherland organizations Kerk in Actie (KiA) and Interchurch Organization for Development Cooperation (ICCO) and Finnish organization Finn Church Aid (FCA) on the project implementation.

Volunteers involved in both projects reported on their experience using blogs on Respect websites during the whole stay.

# RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS

## LECTURES

**Our goal is to make our fellow citizens aware that we live in an open world full of common responsibility. In our lectures, we talk about our work and experiences both within the Czech Republic and abroad. We offer educational programs to church congregations, schools, clubs, and other organizations.**

In the year 2012, we have approached Czech public within the project „Attracting public for humanitarian and development projects abroad” – in particular by organizing lectures and exhibitions. 8 thousand people in total took part in our events - two thirds of them were members of the ECCB congregations and on third were students and people from the broader public. We organized 31 lectures. On Facebook website we have already 177 friends who we share our news with.

In the year 2012, 251 volunteers cooperated with our organization: 198 of them in the field of Czech humanitarian aid, 13 of them in the field of Development cooperation abroad, 30 of them on everyday work of our Centre and 10 of the on organizing lectures. Many ECCB reverends cooperate with us, too – the Lent collection for Ethiopia was supported by 125 of them by displaying posters and spreading the information about the collection and about our Centre among general public.

## NEWSLETTER

Every two months, we publish an electronic newsletter about our Centre activities that is subscribed by 145 readers.

## DISPLAY OF PROJECT IN ETHIOPIA

Travelling exhibition of photographs and stories of families, who we help in Ethiopia, was organized in 9 places in the Czech Republic – besides Prague also in Polička, Šumperk, Třebouchovice pod Orebem and Tábor.

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# SUPPORTING OUR PROJECTS

## PRESENT THAT WARMS YOU UP

The Diaconia ECCB project called „Many Faces of Help“ started in December 2012. Within this project, projects of Diaconia ECCB centers throughout the whole Czech Republic can be supported.

Our centre immediately joint this project with its own project called “Present that warms you up” that is built on the idea of selling certificates as presents and by this way supporting refugees, families, children and seniors in a couple of countries where our Centre operates.

These presents are supposed to warm up hearts of both donors and beneficiaries. Their aim is to help people who had to leave their homes in Mali and Syrian, and also people in the Republic of Moldova and Ethiopia, who often live in very poor conditions.

## PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

In the year 2012 we organized public collections to help people in Mali and Ethiopia.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



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## MEDIA PARTNERS



**WE THANK ALL DONORS WHO JOIN US IN  
„HELPING PEOPLE STAND ON THEIR OWN!“**

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Incomes

Donations from private donors and foundations	996.086,- CzK
Donations from governmental institutions	3.138.589,- CzK
Other Incomes	470.588,- CzK
<b>Total Incomes</b>	<b>4.605.263,- CzK</b>

### Expenses

Purchases	124.968,- CzK
Services	520.870,- CzK
Personal Expenses	1.315.375,- CzK
Taxes and Fees	3866,- CzK
Donations	2.401.460,- CzK
Depreciations and Reserves	54.301,- CzK
Contributions	33.499,- CzK
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>4.454.339,- CzK</b>

**Total of the year: 150.924,- CzK**

## AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

In my opinion, the financial statements refer to the assets and liability of Diaconia ECCB – Center of Humanitarian and Development Aid in a faithful and thorough way as of December 31, 2012.

The financial statements present fairly expenses and income and results of economic activities of the DECCB – CHDA in accordance with generally accepted Czech accounting principles as of December 31, 2012.

Ing. Hedvika Haufenhoferová, auditor  
Member of The Chamber of Auditors of the Czech Republic, Licence No.: 1591

## DIACONIA ECCB – CENTRE OF HUMANITARIAN AND DEVELOPMENT AID

### We are members of:

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ACT Alliance

### Our partners and colleagues:

Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe  
Diakonie Oesterreich  
Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus Development and Social Service Commission  
Finn Church Aid  
France Volontaires  
ICCO/Kerk in Actie  
Lutheran World Federation

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