



## Annual Report 2007



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## INTRODUCTION

**Development Worldwide, Civic Association (DWW) was founded late 2001 and commenced its operations in 2002...**

This was how our previous Annual reports started and then proceeded with a list of our activities, key experiences and historical achievements – as expected from annual reports... You will certainly be able to find an overview of our 2007 projects and results in the following text but I would like to replace this time an introductory historical review by a brief reflection on the future of both Czech and worldwide development cooperation.

What in this respect is interesting about turn of the years 2007/ 2008?

- Some radical changes in the system of Czech development cooperation were adopted – Czech Development Agency and Czech Development Council were established, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs acquired many new competences from other ministries;
- New European Programs were opened within the financial perspectives 2007 – 2013;
- All development actors worldwide are discussing results of mid term evaluation of the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness and they work on Accra Agenda for Action;
- Czech Republic is commencing preparations for the EU Presidency in 2009;
- Yet, the very same Czech Republic has just announced (in contrary to international commitments) reducing volume of Czech ODA...

Development Worldwide does not play a role of a passive observer of above mentioned issues but it rather strives to utilize skills and experience of its members towards enforcing necessary changes (for which we are sometimes labelled “troublemakers”). Here we need to admit that this is by no means an easy task and that an optimal state of things is not in sight.

The common denominator of the remaining problems in all areas of our life (not only in the field of development cooperation) is usually unpreparedness for and dislike to changes, fear of own responsibility and adherence to outdated models despite their minimum or even disserviceable results. This is evident virtually everywhere:

- Czech Republic is not prepared for the role of responsible donor – there is still not enough qualified and committed people or they do not have enough authority;
- Preparation of new European programs has been quite non-transparent (consultations with partners have been insufficient and even official recommendations of member states are played down and marginalized) and a strange almost a year-long appraisal and contracting process of individual projects continue without relevant explanation;
- Official discussion on development effectiveness focuses on technical aspects of aid providing while almost nobody cares for results, impacts and real partnership; and the objectives and priorities of many European programs still repeat the same activities and empty talks instead of focusing on needed impacts...;
- Even though the issue of aid effectiveness has now found its place among the official priorities of the Czech government and of the national NGO platform FoRS (Czech Forum for Development Co-operation), for the meantime it rather seems everybody is waiting for someone else to think-over and possibly also to fulfil our own commitments;
- And when after all, some commitments are agreed we still do not consider important to follow them: the mid-term prospect for Czech ODA funding indicates a significant decrease from 0.12 % GNI in 2006 to 0.09 % GNI in 2010, although the original promise for 2010 was to reach 0.17 % GNI, and 0.33 % GNI by 2015;
- However, should we not be willing or able to perform whatever, there is always one skill we are able to apply in any situation: the art of finding the right and adequate excuse...

Still in the last year, the Czech Republic had still proclaimed its leading position among the new EU member states. In 2008, we are proudly in the lead of the most selfish European countries.

Is there any way to change these adverse trends in development cooperation funding and moreover, the trends of minimum positive impacts?

Definitely yes: should we abandon the "rich uncle" model of whimsically dropping alms to a randomly picked poor men and start taking genuine interest in the global problems as well as becoming attentive to our partners.

Definitely yes: should we learn the art of mutual cooperation and mutual responsibility for the outcomes of our actions and inactions as well, and if we get able to use lessons learned from our successes and failures.

Definitely yes: should we admit that the world is only one and indivisible.

I would like to thank everyone who cooperates with DWW and who supports or will support our efforts to promote the principles of partnership, transparency and effectiveness of development cooperation. And I would like to promise that we shall not give it up! Development cooperation certainly makes sense!



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### DWW activities continue in several main fields:

- a) *Capacity building of non-governmental non-profit organizations* – beside strengthening internal capacities of DWW team, the primary target groups are non-governmental organizations especially the FoRS members;
- b) *Development education and awareness* – in this case the target group is much wider, besides NGOs it includes also other partners within the Czech development constituency, starting with university students and project managers and ending with governmental authorities responsible for ODA management and coordination;
- c) *Strengthening cooperation at EU level and advocacy of new member states' interests* – DWW involvement in several working groups of FoRS and CONCORD (European NGO Confederation for Relief and Development) is essential in this respect;
- d) *Reinforcement of international cooperation* – objective to enhance effectiveness of the European development cooperation is combined with worldwide effort to find real possibilities of attaining Millennium Development Goals – our key partners are IDEAS (International Development Evaluation Association), Czech Evaluation Society as well as institutions of the World Bank Group or UN agencies;
- e) *Development projects implemented in Vietnam and Malawi* – all of them are demonstrative in its principle - we are evolving cooperation with other donors (Canadian CIDA, Austrian ADA, Danish DANIDA), local authorities and private sector organisations (e.g. project funded by the Ministry of Environment); and volunteers from several countries are solving project in Malawi (which is fully covered by private funds).

It is evident that all DWW activities are interlinked either at coordination level of individual projects either, and in particular, by sharing and using gained experience ("training by doing").

DWW activities are partially based on voluntary work (unpaid members or members hired for part time jobs) and partially on financial support from different resources:

- National and international development projects;
- Corporate sponsorship;
- Own incomes for consultancy and advisory services, for administrative and organization support to other partners, expert activities, etc.;
- Membership fees.

**The following text introduces the main activities of DWW in 2007, sorted by individual projects to which most of accompanying activities are related as well.**

### **WAY FORWARD - BACK TO THE PRINCIPLES** (PROJECT FOCUSED ON CAPACITY BUILDING IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC)

This project was implemented in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic within a grant program "Capacities" for NGOs working in the area of development cooperation. It was realized in the period from January to December 2007.

The long-term goal of the project is to contribute to increased quality and impacts of the Czech development cooperation and to related higher involvement of Czech subjects in development programs of the EU and other international partners.

The main recipients of the project results are NGOs, managers and evaluators of development projects and other involved institutions and organizations.

The envisaged project outcome is an enhanced capacity (and knowledge) of Czech subjects in the field of preparation and implementation of development projects and their evaluation. The project outcome was to be reached through two outputs:



1. Manual for Czech NGOs “EU Development Funds 2 – Financial Perspectives 2007-2013”.
2. Educated evaluators and managers of development projects – graduates of the one-week development evaluation training Czech DET 2007.

## Assessment of the Outputs

### Output 1

150 copies of manual have been distributed during specific events. Manual is also available in hyperlink electronic version at our website [www.dww.cz](http://www.dww.cz).

#### Activities for the Output 1:

- **Monitoring of European programs** – coordinator Mr. Dmitrij Svec in cooperation with DWW assistant Ms. Adela Porizova identified, assessed and compiled appropriate sources of information for preparation of the first concept of the manual.
- **Preparation, editing and printing of the manual** – after thorough verification of available sources (obtained also thanks to our involvement in the Working groups of CONCORD and through consultations with other partners), the final version of manual was compiled. The editing was done in December 2007 regarding still lasting changes within the approval process of new EU financial instruments and related procedures. After a proof-reading, the manual was printed.
- **Workshop for NGOs – presentation of the manual** – regarding overfilled calendar of events by the end of year, the manual was presented only on DWW website and its official presentation was shifted to the beginning of 2008 - it was carried out within the training program for managers of Prague NGOs called “Project is no Problem” (PNP) which is implemented by civic associations ADRA and DWW. Partial information on EU funds was presented already during other trainings in 2007 and meetings with FoRS members.

DWW was also active in influencing the shape of new European programs, namely by participating in preparation of the positions of CONCORD Working groups on Funding for Development and Relief (FDR), Aid Watch and Task Force on CSO Aid Effectiveness. We also contributed to the majority of official standpoints of the Czech NGO platform FoRS.

### Output 2

Training Czech DET 2007 was visited by 34 participants from 4 countries – Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland and France. It was lectured by renowned experts Mr. Ray Rist and Ms. Linda Morra-Imas from the World Bank Group and Mr. Petr Halaxa from the Evaluation Unit of the EuropeAid Cooperation Office.

#### Activities for the Output 2:

- **Preparation of the DET program** – responsible manager Mr. Daniel Svoboda was in contact with all three lecturers from the beginning of 2007 and they jointly prepared training agenda and documents. The capacity of the training was increased from 26 to 34 participants, which was the maximum number regarding training premises and available financial resources.
- **Logistics and organization of the DET** – printed copies and electronic versions of the training materials were prepared in advance. Transportation, accommodation and all other logistic details were prepared and checked by DWW team.
- **Realization of the DET** – The training proceeded in the planned duration of 6 days in the training centre of Hotel Mansion Rynartice near Decin. First 5 days were lectured by international experts Mr. Ray Rist and Ms. Linda Morra-Imas (founders and key lecturers of renowned summer school IPDET in Ottawa – [www.ipdet.org](http://www.ipdet.org)); program of the sixth day was led by Mr. Petr Halaxa. Among participants there were, among others, employees of the Development centre of the Institute of International Relations, representatives of 4 Czech ministries, 1 representative from the Polish Ministry of Finance and 6 Czech members of the International Development Evaluation Association IDEAS (see [www.ideas-int.org](http://www.ideas-int.org)) which also supported the training.



We believe Czech DET brought interesting stimulations to all participants. This was indicated by the results of the anonymous questionnaire distributed after the training – overall expectations

of participants were fulfilled from 84 % and 91 % of participants would recommend the training to their colleagues.

Besides Czech DET 2007, we were providing consultations to various partners and participating in expert appraisal of development projects launched by the Ministry of Agriculture. We also closely cooperated with the association IDEAS (membership in the Board, representation in election committee, preparation and evaluation of expert events).

### **Assessment of the Outcomes**



First indications of new skills of Czech DET participants can be seen in the draft of an Evaluation manual for Czech ODA prepared by the Development Centre, in preparation of Terms of Reference for evaluation of own project by the Caritas Czech Republic or in foundation of Czech Evaluation Society. Another important indicator is a commitment to publish evaluation results – only transparent approach can lead to an increased quality of Czech development cooperation and to

confidence building. There was a significant progress in this regard during 2007 – the publication of evaluation results has become an integral part of all new relevant governmental decrees and methodical materials. Transparency of the whole system should be enhanced also by establishment of the Development Cooperation Council.

Besides the Czech DET, DWW members participated in other trainings on Project Cycle Management – in particular in cooperation with the University of Economics in Prague (full-semester courses), the Development Centre or within a two-year project “Project is no Problem” implemented in partnership with civic association ADRA. Other trainings were carried out for example within the Summer School of the Development Cooperation organized by University Palacky in Olomouc or at the Ministry of Agriculture.

It is quite early to assess the real usage of the manual “EU Development Funds 2” however it was very difficult to compile it due to existing insufficient dissemination of relevant information from the side of European (and partially also from Czech) institutions. Lack of consultation mechanisms between European Commission and non-governmental actors has been another crucial limitation. Particularly in the second half of 2007, we tried to change this unfavorable situation through our activities in CONCORD and in cooperation with FoRS and official Czech representatives. However, there is still a small number of people and institutions, who are willing to pro-actively support our efforts.

### **Recommendations of the project**

Main recommendation for ensuring sustainability is a stronger lobbying from side of FoRS and official institutions of the Czech Republic towards European Commission in the sense of adherence the procedures of consultations, principles of transparency and timely information. We consider it is a big failure of the EC that major part of relevant documents about the programs within new financial perspectives was not publicly available even at the end of 2007. There is considerably better situation with consultations within the Czech constituency, in spite of the fact that some important documents related to fundamental changes of the Czech ODA system were prepared under a big time pressure.

Regarding Czech DET 2007, we consider it as a great success. Anyhow, the negative aspect was a partial unwillingness of few participants to cooperate with others and their low personal involvement. Even though the atmosphere was little bit influenced by this, the interest and enthusiasm of majority of participants sufficiently eliminated this “imperfection”. The unambiguous recommendation of the participants was to repeat similar activities and mainly to continue in mutual cooperation in the future.

We can divide recommendations for Czech DET 2008 into several levels:

- Choose training premises with a larger capacity and quality infrastructure.
- Open the training for a wider region – invite more foreign participants.
- Partially increase participant fees – either to ensure better sustainability (Czech DET 2007 was equally co-financed from the MFA grant, private sponsorship and participant fees) either to invite really motivated participants only.
- Focus on building Czech lecturing capacity in the field of evaluation (training of trainers) - identify experts among participants who can assist in introduction of Czech evaluation guidelines and provide future trainings (preferably in cooperation with the Czech Evaluation Society). From this point of view, we see as a big contribution that all three lecturers Mr. Ray C. Rist, Ms. Linda G. Morra and Mr. Petr Halaxa confirmed their participation in Czech DET 2008.



Main conclusion from the project results in 2007 is that we should continue in the same way and keep building our efforts on open cooperation and on mutual exchange of experience with all development partners. Even for that reason, the main direction of our activities for 2008 stays (beside our development projects abroad) in building evaluation capacities in the Czech Republic in correspondence with our long-term goal of increasing effectiveness of development cooperation – that means enhancing its quality and impacts.

## **VIETNAMESE INSPIRATIONS**

### **(PROJECT FOCUSED ON DEVELOPMENT AWARENESS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC)**

The publication “Vietnamese Inspirations (not only about development projects)” was intended to speak to general public through a personal experience of organizations implementing projects in Vietnam and to support further cooperation with this country. This awareness project was carried out in cooperation with the Czech MFA within the program on information activities about priority countries of the Czech ODA.

Besides DWW 6 other organizations participated in preparation of the publication: ADRA, civic association; Czech University of Life Sciences Prague – Institute of Tropics and Subtropics; Dekonta Inc.; ETC Consulting Group Ltd.; Hospimed Inc. with its partner (Faculty Hospital Motol) and Mott MacDonald Prague Ltd. and its partners (Czech University of Life Sciences Prague and IFER – Institute of Forest Ecosystem Research Ltd.).

Printed publication has 36 pages and contains:

- Introduction – presentation of publication;
- 4 pages of information on Czech development cooperation program with Vietnam;
- 28 pages about projects and experience of single organizations including photos and recommendations for the future work in Vietnam;
- 1 page about the Czech development cooperation from Vietnamese perspective.

After the agreement with all involved parties we printed 500 copies instead of 200. An electronic version is published at websites of the partners.

We hope that this publication shows a real interest in successful results of Czech projects and that it will contribute a bit to solve the key problems in this beautiful and interesting country, faced mainly by the rural population. Despite of a dynamic economic growth, Vietnam is still affected by the consequences of American-Vietnamese war (many areas are still contaminated by dioxins and disabled children are still born), population suffers from lack of drinking water and from industrial pollution, from inaccessibility or poor quality of basic services and from a



very slow poverty reduction – among others due to obsolete industrial and agricultural techniques and technologies.

Most of the problems mentioned above are addressed by other donors as well; however the Czech Republic might take a larger part of responsibility thanks to our long-term relations and our own transition experience.

### **PNP – PROJECT IS NO PROBLEM (LONG-TERM TRAINING FOR PRAGUE NGOS)**

Project is implemented in cooperation with civic association ADRA and it started at the end of 2006. In 2007, we offered 12 one-day and 2 weekend seminars of theoretic module for Prague NGO managers. The project will terminate with four four-day workshops of practical module in 2008 and by launching training manuals. These manuals are intended both for NGO managers and future trainers. DWW assists in project coordination, participates in training preparation and provides expert guaranty for the whole training as well as for selected single lessons.

Project is co-financed by the European Social Fund, state budget of the Czech Republic and budget of the Capital city Prague.

## **INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

### **PROJECT ODACE, VIETNAM CAPERA – CAPACITY BUILDING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RISK AWARENESS**

This project was carried out within the grant program of the Czech MFA “Support of trilateral projects” and with co-funding from the Canadian International Development Agency - CIDA.

Currently, Vietnam enjoys strong economic growth and more suspenseless political situation than before. There are many factors connected with this situation – many of them are positive but some also negative. Experience from previous DWW projects confirmed that uncontrolled pollution in traditional craft villages (like Phong Khe) causes serious negative impacts on environment and human health. Around 2000 such villages in Vietnam usually produce one sort of products – silk, paper, baskets, ceramics etc. Working in these communes is economically profitable for the population. That is the reason why people do not realize they live and work in bad conditions. Despite economic development and new legislation there are still not sufficiently enforced appropriate legal and financial instruments for prevention of environment pollution or remediation of environmental burdens; and public is not conscious of related environmental and health risks.



We recognized the need for raising environmental risk awareness both at local level (within affected population) and among decision-makers (national and regional authorities). We also understand that expert capacity of any mediator (like our partner CWE) should include either skills to facilitate or introduce preventive measures and appropriate local solutions either expertise to prepare more complex project proposals for external funding.

During our project we focused on the above needs with the objective to support decrease of environmental and health risks in craft villages. In order to achieve this outcome, we introduced a set of 9 activities leading to 2 main outputs:



1. Introduction of the Environmental risk awareness action pack; and
2. Trained CWE experts and environmental advisors

Project was implemented in Vietnam and Czech Republic between March and November 2007, in cooperation of Czech and Vietnamese experts and other partners.

### **Activities for the Output 1**

- **Discussion on local solutions with beneficiaries and field work** - During the project implementation the Czech experts carried out 3 missions to Vietnam, including on-site visits of handicraft village Phong Khe in Bac Ninh Province and meetings with local community representatives and province officials and experts. The field work was a base for determination of type and scope of local infrastructure improvements and for other project activities.
- **Awareness materials on model risk situations (causes - problems - risks - solutions)** - Awareness campaign was one of the corner-stones to build capacities for environmental risk awareness. Regarding the defined target groups of our project and specific conditions in the handicraft village we choose as a key tool a type of a kids game – the playing card game called “Kvarteto” (“Quartet”), which is known among the children and adults both in Vietnam and the Czech Republic. The content of the card set is the presentation of case risk situations following the model of “causes - problems - risks - solutions”. The cards cover 8 clusters on key exposure scenarios and appropriate solutions. The design of the set of 32 cards was made by Vietnamese graphic artists based on the image description provided by Czech experts. The playing cards were then printed in Vietnam in the volume of 500 boxes including brief description of the model scenarios in Vietnamese language (Czech and English versions are available as well).
- **Local infrastructure improvements researched and realized** - Based on 4 days participatory walkthrough environmental audit made in the selected handicraft villages a set of local improvement measures was agreed and planned. The CWE and DWW signed an agreement on the action of local improvements including specification of technical details, cost estimations, personal responsibilities and the deadlines. Most of the measures (sewerage and water treatment in the commune, air and health protection in plastic recycling workshops) were realized during the time period between the second and third mission, under the supervision of Vietnamese project partners and DWW local coordinator.
- **Case studies** - The case studies were intended to reflect real-life environmental conditions in typical craft village, and to demonstrate at the same time practically available (best follow-able) risk prevention measures. The studies should serve as specific information material for decision-makers and practitioners in the field of environmental and health risks issues. The elaboration included designing of a proper format, collecting background information, proofreading, editing, translation and printing. A comprehensive information base for the studies was provided by the on-site environmental audit. There were selected two topics for the case studies – plastic recycling and local waste water treatment. Case studies were prepared in three languages - Vietnamese, English and Czech.
- **Education Pack** - One of the additional activities contributing to the project goals was undertaken in response to the expression of interest in the issues of environmental education which came through the number of meetings and discussions. Development of the system of training in environmental and health related issues in Vietnam is just at its very beginning at all levels of education for different society groups (officials, investors, journalists, etc.), including lack of teaching materials. The idea to prepare a special environmental education toolkit was discussed and agreed with the director of local school in Phong Khe. Regarding the main environmental problems that the society in the village is currently facing it was decided that the main focus of the educational materials would be given to issues of water protection and waste management. Text of both thematic books used the sources of Czech civic association TEREZA adapted to local conditions by Vietnamese partners with pedagogical and environmental background. Also the final graphical layout, including the pictures and printing was arranged by local people.



As an additional contribution to this output, two important actions were prepared during project implementation:

- International conference “Czech Development Co-operation with Vietnam in Environment Protection and Related Fields”, which took place in Melia Hotel, Hanoi, on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2007 in occasion of the official visit of the Deputy Minister of Environment of the Czech Republic to Vietnam.
- Training Study Tour of 7 managers of the Vietnam Environment Protection Fund (VEPF) to the Czech Republic in the frame of the project “Pollution Control in Poor Densely Populated Areas” PCDA – DANIDA – MONRE (Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment), which took place in the Czech Republic on 22.4. - 28.4. 2007.



Within this part of the project, several technical measures were realized with a positive impact on the situation in Phong Khe and Dao Xa, in particular in the field of waste water management in the commune and in the field of health protection in plastic recycling workshops. There were constructed new sewerage canals in the total length of 200 meters, and part of the households and manufactures were connected to the drainage. Thanks to separation of communal and industrial waste water, the efficiency of the installed flotation unit (output of our project in 2006) may increase – the separated sludge can be returned to the production process and cleaned water can be used for irrigation of rice fields. The existing canals were cleaned and both old and new canals were covered in order to avoid mechanic contamination and blocking the flow as well as to minimize risk of contact of children and animals with waste water.

With the aim to contribute to complex solution of municipal waste water treatment, a project proposal was prepared by our partner CWE for which we succeeded to ensure both national and international sources of financing in 2008 (Czech – Netherlands project in the frame of trilateral grant program of the Czech MFA). Another important result of our cooperation with local partners is a commitment of DONRE Bac Ninh to finance the operation of flotation unit in 2008. Regarding improvements in plastic recycling workshops, in three workshops there were installed 6 ventilators on melting kettles for waste plastic and the workers were equipped with protection means (respirators). Our partner CWE organized a meeting with the owners of the workshops and their employees in order to explain the health risks and train people in health protection. Representatives of the communes Phong Khe and Dao Xa participated as well and they appealed to the owners to contribute to protection of their employees.



### **Activities for the Outcome 2**

- **Pilot awareness campaign strategy and toolkit** - Two awareness materials (playing cards and the exercise books) were disseminated through the main awareness campaign which took place during the last mission of Czech experts to Vietnam, with an active involvement of the Vietnamese project partners (CWE and the head of the local cooperative). The awareness campaign strategy was designed based on the practical experience of the project team members and on thorough consideration of specific conditions in the target place. The campaign was led with the main focus on two groups – school children and their parents.
- **Project Cycle Management training toolkit** - Czech team prepared the Project Cycle Management training for 2 selected Vietnamese experts. It proceeded at the turn of May and June 2007. Czech experts gathered the reference materials related to the project management issues,

available mainly in Czech and English languages, and prepared training documentation. Part of it was translated into Vietnamese. The 5-day training included lectures, discussion, practical exercises on PCM issues and the excursion to the waste water treatment plant. Practical part of the training was aimed at developing project ideas on “technological” solutions for external funding. At the end of the training the recommendations for the preparation of the on site training were provided to the fellows. Training of local environmental experts took place in November 2007 in the venue of CWE in Hanoi, 10 people in total attended the training: 2 from the Phong Khe commune, 2 from DONRE and 6 from the CWE. The training materials were prepared for the participants in Vietnamese by two trained CWE trainers.

- **Pilot awareness campaign and field work** - The pilot awareness campaign was carried out in October/November 2007 within the Mission III to Vietnam. The Czech team was strengthened by participation of Canadian expert, Mr. Denis Jobin, Environment Canada and IDEAS (International Development Evaluation Association), whose task was to carry out an independent review of the running project and to prepare external feedback for our project team and other key stakeholders. For the campaign organized in the Phong Khe village, there were created two mobile information panels to attract the people on the street. The panels included simple texts and pictures on the issues of environmental pollution and of health risks related to the site and to the real-life conditions in the commune. At the second stage, the members of the project team (Vietnamese, Czech and Canadian) visited the secondary school where they were discussing with the teachers and students and handed out the playing cards.
- **Preparation of projects on “technological” solutions for external funding** - During the time period between the second and third mission to Vietnam, the Vietnamese partners (experts of CWE) compiled three draft project proposals while utilizing the gathered knowledge from the PCM training in Prague. The projects deal with the issues of wastewater treatment from households and paper production and of waste management to be solved at the local level, with external funding.
- **Roundtable for public authorities organized by CWE** - The results of the project were summarized and presented at the final stage of the implementation during the Round Table organized jointly by the CWE and DWW. It took place on November 6<sup>th</sup> in Hanoi. The representatives of public authorities - VEPF, MONRE and DONRE attended the Round Table. After presentations and discussions, the participants were addressed with a short anonymous questionnaire to evaluate the project results.

During this part of the project, 2 CWE experts were trained and 3 local environmental consultants participated in preventive measures and in awareness actions including campaign in the schools. Notwithstanding initial shyness of local inhabitants that derives from lack of experiences from direct addressing within the awareness campaigns, they were open to discussions about problems and risks of environment pollution and they were interested in mobile information panels and the card game. Local elementary school required additional printing of materials on ecological education and they agreed to use them according our recommendations.



1. Three project proposals on technical environmental measures were prepared by our project partner CWE. These proposals were after an expert feedback from our team used for fundraising in order to ensure an external funding for their implementation.

Ten Vietnamese experts including representatives of national and regional authorities attended the Round Table arranged by CWE in cooperation with DWW. Valuable contribution to the goal of our project was formally confirmed by the results of evaluation questionnaire. The project results as well as DWW approaches were highly appreciated and the respondents confirmed their interest in continuing cooperation.



## Final assessment

Ownership and direct participation of Vietnamese partners is a precondition for project identification and implementation and for reaching the expected objectives. Implementation of our project was positively affected by the following key factors, most of them related to individual (personal) approach and skills:

- Participation of Vietnamese DWW member Ms. Phung Thi Phuong Hien, who has been working as local coordinator and interpreter. Her both human and professional approach definitely strengthens mutual understanding and accountability and prevents problems that might rise from different cultural and social background or from language barriers.
- Highly pro-active approach of the CWE experts to PCM training; they were seriously interested to learn and gather new skills and they proved their capability to utilize the knowledge and share it with others.
- Support from DONRE and local cooperative and their responsibility for implementation of local infrastructure improvements as well as their direct participation in awareness campaigns on environmental and health issues. The support from DONRE was formalized in the commitment to finance operation of the flotation unit and by a written agreement to co-finance by 30 % all three projects prepared by the CWE.
- Willingness of local schools to participate in the project. The management of the local grammar and secondary schools showed openness to new things.



## **PROJECT OF THE CZECH MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, VIETNAM REHABILITATION OF THUA THIEN HUE PROVINCE AFFECTED BY DIOXIN CONTAMINATION**

Project “**Rehabilitation of Thua Thien Hue province affected by dioxin contamination**” is financed from the Program of the Czech bilateral cooperation with Vietnam, from the ODA chapter of the Ministry of Environment. The three-year project started in 2006 and DWW is a project partner of the private company DEKONTA Inc.

Dioxin contamination is a very sensitive political issue because effects of dioxins (Agent Orange) used in American-Vietnamese War are still locally sweeping and drastic (see for example an article “Children of chemical agent” in Lidove noviny, 8.12.2006). Therefore, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) of the People’s Committee in Hue became our direct project partner at Vietnamese side. In the course of the project we established also tight relations with the governmental Committee 33 directly responsible for dioxin problems, with MONRE and with the Vietnam Agent Orange Victims Association (VAVA).

During the first year of the project, initial contamination survey was carried out in a selected commune Phong My. Though the commune is not considered for an apparent hot spot (commune was selected by local authorities and the project should probably test the cooperation with new partners before approval of joint projects at real hot spots), the analytical results confirmed some risks of dioxins presence in a food chain also in this region. During 2007, the survey was completed among others by 100 blood samples of local people and by a large investigation of people’s behavior in order to assess realistic exposure scenarios in the given conditions which were consequently used for elaboration of the risk assessment. The findings of the risk assessment confirmed unacceptable risks of long-term exposure to contaminated foodstuff as well as significant health risks related to consumption of water contaminated by bacteria. The results were used for preventive measures – at the end of 2007,

the main water supply pipeline was reconstructed (while household connections will be finalized in 2008). All the results and recommendations of the project have been shared with Vietnamese authorities and international donors (in particular UNDP).

Currently, the optimum completion of the project is negotiated with local partners – besides project activities focused on safe fish production (regarding significant concentrations of dioxins in fish from the lake and local ponds) we are going to prepare comparative risk assessments at two other sites in the region. The aim of the works is to test the methodology and the recommendations in order to enable their further application on a larger scale. Due to significance of the project, coordination at national level with a direct participation of the Committee 33 is a need, with a better cooperation between national and regional authorities.



**The main objective of the project is to open an expert discussion on dioxin issues and to assist in finding reasonable prevention and remediation measures, which would restrain future effects of the American-Vietnamese War on human health.** It is an ambitious aim in respect of present financial and political restrictions. However, we believe that it is worth the effort. Each and every child born with Agent Orange dysfunctions is an alarm bell! Czech Republic is one of the few countries with own dioxin experience and thus we could and should assist in solving the similar problems in Vietnam.

## CROSS-CUTTING ACTIVITIES IN VIETNAM

Thanks to experience of DWW members, who have been working in Vietnam since 2004, thanks to a permit of operation issued by the organization PACCOM and especially thanks to invaluable support of our Vietnamese coordinator Ms. Phung Thi Phuong Hien, DWW focuses also on facilitation of other projects implemented in this priority country of the Czech ODA. In 2007, we deepened cooperation with majority of Czech project teams in Hue province and some others. We believe that complementarity of the projects and direct cooperation among Czech implementing organizations can significantly increase effectiveness of Czech ODA and test and confirm program approach to Vietnamese priority problems. A joint project office in Hue, shared by several organizations, is a practical evidence of a direct cooperation. Although such cooperation is not easy due to fragmentation of Czech ODA system and both Czech experts and local partners still have to build a mutual confidence and openness, we believe we are on the right track.

We can mention at least three examples of our mutual multiactors cooperation:

- On the occasion of an official visit of the Czech Deputy Minister of Environment to Vietnam in April 2008, we prepared an international conference on “Czech Development Co-operation with Vietnam in Environment Protection and Related Fields” in Hanoi and consequent presentations for local authorities in Hue. The following organizations jointly presented their projects:
  - ADRA, civic association (Rehabilitation of Phong Dien district after Xangsane typhoon)
  - University of Life Science in Prague (Sustainable development in Phong My commune)
  - Dekonta Inc. (Rehabilitation of Thua Thien Hue province affected by dioxins)
  - Development Worldwide, civic association (environmental projects in Bac Ninh and Hue provinces)
  - Gekon Ltd. (Identification and research of water resources)

- Jiri Kocourek (Social Inclusion of vulnerable groups in Hue province)
- Mott MacDonald Prague Ltd. (Rehabilitation and sustainable development of forests in Hue province)
- Within the Vietnamese-Danish project PCDA/DANIDA/MONRE “Pollution Control in Poor Densely Populated Areas”, we organized training for 7 managers of the VEPF in the Czech Republic in late April 2007. Several Czech institutions directly participated in the training: Ministry of Environment, State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic, Czech Environmental Inspection, and Ministry for Local Development. Other partners joined selected activities.
- At the end of 2007, we prepared an awareness publication “Vietnamese Inspirations” (see above). Seven Czech organizations implementing development projects in Vietnam participated in its preparation and shared the expenses as well.

We will continue in our efforts to strengthen cooperation among different stakeholders including joint involvement in preparation of new development cooperation programs.

## **Project “Malawi – New Chance for New Generation”**

This project is funded by private sponsors only. It was started by two Czech and several foreign volunteers in 2005. The main focus is on pre-school facility (for children of age 3 – 6 years) that should be used also as a community centre and thus support education and social development in the commune Juma in the Southern part of Malawi (around 30 km from the city Blantyre). Besides school we constructed the latrines and cultivated a garden for the school kitchen with maize, cassava, peanuts and other crop.

The operation was started on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2006 with enrolment of 60 boys and 50 girls. The schooling is every working day between 8 and 12 o'clock, the school provides one hot meal daily, prepared by two parents. Training of teachers and work with the community is an integral part of the project.

Project sustainability is ensured by newly established NGO “boNGO Worldwide” (Based on Need-driven Grassroots Ownership) which closely cooperates with the Umodzi-Mbame CBO (Community Based Organization). The project in 2007 was carried out at two sites.



### **1) Umodzi-Mbame CBO (Community Based Organization), Childcare Center and Teacher-Training Center**

Malawian schools took a term-break in December, and boNGO took advantage of this free time to host another teacher-training as part of its POF (Pre-school Of the Future) program. For two weeks, the four teachers from boNGO's model Community Based Childcare Center (CBCC) at the Umodzi-Mbame CBO along with thirteen other teachers from surrounding CBCCs (including the teachers from the four Tiyende Pamodzi CBCCs) continued their training in holistic education and local resource management. The teachers were continuing to make learning materials for their classrooms from scrap materials which are readily available in rural Malawian villages (many ideas actually come from the children!), rather than depending on donations or purchases of toys and materials from town (most all of which come from China or Taiwan).

The preschool resumed classes on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 registering new sixty children and welcoming a new teacher (CBO Secretary Rhoda Mwale). In accordance with teacher requests and visions of the model school, four teacher assistants have begun working with each of the



teachers as well. This has increased the individual attention each child receives, as well as the quality of classroom management for each teacher.

Some new volunteers have joined the Executive Committee of the CBO as well, as the committee has applied internal changes out of a need to be better organized. This is certainly a welcomed change, as the previous Executive Committee had been organized by the boNGO volunteers, not the community itself. Now, the Committee is composed of those individuals who have shown their commitment and support for the school and its future. As well, the Parents Committee for the school has been reorganized. Every school day one can find parents cleaning up before and after school and also cooking the school meal for the students. Hopes are high that the refashioned Executive Committee will be able to organize an income generating activity to sustain the CBCC and other possible programs. In 2007 a very successful garden was cultivated by the CBO volunteers which will provide food for the school as well as additional income to support the CBCC maintenance.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2007 the Umodzi-Mbame CBO and boNGO organized an interactive Creativity Day for the local community. An open invitation was extended to anyone interested in showcasing their talents or creativity, as well as the opportunity to win prizes. The day was a wonderful success, as more than one hundred attendees witnessed a variety of performances, including live and DJ music, dancing, a capella singing, drama, poetry, and even joyous expression of appreciation for the preschool and its benefit to the community.



## **2) Tiyende Pamodzi CBO, Childcare Centers, and Maize Mill**

In 2007, the Early Childhood Development / POF Program of boNGO Malawi was shifting its emphasis to the Tiyende Pamodzi CBO (though supervision and teacher-training still continues at Umodzi-Mbame). boNGO Malawi Program Manager has begun to visit the CBO's Mango CBCC bi-weekly to monitor and evaluate the teachers' progress along the POF Program. He reports that the teachers are exhibiting a constructive understanding of the holistic education taught through the program, and that the children are responding impressively to the lessons: classroom distractions are less of a problem (despite the outdoor classroom) and songs and games are quickly learned and participated in eagerly.



The CBO's income generating activity of a Maize Mill has been operating since October 2006, and it is so far considered to be a great success. As the Executive Committee predicted, the supply of customers is seemingly endless as it is the only maize mill in a large region. Another sign of success is the consistency of business considering the season: the harvest and busy milling season starts in April. The maize mill is operated by the CBO volunteers, who also maintain its accounts. Profit has been made to help purchase food for the CBO's childcare centers and also medicine for its Home-Based Care Program.

The CBO volunteers are intent on building a model structure for their CBCCs and the community as a whole. boNGO is assisting the Executive Committee in researching alternative building methods which may be carried out using predominantly locally available resources and

sustainable land use. With boNGO Malawi's facilitation, the Executive Committee is currently conducting research into similar community efforts around Malawi.

Positive results of the Malawi project would not be possible without support and confidence of our private sponsors. We have to thank them very much again!

## DWW PROJECTS BENEFITS TO TARGET GROUPS

This chapter of Annual report can almost entirely repeat the previous annual reports. Our target groups and our approaches to them have been consistent since the establishment of DWW:

- On the basis of identified needs we keep striving for a functional system of development cooperation and development education. Therefore the first key target groups includes **Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Development Center IIR (CDA - Czech Development Agency since January 2008) and line ministries**. Project contribution for this target group is usage of our expertise and practical experience in setting and promoting functional and effective procedures. We believe that DWW suggestions and recommendations can eliminate some critical characteristics of Czech ODA system, which could lead to system failure and consequent collapse. However, other critical factors can be (and they were) identified only through practice and DWW is ready to participate in such identification and above all is ready to search suitable solutions.
- **Students and university teachers** are other important target group by preparation, testing and updating of education modules. During each implemented seminar including its evaluation we promote a mutually open and partner approach. We believe that result based management principle is suitable even for these target groups as it enhances not only their chances when applying for a job in this sector but also it increases potential of the whole Czech ODA program.
- Third target group, which strengthens the ties between theory, research and practice, are **project managers coming mainly from NGO sector**. Knowledge and experience sharing should lead to better projects, increased management effectiveness, more sustainable impacts as well as increase chance of success in national and international competition. An important side effect of such experience sharing is a new space for wider mutual cooperation of all stakeholders.
- The most important target groups are the final recipients of development projects benefits – **our partners in developing countries**. All our projects are driven by their needs and based on their direct participation.

**Our motto - international development cooperation must be based on effective cooperation already at national level and on a good communication with and among donor institutions. Partnership principle, mutual benefits and mutual learning are the fundamentals in all our activities. These principles should help to certify theory of changes in practice and demonstrate added value of open and quality cooperation.**



## **CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**In 2007, DWW was continuing in pro-active support of necessary changes within Czech and European ODA and in facilitating new relations with international partners:**

- We participated in finalization and presentation of new ODA guidelines and we prepared comments and recommendations to many Czech and European strategic documents;
- We kept on striving for higher quality of development projects through number of trainings (among them development evaluation training Czech DET 2007), consultancy services and direct cooperation with line ministries in the appraisal process of concrete projects;
- We were promoting interest in development cooperation among students and teachers and we helped students and volunteers to get involved in concrete development activities;
- We were contributing to enhanced cooperation among FoRS member organizations as well as cross-sectoral cooperation in the Czech Republic and to strengthening FoRS position at national and international level;
- We were supporting experience exchange among new and old EU member states within framework of FoRS, CONCORD (European NGO Confederation for Relief and Development) and RPP - Regional Partnership Program;
- In cooperation with IDEAS (International Development Evaluation Association) and CONCORD we made effort to promote "direct participation principle" and to find new approaches for increasing development effectiveness;
- We tried to make the best of our experience coming from pilot trilateral projects implemented within ODACE and RPP programs for enhancement the impacts of Czech ODA program in Vietnam and for elimination of critical aspects of ODA in general.

**Our priorities for 2008 remain the same like in the past:**

- to progress in DWW stabilization and capacity building, preparing DWW and our partners for a successful engagement in EU projects and other international programs;
- to keep focusing on Vietnam as our strategic partner country, and to use gained positive and negative experience for enhancing coordinated program approach;
- to continue project in Malawi and test possible cooperation with other developing countries;
- to continue in human resources development – in training and promotion activities, mainly in coordination with MFA CR, Czech Development Agency, FoRS platform, association IDEAS and newly established Czech Evaluation Society as well as with universities;
- to actively support IDEAS and CONCORD efforts for enhancing effectiveness of ODA projects and programs;
- to support FoRS activities and Working groups of European confederation CONCORD;
- **and above all to support coming essential changes in Czech ODA system and to promote fulfillment of our international commitments concerning ODA budget, aid effectiveness and transparency.**

## **DWW FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2007**

As overview of DWW financial management in 2007 we provide a copy of final accounts (balance, profit and loss statement and annex - in Czech only). Bookkeeping for 2007 was audited by an independent auditor Ms. Blanka Hálová.

After the statement of balance date no significant events have occurred, which would influence activities of our civic association and therefore should be reflected in accountancy of the last year 2007.

Auditor's statement is attached to final accounts.



## ROZVAHA (Balance)

Výčet položek  
podle vyhlášky č. 504/2002 Sb.  
ve znění vyhlášky č. 476/2003 Sb.

v zjednodušeném rozsahu  
ke dni 31.12.2007  
(v tisících Kč)

Název, sídlo, právní forma  
a předmět činnosti účetní jednotky

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A K T I V A		Stav k prvnímu dni účet.období	Stav k poslednímu dni účet.období
A.	Dlouhodobý majetek celkem		
I.	Dlouhodobý nehmotný majetek celkem		
II.	Dlouhodobý hmotný majetek celkem		
III.	Dlouhodobý finanční majetek celkem		
IV.	Dorávky k dlouhodobému majetku celkem		
B.	Krátkodobý majetek celkem	974	489
I.	Zásoby celkem		
II.	Pohledávky celkem		
III.	Krátkodobý finanční majetek celkem	974	489
IV.	Jiná aktiva celkem		
AKTIVA CELKEM		974	489
PASIVA			
A.	Vlastní zdroje celkem		486
I.	Jméni celkem		
II.	Výsledek hospodaření celkem		486
B.	Cizí zdroje celkem	953	3
I.	Rezervy celkem		
II.	Dlouhodobé závazky celkem		
III.	Krátkodobé závazky celkem	953	3
IV.	Jiná pasiva celkem		
PASIVA		953	489

Sestaveno dne: 06.03.2008

Podpisový záznam:

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	činnosti	
	hlavní	hospodářská
A. Náklady		
I. Spotřebované nákupy celkem	166	
II. Služby celkem	2838	
III. Osobní náklady celkem	615	
IV. Daně a poplatky celkem	1	
V. Ostatní náklady celkem	70	
VI. Odpisy, prod. maj., tvorba rezerv a opr. pol. celkem		
VII. Poskytnuté příspěvky celkem	59	
VIII. Daň z příjmu celkem		
Náklady celkem	3749	
B. Výnosy		
I. Tržby za vlastní výkony a za zboží celkem	1684	
II. Změna stavu vnitroorganizačních zásob celkem		
III. Aktivace celkem		
IV. Ostatní výnosy celkem	27	
V. Tržby z prodeje maj., zúčt. rezerv a opr. pol. celk.		
VI. Přijaté příspěvky celkem	681	
VII. Provozní dotace celkem	1657	
I. Výnosy celkem	4049	
C. Hospodářský výsledek před zdaněním	300	
D. Hospodářský výsledek po zdanění	300	

Sestaveno dne: 06.03.2008

Podpisový záznam:

*[Podpis]*

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## PŘÍLOHA K ÚČETNÍ ZÁVĚRCE

Obchodní jméno: **Development Worldwide, občanské sdružení**

Den zápisu: 7. února 2002

Sídlo: Máchova 23, 120 00 Praha 2

Právní forma právnické osoby: občanské sdružení

Předmět činnosti: - podílí se na pomoci pro rozvojové země formou školení, propagace, konzultací a poradenských služeb  
- podílí se na přípravě a realizaci pilotních projektů zahraniční rozvojové spolupráce

Statutární orgán:

Předseda: Mgr. Daniel Svoboda

Místopředseda: Ondřej Urban  
Václav Frýdl

Počet členů sdružení je 26 k 31.12.2007.

Průměrný počet zaměstnanců od 1.1.2007 do 31.12.2007 byl 5,8.

Sdružení nevlastní dlouhodobý majetek, proto nemá zpracován odpisový plán. Majetek neuvedený v rozvaze: sdružení zakoupilo počítačovou sestavu dne 12.12.2007 v hodnotě 30.732,- Kč a tento majetek je veden v podrozvahové evidenci.

Hospodaření:

Doplňující údaje k výsledovce: Provozní dotace od MZV ČR jsou vykázány ve výši 1 657 tisíc Kč, část dotace ve výši 855 tisíc Kč, která byla poskytnuta na základě smlouvy o rozvojové spolupráci od Ústavu mezinárodních vztahů, je vyúčtována v položce Tržby za vlastní výkony.

Sdružení se během roku podílelo na rozvojové spolupráci v zemích: Vietnam, Malawi.

Od rozvahového dne nenastala žádná významná skutečnost, která by měla vliv na účetní závěrku.

V Praze, dne 6.3.2008



  
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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

## To the Administrative Board

I have audited the accompanying balance sheet of **Development Worldwide, civic association** (hereafter the Association) with the seat in Máchova 23, 120 00 Praha 2, Id. No. 26584212 as at December 31, 2007 and the related profit and loss account for the period then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of management of the Association. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with the International auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on the test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statements presentation. I believe that my audit provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above **present fairly**, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at December 31, 2007 and the results of its operations for the period then ended in accordance with the relevant legislation of the Czech Republic and the generally accepted accounting principles.

Písek, March 12, 2008

Ing. Blanka Hálová  
auditor - decree No.1508  
Na Staré silnici 114  
397 01 Písek - Semice



## BRIEF INFORMATION ABOUT DWW, CIVIC ASSOCIATION

### PRIORITY AREAS OF DWW ACTIVITIES

#### DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION AND RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS

(seminars, workshops, conferences, publications)

#### HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

(ODA trainings for project managers and university students)

#### CONSULTANCY AND ADVISORY SERVICES

(for all the government and non-government bodies)

#### IMPLEMENTING HIGH STANDARDS INTO CZECH AND EU ODA SYSTEMS

(effective project cycle management, focus on sustainability and results)

#### ASSISTANCE BY BUILDING CZECH DEVELOPMENT CONSTITUENCY

(enhancing capacities, especially co-operation with FoRS, CDA and MFA)

#### PREPARATION, IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION OF ODA PROJECTS

(emphasis on pilot projects and on demonstration of their procedures and results)

#### FACILITATING CONTACTS WITH DEVELOPING AND DONOR COUNTRIES

(appropriate response to the needs and opportunities)

### DWW MEMBERS

At present, DWW has 27 members with specific expert experience covering a wide range of development problems, in particular in the following areas:

- environment protection, including environmental management systems;
- geology, hydrogeology, geochemistry and geophysics;
- community works - human health protection, social care, work with children;
- development education and awareness;
- support to small and medium size enterprises;
- financial instruments for sustainable development and institutions building.

DWW and its individual members are actively engaged in building the new ODA systems in the Czech Republic and other EU member states. DWW members have international working experience in the following countries:

- Afghanistan • Albania • Armenia • Austria • Belgium • Bolivia • Bosnia and Herzegovina • Bulgaria • Burkina Faso • Cameroon • Canada • Croatia • Egypt • Estonia • France • Georgia • Germany • Greece • Guinea Bissau • Hungary • India • Iran • Ireland • Israel • Jordan • Latvia • Libya • Lithuania • Luxembourg • Macedonia • Malawi • Malaysia • Mali • Morocco • Moldova • Mongolia • Monte Negro • Mozambique • Netherlands • Pakistan • Palestine • Peru • Philippines • Poland • Romania • Slovakia • Slovenia • Serbia • Spain • Sri Lanka • Sudan • Surinam • Syria • Tanzania • Tunisia • Turkey • United Kingdom • Vietnam • Yemen • Zambia.