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Introduction

The civic association Development Worldwide (DWW) has been working for seven years...

Thus we can state that we have succeeded in finishing the first grade of the primary school of life. Hopefully, we did not disappoint our parents, teachers, schoolmates and friends, but primarily, we truly learnt a lot and we know that many new tasks and exams still await us.

The first and very important new exam consists in our involvement in a common project of the NGO platform FoRS - Czech Forum for Development Co-operation since the end of 2008. The project is implemented within the Czech presidency in the EU Council and it focuses on development effectiveness of civil society organisations (CSOs). FoRS approved this topic, which we had suggested, as early as in 2007 and in 2008 it was given a worldwide dimension through the global process "Open Forum for CSO Development Effectiveness". The NGO's efforts to get involved more responsibly, and, first of all, more actively and confidently in the international development co-operation were acknowledged also by donors and governments in so-called "Accra Agenda for Action". In Ghana's capital Accra, the "Global Facilitation Group" was established in late August and early September 2008, during discussions among NGOs and the High Level Forum of Governments and Donors to evaluate the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness. The Group focuses on searching for and pushing forward effectiveness principles in work of CSOs, i.e. emphasis on positive and long-term impacts of our activities on the life of people in developing countries. In this group of 25 people from all over the World, I represent countries of the EU Presidency "Troika" (France, Czech Republic, and Sweden) and I try to support activities in the new EU member states, too. I am convinced that the transformation experience of new donors is a great value added that should be used in development co-operation as much (and soon) as possible.

In 2008, we were also providing consultancy and training to our partners. The main educational event was the international development evaluation training Czech DET 2008 which received very high rating from the participants. With a contribution from the Czech Republic's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Czech DET was implemented for the second time (in 2009 there will be the third year), again in co-operation with the main lecturers of the Canadian Summer School IPDET (www.ipdet.org) and under the auspices of the International Development Evaluation Association IDEAS (www.ideas-int.org). We have been supporting the activities of IDEAS in long terms. In 2008 for instance, we took part in organizing of an international workshop on Impact Evaluation in Kuala Lumpur. For that matter, the topic of impacts evaluation is closely connected with obligations to increase effectiveness of development assistance.

Our long-term work in Vietnam has also been continuing in 2008. Along with the on-going project funded through the Ministry of Environment and two trilateral projects co-financed by the Czech Republic's MFA, our co-operation with the Vietnam Environment Protection Fund (VEPF) has strengthened even more. Together, we have organized the first official presentation of VEPF programmes in Da Nang. Eighteen representatives from the Czech Republic have also taken part in this several-day event and the entire co-financing was ensured from sources outside the Czech foreign development co-operation programme. The successful development project in Malawi, which is financed from private sources entirely, has entered into its third year of existence.

You can find a list of main project and activities in this Annual Report. The Report's purposes, however, is not only to "present our accounts" but, first of all, to confirm our conviction that development co-operation really can make a difference. Thus I would like to thank everyone who strives for a positive change again!



Daniel Svoboda
Chairman, Development Worldwide, civic association

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Our civic association's activities continue in several main areas:

- a) Capacity building in NGOs – the primary target group is the members and observers of the platform FoRS - Czech Forum for Development Co-operation (www.fors.cz).
- b) Development education – in addition to NGOs, we also focus on the other partners within the Czech development community, i.e. university students, project managers and representatives of institutions that are in charge of management and co-ordination of the Czech ODA (Official Development Assistance).
- c) Support to co-operation on the EU level and advocating the new member states' interests; in this area, Development Worldwide plays a key role in several working groups of CONCORD (European NGO Confederation for Relief and Development – www.concordeurope.org).
- d) Strengthening co-operation on the international level – at this point, efforts to increase effectiveness of European development co-operation mingle with global endeavor to look for feasible possibilities to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. An important partner of DWW is the International Development Evaluation Association (IDEAS), the Czech Evaluation Society and also institutions of the World Bank's group or UN agencies. Since the second half of 2008, we also have our representation in the Global Facilitation Group (GFG) of the global process, i.e. Open Forum for CSO Development Effectiveness.
- e) Development projects implemented in Vietnam and Malawi – in fact, each of them is an illustrative one. In Vietnam, we continue co-operating with other donors (Austrian ADA, Danish DANIDA, and Royal Netherlands Embassy in Hanoi), local authorities as well as the private sector (the project funded through the Ministry of Environment). Volunteers from several countries take part in the solution to the Malawi project which goes on being financed from private sources.

All DWW activities are interlinked both on the level of the single projects' complementarity and, particularly, in the use and sharing of experience gathered.

The DWW work takes place on voluntary basis (unpaid or partly paid activities of the members) and we also use financing from different sources within:

- Single national and international development projects;
- Sponsors' gifts;
- Our own income from the services provided (consultancy and training, organizational and administrative support, experts' work and publishing, etc.);
- Members' contributions.

In the following text there is a summary of DWW activities in 2008 according to the main projects to which most accompanying activities related.

„THE COMMON RESPONSIBILITY“

(A PROJECT FOCUSED ON DEVELOPMENT OF EVALUATION CAPACITIES IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC)

The project “The Common Responsibility” has been implemented within a subsidy programme of the Czech Republic's Ministry of Foreign Affairs “Capacities” for NGOs working in the area of development co-operation. Duration of the project was from January to December 2008.

The **long-term goal** to achievement of which the project was to contribute is to increase effectiveness, i.e. the quality and impacts of the Czech ODA. A greater understanding of the development co-operation principles and a higher quality of the projects and their evaluation should also facilitate a more significant involvement of Czech organisations in the development projects of the EU and other donors.

Our project strengthens the expertise of managers and those who implement development projects and it also focuses on international exchange and sharing of experience. At the same time, it opens new possibilities for mutual co-operation. However, it will only be possible to prove the increase of the

project quality and decision-making process in medium terms, when the new system of the Czech foreign development co-operation is well-established and evaluations of Czech development projects and programmes are renewed.

The project's **overall outcome** was to build evaluation capacities in the Czech Republic and this objective includes not only the increase of expertise but also capability to incorporate the principles of development effectiveness into all stages of the project cycle.

Even though fulfillment of the indicator consisting in achievement of the goal (i.e. at least 7 DET graduates involved in evaluations in the Czech Republic) is complicated by the fact that evaluation of ODA was stopped and a new evaluation system is under preparation, it is obvious that at least the graduates from central ministries (altogether 7 participants from Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Finance and Ministry for Regional Development) and their subordinate organisations (altogether 12 participants) are or definitely will be involved in the evaluations. For most of the other Czech and foreign participants from the private, non-profit and university sectors, evaluation is an integral part of their work. An example of specific follow-up activities can be a several-month training of evaluation and project management for workers at the Regional Council of the cohesion region – Northwest, implemented at the end of 2008 by several graduates of Czech DET.

Three outputs were fulfilled to achieve the project's objective:

Output 1: Active involvement in the international discussion concerning ODA effectiveness

All indicators have been fulfilled within the project. They consisted in involvement in national and international evaluation societies, in publishing expert statements concerning ODA effectiveness and in support to the Czech NGO platform FoRS and European confederation CONCORD.

Activity 1.1 Establishing or strengthening international co-operation with experts, institutions and associations

Along with on-going communication with lecturers in the Czech DET training, close co-operation with the global evaluation association IDEAS (the Czech DET main lecturer, Ray C. Rist, was elected a president of IDEAS for the next three years), European Evaluation Society and Czech Evaluation Society has continued, too. Within these societies' activities, we have been trying to get Czech experts and institutions involved much more.

Activity 1.2 Participation in at least 2 international conferences on ODA effectiveness, co-operation within the FoRS, CONCORD etc.

*In 2008, we continued representing FoRS in working groups of CONCORD: **FDR** (EU Funding for Development and Relief – the managing committee and sub-group for financial instruments) and **Aid Watch**. We have also taken part in establishing a new working group **CSO Development Effectiveness**. In addition to work on statements formulated by European NGOs and participation in several working groups in Brussels, we also participated in:*

- *International meeting of donors, representatives of governments from developed and developing countries and CSOs within the International Forum on Civil Society and Aid Effectiveness in Ottawa (February 2008), organised by the OECD/DAC Advisory Group,*
- *First meeting of Open Forum for CSO Development Effectiveness in Paris (June 2008),*
- *Parallel events of CSOs within the High Level Forum in Ghana's capital Accra (August – September 2008), including a meeting with the official Czech delegation,*
- *European Commission's regional seminar "Reinforcing Civil Society through Thematic Instruments and Programs" in Manila, the Philippines (October 2008).*



On the basis of results of the meetings in Paris and Accra, Daniel Svoboda was nominated to represent the platform FoRS in the Global Facilitation Group for CSO Development Effectiveness where he acts on behalf of the EU presidency and new member states (see www.cso-effectiveness.org). During the Czech EU presidency, we also took part in preparation and launching of the FoRS project (co-financed by the European Commission and the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs) the key topic which is development effectiveness of civil society organisations. The opening seminar on this topic was held in co-operation with CONCORD in November 2008 in Prague.

Other international activities were connected with representing of the association IDEAS (Daniel Svoboda as a member of the Board of Trustees and the other Czech members of IDEAS). Along with work in the nomination and election commissions, we also took part in preparation and implementation of a successful international workshop on impact evaluation in Kuala Lumpur (March/April 2008) that linked up with a conference of the Malaysian Evaluation Society. In 2008, a global conference of IDEAS was under preparation. Unfortunately, it had to be transferred from the originally planned localities in Kenya and Zambia to Johannesburg (March 2009) for safety and financial reasons.

On the European level, we presented information on the European Evaluation Society and Czech Evaluation Society at the Czech DET training in September 2008. In December 2008, there was training in Ireland organized by Dmitrij Švec, a DWW member, within training for the regional council of the cohesion region Northwest.

Activity 1.3 Preparation and publication of statements and expert's articles on development effectiveness

We do not want to participate passively in our partners' events but we try to make our own active contribution to increase evaluation quality and effectiveness of the development cooperation. Therefore, our project included preparation of our official statements (for the platform FoRS, campaign "Czech Republic against Poverty", confederation CONCORD or for DWW), experts' articles for the media or lectures for different conferences. An example of co-operation with the FoRS can be preparation of the publication "The World's Development – What Can You Do for It?" or finalizing the Aid Watch report "How the Czech Republic Helps".

As IDEAS representatives, we were managing a workshop in Kuala Lumpur on impact evaluation and we presented a final summarizing lecture "Impact Evaluation – Why, What, How and Who?" (see <http://www.ideas-int.org>). We were editing a collection of the presentations, too.

In the Czech Republic, in co-operation with Czech and Vietnamese partners, we organized two roundtables on development co-operation in Vietnam (Ministry of Environment in June 2008 and Czech Development Agency in October 2008), including our own contributions. We have presented our experience with development co-operation in Vietnam in different media (Lidové noviny, Hospodářské noviny, Czech Radio) and other events took place in Vietnam with representatives of the Czech Embassy, Czech Development Agency, Ministry of Environment and State Environmental Fund being present. Information on Czech development co-operation was published in different Vietnamese media. An educational publication "Vietnamese Inspirations", prepared in co-operation of 7 organisations implementing Czech projects, was produced within a separate project for the Czech MFA.

A long article on the Malawi development project, which is financed from private sources, and experience of the project coordinator Tereza Mirovičová was published in the weekly Respekt.

A report summarizing the meeting in Accra was prepared and distributed to FoRS members. Another contribution on the Paris declaration was published in the cultural weekly A2.

In Manila, we presented information on the EU thematic programmes, activities of the EU confederation CONCORD and the FoRS presidency project at a separate workshop as well as within the European Commission's seminar. A report from the seminar was submitted to the FDR working group. Later on we took part in editing of the summarizing report of all the three regional EC seminars.

Output 2: Trained evaluators and managers of development projects

All of the project's indicators were exceeded significantly because 43 Czech and 16 foreign participants have graduated from the training. Overall success in the key questions concerning the course's quality and usability was evaluated as 4.67 and 4.26, which is 93% and 85.2% of a five-point scale, and 98 % respondents would recommend the course to their colleagues.

Activity 2.1 Professional and logistic preparation of Czech DET 2008

From the very beginning, we have been in contact with the lecturers and we prepared source materials for the training with them. There have been several meetings at the place of the future training and all logistic issues were resolved.



Because of great interest, the course's capacity was increased from 45 to 59 participants, which was the maximum number that the financial sources and accommodation services enabled.

Activity 2.2 Implementation and evaluation of Czech DET 2008

It was six-day training and it took place in Kamenice nad Lipou. International experts Ray C. Rist and Linda G. Morra (founders and main organizers of the IPDET summer school in Ottawa – see www.ipdet.org) were giving the



lectures. Petr Halaxa, the Czech Republic's permanent representative in the EU for development co-operation was in charge of lectures the sixth day. Representatives of Czech and foreign ministries (Poland, Slovenia and Romania), 3 representatives of Czech Development Agency, a UNDP representative from Bratislava, workers at regional councils and people from Czech and foreign NGOs and consulting companies took part in the training.

The programme included 11 lectures of the Canadian module IPDET and a separate section on the EC evaluation system. At the end of the course, the participants presented results of their one-week work in small groups: "Project Logic Model and Evaluation

Design Matrix". The results of the course evaluation are available at www.dww.cz.

Output 3: Database of source materials concerning evaluation and effectiveness of ODA

A list of publications available in the DWW database and library included about 440 items at the end of 2008. The publications are available in electronic form or they can be lent.

Activity 3.1 Monitoring and appraisal of documents on evaluation and effectiveness of ODA

Available sources concerning the above topic were monitored for the whole year while specific attention was paid to documents on a wider effectiveness area, in connection with preparation of High Level Forum to examine Paris Declaration. In this context, we would like to refer to the websites: www.betteraid.org and www.cso-effectiveness.org. Other source materials were gathered in co-operation with IDEAS, EES and Czech Evaluation Society and during participation in different international events. Training documentation provided to participants in the course Czech DET 2008 can also be considered as important material on ODA evaluation.

Activity 3.2 Updating the DWW website with a file of documents, interconnection with websites of FoRS and Czech Evaluation Society

The database of documents on both related topics is compiled and available to the public; it is being updated continuously at www.dww.cz. Selected items have comments with a brief annotation – this information will also be extended gradually. We provide specific source materials to webmasters of FoRS and Czech Evaluation Society, too.

Activity 3.3 Establishing a library of documents

The electronic database also includes items contained in a library of printed documentation available in the DWW office and the single materials can be borrowed. These items encompass official publications and materials printed from websites or documents from international events concerning development co-operation. Some extra copies were given to the Czech Evaluation Society.

Generally speaking, we consider this project very successful, particularly with respect to the results of evaluation of Czech DET 2008. We also think it is feasible to fulfill the long-term goal and objectives. The results of the project evaluation will be used in our follow-up activities.

A positive feedback and interest of the main lecturers were the main preconditions for a decision to organize a follow-up training **Czech DET 2009**. Both of these preconditions were fulfilled unambiguously and the evaluation results and the participants' personal comments are very binding for us. Thus we decided to accept the challenge and continue in tradition of training the content, quality and availability of which are quite unique in the European context as the course will be included in the official offer of IPDET regional training.

Concerning the two remaining parts of the project, i.e. involvement in international discussion and database of source materials, we think that the success indicators have also been fulfilled and exceed.

As for the obligation to get involved actively in the international discussion about development effectiveness, the main acknowledgement of our work is the nomination of Mr. Daniel Svoboda for the

international Global Facilitation Group and the worldwide process within Open Forum for CSO Development Effectiveness. In this 25-member working group, Europe is represented by three organisations; FoRS stands for three presidency countries (France, Czech Republic and Sweden) and also new EU member states. At the end of 2008, a decision was made to establish a working group within CONCORD to deal with these issues and a presidency project was launched within FoRS to contribute to the global process of establishing the principles of effectiveness of civil society organisations. We have the role of a facilitator in this project.

VIETNAMESE INSPIRATIONS

(A PROJECT FOCUSED ON DEVELOPMENT AWARENESS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC)

Preparation of the publication “Vietnamese Inspirations (not only about development projects)” began in 2007 and it was finished in January 2008. It is to bring Vietnam closer through personal experience of people who have implemented development projects in this country. The educational project was prepared in co-operation with the Czech Republic’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in connection with activities to inform about priority countries for the Czech ODA. In addition to DWW, six other organisations took part in preparation of the publication, namely ADRA, Czech University of Life Science in Prague, Deconta Co., ETC Consulting Group Ltd., Hospimed Co. with its partner (Motol Hospital) and Mott MacDonald Praha, Ltd. and partners.



The publication has 36 printed pages and instead of 200 copies that were planned originally, 500 copies were printed upon the participants’ agreement. An electronic version was also worked out to be presented on the partners’ websites.

We hope the publication has increased interest in this beautiful and interesting country. Indeed, Vietnam, and particularly people in rural areas, do need our help and support. Despite dynamic development, Vietnam is still affected by consequences of the US-Vietnam war. Even at present, many localities are contaminated with dioxins and disabled children are still being born, the inhabitants suffer from industrial pollution and lack of drinking water, basic services are not available or their quality is insufficient. Poverty is decreasing only slowly – this is connected with obsolete processes in agricultural and industrial production. We care about success of our projects as well as those of the other Czech organisations and we are convinced that the Czech Republic should, with respect to long-term co-operation and our own transformation experience, take a greater share of responsibility for gradual removal of problems in this country.

PROJECT - NO PROBLEM (PNP)

(LONG-TERM TRAINING FOR PRAGUE’S NGOS)

The project is implemented in co-operation with the civic association ADRA, it was launched at the end of 2006 and in 2008 it was finished successfully with four four-day workshops within a practical training module and with publishing of two training manuals (theoretical and practical one). The manuals are intended for NGO managers and future trainers. The project was co-financed by the European Social Fund, the Czech Republic’s Government and the Prague City Council.

The DWW has taken part in the project’s organisation, providing assistance to the coordinator and preparing the training. We also guaranteed expertise for the training, ensuring lecturers and finalizing the presentations and manuals.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

IMPROVING WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT IN DAO XA, VIETNAM

(TRILATERAL DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION PROJECT)

In handicraft villages where traditional crafts are concentrated, e.g. in Dao Xa in province Bac Ninh, there is uncontrolled pollution that has significant negative impacts on human health and the environment. Water pollution belongs to the key problems.

The project was identified and prepared by our partner organisation IWE as a result of a previous project CAPERA (Capacity Building for Environmental Risk Awareness) and it focused on improvement of wastewater management in Dao Xa community. Within the project, a new reed bed treatment system was built and educational events were organized. The project was implemented from April to December 2008 and it was covered from the Czech ODA (42%), Royal Netherlands Embassy, Hanoi (21%) and the province Bac Ninh (37%).



The project team members were Czech, Dutch and Vietnamese experts. The main partner IWE was exchanged during the project, due to Vietnamese building laws, with the Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DONRE) in the province Bac Ninh.

At the end of 2008, a Netherlands expert, Mr. Bryan Hugill carried out an independent evaluation of the project and proposed operational improvement and identified possibilities for further co-operation in the area of environmental protection in traditional

Vietnamese villages. The reed bed treatment system was then handed over to the local agricultural cooperative in Dao Xa. During the first years of the system's operation, the province of Bac Ninh will take part in necessary financing and IWE will monitor the operation and provide consultancy and expertise (e.g. sampling and analyses) if necessary. Ms. Phung Thi Phuong Hien, our local project coordinator, continues working closely with all of our Vietnamese partners.

During the year 2008, it was necessary to solve a number of critical problems, especially in relation to the building permit (later allocation of the subsidy made the project's beginning complicated) and in connection with a change of responsibilities on the side of the Vietnamese partners. During the works, a need to increase the budget for construction works emerged. This problem was resolved partly by restructuring the project's budget and partly by a higher co-financing provided by the province. Another big problem consisted in significant changes in exchange course between CZK, USD, EUR and VND.

The project's **long-term goal** is to decrease the negative impacts on human health in Dao Xa and to demonstrate a solution that can be of multiplication nature, i.e. to show that "it is possible to treat water" which can result in more extensive investment in water protection in the future.

The **objective** was to increase the quality of surface and irrigation water and to enhance awareness of the necessity to protect the environment and the way to achieve this goal for the inhabitants, local authorities and experts. Two main outputs, a functioning treatment system corresponding to the local conditions and preparation and distribution of educational and training materials, were also in accordance with these two main objectives. Keenness and willingness of the partners and the other key groups in Vietnam to contribute actively to fulfillment of the project's objectives were important factors that had a positive influence on the project's implementation and results.

The project affected efficiently one of the critical places in the serious environmental pollution at the locality chosen and it laid on the groundwork for a serious and constructive approach of both the local authorities and the inhabitants to environmental problems, particularly because it managed:

- To increase awareness, within the community as well as on the governmental and international levels, of environmental and health risks resulting from the pollution, as a significant phenomenon accompanying the life in handicraft villages, and of possibilities to prevent the risks.
- To help local people as well as local authorities to identify environmental risks, but mainly to implement specific solutions, i.e. to take local technological and infrastructure measures and improve the management.
- To create preconditions for addressing and possibly getting other financial sources, both local and foreign, on the basis of well-prepared environmental projects.

Sustainability of the results on the local level will depend on operational discipline in using the separate sewer for municipal and industrial wastewater, in operating the treatment system, in proper sludge management etc. This is conditioned especially by financial means provided by the agricultural cooperative, DONRE and the province, and by the will to operate the treatment system properly. Sustainability can be accelerated by IWE and its research programme in water protection and monitoring of the system's efficiency. We think that the Vietnam Environment Protection Fund (VEPF) will also play an important role in sustainability as it took part in the project conclusion and it will push forward traditional handicraft villages as one of the priorities in the solution to the key environmental problems in Vietnam.

Czech ODA in the environmental area should not neglect problems of traditional handicraft villages because about 10 million people live in completely unsatisfactory conditions and it is a specific phenomenon of Vietnam. A systemic solution to these highly contaminated localities is necessary and the use of Czech organizations' knowledge and expertise could play an important role.

REHABILITATION OF THE PROVINCE THUA THIEN HUE CONTAMINATED WITH DIOXINS, VIETNAM

(A PROJECT OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT)

A project of Czech ODA "Rehabilitation of the Province Thua Thien Hue Contaminated with Dioxins", administered by the Ministry of Environment, was launched in 2006. It assesses the impacts of area spraying with dioxins (Agent Orange) during the US – Vietnam War and contributes to its elimination. Development Worldwide takes part in this project as a partner of the company DECONTA, Co.

Our Vietnamese partner is the Department of Foreign Affairs of the People's Committee in Hue. During the project, we established relations with the Government Commission 33 that is in charge of the solution to the consequences of dioxins (the present Commission's director took part in a study trip to the Czech Republic), MONRE (Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment) and Vietnam Agent Orange Victims Association.



Work on reconstruction of the main water supply duct, including home service pipes, continued during the third year of the project. Results of a risk analysis in the locality Phong My were presented and risks in another affected locality (A So) were assessed. The assessments aimed at testing the evaluation methodology and examining the recommendations so as the project's procedures and results could be used in a much wider extent. Educational events have also continued and activities for the project's last year were under preparation. These

activities will include, inter alia, establishing of small ponds for safe fish breeding. Due to increased concentration of dioxins in fish from the local lake and reservoirs, it is necessary to focus on preventive measures to eliminate occurrence of dioxins in the food chain.

All of the project's recommendations and results are communicated continuously with the Vietnamese institutions and representatives of the international donors' community, especially UNDP.

The project's **main objective** is to remove taboo that accompanies dioxins and contribute to finding of suitable remedy or preventive measures that would avoid impacts of the long-ago war on the inhabitants. This is an ambitious goal, especially in the light of existing financial and political limitations but it is worth trying to achieve it. Every newborn disabled baby is an exclamation mark and the Czech Republic is one of a few countries that have true experience with dioxins and therefore can and must solve these problems!

CAPACITY BUILDING AT VEPF TO SUPPORT IMPROVEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN CONTAMINATED HOT SPOTS, VIETNAM (TRILATERAL DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION PROJECT)

The project was co-financed by the Austrian Development Agency ADA (70 %), the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs (20%) and DWW (10%) and it was implemented within the Regional Partnership Programme (RPP) and a subsidy programme of the Czech MFA "Support to trilateral projects of Czech organisations" from April to September 2008. We also co-operated with the Vietnam Environment Protection Fund and an Austrian NGO Welthaus Diözese Graz-Seckau.



The project aimed at an improvement of environmental conditions in handicraft villages. Industrial and municipal pollution is a huge problem here, especially because there is no management system to protect the environment in this type of settlements where industrial production is concentrated in household workshops. The project's purpose was to propose to VEPF effective instruments to increase awareness of its activities and to implement effective measures to protect human health and the environment.

All of the planned activities were carried out and the expected results of the project were achieved. In addition to methodological handbooks, several specific events were organized to support the project's objectives, for example:

- Training for Vietnamese experts in the Czech Republic focused on environmental risk assessment and setting priorities for financing; there was also a roundtable about development co-operation with Vietnam at the Ministry of Environment of the Czech Republic.
- Questionnaire survey in selected handicraft villages.
- International seminar for local authorities and other organisations in Da Nang. It was the first official presentation of VEPF for the public, with representatives of the Czech Ministry of Environment, State Environmental Fund and Czech Development Agency being present.



The project's main activities and outputs:

1. A Handbook on Environmental Audit – a part of participatory evaluation had been tested in two traditional villages and then it was submitted to VEPF.

2. A Handbook on Environmental Risk Assessment – it was replaced with a Decision-Making Toolkit for Environmental Issues based on true conditions in Vietnam.
The system of environmental priorities identification and decision-making processes was the main topic at training for VEPF and MONRE managers in the Czech Republic.
3. A Handbook on Environmental Priority Communication – the principles proposed were tested during the international seminar in Da Nang and also within co-operation on the preparation of a VEPF information leaflet.

The project succeeded in an increased interest in environmental protection. At the very first public presentation of VEPF programs in Da Nang, the participants appreciated both the mechanisms of support provided by VEPF and the international support of the Czech ODA projects. The media also got interested in the seminar; the Vietnamese TV prepared two 30-minute documents on VEPF support programs and environmental challenges in traditional villages. Czech and English subtitles are being prepared for the documents. Other information was published in different Vietnamese printed media.



Another promising indicator is support from the Czech Republic's State Environmental Fund which was formally confirmed by signing the Memorandum on Co-operation with the VEPF. This Memorandum complements memoranda signed between VEPF and DWW and the Czech Ministry of Environment and the Vietnamese Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE) in 2006 and 2007 respectively.

Valuable expertise, including feedback concerning drafts of the environmental handbooks and the overall environmental management system in Vietnam, was provided by Welthaus Diözese Graz-Seckau during the project's preparation and implementation. Together we came to a conclusion that an effective co-operation with VEPF must focus not only on practical or technological terms but also on legal, financial and methodological frameworks and on thorough environmental education. All of our Austrian partner's recommendations are in accordance with our long-term strategy of co-operation with VEPF.

DWW CROSS-SECTIONAL ACTIVITIES IN VIETNAM

Thanks to the DWW members' experience (they have been working in Vietnam since 2004), we continue providing support to the other projects implemented within co-operation with this priority country. In 2008 we were working closely with our partners in DEKONTA, Czech University of Life Science in Prague and ETC Consulting in Vietnam but we also organized two roundtables in the Czech Republic; the first one was with VEPF and MONRE representatives in June and the second one took place with people from PACCOM organisation and ministries represented in its board of directors at the Czech Development Agency in October.

We have also organized a journey of a Czech delegation (Czech Development Agency, Ministry of Environment, State Environmental Fund and Czech Trade) to the conference in Da Nang, including related meetings on the national level in Hanoi and visits to the partner institutions and project localities in Hue (Phong My) and Bac Ninh (Phong Khe). We also work closely with the Czech Embassy in Hanoi that provides a very effective support to all Czech projects.



We are going to go on focusing on complementarity of Czech development projects, inter-sector co-operation and also on involvement in preparation of new programmes.

THE PROJECT MALAWI - NEW CHANCE FOR NEW GENERATION

An extraordinary nursery

Something bigger and unlimited in time was born gradually and naturally from a single project that was originally planned for three years only (2005 – 2008).

The original intention of four volunteers from the Czech Republic, Malawi, Switzerland and the United States was to build and let “spread its wings” a pre-school educational centre for children between 3 and 6 years in rural areas. Relatively many nurseries are being established in Malawi in the last decade but their educational system is ineffective because the children (sometimes there are even 100 children for a single teacher!) must be sitting in a well-mannered way and repeating what the teacher says. The nursery built in co-operation of DWW and private sponsors in the village Juma is different in many ways.

It was opened in October 2006 and eight teachers are taking care for 80 children. The teaching is arranged in such a way so as the children could develop in all directions – intellectually, emotionally and physically. Everyday lessons include games, sport, dance, singing, story-telling and other activities supporting creativity development. The children are brought up to create their own views, to develop curiosity and independent thinking.



It is almost impossible to find teachers in Malawi rural areas who would be able to teach in a way focusing on the child's individual needs. The primary reason is because they have never experienced such teaching themselves. That is why it is necessary to pay special attention to the teachers.

Before the nursery had been opened in October 2006 the teachers went through introductory training on different teaching methods and needs of pre-school children. Training was then repeated regularly eight times a year and orphanages and nurseries from wider surroundings got increasingly interested in it. At the end of 2008, more than 80 teachers from almost 20 schools were taking regular part in the training. For a wide majority of them this is the first time they get pedagogical education because most of them have finished the primary school only. The training includes first of all:

- Examples of teaching sections in which selected teachers are demonstrating prepared examples of their teaching while the other are observing them. Afterwards they discuss what was good and what should be done better.
- Revision and enlargement of the Manual for Pre-School Teachers that is being formed gradually and is tailored to rural pre-schools and orphanages that have no money and very limited local sources. For many teachers, this Manual is a true treasure because it gives them advice how to proceed in everyday teaching and it contains a lot of examples of different games and other activities.
- Production of learning aids and toys that the teachers use in their schools.
- Exchange of experience among the teachers from different schools.

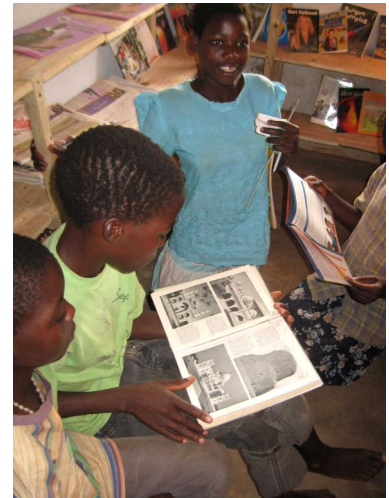




All training sessions are organised by the project team, sometimes in co-operation with UNICEF and Malawi Ministry for Women and Children Development.

In the spring 2008, the project team's dream finally became true and the nursery building finally began to serve for other purposes, too. Pupils from two adjacent

primary schools (at the age of 8 to 16) meet here for three hours every Thursday and Tuesday afternoon. This children's club is coordinated by three teachers; the children discuss different topics, go in for sports, play theatre or learn English. A small library with more than 100 books on different topics is a true treat for the children.



A mill and its publically beneficial value

At the end of 2007, the project team supported a group of villagers/volunteers in the village Kantimbanye who themselves had organized and established upon their own needs four centers for children under 7 years, especially for orphanages whose parents died of AIDS.



This outlying and inaccessible community urgently needed a permanent source of finances that they could use to maintain and develop their programmes. A corn mill, which was missing in this area, was built with a financial support from the project team. It has been working for two years and the profits from its operation are used to buy food for the community centers and for at least the minimum salaries for the teachers who work in the centers. The villagers do not have to go to other distant mills and the money that they otherwise would have spent there remain in their own community and are used for publically beneficial purposes.

A new Malawi non-profit organisation

With respect to a successful growth of programmes that the team implements in Malawi and to plans for the next years, the original plan, i.e. to stay in Malawi for three years only, has changed. The team decided to establish own non-governmental non-profit organisation. It was registered officially by the Malawi authorities in November 2008 and its name is boNGO (based on Need-driven Grassroots Ownership). They plan to remain a small but efficient NGO that will support those Malawi communities that began to strive actively for their own development based on their own initiative and proved that they are able to maintain their programmes without foreign or local sponsors, likewise the community in Kantimbanye. The civic association DWW will continue supporting this local NGO if possible.

The positive results of the Malawi project would never be possible without support and great trust of our private sponsors whom we thank very much again!

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In 2008, the civic association Development Worldwide continued in its active work to push through necessary changes in the area of Czech and European ODA and to support relations with the partners:

- We have given comments on a number of Czech and European strategic documents.
- We went on striving for an increase in the quality of development projects, namely through ongoing training activities (particularly it is the professional evaluation training Czech DET 2008) and consultancy as well as direct co-operation with authorities when evaluating specific projects.
- We have contributed to an increase of co-operation among the member organisations within the Czech Forum for Development Co-operation (FoRS) as well as co-operation among the single sectors in the Czech Republic. We took part in strengthening the position of FoRS on national and international levels, inter alia through the FoRS presidency project.
- We supported exchange of experience among new and original EU member states, especially in work for CONCORD.
- In co-operation with the International Development Evaluation Association (IDEAS) and initiative "Open Forum for CSO Development Effectiveness", we were trying to enhance the direct participation principle on European and global levels and to look for new approaches to increase effectiveness of development co-operation.
- We tried to use our own project experience, including trilateral projects with other donors (Austria, the Netherlands, Denmark), to increase the impacts of the Czech development co-operation program in Vietnam and to eliminate critical aspects of ODA in general.

Our priority tasks for the year 2009:

- To continue in stabilization and enlargement of DWW capacities and to prepare DWW and the other partners for a successful involvement in EU projects and other international programs.
- To go on focusing on Vietnam as our strategic region and to use both the positive and negative experience to strengthen the coordinated program approach to co-operation.
- To continue in the Malawi project and to explore possible co-operation with other countries.
- To support human resources development through training and promotion activities, especially in co-operation with the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czech Development Agency, NGO platform FoRS, IDEAS, Czech Evaluation Society and universities.
- To work actively for IDEAS (since May 2009 Mr. Daniel Svoboda has become the Vice-President of this organisation) and to support increase of effectiveness of development projects and programs.
- To support activities of FoRS and working groups within CONCORD. In 2009 it is mainly representation of the presidency and new EU member states in the Global Facilitation Group in the global process "Open Forum for CSO Development Effectiveness" and successful conclusion of the "presidency" project within the FoRS, dealing with the same topic.
- **And first of all, to support principal changes that are being established in Czech ODA system and to assert meeting of the Czech Republic's international obligations concerning the amount of finances, effectiveness, predictability and transparency in foreign development co-operation.**

International development cooperation must be based on effective cooperation on the national level and on good communication among all development actors. That is why we promote the partnership principle in all our interventions; we look for mutual advantages and mutual learning. This approach should help fulfill the theory of change and to prove the value added of the quality co-operation.

DWW FINANCIAL REPORT 2008

As overview of DWW financial management in 2008 we provide a copy of final accounts (balance, profit and loss statement). Bookkeeping for 2008 was audited by an independent auditor Ms. Blanka Hálová. Auditor's statement is attached to final accounts.

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 year 2008.

BALANCE **in simplified form**

List of entries
in accordance with Regulation No. 504/2002
in the wording of Regulation No. 478/2003

as at 31.12.2008
(in thousands of CZK)

Identification number

26584212

Name, seat, legal form
actively subject of accounting unit

Development Worldwide. c.s.
Máchova 23
120 00 Prague 2
Civic association
Development cooperation

ASSETS	State of the first day of fiscal period	State of the last day of fiscal period
A. Fixed assets		
I. Intangible fixed assets total		
II. Tangible fixed assets total		
III. Financial investments total		
IV. Cumulated depreciation total		
B. Current assets	489	655
I. Stocks total		
II. Debtors total		73
III. Cash and investments total	489	582
IV. Other assets total		
ASSETS TOTAL	489	655
LIABILITIES		
A. Own resources total	486	652
I. Equity total		57
II. Earnings total	486	595
B. Other liabilities	3	3
I. Reserves total		
II. Long-term liabilities total		
III. Short-term liabilities total	3	3
IV. Other liabilities total		
LIABILITIES TOTAL	489	655

Set up by the date: 29.03.2009

Signature entry:

Blanka Hálová

DEVELOPMENT
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IČO: 265 84 212



Profit and Loss Statement in simplified form

List of entries

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	Main activities	Economic activities
A. Expenses		
I. Consumption total	425	
II. Services total	2 942	
III. Personal expenses total	754	
IV. Taxes and fees total	1	
V. Other expenses total	52	
VI. Depreciation, sale of fixed assets, change in provisions, adjustments		
VII. Rendered dues total	9	
VIII. Income tax total		
Expenses total	4 183	
B. Revenues		
I. Own services and products total	1 536	
II. Changes in inventory of own products		
III. Capitalization total		
IV. Other revenues total	45	
V. Revenues from sales of assets, changes in provisions, adjustments		
VI. Received contributions total	354	
VII. Operational grants total	2 358	
B. Revenues total	4 292	
C. Earnings before tax	109	
D. Earnings after tax	109	

Set up by the date: 29.03.2009

Signature entry:



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Administrative Board

I have audited the accompanying balance sheet of **Development Worldwide a.s.** (hereafter the Company) with the seat in Máchova 7, 120 00 Praha 2, Id. No. 26584212 as at December 31, 2008 and the related profit and loss account for the period then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of management of the Company. 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 Company as at December 31, 2008 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, May 13, 2009

Ing. Blanka Hállová
auditor - decree No.1508
Na Staré silnici 114
397 01 Písek - Sennice



BRIEF INFORMATION ON DEVELOPMENT WORLDWIDE

DWW PRIORITY AREAS OF ACTIVITY

DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION AND AWARENESS RAISING

(Seminars, workshops, conferences, publications)

HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

(Professional training for project managers and university students)

CONSULTANCY AND ADVISORY SERVICES

(For all governmental and non-governmental partners)

INTRODUCTION OF HIGH STANDARDS OF ODA IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC AND EU

(Effective project cycle management, emphasis on the results and sustainability)

ASSISTANCE IN BUILDING OF DEVELOPMENT STRUCTURES

(Strengthening capacities, especially co-operation with the NGO platform FoRS, Czech Development Agency and Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

PREPARATION, IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

(Emphasis on sharing experience and demonstration of processes and project results)

FACILITATION OF CONTACTS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND EXPERIENCED DONORS

(Adequate response to needs and opportunities)

THE DWW MEMBERS

At present, DWW has 27 active members and their **professional expertise** covers a wide range of development problems, especially in the following areas:

- Protection of the environment, including environment management systems
- Geology, hydrogeology, geochemistry and geophysics
- Community work – health protection, social care, work with children
- Development education
- Support to small and medium-sized enterprises
- Financial instruments in sustainable development and building of development institutions
- Building of ODA systems

Foreign working experience of DWW members includes, inter alia, the following countries:

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