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Introduction

At the turn of November and December 2011, an agreement on the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation was reached in Busan, South Korea. We are happy that our vision on true partnership across borders and across sectors received such an important support in this international declaration. The year 2012 then brought a first opportunity for testing how seriously the development agencies, governments, private sector or civil society organizations take their commitments and whether they really care about effective development. The Civil Society Organizations (CSO) made already a second decisive step in this regard – after approving own Istanbul principles for CSO Development Effectiveness in 2010, a new global platform CPDE – CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness was established in 2012. This platform united the previous processes of the Open Forum for CSO Development Effectiveness and BetterAid. Another important step in the field of cross-sectoral cooperation with other actors was a decision to continue the cooperation within the multiactors Task Team on CSO Development Effectiveness and Enabling Environment, composed of donor agencies, partner governments, and CSO. At national level, we continued in implementing the Code on Effectiveness approved by the Czech NGO platform FoRS already in 2011, and the activities of the FoRS Working group “Effectiveness” expanded as well. Our civic association Development Worldwide (DWW) actively participated in all these processes and will definitely continue.

The second pillar of our activities is capacity strengthening and mutual exchange of experience among all development actors. This pillar includes our educational programs at three universities (University of Economics – VSE, Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague – CULS, and Metropolitan University Prague – MUP), organization of the annual summer school EPDET – European Program for Development Evaluation Training (EPDET 2012 took place in Slovakia), and cooperation in the frame of the Czech Evaluation Society, European Evaluation Society and IDEAS – International Development Evaluation Association. These activities will also continue.

The third pillar is our cooperation with Vietnam – both the implementation of development and humanitarian projects in Vietnam and joint activities with the Vietnamese minority in the Czech Republic. The projects in Vietnam are focused on environment and health protection and on mutual exchange of expertise (in 2012 we organized already the sixth Czech-Vietnamese conference, this time in Nha Trang city). In the Czech Republic, we assist in overcoming the barriers between the majority population and minorities. Besides the cultural events, with a flagship of already the third contest Miss Vietnam Czech Republic in 2012, we endeavor to help the Vietnamese to obtain the official status of national minority. At this moment, the minority status is granted for twelve minorities only: Bulgarian, Croatian, Hungarian, German, Polish, Roma, Carpatho-Russian, Russian, Greek, Slovak, Serbian, and Ukrainian. The Vietnamese are the third largest minority in the Czech Republic, after Slovaks and Ukrainians, but they still did not succeed in receiving an official recognition. More than sixty years of common history, mutual human, cultural or trade relations, and number of new Czech-Vietnamese activities are probably not a sufficient argument for the state authorities. They seem to prefer escalation of problems and criminalization of the minorities instead. We will continue in encouraging our Vietnamese friends and we believe that we will be jointly able to remove the remaining barriers.

I would like to thank to all our supporters and donors and I believe we will be meeting again during our common events. Partnership is not an empty term for us...



Daniel Svoboda
Chairman, Civic Association Development Worldwide (DWW)

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At present, DWW has 28 active members and their professional expertise covers solving development problems especially in the following areas:

- Technical protection of the environment, water and waste management, sustainable energy
- Environment management systems and environmental education
- Geology and remediation geology, hydrogeology, geochemistry, environmental risk assessment
- Community work – health protection, social care, work with children
- Development education and awareness
- Financial instruments in sustainable development and building of development institutions
- Building of systems in international development cooperation

Foreign working experience of DWW members includes the following countries:

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

The DWW long-term goal is to contribute to enhancing development effectiveness and strengthening partnerships between all development actors. Our principal strategy is responsibility, openness and experience sharing.

Further down there is an overview of DWW activities in 2012 which is linked to the umbrella project DEFNET within the Czech Development Agency program “Strengthening NGO capacities and partnership” and to the projects supporting cooperation with Vietnam, which were also partially funded by the program of the international development assistance of the Czech Republic.

DEFNET (DEVELOPMENT EFFECTIVENESS NETWORK)

Three-year project DEFNET (Development Effectiveness Network) was launched in 2010, following up with the results of the FoRS Presidency project and with the ongoing DWW involvement in the global process of the Open Forum for CSO Development Effectiveness (CSO – Civil Society Organizations). Since 2011, the project was enlarged by the aspects of capacity building which had been solved in the individual project “The Road to Results” the year before.

Daniel Svoboda coordinated all national and international project activities and at the same time he fulfilled the tasks within the FoRS platform, the European confederation CONCORD, the Global Facilitation Group of the Open Forum, and IDEAS – International Development Evaluation Association. The synergy and complementarity of all above mentioned actors was thus well ensured. Other team members included: Jan Banout for the CULS, Tereza Nemeckova for the MUP, DWW project assistant Jana Pickova and webmaster Tomas Svoboda, and technical experts Ondrej Pokorny and Petr Honskus. We also cooperated with external colleagues Dagmar Gombitova from the Slovak Evaluation Society, the lecturers Ray C. Rist and Linda G. Morra Imas (EPDET 2012), Zdenka Dubova from the civic association INFO-DRACEK, Tran Quang Hung from the Association of Vietnamese in the Czech Republic and number of DWW members and other friends, in particular Adela Lanova, Bui Thuy Duong and Thu Trang Nguyen.

The envisaged project outcome is an open partnership and national and international CSO networking with mutual capacity strengthening. Stress on own effectiveness and at the same time on enabling

environment provided by other actors should lead to the use of CSO added values and of their full potential. We put a special emphasis on the new member states of the EU (NMS) and on European countries outside the EU. The success indicators were at least three joint actions or positions related to development effectiveness, and participation of at least 5 NMS in the summer school EPDET – European Program for Development Evaluation Training.

Both indicators were exceeded. The first three joint actions took place already in 2010 – seminars in Prague within the CASE project and two panel discussions on development effectiveness in Warsaw. In 2011, the FoRS members approved the commitments of the FoRS Code on Effectiveness, and we continued in cooperation within the Open Forum and in joint projects of FoRS and other platforms. In 2012, we participated in the Central Training in Prague, organized jointly with the TRIALOG project. Regarding the second indicator, 44 experts from 11 countries participated in Slovak DET 2010, 32 participants came from NMS (Slovakia, Czech Republic, and Slovenia) and other from transition countries – Ukraine, Georgia, Serbia, and Albania. In EPDET 2011 in the Czech Republic, there were 56 experts from 22 countries, of which 30 from NMS (Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, Poland, and Romania) and 5 from non-EU European countries (Turkey, Kosovo, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Azerbaijan). Graduates of EPDET 2012 in Slovakia included 56 participants from 23 countries, of which 24 came from 6 NMS (Czech Republic, Estonia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia).

The long-term goal of the project and all DWW activities is increased effectiveness and higher impacts of development cooperation. The indicator of our contribution to this goal was to get the CSO positions through the 4th High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness (HLF) in South Korea in 2011, and an active engagement of at least 5 NMS in the CSO Development Effectiveness process. Both indicators were exceeded until the end of 2011. Most of the CSO requirements were reflected in the Busan declaration but the concern about fulfilling the agreed principles by the donors and governments still remains. In the Busan document, there are no concrete commitments on enabling environment for CSO or on strengthening true partnerships between all development actors. Regarding the second indicator, since 2010 the CSO from all 12 NMS actively joined the process, and also the CSO from many non-EU and CIS countries – Turkey, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia, Macedonia, Moldova, Kosovo, Albania, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Tajikistan, and Kirgizstan. Based on the current results, a new indicator on enforcing the development effectiveness commitments into practice was added – the expected outcome should be a cross-sectoral agreement on enabling environment standards.

The most important success at the international level was the establishment of the new platform CPDE – CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness, which merged the previous processes of the Open Forum for CSO Development Effectiveness and BetterAid. Czech platform FoRS actively participated in this transformation. We were also engaged in the activities of the multi-actors Task Team on CSO Development Effectiveness and Enabling Environment – the continuation of its activities was agreed in Amsterdam in April 2012. We also continued in cooperation with the FoRS members, among others in the Working groups on Effectiveness and Gender, or in the second annual assessment of the implementation of the FoRS Code on Effectiveness.

Considering the need for some flexibility depending on the progress since Busan, we proposed **four main building blocks/outputs** of our project in 2012:

- Output 1 – Enforcing the topic of development effectiveness into the agenda of international evaluation and other expert conferences
- Output 2 – Active engagement in the process of “development effectiveness and enabling environment” at national, European and global level
- Output 3 – Training EPDET in Slovakia
- Output 4 – Finalized modules for project cycle management and evaluation training at universities

The success indicator for the **Output 1** was at least 3 accepted contributions for international or national development events. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our participation in the 6th conference of the

African evaluation association AfrEA in Accra, Ghana. However, we sent a written contribution „Development effectiveness and the roles of evaluators beyond Busan“. We commented the results from Busan in an electronic IDEAS conference (and on the website www.ideas-int.org) in the contribution „Reflections to the 4th HLF on Aid Effectiveness in Busan – So what the Busan brings?“. Personally, we presented the topic of development effectiveness at following events:

- TRIALOG/FoRS Conference „Advancing Beyond 2015“ on 24 April 2012 with a contribution and workshop on „Partnership for Development Effectiveness – New Opportunity for CSOs“ (the contributions were also presented in the TRIALOG bulletins on 20 March 2012 and No. 9/2012);
- CIVICUS World Assembly on 2 – 9 September 2012 in Montreal with contribution „Partnership for Development Effectiveness“;
- 10th conference of the European Evaluation Society on 2 – 5 October 2012 in Helsinki with contribution “Evaluation of International Commitments – Busan Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation“.

Topic of development effectiveness was also covered by the annual conference of the Czech Evaluation Society on 30 May in Prague. We could not participate due to other parallel actions but we were fully engaged in the preparation of the conference.

We participated also in the preparation of the IDEAS conference (Barbados, May 2013) on „Evaluation and Inequality - Moving beyond the Discussion of Poverty“.

Output 2 was and will be the key one for enforcing the conclusions of the 4th HLF in Busan into development practice. During 2012, all international structures discussed the possibilities of continuing the multi-actors dialogue, exchange of experience, and cooperation. Also the consultations in CONCORD and between organizations engaged in the Open Forum and BetterAid continued. At the end of 2012, a new global platform CPDE – CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness was established. Also the continuation of the multi-actors Task Team on CSO Development Effectiveness and Enabling Environment was confirmed.

Confirmation of our membership in the international groups working with the results from Busan was the indicator for this output.

At national level we participated in expert events and consultations on strategic documents on development cooperation, including engagement in the FoRS Working groups on Effectiveness and Gender. Besides the tasks directly related to the FoRS Code on Effectiveness, preparation of the FoRS Annual assembly or representing FoRS in the international structures, we participated in the activities of the Evaluation working group of the Czech Development Cooperation Council and we were preparing inputs for the Aid Watch report 2012. We also responded the questionnaire on Consultation Paper – Preparing the European Commission Communication on Civil Society Organizations in Development.

In the Czech Republic there were many events related to the support of the Vietnamese minority, including the third year of the contest **Miss Vietnam Czech Republic** (since 2012 “Open for Europe”). The final evening took place in the TOP Hotel Praha on 24 June 2012 and attracted the interest of visitors from both nationalities, and of media. We organize this event jointly with the Association of Vietnamese in the Czech Republic, VIET MEDIA Company, and civic association INFO-DRACEK. In the jury, the Czech side was represented among others by the new Ambassador of the Czech Republic in Vietnam Mr. Martin Klepetko, member of the European Parliament and the reporter on the Free Market Zone between the EU and Vietnam Mr. Jan Zahradil, and the Director of the Czech Development Agency Mr. Michal Pastvinsky. The patronage was officially



provided by the Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Karel Schwarzenberg, the Mayor of the City of Prague Mr. Bohuslav Svoboda, or by the Ministry of Environment. The honorable foreign guests included the Ambassador of Vietnam in the Czech Republic Mr. Do Xuan Dong and representatives from the Embassies of Indonesia, Korea, Japan, Mongolia, Philippines, Thailand, and Azerbaijan. The event was visited also by two crews of the Czech TV, and two documents were consequently broadcasted on TV2:

- “The daughters of Vietnamese dragon”: <http://www.ceskatelevize.cz/ivysilani/10434244034-dcery-vietnamskeho-draka/21256226440/>. Czech TV also prepared 20 minutes edited version which was presented at the conference in Nha Trang (see below);
- „Vietnamese Miss“ in the program Babylon: <http://www.ceskatelevize.cz/ivysilani/1131721572-babylon/412236100152026/>.

Two more documents in the program Babylon about DWW and our patron Ms. Thu Trang Nguyen (First Vice-miss Miss Vietnam Czech Republic 2009) were broadcasted on TV2 already in spring 2012:

- <http://www.ceskatelevize.cz/porady/1131721572-babylon/412236100152008/>;
- <http://www.ceskatelevize.cz/porady/1131721572-babylon/412236100152009/>.

We commented the development cooperation also in the program STOP of the Cesky rozhlas radio station (on 18 April 2012).

At European level we represented FoRS in the Working group CSO Development Effectiveness of the European NGO Confederation CONCORD and we also renewed our engagement in the Working group AidWatch. Besides on-line communication we participated also in face-to-face meeting of both groups in Brussels on 26 – 29 November 2012.

In cooperation with CONCORD we participated in organization of the European consultations on development effectiveness and on new CPDE platform in Belgrade on 1 – 4 July 2012. During 2012 we attended many telephone-conferences and participated in drafting the European positions on CPDE.

The negotiations at global level on creating the platform CPDE started in Busan in December 2011 and this intention was confirmed by the meeting in Cebu, Philippines in February 2012. The Czech platform FoRS had been showing a direction for the whole process since 2009 and as the first engaged actor approved already in 2011 its own Code on Effectiveness, compatible with the Istanbul principles and providing also concrete indicators and monitoring mechanisms. In 2012 we participated in global, regional and thematic consultations on CPDE (several on-line conferences of the inner team and several stages of written comments) as well as in the discussions on the proposal of indicators for monitoring the Busan commitments – we devoted a special workshop on this issue at the CIVICUS World Assembly in Montreal, Canada, in September 2012.

Our representation in the Global Facilitation Group of the Open Forum for CSO Development Effectiveness was completed by establishing the CPDE (Nairobi, 9 December 2012). The national platform FoRS and CONCORD then approved the engagement of Daniel Svoboda in the new CPDE Working group on Enabling Environment.

We belonged to the active members of the Task Team on CSO Development Effectiveness and Enabling Environment and we participated in finalizing the strategic document. There is a clear consensus in this group of bilateral and multilateral development agencies, partner governments and CSO that the mutual consultations must continue. New strategy and action plan was prepared at the last meeting in Amsterdam on 17 – 19 April 2012. In March 2013 our continuing participation in this team was confirmed. We would appreciate participation of the Czech Development Agency in the group of active donors as the Czech procedures can be in many fields a good example for other donors. We can mention trilateral cooperation according to the commitments from the Accra Agenda for Action or emphasis on true development results. On the other hand, it is important to discuss and share experience with other donors and to follow the needs and requirements of other development actors. The Czech Republic representatives were invited to join the Task Team already in 2011. Considering our accession to the Development Assistance Committee (OECD/DAC) in 2013, this challenge is becoming even more topical.

Indicator of success for the **Output 3** was at least 35 graduates of EPDET 2012 and their rating of the use of new knowledge and skills at the minimum level 4 at the five-point scale.

During preparation of EPDET we particularly focused on the negotiations with DEVCO and other directorates of the European Commission. We succeeded in ensuring participation of Mr. Martin Pav from the Evaluation unit who prepared a brief presentation of the EC evaluation procedures.



EPDET 2012 took place in Samorin near Bratislava on 16 – 22 September 2012. The participants came from 23 countries of which 6 NMS (Czech Republic, Estonia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia). The training was provided again by Ray C. Rist and Linda G. Morra Imas. The evaluation was very positive, the average response to the key question “What is the likelihood that you will use the knowledge and skills obtained at the EPDET?” got the rating 4.32 (82.93%). The EPDET agenda, list of participants and complete results of the evaluation are available at www.dww.cz.

Indicator for the **Output 4** was the completion of manuals for lecturers and students in both Czech and English, and a positive assessment of the seminars by the students.

In the school years 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 new seminars on project management and evaluations were completed and tested at three universities – University of Economics (UoE), Czech University of Life Sciences (CULS) and Metropolitan University Prague (MUP).

At the CULS, the seminar Monitoring and Evaluation in the branch of International Economic Development was complemented by the exercise on Management of Development. Also the lectures on Project Management and Planning in Tropics and Subtropics were complemented by practical exercises. The university must decide about preparation of the new textbooks but the recommendations from the DEFNET project are already used for practical exercises. The coordinator represented this partner was Doc. Eng. Jan Banout PhD. The students evaluated the seminars during the last lecture. The evaluation was positive; the students were satisfied with the content of the seminars and exercises. Sharing of practical experience was most appreciated. Their recommendations for the next years include a focus on sustainability. The strengths included participation of external lecturers and a possibility to discuss concrete development issues from diverse regions. They also proposed presenting real-life evaluations and an opportunity for students to participate in project monitoring and evaluation.

At the MUP, the seminar on project management continued, and new evaluation modules were piloted. The partner coordinator was Eng. Tereza Nemeckova, Ph.D. The lessons were given twice in 2012 – in the summer semester 2011/2012 for the students of magister studies either in presence or combined form, and in the winter semester 2012/2013 for the students of the third year in the branch of International Trade. The rating of the seminar within the whole school survey was 1.7 (1 = the best, 5 = the worst). The management of the Department of International Trade agreed that the new seminar on development evaluations would be lectured from the school year 2012/2013 for the students of the third year of bachelor studies in the branch of International Trade.

At the UoE the courses on project management (using the DEFNET manuals) were complemented like in the previous years by special seminars provided by Daniel Svoboda. These took place on 15 – 16 May 2012 with a topic of development evaluations, and on 22 November 2012 two seminars on theory of change, logical models, and evaluations. The seminars at the UoE are coordinated by PhDr. Jaroslava Kaderabkova, CSc. from the Department of Regional Studies of the Faculty of National Economic.

A special training was provided on 7 – 9 February 2012 in Bratislava for 13 employees of the Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation. The training addressed concrete issues of the Slovak ODA and provided several concrete recommendations for improving the current procedures.

COOPERATION WITH VIETNAM

Our civic association has been working in Vietnam since 2004 when we were engaged in evaluations of two Czech ODA projects and participated also in international identification mission organized by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) in the frame of the trilateral program ODACE. Since 2005, we have been carrying out own development projects. In 2006 – 2009, we facilitated and coordinated several other Czech projects of development cooperation and humanitarian aid in Vietnam.

In 2012, we completed two-year project **„HCE2 – Program of improvement of social & environmental responsibilities in Ho Chi Minh City“**, funded by the French Development Agency AFD and implemented with the Ho Chi Minh City Finance and Investment State-Owned Company (HFIC) and the clients of this development fund (local authorities, hospitals, social housing companies, and environmental firms). The project included trainings, practical workshops and excursions, and international study tour for 26 Vietnamese experts to Indonesia. We also prepared several handbooks for the target groups (General handbook, Handbook to assess environmental and social impacts, Handbook for beneficiaries: Hospitals, Handbook for beneficiaries: Environmental companies, Handbook for beneficiaries: Social housing companies). The technical part of the project was completed by the last workshops and practical testing of handbooks through assessing concrete investment projects in December 2011. The whole project was concluded by the final ceremony in March 2012 and consequent preparation of the final report and updated manuals according to the feedback and requirements from the target groups and AFD.

The goal of the project is to contribute to sustainable development of Ho Chi Minh City by means of supporting the investments into infrastructural and other projects from the priority development fields. The outcome is represented by the trained experts of HFIC which will fully use the obtained knowledge for more effective financing of the investment projects and for assessment of their environmental, social and economic aspects and impacts.

The main coordinator of the project was Daniel Svoboda, the individual activities were managed by Petr Honskus, Jan Stejfa, Monika Pribylova, Simona Kosikova, Tomas Vanicky, Jaroslav Kreuz and Vietnamese colleagues Phung Thi Phuong Hien (coordinator of DWW projects in Vietnam, translations, review of legal framework) and Nguyen Ngoc Ly (expert consultations, managing trainings including logistics, interpreting and translations, case studies for testing, and communication with the HFIC).

The partner organization HFIC, after the testing the proposed procedures, confirmed their usefulness and applicability and it is preparing a system of long-term training of the employees, clients and partners. Sustainability of results will depend on the will of the HFIC management to implement the new procedures in practice (including acquiring their approval by the superior institutions) and partially also on funding for the envisaged School of management, which is important for capacity strengthening.

Since August 2011 we cooperate with the Czech University of Life Sciences and companies DEKONTA and ENVIROS in implementation of the project **“Sustainable Energy at Local Level in the Thua Thien – Hue Province in Vietnam”**. The project is funded by the Czech Development Agency. Its objective is installation and operation of biogas plants, including quality testing (according to the standards of the National Biogas Program for Animal Production in Vietnam) and training of the users in four districts in Thua Thien – Hue Province (Central Vietnam). The project should also evaluate the alternative sources of energy. DWW participates in the field surveys in the target communities, in assessment of alternative approaches and in the measures ensuring sustainability of positive impacts.

In 2012 DWW joined a new project **“Support to Overcoming the Consequences of Using Herbicides/Dioxins in Vietnam”**, implemented by the consortium DEKONTA – ALS also within the



program of the Czech development assistance. The objective of the project is to introduce monitoring systems at two army airports Phu Cat and Bien Hoa. DWW cooperates in overall project management and in expert works at the Bien Hoa airport. We also represented the consortium in some negotiations and in an international workshop on monitoring plan for Phu Cat airport which took place in Hai Phong in December 2012.

The objective of another project implemented in 2012 „**Environment Protection and Sustainable Development – International Conference in Nha Trang**“ is introducing the systems supporting sustainable economic, environmental and social development in Vietnam by means of an international exchange of experience and participative identification of priorities. Joint identification of problems should be followed by concrete projects that should become examples for other regions in Vietnam. The project was supported from the trilateral program of the Czech development assistance and co-financed by the Czech Ministry of Environment and Vietnamese Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment.

The long-term goal of the project is to support improvement of living conditions in Vietnam through the activities focused on environment protection. Systematic financial support to environmental projects, including environmental awareness, should be the indicator of success. The environmental programs should be supported by the Vietnam Environment Protection Fund (VEPF) and other state and regional institutions. The key assumption is a better transparency of decision-making and financial mechanisms. This field is supported also by other donors; a good example is an agreement on UN – EU Guidelines for Financing of Local Costs in Development Co-operation with Viet Nam, updated in March 2012.

Within the project, DWW prepared another study tour for the representatives of MONRE and VEPF to the Czech Republic. The Vietnamese delegation was led by the First Deputy Minister of MONRE, Mr. Bui Cach Tuyen. During this mission, a new Memorandum of Cooperation between MONRE and the Ministry of Environment of the Czech Republic (MoE) was signed on 23 May 2012. The program of the study tour included a visit to the energetically sustainable municipality of Knezice and the meeting with the representatives of the Association of Vietnamese in the Czech Republic in the Prague cultural and market centre SAPA. This meeting was attended also by the Ambassador of Vietnam in the Czech Republic Mr. Do Xuan Dong and the new Czech Ambassador in Vietnam Mr. Martin Klepetko. The mission was concluded by a Round Table on “Vietnam and Czech Republic: Cooperation for Sustainable Development”, carried out on 24 May at the Ministry of Environment.



During the mission, the participants agreed the organization of the fifth joint conference of VEPF and DWW, carried out in Nha Trang on 31 October – 2 November 2012. The objective of the conference was to support cooperation between Vietnamese and Czech organizations and to identify concrete project and programs to be jointly implemented.

The patronage over the conference was provided, besides the co-organizers VEPF and DWW, by the Deputy Minister MONRE Mr. Bui Cach Tuyen, by the Deputy Minister MoE Mr. Tomas Tesar (acting on behalf of the Minister Mr. Tomas Chalupa) and the Czech Ambassador in Vietnam, Mr. Martin Klepetko. The conference was attended by 120 experts from both partner countries, and also from the South Korea and Japan.

The contributions were presented in Vietnamese and Czech, top quality interpreting was provided by the DWW collaborator Mrs. Nguyen Thi Thu Hien. DWW arranged the both way translations of the presentations and also the final editing of all contributions, which were provided to the participants in both language versions in the Conference Proceedings. The participants also received a joint publication of DWW, VEPF and the State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic “Vietnam – Projects, Nature and People” which is a good example of well functioning cooperation of these three organizations.



The chairmen of the individual sessions of the conference were the Deputy Minister MONRE Mr. Bui Cach Tuyen, the Czech Ambassador in Vietnam Mr. Martin Klepetko, the Director of the VEPF Mr. Nguyen Nam Phuong, the Chairman of DWW Mr. Daniel Svoboda and the Deputy Minister MoE Mr. Tomas Tesar. The conference presentations were concluded by the member of the European Parliament and permanent reporter for the negotiations on the Free Market Zone between the EU and Vietnam Mr. Jan Zahradil. The Czech Ambassador Mr. Martin Klepetko then

provided a summary of results and suggestions of the conference and of the vivid discussion.

The presentations addressed the needs of Vietnam and the possibilities of expert solutions of problems in the field of environment protection and sustainable development. The Czech experts and organizations could well contribute to these effective solutions. Several concrete proposals for mutual cooperation were identified in the conference discussion block and the participants therefore continued in the bilateral negotiations after the end of the conference.

The second day the participants visited the Tapioca Starch Joint Stock Company FOCOCEV, processing cassava in the Phu Yen Province. The VEPF provided a subsidized loan for this factory to modernize the equipment as well as the waste management. Thanks to the excursion we could see an interesting comparison with the similar factory of SEPON in Quang Tri Province which we visited already three times in the past years. Compared to SEPON, the FOCOCEV still did not sufficiently solve the water treatment; after one-step pre-treatment and a partial use of the



wastes in the biogas plant, the water goes to the natural root wastewater treatment ponds in the environs of the factory. The biogas plant was put into operation only recently and thus its capacity and efficiency could not be assessed yet. The treatment of other wastes has not been solved yet either – some wastes can be used for recycling (for the fertilizers or feedstuff like in SEPON) or for energy production. The management of the factory plans to focus on these issues in the coming years.

The last day we visited a Coral Sea in the Nha Trang bay and the Hon Tre island and we thus could see the system of the care of natural heritage of Vietnam and the offers for eco-tourism (undersea aquarium, presentations of unique sea flora and fauna, organized diving in coral areas, etc.)

The mission included an additional agenda:

- 25 October 2012 Hoa Binh – visit to the Son Thuy Joint Stock Company (Wood Processing Factory).
- 26 October 2012 Hanoi (morning) – meeting with the Office 33, MONRE on the running project „Support to Overcoming the Consequences of using Herbicides/Dioxins in Vietnam”, attended also by the Director of the Office 33 Mr. Le Ke Son and the Secretary of the Czech Embassy in Hanoi Mr. Milan Vagner.

- 26 October 2012 Hanoi (afternoon) – negotiation with partner organizations and the Czech Embassy in the occasion of the national holiday of the Czech Republic.
- 29 October 2012 Thai Binh – visit to the rehabilitation center for dioxin victims (handover of the third contribution of 6900 USD to the partner organization VAVA Thai Binh from the public collection for the project “Support to Dioxin Victims in Vietnam”) and excursion to the industrial zone. The visit took place the day after a devastating typhoon and the delegation could thus see the negative impacts in one of the most damaged provinces. We therefore discussed the possibilities of cooperation in overcoming the consequences of similar natural catastrophes.



The project was coordinated by Daniel Svoboda, other team members included: project assistant Jana Pickova, DWW experts Petr Honskus and Jan Prasek and Vietnamese experts Ms. Phung Thi Phuong Hien (local coordinator), Ms. Nguyen Thi Thu Hien (interpreter) and Ms. Bui Thuy Duong (project assistant and interpreter). We also closely cooperated with all Czech participants in the conference. The main coordinator on behalf of the Ministry of Environment was Mr. Petr Krupa, main coordinators on behalf of the State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic were the Acting Director Ms. Radka Bucilova and Ms. Lenka Brandtova. Very significant support was provided by the member of the European Parliament Mr. Jan Zahradil, the previous Ambassador in Vietnam Mr. Michal Kral and the Secretary Mr. David Jarkulisch, the current Ambassador Mr. Martin Klepetko and the new Secretary Mr. Milan Vagner.

During the meetings between August and November 2012, we prepared a cooperation between DWW and the Office of National Steering Committee on overcoming of the consequences of toxic chemicals used by US during the war in Vietnam (Office 33) in a new project **„Rehabilitation Measures for Rural Areas in Vietnam Affected by Dioxins “**, which will start in 2013 within the Czech program of trilateral cooperation. The project is directly coordinated by the Office 33, MONRE.

After the return from Vietnam, we participated in the ceremonial opening of the Prague office of the BIDV – Vietnam Investment and Development bank (7 November 2012) and in the congress of the Association of Vietnamese in the Czech Republic (15 November 2012).

In 2012 we also continued in the public collection for the project **„Support to Dioxin Victims in Vietnam“**. The project supports the rehabilitation and training centre for Agent Orange victims in the Thai Binh Province. The project is jointly carried out by civic associations DWW and INFO-DRACEK, and the Association of Vietnamese in the Czech Republic. The rehabilitation centre was also supported from small local grants of the Czech Embassy in Hanoi. The public collection was after the first three years completed with gain of 392 667 CZK (around 19 900 USD) and after approval by the Municipality of Prague, we will renew the collection.

The health impacts of using Agent Orange during American–Vietnamese war influence in some cases even the fourth generation. There is not enough information in Vietnam on possible health complications related to dioxins in the food chain or to transfer from mother to children. An effective system of the health care for victims or system for their engagement in the society is also missing. Remediation of contaminated sites is another problem calling for urgent solutions.

The public collection was registered by the Prague Municipality under the number S-MHMP/312017/2010. The sponsors could send their contributions to the bank accounts 235581188/0300 (CZK) or 198711595/0300 (USD). The Czech sponsors could contribute also by means of DMS on phone number 87 777 – 30 CZK (of which 27 CZK come to the collection) by entry DMS DETIVIETNAM, or 30 CZK monthly for 12 consecutive months by entry DMS ROK DETIVIETNAM.



PROSPECT FOR THE YEAR 2013

In 2013, all key DWW activities will still aim at introduction of development effectiveness principles. The Czech platform FoRS will continue in monitoring of its Code on Effectiveness and in introducing of peer reviews (European NGO Confederation CONCORD considers a similar system). DWW will be still engaged in the FoRS Working groups on Effectiveness and on Gender, in the CONCORD Working groups on CSO Effectiveness and Aid Watch, and in national, European and global consultations. Also the CPDE Working groups will start their activities, and the activities of the multi-actors Task Team on CSO Development Effectiveness and Enabling Environment will be renewed. DWW will participate in all these structures within a new project **“Partnership for Development”**, supported from the Czech ODA program. We will endeavor to engage more the representatives of the Czech Development Agency and of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs into the international cooperation in the field of development effectiveness.

We will also continue in our methodological work and trainings, including courses at three universities (Czech University of Life Sciences, Metropolitan University Prague and University of Economics) and the seventh international summer school **EPDET – European Program for Development Evaluation Training**, which will take place in Prague in September 2013. We will also focus on methodological issues in the frame of cooperation with IDEAS and the Czech Evaluation Society – in May 2013 we will participate in the IDEAS conference „Evaluation and Inequality“ at Barbados and in the conference of the Czech Evaluation Society on “Responsibility for Results and Challenges for 2014+” in Prague.



Cooperation with Vietnam will stay a special chapter of our activities. We will continue in cooperation with the civic association INFO-DRACEK, the Association of Vietnamese in the Czech Republic and with other long-term partners. Besides cultural, awareness and education events, we will start also the preparations for the fourth contest **“Miss Vietnam Czech Republic”**; its grand final is planned in September 2014. We will organize a study tour for Vietnamese experts from energy sector (VECC – Vietnam Energy Consultancy Center, EVN – Electricity of Vietnam and representatives of main power plants). We will also participate in the organization of the study tour for the Vietnamese experts from the dioxin laboratories and the Ministry of Defense within the project of the consortium DEKONTA – ALS.

In Vietnam, we will continue in the running projects **“Sustainable Energy at Local Level in Thua Thien – Hue Province”** under the leadership of the Czech University of Life Sciences and **“Support to Overcoming the Consequences of Using Herbicides/Dioxins in Vietnam”** led by the consortium DEKONTA – ALS. We will start a new project **“Rehabilitation Measures for Rural Areas in Vietnam Affected by Dioxins”** with the Office 33, and jointly with recently established BPI-DWW Company we will endeavor to prepare several projects in Vietnam focused on using the wastes for energy production. We will renew a public collection for the project **“Support to Dioxin Victims in Vietnam”** after the approval of the financial report for the first three years by the Municipality of Prague.

Like in the past years, we believe that our development visions and missions are meaningful and we feel still stronger support and trust from our partners and target groups. We do not want to fail in meeting their expectations, and in addition, we enjoy our work and we welcome all new challenges.

DWW FINANCIAL REPORT 2012

Financial report of the civic association Development Worldwide is provided as a copy of the final accounts (the balance, and the statement of profits and losses). The 2012 accountancy was subject to an accounting audit carried out by Eng. Blanka Halova, an independent auditor. The auditor's statement is enclosed as well.

After the final accounts date, there was no event that would have any important influence on the civic association's activity and should therefore be reflected in the 2012 accountancy.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Administrative Board

I have audited the accompanying balance sheet of **Civic Association Development Worldwide** (hereafter the Company) with the seat in Máchova 469/23, 120 00 Prague 2, Czech Republic, Id. No. 26584212 as at December 31, 2012 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 my 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, 2012 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.

Praha, June 10, 2013

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



BALANCE in simplified form

List of entries
in accordance with Regulation No. 504/2002
in the wording of Regulation No. 476/2003

as at 31.12.2012
(in thousands of CZK)

Identification number
26584212

Name, seat, legal form
activity subject of accounting unit

Development Worldwide, c.a.
Máchova 469/23
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	1004	608
I. Stocks total		
II. Debtors total	100	5
III. Cash and investments total	904	603
IV. Other assets total		
ASSETS TOTAL	1004	608
LIABILITIES		
A. Own resources total	1001	608
I. Equity total	17	17
II. Earnings total	984	591
B. Other liabilities	3	
I. Reserves total		
II. Long-term liabilities total		
III. Short-term liabilities total	3	
IV. Other liabilities total		
LIABILITIES TOTAL	1004	608

Set up by the date: 25.03.2012

Signature entry:




Development Worldwide, o. s. (DWW)
Máchova 469/23, 120 00 Praha 2, CZ
IC: 265 84 212

Profit and Loss Statement in simplified form

List of entries
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as at date 31.12.2012
(in thousands of CZK)

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activity subject of accounting unit

Development Worldwide, c.a.
Máchova 469/23
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Identification number

26584212

	Main activities	Economic activities
A. Expenses		
I. Consumption total	17	
II. Services total	2011	
III. Personal expenses total	578	
IV. Taxes and fees total		
V. Other expenses total	211	
VI. Depreciation, sale of fixed assets, change in provisions, adjustments	95	
VII. Rendered dues total	6	
VIII. Income tax total		
Expenses total	2918	
B. Revenues		
I. Own services and products total	652	
II. Changes in inventory of own products		
III. Capitalization total		
IV. Other revenues total	6	
V. Revenues from sales of assets, changes in provisions, adjustments		
VI. Received contributions total	144	
VII. Operational grants total	1721	
B. Revenues total	2523	
C. Earnings before tax	-394	
D. Earnings after tax	-394	

Set up by the date: 25.03.2012

Signature entry:




Development Worldwide, o.s. (DWW)
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DWW PRIORITY AREAS OF ACTIVITY

DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

(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 IN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

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

ASSISTANCE IN BUILDING DEVELOPMENT STRUCTURES

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

PREPARATION, IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

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

STRENGTHENING RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND EXPERIENCED DONORS

(Adequate response to needs and opportunities of the developing world)

