

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

INTRODUCTION

Still in the grip of the pandemic, but having already completed the previous year's work, we have only just started the year 2022 when the Russian-Ukrainian war broke out. In immediate response to the sudden humanitarian crisis, we reorganised our centres in both Ukraine and Hungary to focus on supporting victims of the war. The crisis mobilised the Hungarian civil and corporate sectors and put people at the service of the cause, and our organisation was able to collect and deliver unprecedented amounts of donations as a result of this extraordinary unity. In the framework of Hungary's largest aid programme, which will extend beyond 2022, for the support of IDPs/refugees in Ukraine and Hungary, we have helped more than 242,000 people in need, including – among others - almost 1,700 tonnes of relief goods, worth around HUF 6.5 billion. In addition to our internationally significant aid programme, which reaches 20 regions in Ukraine, we have also focused on refugees arriving in Hungary. At the same time, we have been involved in helping the victims of the earthquake in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and we have delivered life-changing development projects for thousands of people affected by years of drought, famine, prolonged civil war and refugee flows in Ethiopia.

In parallel with the emergency humanitarian aid programmes, developments continued in Hungary, alongside the operation of our services to help the deprived and needy ones: the expansion of our institutional network, the modernisation of social and development centres, and making them environmentally friendly and sustainable. In addition to the spectacular construction works, the development of the organisation continued "in the background": a renewed structure, the consolidation of the professional work of the institutions in line with conservative values, and the introduction of new systems to help the organisation operate more efficiently.

This year we have organised again our traditional fundraising and awareness-raising campaigns. In the spring, we successfully launched our "Catching up" programme to help 3,000 children in need nationwide, in the summer our "Back to School Together" campaign to help 2,000 students enrol in school, and at the end of the year our 27th Advent Fundraising. We ran several races under the banner "Don't just cheer, help!" and produced awareness-raising online short films to help those affected by relationship violence. In an unusual mid-year initiative, we collected tens of thousands of storybooks - in good condition but no longer in use - for needy children in our institutions and in their catchment area under the motto "When it ends, run away".

The summary of the year 2022 is not only an opportunity to look back, but also an occasion to give thanks to our Creator and to the people who help us in our work. Here, too, we say thanks to our diverse community of partners and donors, who give us the opportunity to help more and more each year. As we have been doing for more than three decades: through the power of unity.

Thank you!

2022 in a nutshell

January

In mid-January, the foundation stone was laid for the Biatorbágy Innovative VET and Grammar School, a model of its kind in Hungary, which will offer marketable skills for 500 students and will also start grammar school classes. The construction of the 11,000 square metre school is financed by the Government of Hungary, and the preparation was carried out in cooperation with the Ministry for Innovation and Technology and the Danish Velux Foundations. The school is maintained by the 'Hungarian Interchurch Aid for Education' Foundation.

February

February 24 will henceforth be the day of the outbreak of the Russian-Ukrainian war. As we were launching our largest and most complex humanitarian aid programme ever in Afghanistan, and as we started a national campaign on the issue of relationship violence with special videos in Hungary, we immediately started supporting refugees from Ukraine, both in Hungary and Ukraine. In the period since then, we have embarked on an unprecedented humanitarian engagement in every respect in the history of HIA, exceeding billions of forints and having international significance.

March

We have been taking part in several national running races for years with the slogan "Don't just cheer, help!". The teams of staff and volunteers encourage people to work together for a good cause, as well as competing in sport. At the March Vivicitta, we set a charitable goal to help refugees fleeing war.

April

We supported the victims of the 5.7 magnitude earthquake that hit Bosnia and Herzegovina and was felt even in Hungary, with a HUF 2 million emergency grant. The natural disaster, which also claimed human lives, caused damage in the cities of Mostar and Ljubinje, among others. In addition

to the financial support, we also sent HIA's humanitarian experts to the scene to help the victims of the earthquake.

May

Years of drought, famine, protracted civil wars, waves of refugees - just some of the mutually reinforcing crises that are major components of Ethiopia's humanitarian crisis. To help the people living there, we have implemented life-changing development activities to thousands of people with the support of Hungary Helps Agency, including a 4-classroom school, a drinking water well to feed 4,000 people and agricultural improvements (mechanised mill, fishing equipment, livestock and seed distribution) in Gambella, in the south-west of the country.

June

For the 9th time, we have launched a fundraising campaign for our 'Catch Up' (Kapaszkodó) programme, which supports 3,000 children nationwide. In addition to supporting war refugees, we also wanted to raise awareness of children in need in Hungary during the months of May and June, so that we can give more of them a chance to overcome the disadvantages of poverty through year-round development activities and summer camps.

July

At our Chance Camp in Kastélyosdombó children take turns in the summer camp. In addition to needy children from our national institutions and those living in the catchment area of the institutions, this year we also organised a week-long camp for children who fled the war in Ukraine. A total of 200 children traumatised by the war, including children from Bucha, Kyiv, Kharkiv, Mariupol and Donetsk, were able to participate in group activities and games, while we were able to help them forget, even if only for a short time, the horrors they had experienced.

August

Back to school together - for the 11th time, we have launched our start-of-school aid campaign. In the shadow of the war, in a difficult economic climate, more families than ever were anxiously awaiting the autumn. So this year we helped a total of 2,000 children in difficult circumstances with personalised, quality school kits worth 10,000 HUF each.

September

In addition to our back-to-school campaign, for many years we have also placed a strong emphasis on supporting disadvantaged pre-school children to start the year. This year, with the support of

E.ON, we again distributed 500 kindergarten starter packs across the country, helping our youngest children to have an enjoyable start to the kindergarten year and to joining the kindergarten community.

October

We launched an extraordinary fundraising campaign in the autumn, which, thanks to Foxpost, was able to go nationwide. We collected storybooks in good condition, but no longer in use, as reading stories together in the evening is not only a way to help children's intellectual development and strengthen the bond between parents and children, but also an intimate, fun experience that contributes to the healthy spiritual development of the little ones. More than expected, some 40,000 books were collected and will be distributed to children in need visiting HIA's institutions and those living in the catchment area of these institutions.

November

Women from needy families in Boldogkőújfalu, Felsődobosza and Vizsoly in the Gönc district, led by professional seamstresses, sew products from second-hand clothes donated to Hungarian Interchurch Aid. In the manufactures run by HIA from the support of the Velux Foundations, local women learn a trade and create value while becoming a cohesive community. And those who buy products from the GÖNC collection give this community a chance for a better life.

December

Advent Fundraising - The Advent Fundraising announced for the 27th time with the motto Love.Hunger. was an extraordinary success: in 2022, nearly 650,000 people joined the country's largest festive fundraising, with HUF 297 million donated.

NATIONAL ACTIVITIES - 2022

The aim of the social and development activities of Hungarian Interchurch Aid is to provide effective assistance to people in need, to identify the causes and to help eliminate these as soon as possible. In its social work, the organisation strives to provide assistance based on Christian principles, in which the reintegration of individuals into the labour market, the strengthening of families, continuous learning and the emphasis on individual responsibility are seen as a value. In the development of services, priority is given to empowering individuals to solve the difficulties they have encountered.

In designing its services, HIA aims to fill the gaps that can effectively help disadvantaged groups to promote their reintegration efforts. The organisation separates crisis assistance and long-term

care processes in its activities. The provision of support aims to eliminate long-term dependency and to develop support systems that are targeted, flexible, personalised and rapid.

Grant programmes

In 2022, the Social Department closed or started the process of closing a number of programmes that were funded by an EU grant. The Endless Opportunity project has come to an end, the extension of the model programme in Kastélyosdombó was completed with a closing conference, and several programmes to improve care for victims of relationship violence are nearing the end or have been closed.

The grant funds are used to run clandestine shelters, crisis outpatient clinics, a crisis centre, development activities with the tools of community social work, new social centres and logistics warehouses. This year, in Debrecen, on the premises of the Social Centre and Logistics Warehouse Base on Monostorpályi Road, child development programmes were launched to support disadvantaged families and children in the area.

Providing assistance to families in crisis

In 2022, the National Assistance Centre continued to handle individual requests for assistance from our organisation. HIA's National Helpline received a record number of requests in 2022. These exceeded 79,000. Staff members were able to provide some form of assistance to individuals and families in need on more than 47,000 occasions. The energy crisis and the rise in food prices caused by the war between Russia and Ukraine have put many more people in a difficult situation, especially in terms of their daily living. The requests are processed by a well-trained team of professionals who determine how to provide assistance. Services include in kind assistance, debt management, social and information counselling. It is an important principle that the assistance provided by HIA is only complementary to other forms of public assistance. It is also important that the assistance provided should not encourage the client to rely on donations to support himself and his family.

Children's development - Catch up programme

HIA pays special attention to the children taken care of by its institutions. Despite the fact that in 2022 HIA had fewer resources to run children's programmes, more than 4,500 children participated in some kind of institutional service or child development activity under our Catch Up Programme. More than 1,500 of them participated in a number of multi-occasion development activities, and 3,444 children took part in an experience-based programme or leisure activity.

In 2022, after the challenges of pandemic COVID-19, HIA faced another challenge that threatened the daily care of disadvantaged children. Drastic energy price rises due to the Russian-Ukrainian

war and the resulting increase in food and construction sector prices are an unbearable burden for many families. Thanks to corporate partnerships, institutions involved in care for children have been able to provide assistance to wider social groups, mainly in the form of basic food and hygiene support.

This year HIA's digital learning workshop programme was also implemented in segregated areas of three settlements, aiming to equip children with digital literacy skills. During the summer, there were continuous day camps, as well as several residential camps which were attended by Ukrainian children from settlements close to the front line.

We strive not only to help children living in our institutions, but also to support families living in the vicinity of the institutions. In our Sure Start children's centres, we help the youngest children to develop healthily from birth and prevent evolution of disadvantages. In our after-school education centres (called 'Tanoda') and in our Presence Points, children are helped to overcome their disadvantages by teachers and development specialists, and learning becomes play in sessions using digital, modern tools. In our residential and day camps, as well as providing experiences, our professionals focus on catching up and playful child development. In our temporary homes staff members do their utmost to ensure that children experience the security of home and have a chance to move on with their families. There are children of all ages from newborns to high school students in these homes.

In 2022, our organisation continued to play a major role in ensuring that starting school should not be a problem for many children in difficult circumstances. In the frame of our campaign Back to school together! 2,000 children received school supplies, school equipment, clothes and travel support to get to school.

Way out of poverty: we maintain temporary homes for families in 5 cities (Budapest, Kastélyosdombó, Miskolc, Orosháza, Szolnok). These institutions help families to stay together and to move on.

In 2022, our reintegration model programme continued in Kastélyosdombó. Those who move into the special temporary homes for families learn farming and animal husbandry skills, and then, after breaking free from dependence on the state social care system, can start a new life on their own in the life-changing houses provided by HIA. The social farm, in addition to backyard crop and livestock farming, has a herb purchasing and drying centre and a special agricultural project offers income-generating opportunities for needy families in addition to cheese-making in the Somogy

County municipality and the sub-region. This hop plantation, established in 2018, has restarted the production of the most important flavouring for beer in Hungary. This initiative with Heineken is a commercially sustainable long-term programme that will also contribute to the livelihoods of the disadvantaged families involved in the production.

The model programme is also being disseminated in several temporary homes for families in the country (Miskolc, Szolnok, Mosonmagyaróvár). The parents involved have received labour market development, while the children have been involved in individual and group development sessions. The programme continues in the villages of Vizsoly and Boldogkőújfalu, where activities based on this methodology have also been introduced.

The ***Catching-up Settlements programme***: the Catching-up Settlements programme was launched in 4 settlements in 2019, and by 2022 already 11 settlements have joined the programme (Kastélyosdombó, Lakócsa, Boldogkőújfalu, Vizsoly, Pusztakovácsi-Kürtöspusztá, Felsődobsza, Novajdrány, Zádor, Somogyfajsz, Drávacgárdony and Pere).

The services provided by the "Presence Points" have been used by nearly 2.444 people. Based on the previously prepared diagnoses and action plans, the design and implementation of the services provided by the project is ongoing. The field presence has been further strengthened and we have become an important actor in local care systems. Child development sessions are being held with the involvement of a development teacher, a special education teacher and a speech therapist, for which there is an increasing demand. Strengthening employment and improving housing conditions, mobilising families being in contact with HIA, helping them enter the labour market and extending services and programme elements to district level remain important and a priority.

Assistance for the homeless

In 2022, our organisation maintained homeless shelters in 3 cities, Budapest, Debrecen and Gyula. In addition to providing warming facility, bathing and meals, our institutions offered more: personalised help and advice in case management, job search; a chance to integrate into society. Our street and community outreach services have regularly helped people seeking shelter not only on the streets, but also in remote farms and even in tent-like shelters on the outskirts of the city. In 2022, nearly 1,000 homeless people received some form of assistance (housing, meals, personal care, counselling) through HIA's services. In addition to the nearly 270,000 meals distributed in our daily food distributions, we provided more than 5,000 hot meals to people in need at our special Advent food distribution.

Help for psychiatric patients

An important task is to support our fellow human beings with psychiatric illness, to provide empowering and counselling services for them. Our professionals help patients and their families in the Day Care Centre for Psychiatric Patients in 2 cities, Eger and Szolnok. The primary goal of our centres is to create an empowering, supportive environment to help people with psychiatric problems overcome the feeling of isolation, to reduce the effects of hospitalisation and to reduce the frequency and duration of hospital relapses. Our long-term goal is to help patients reintegrate into society.

Help for addicts

Providing support, empowerment and counselling services to our fellow human beings struggling with addictions is a key mission of our organisation. Our social workers work in 5 different locations across the country to help people and their families who are experiencing difficulties with alcohol, drugs and gambling addiction. In the day-care centre for addicts, 448 people have accessed specialised support services and more than 1,800 people have sought help in low-threshold care.

In addition to corrective services, we put more and more emphasis on the delivery of preventive programmes. Our addiction centre in Szolnok has organised lectures on addiction for secondary school students, and in the frame of our successful *Playing with boundaries* programme, which has been running for 10 years, prevention programmes were organized at several parts of the country with the aim of preventing gambling addiction. It includes prevention programmes in schools and after-school education centres, self-help groups and individual case management for addicts and their families in 7 locations.

The Information Points network is part of the programme. The aim of this is to emphasise the key message: there is help, there is a place where this disease can be dealt with. In total, more than 500 clients visited Info Points in 2022.

Assistance to victims of abuse

In 2022, we have continued to focus on preventing and addressing relationship violence. HIA's institutions specifically dealing with victims of relationship violence are evolving year by year and their range of services is expanding. The victim support services include 3 Crisis Centres, 2 Halfway Houses, 3 Secret Shelters, 1 Online Counselling Service and 4 Crisis Outpatient Clinics.

In 2022 510 people visited HIA's crisis clinics for counselling, and the crisis clinic professionals provided a total of 2,672 counselling sessions for victims. A total of 302 people (107 adults and 195 children) were accommodated and protected in our shelters for women and children fleeing domestic violence. HIA's anonymous counselling is available on website

(www.aszeretnemart.hu) with a wealth of useful information for victims and the professionals who help them. 457 people used the online counselling service in 2022.

In 2022, our 'Love does not hurt' campaign continued, with the key message that nothing in a relationship makes violence acceptable. This time, we have raised awareness of the importance of verbal abuse with online short films.

Support programmes for Ukrainian refugees in HIA's national institutions

In the wake of the massive wave of refugees caused by the Russian-Ukrainian war at the beginning of the year, the agency also provided assistance to refugees through its national institutional system. Continuous services have been established in several cities (Miskolc, Budapest, Kaposvár, Debrecen) and HIA opened its Support Centre for Ukrainian Refugees in Budapest during the summer (see more details under International activities, Ukraine).

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES 2022

Taking action to help those in need due to the war in Ukraine

HIA has been present in Ukraine for 25 years and has been working throughout the country since 2014. The aftermath of the Russian invasion on 24 February 2022 presented a major challenge for the organisation, which was one of the first ones to respond to the flood of refugees arriving at the border and to start assisting refugees/IDPs and people in need in both Hungary and Ukraine. The sheer scale and complexity of the task, and the scale of the relief programme implemented, make the humanitarian response to the war in Ukraine the largest humanitarian response in the 31-year history of Hungarian Interchurch Aid.

The large-scale aid program, which has been characterised by its multisectorality since the very beginning, has grown in complexity and geographical coverage over time and in proportion to the needs. At the beginning of March HIA opened a representation in Lviv, and later in Kyiv when the fighting around the capital ended, extending its assistance to 20 oblasts of Ukraine. In addition to its involvement in Ukraine, it has also become intensively involved in refugee care in Hungary, opening the Support Centre for Ukrainian refugees in the heart of Budapest.

Ukraine

Immediate and in-kind assistance

The disruption of supply chains and the influx of IDPs resulted in huge needs from the very first days, making it a priority to provide emergency food and non-food relief supplies to populations in need. To this end, HIA set up warehouse bases and logistics centres in Budapest, Berehove and

Lviv, often delivering relief supplies to hard-to-reach and frontline areas such as Kherson. HIA has supported more than 250 refugee shelters with in-kind donations and equipped many of them with basic household appliances and utensils. With the withdrawal of Russian troops, the agency redirected its in-kind aid programme to the newly liberated areas. In order to alleviate the power cuts caused by the severe attacks on energy infrastructure, HIA has already delivered a number of generators to the affected areas, and has been active in winterising several refugee shelters and distributing iron stoves and fuel in the autumn in the liberated Kharkiv oblast.

Psychosocial and mental health support

In addition to physical health, HIA supports the mental and psychological health of those suffering the horrors of war in many ways throughout Ukraine. From free legal counselling to community events, from sports programmes to art and psychotherapy, the organisation and its local partners' programmes seek to strengthen the resilience and adaptability of individuals, families and communities to maintain their mental health in the face of the long-term effects of war. Many people have been traumatised by the fighting, bombings, rocket attacks and the uncertainty of life - children in particular have been hit hard by the horrors of war. As well as working directly with the people affected, the agency also provides training for psychologists to help more people.

Cash assistance

HIA has launched its financial assistance programme in Ukraine in June 2022, offering two cash-based methods of dignified relief for people forced to live in poverty and austerity due to war. The organisation aims to create livelihood security through Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) in a way that allows people in need to preserve their dignity and freedom of choice. Beneficiaries of the MPCA receive three-monthly allowances in one payment, i.e. a total of 6,600 hryvnias. Cash for Protection / Assess & Assist offers larger payments to those who face expenses that they cannot meet from their own resources or from the MPCA. Applicants are registered and checked to ensure that they meet the criteria set by the Cash Working Group. HIA's efforts are supported by its partners within the ACT Alliance (DanChurchAid, Christian Aid) and WorldVision.

Support for Ukrainian civil society

HIA relies on the strength of the community to provide financial support to NGOs that are engaged in humanitarian activities in Ukraine but have limited financial resources to achieve their objectives. The agency supports their work through its Flexible Small Grants programme. Grantees have a wide range of objectives: some organisations need external funding to provide properly winterised shelters for IDPs, others need financial support for equipment, food or the employment of therapists. An organisation can apply for a grant up to \$10,000 for predefined project proposals. Each project lasts 2-3 months, after which the cooperation is evaluated and a decision is taken on whether to renew the agreement.

Development and rehabilitation

The new demands following the withdrawal of Russian forces from northern Ukraine have required different ways of helping. After months of fighting, it became clear that the humanitarian crisis was being exacerbated by the deliberate destruction of public infrastructure. In response to the devastation in Bucha, Irpin and Borodyanka near Kyiv, HIA was one of the first ones to deliver humanitarian aid to the area and has agreed to further cooperation with the Bucha municipality. Thanks to a strategic partnership with the Government of Hungary, HIA has started the renovation of a school in the area, the construction of a health centre with postal and municipal functions, and has already put a container kindergarten in Zahalcsi into operation.

Hungary

Immediate assistance for refugees

In addition to preparing for the assistance in Ukraine, HIA had to respond quickly and decisively to the thousands of refugees arriving from Ukraine: on 25 February, volunteers and staff arrived at the border, where tents and a refugee support point were set up. With families travelling on from Budapest in mind, a child-friendly space was also set up at Liszt Ferenc International Airport. Of course, accommodation - both short and long term - was also much needed. To this end, the organisation provided apartments and hotel rooms for refugees, freed up space in its social institutions, and set up a network of partners to provide food, hygiene items, accommodation and psychosocial support to refugees in Hungary. The next step was the establishment of a Budapest Refugee Transit Centre in the BOK Hall, which HIA has been running ever since in partnership with 5 other charities. Here, refugees arriving by train can receive food, drink and assistance for their onward journey, as well as apply for accommodation and various services, and register with the authorities if they wish to stay for a longer period.

Integration and long-term assistance

To support the integration of refugees in Hungary, HIA has established the Support Centre for Ukrainian Refugees in the heart of Budapest. The centre aims to help refugees fleeing the war in all the challenges of living and settling here, and provides a range of services to help them do so. These include assistance in finding accommodation, access to health care, education and the labour market, assistance with public administrative procedures, psychological, legal and in-kind assistance. In addition, the Centre also organises community-building events for refugees, relying on the strength of the community. Closely linked to the centre is a community space where Ukrainian-speaking mental health professionals help children aged 1-6 years old to deal with their traumas through various therapies (art, music) while their parents go to work. The cooperation

with HIA's rural institutions and its extensive network of humanitarian groups, congregations and organisations enables HIA to support refugees throughout the country.

The power of unity

The humanitarian crisis that unfolded following the outbreak of the war in Ukraine has led to an exemplary collaboration with actors of the Hungarian civil society and the business sector. As a result of this collaboration, HIA was able to collect an unprecedented amount of donations: more than USD 12 million worth of durable food, hygiene items, clothes and childcare products were donated by individuals and businesses in the first year of the war and delivered by HIA to targets in both Ukraine and Hungary. Handling the donations was also an extraordinary task, with HIA's volunteers spending countless hours sorting, packing and distributing the donations to refugees. To fund humanitarian assistance related to the crisis, HIA also launched an effective fundraising campaign, proving that even the smallest amount of help can make a difference when an entire community acts for a good cause.

Iraq

Hungarian Interchurch Aid launched its first aid programme in Iraq in 2003, and from 2014 onwards, after the rise of the Islamic State, it supported internally displaced persons and Syrian refugees. Christian and Yazidi communities, forced to leave their former homes in a matter of days, stood out among target beneficiaries. The opening of an office in Erbil, Iraq with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, was a further step in HIA's activities to support refugees through the implementation of humanitarian and development programmes. In the former fertile crescent, a climate change frontline country, HIA is also implementing projects to support agriculture in order to help people to stay in their home country in the changed circumstances.

Qudra II

In 2022, the Qudra 2 programme continued, with the main objective of building the resilience of refugees, IDPs, returnees and local communities. One focus of the project is on livelihoods, through agricultural projects and development, and the creation and support of micro-enterprises.

In the governorates of Kirkuk, Anbar, Salahaddin and Nineveh, HIA has rehabilitated irrigation canals, renovated agricultural storage facilities and repaired and upgraded pumping stations and dams. Another key component of the programme is capacity building for social cohesion in the Iraqi civil sector through training, individual agricultural support, such as the transfer of equipment.

A demonstration farm for regenerative farming techniques has played an important role in training of farmers in sustainable, climate-adaptive farming.

Support and rehabilitation of agriculture in the Nineveh Plateau

HIA has set up an agricultural training centre in the town of Alqosh, Nineveh governorate, by establishing a model farm, where it has provided permaculture (regenerative agriculture) training to local beneficiaries living from agriculture with the help of expert advisors. Here, they received theoretical and practical training over a ten-day training course, followed by equipment support to enable them to establish the advanced farming techniques they learned in the training in their own fields. The training will address the deep-rooted, persistent problems - such as water scarcity, desertification, land depletion and lack of jobs - that lead to the continuing out-migration from the area. In addition to providing a training site, the demonstration farm can provide a long-term source of income, and the advanced production techniques and subsequent processing industries that are established can provide livelihoods for community members.

Supporting the resettlement of Iraqi refugees and the local population - Rehabilitation of health centres

HIA is rebuilding two health centres in the governorate of Nineveh, in the towns of Dugure (Hateen) and Sulagh. The two settlements are almost entirely populated by the persecuted Yazidi minority most affected by the atrocities of the Islamic State. The rehabilitation will provide the population returning to the Sinjar region with access to basic health care, which will increase the Yazidi community's willingness to return and contribute to improving the quality of life of the residents, thereby helping them to stay in the area.

Ethiopia

By 2022, the humanitarian situation in Ethiopia had deteriorated significantly, with the predicted drought reaching the country, combined with the devastating impact of soaring food prices in the wake of the 2022 war in Ukraine. Today, more than 20 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance and protection. In addition to the conflict in Tigray and the violence and drought across the country, the country is also affected by floods. The purpose of HIA's presence is threefold: to provide survival support to the populations most vulnerable to conflict and drought; to ensure safe and equitable access to livelihoods, protection and other basic services; and to build local capacity, improve the quality and accountability of development to better serve individual needs.

Humanitarian aid for Ethiopian disadvantaged groups

Launched in 2021, the programme aims to support IDPs and host populations in the areas of education, water management and agriculture, as well as food security in the Gambella and Konso regions bordering South Sudan. The programme has included the construction of a new school, the provision of teaching materials, latrines, installation of a grinding machine, well drilling, drought-tolerant seeds, small ruminants, fishing gear and agricultural training. The programme continued in August 2022 in new locations in the West Guji, Konso, Afar and civil war-affected Tigray regions of Ethiopia, with education, agriculture and livelihood projects, and emergency humanitarian aid in Tigray. Particular attention was given to hygiene and access to protected water sources and to combating diseases caused by poor water quality.

Emergency aid for drought-affected populations in the Horn of Africa

Under the ACT Alliance's regional appeal, HIA rehabilitates wells, improves water supply systems, distributes drought-tolerant seeds and implements projects to improve agricultural and food security. The programme was launched in the last quarter of 2022.

Afghanistan

Hungarian Interchurch Aid has been present in Afghanistan for 22 years, since 2001. During 2022, the organisation signed agreements with the UN World Food Programme (WFP) office in Kabul to implement 4 projects, and carried out humanitarian work in 3 other projects with the support of the Hungary Helps Agency, as well as the FinnChurchAid (FCA) and ACT Alliance. Through these programmes, HIA distributed 2,000 truckloads of food to the starving population in 2022 and implemented various local rural development, disaster prevention and training programmes.

WFP programmes

The first programme was launched to support the target area of Mazar-e-Sharif, Balkh province where HIA provided training for women in crafts (men's clothing, leatherwork, handicrafts, bag-making).

The second was a comprehensive programme of food assistance in Samangan province: HIA covered the entire province with 23 offices, distribution points and warehouses. Some of the beneficiaries received food aid, while those living in the cities typically received cash-based assistance. Children aged 0-5 and pregnant and breastfeeding women also benefited from the programme by receiving special food packages adapted to their needs.

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The third programme provided cash-based assistance to the population for their work in development activities (irrigation canal and pistachio forest renovation, construction of canal and solar irrigation systems, nursery development), and HIA also provided women with training in kitchen gardening.

The fourth programme, like the second, aims to provide food assistance to the needy in Samangan province, complemented by the involvement of beneficiaries in various rural development, rehabilitation, reconstruction and general public works in hundreds of villages in the province.

Other projects

In June an earthquake with a magnitude of 6.2 struck Paktika province, killing more than a thousand people. Among the most affected areas HIA provided food assistance in Giyan district of Paktika province with support from the Hungary Helps Programme and from its own resources.

As part of the ACT Alliance AFG211 Appeal, HIA organized bag-making and knitting courses for women beneficiaries during 2022, ensuring market access for the finished products. Participants in the courses also received literacy training and cash-based support.

In partnership with FinnChurchAid, HIA provided food aid and non-food items to people in need in the city and region of Mazar-I-Sharif.

Croatia

The Hungary Helps Programme supports the reconstruction of the Petrinja Primary School No. I and the Church of St. Nicholas and Vitus in Žažina, both damaged by the earthquake in Croatia. The rehabilitation of the secondary school in the town of Glina, which was severely damaged by the earthquake, is also supported by HIA from own fundraising. The primary school in Petrinja, with a total of 20 classes, will accommodate 355 children, and the secondary school in Glina will accommodate 500 students, bringing the total number of beneficiaries of humanitarian aid projects to 855.

Emergency humanitarian aid

As part of a strategic agreement with the Hungary Helps Agency, as a member of the ACT Alliance and through its own fundraising, HIA provides emergency assistance in many parts of the world. The primary objective of emergency assistance is to provide immediate, direct assistance to the most vulnerable and affected populations facing crisis situations, whether natural or man-made, always responding to local needs through the involvement of local partner organisations.

India - Alleviating the humanitarian crisis caused by pandemic Covid-19

Launched in 2021, the programme continued in 2022, with awareness-raising and distribution of hygiene kits to the poorest, marginalised populations.

DR Congo - Food support for children and families affected by a volcanic eruption

The project aimed to help the victims of the volcanic eruption of May 2021. It provided school meals to children in Goma for 9 months.

Kenya - Support for the renovation and maintenance of Saint Clare Primary School

The project aims to provide quality education for young people in the Korogocho slum in Kenya by supporting the maintenance and renovation of the primary school.

Haiti - Support for students in difficult situations following the earthquake

The aim of the project is to provide scholarships for one academic year to 36 students who have been affected by the 7.2 magnitude earthquake in Haiti in August 2021.

Somalia - COVID intensive care unit set up at Seikh hospital

The project aims to support COVID19 prevention and control and to establish an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) in the hospital in Sheikh city, Somalia, with the capacity to treat 200 patients per year.

Ghana - Humanitarian aid for victims of the explosion in Apiate

The emergency relief programme provided emergency food aid, non-food emergency items (including tents, water, sanitation and consumables) to people in need through HIA's local partner organisation, as well as psychosocial services to survivors of the blast.

Madagascar - Aid for victims of cyclone BATSIRAI-22

HIA has renovated a community centre in Mananjary, run by a local partner, which also served as temporary accommodation after the cyclone. The centre has been used as a long-term assistance point, distributing hygiene kits and cash to local people in need.

Hungarian Interchurch Aid is a member of the

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South Africa - Humanitarian aid for victims of severe flooding in April 2022

Three types of assistance were provided: food and hygiene vouchers, second-hand clothing and psychosocial support for those severely affected by the floods.

Nigeria - Humanitarian aid for the victims of the machine-gun attack in Owo and their families

As well as covering funeral costs, HIA also provided cash assistance and food aid to relatives who had lost a family member and to people injured in the attack.

Kyrgyzstan - Emergency assistance for victims of border clashes near the Batken region

ACT Alliance's emergency project aims to help the population displaced by the September 2022 Tajik-Kyrgyz border clashes by distributing winter kits (heaters, blankets, electric stoves, teapots, thermoses) and clothing packages. The programme has also undertaken to train social workers in the field of psychosocial support for victims of violent conflict. These social workers provide one-to-one counselling to victims of border violence.