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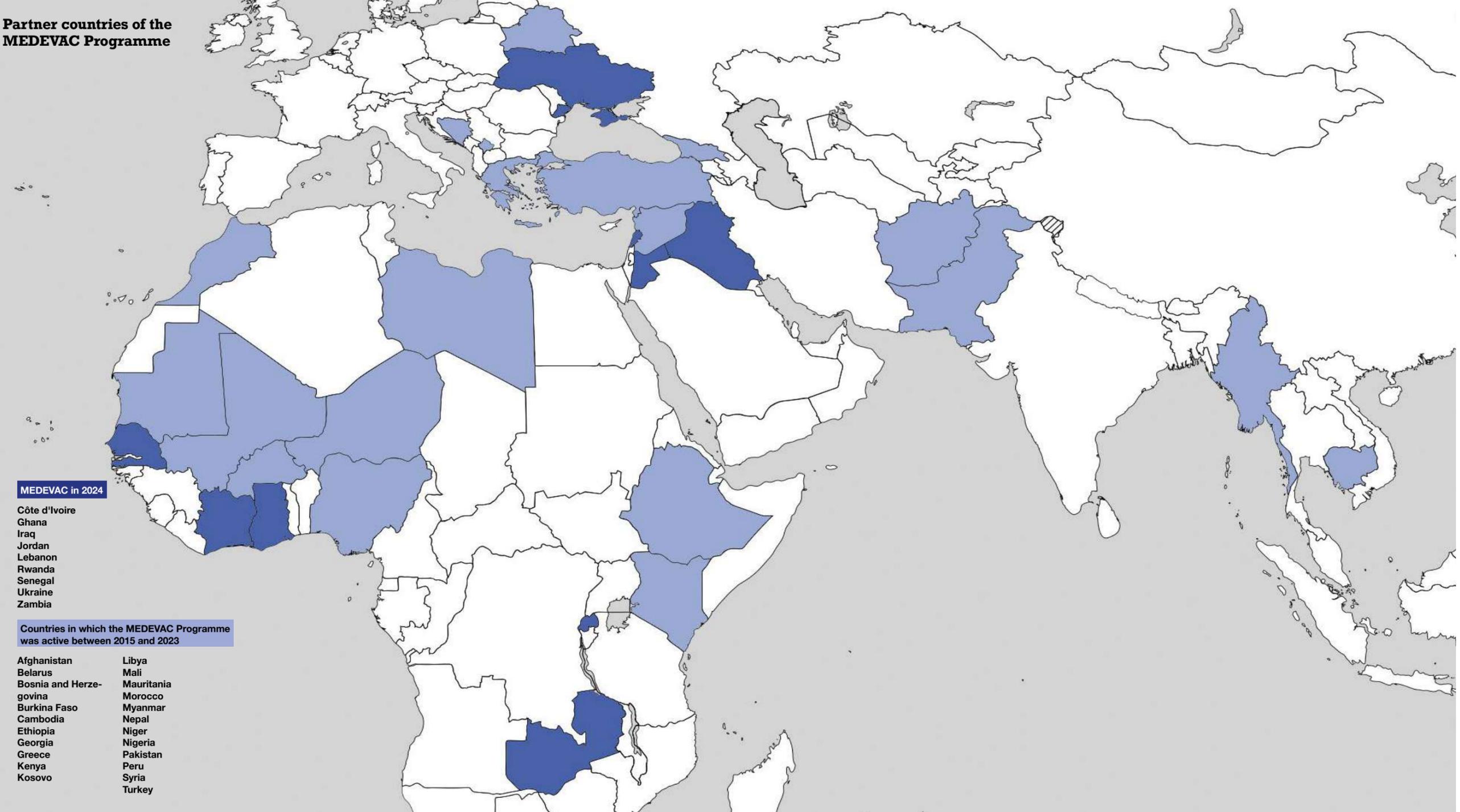


MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR  
OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

AID **IN** PLACE  
CZECHIA



**Partner countries of the MEDEVAC Programme**



- MEDEVAC in 2024**
- Côte d'Ivoire
  - Ghana
  - Iraq
  - Jordan
  - Lebanon
  - Rwanda
  - Senegal
  - Ukraine
  - Zambia
- Countries in which the MEDEVAC Programme was active between 2015 and 2023**
- Afghanistan
  - Belarus
  - Bosnia and Herzegovina
  - Burkina Faso
  - Cambodia
  - Ethiopia
  - Georgia
  - Greece
  - Kenya
  - Kosovo
  - Libya
  - Mali
  - Mauritania
  - Morocco
  - Myanmar
  - Nepal
  - Niger
  - Nigeria
  - Pakistan
  - Peru
  - Syria
  - Turkey



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## Introductory remarks by the Director

Dear readers,  
 The events of 2024 have brought a number of challenges to global security. Armed conflicts, political instability, economic crises and climatic changes in regions neighbouring the EU create new migration and humanitarian challenges which must be addressed. Activities carried out by both programmes in Ukraine, which has been a target of Russian aggression for the third consecutive year, represent the crucial ones. The MEDEVAC Programme focuses on the support of healthcare infrastructure which is overburdened due to the war conflict. Whereas the Aid in place programme provides necessary assistance to internally displaced persons and returnees.  
 The situation in the Middle East remains unstable as well. The conflict between Israel and Palestinians affects the refugee situation in the region, particularly in Lebanon and Jordan. In Africa, persistent economic and security problems force people to seek help and safety far beyond their homes. Here too, both programmes remain committed and are contributing to improving the situation on the ground and, in the long term, to stabilising this crisis-prone region. Our activities would not have been possible without the efforts of the medical staff, coordinators and many others involved. The support of the Czech public and the government has enabled us to continue our meaningful work, which was emphasized also by Jan Lipavský, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, who awarded the MEDEVAC Programme and Aid in place programme with the Medal for Distinguished Contribution to Diplomacy for their extraordinary contribution to saving lives and protection of human rights. This recognition belongs to everybody who participates in the implementation of both programmes and also to those whose support enables this work to have a real impact.

Mgr. Pavla Novotná

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medical mission in Rwanda, traumatology  
General UH © MOI CR (photo Jan Mihalíček)



medical mission in Rwanda, traumatology  
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# About the MEDEVAC Programme

The government's permanent medical humanitarian programme MEDEVAC aims to provide health care to vulnerable populations in source or transit countries of migration or in areas where specialized medical care is not available. The MEDEVAC programme has been implemented since 1993 and is coordinated by the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic.

**The objectives of the Programme are implemented through four activities:**

- ↳ deployment of medical teams abroad
- ↳ professional internships and trainings of foreign medical personnel
- ↳ medical humanitarian evacuation of patients to the Czech Republic
- ↳ support of projects designed to build medical infrastructure

### Medical Specializations

- ↳ anaesthesiology
- ↳ burn medicine
- ↳ cardiology
- ↳ ENT
- ↳ gynaecology
- ↳ infectology
- ↳ neonatology
- ↳ neurology
- ↳ neurosurgery
- ↳ oncology
- ↳ ophthalmology
- ↳ orthopaedics
- ↳ paediatric heart surgery
- ↳ physiotherapy
- ↳ plastic and reconstructive surgery
- ↳ traumatology

### Partner Hospitals

- ↳ Brno University hospital (UH)
- ↳ Bulovka UH
- ↳ Centre of Cardiovascular and Transplant Surgery in Brno
- ↳ General UH
- ↳ Hradec Králové UH
- ↳ IKEM (Institute for Clinical and Experimental Medicine)
- ↳ Královské Vinohrady UH
- ↳ Military UH Prague
- ↳ Motol UH
- ↳ Na Homolce Hospital
- ↳ Olomouc UH
- ↳ Thomayer's UH
- ↳ the Army of the Czech Republic

### Overall statistics of the Programme 1993-2024

**7305**  
patients operated

**7739**  
surgical procedures performed

**1286**  
trained persons

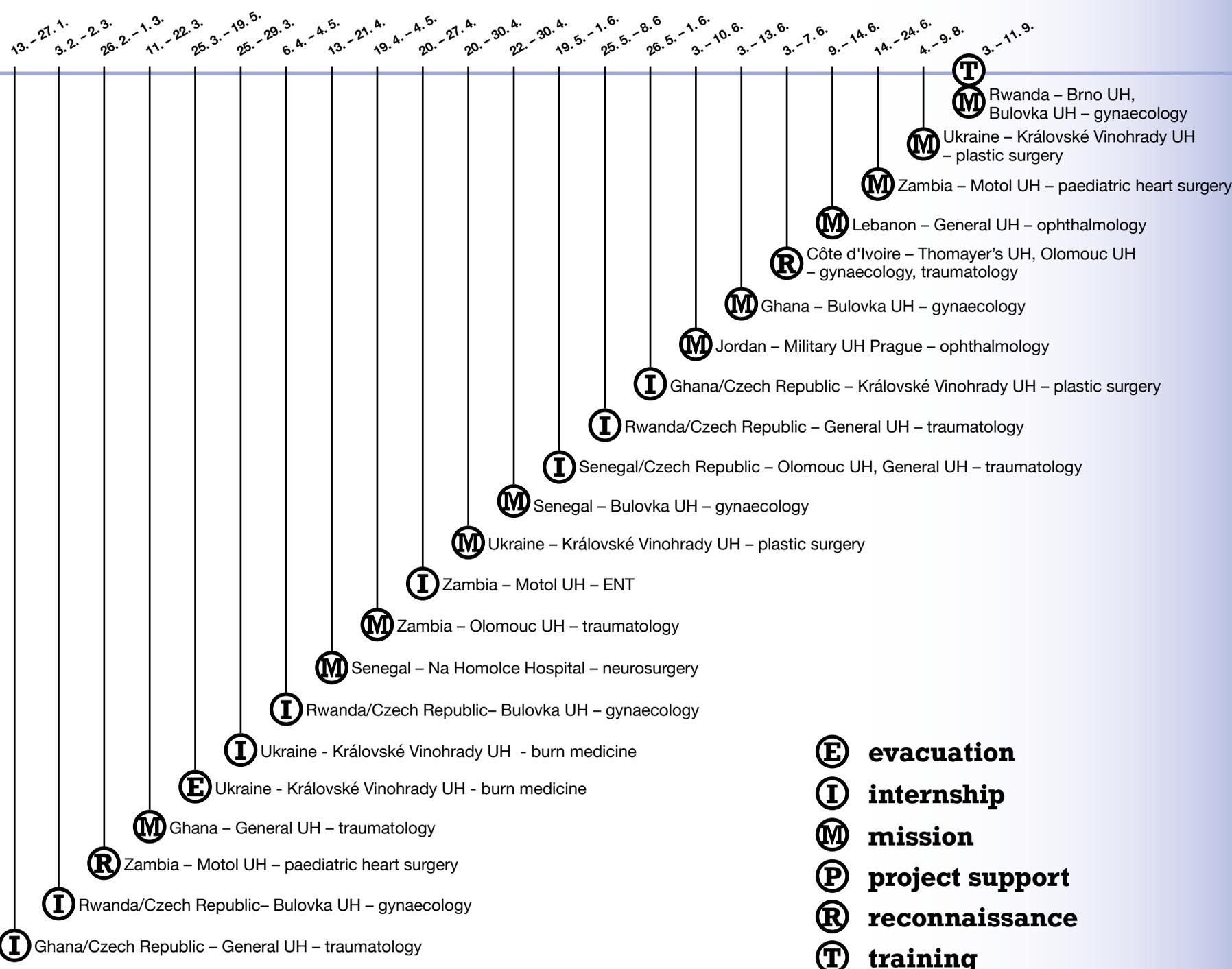
**321**  
evacuated persons

**218**  
medical missions abroad

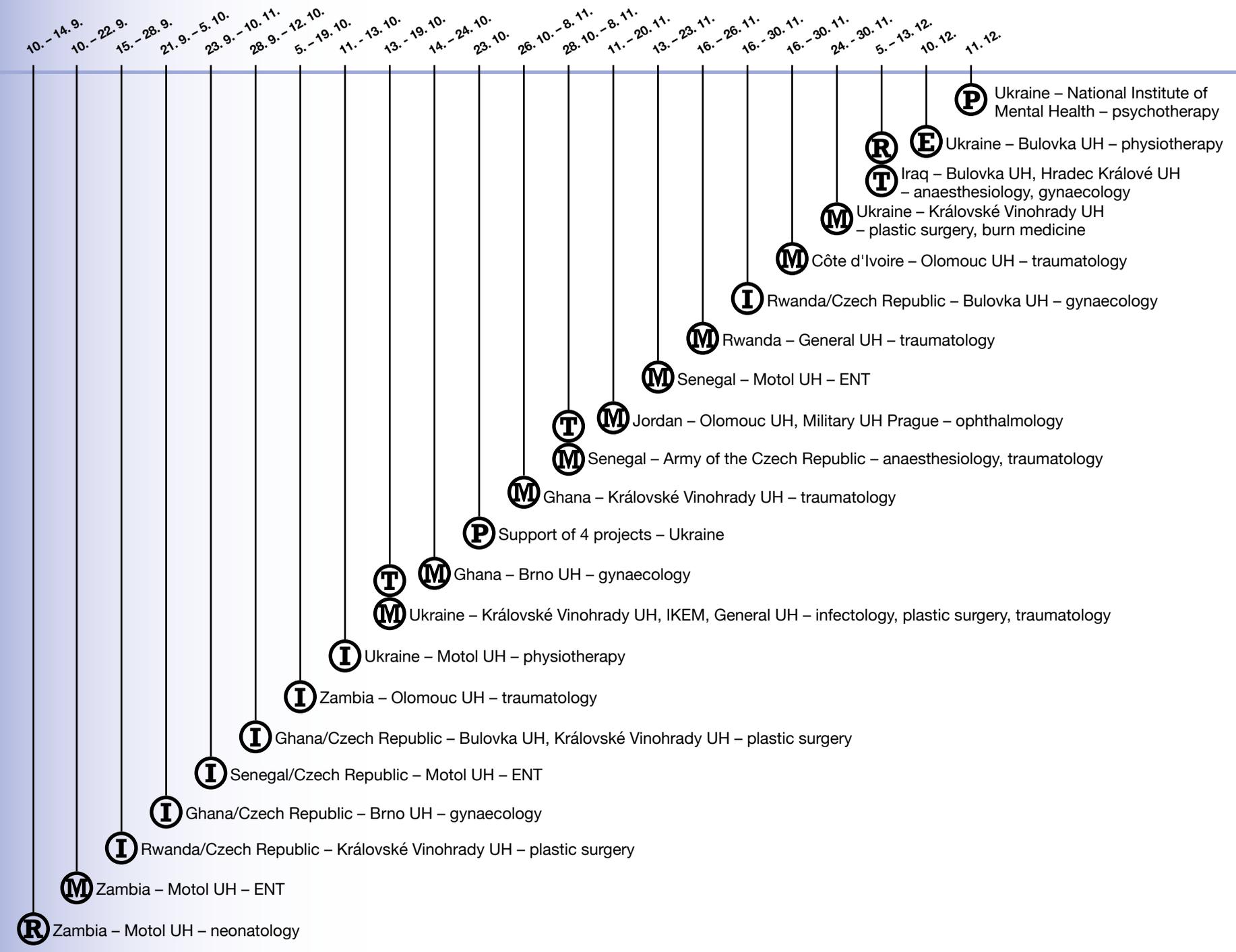
**30**  
countries, in which the programme was implemented

**16**  
medical specializations

**12**  
involved Czech hospitals and the Army of the Czech Republic



- E** evacuation
- I** internship
- M** mission
- P** project support
- R** reconnaissance
- T** training



# Activities of the MEDEVAC Programme in 2024

**22** medical missions

**6** reconnaissance missions

**13** internships  
in the Czech Republic

**5** trainings abroad

**366** persons trained

**1470** surgeries

**1302** patients

**9** countries

**10** partners hospitals

**5** supported projects

# Important Moments of 2024

↳ **The first ever mission in Côte d'Ivoire** took place, it was carried out **in cooperation with Olomouc University Hospital**.

↳ **The first comprehensive training of obstetricians** took place **in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq and Central Iraq (Najaf)**. **A team of gynaecologists and obstetricians from Bulovka University Hospital and the Hradec Králové University Hospital** focused mainly on the topic of complications during deliveries.

↳ Together with the Aid in Place programme, we **received Medal for Distinguished Contribution to Diplomacy** for our outstanding contribution to saving lives and protecting human rights by the Minister of Foreign Affairs Jan Lipavský.

↳ **The president of the Czech Republic, Petr Pavel, visited us in Jordan** during our **ophthalmology mission** of Military University Hospital Prague and Olomouc University Hospital.

↳ **We began to cooperate with neonatology specialists from Motol University Hospital**, who soon went to carry out **reconnaissance in Zambia**.

↳ In Ukraine, a **team of plastic surgeons from the University Hospital Královské Vinohrady** performed a 13 hour procedure. It was a **skull reconstruction**, where the surgeons used a part of muscles, skin and bone from the back area and transferred them on the spot of the injured skull where the meninges were exposed so that the wound was covered and the brain was protected.

↳ **A team of traumatologists from Královské Vinohrady University Hospital** performed **total hip arthroplasty** for the first time **in Ghana**.

↳ We expanded our cooperation **in Zambia** to include **paediatric heart surgery** and **in Senegal** to include **neurosurgery**, where the first missions were carried out in 2024.



the president of the Czech Republic visiting Jordan © MOI CR



receiving the Medal for Distinguished Contribution to Diplomacy © MOI CR

# Côte d'Ivoire



medical mission in Côte d'Ivoire, traumatology  
Olomouc UH © MOI CR

## Czech partner hospitals

- ↳ Olomouc UH
- ↳ Thomayer's UH

## Ivorian partner hospital

- ↳ Centre Hospitalier Regional d'Adzope



# Ghana



medical mission in Ghana, traumatology  
General UH © MOI CR



## Czech partner hospitals

- ↳ Brno UH
- ↳ Bulovka UH
- ↳ Královské Vinohrady UH
- ↳ General UH

## Partner hospitals in Ghana

- ↳ Cape Coast Teaching Hospital
- ↳ Tamale Teaching Hospital

**1** medical mission

- ↳ traumatology

**1** reconnaissance mission

- ↳ gynaecology, traumatology

**54** patients treated

**5** medical missions

- ↳ gynaecology, plastic surgery, traumatology

**3** professional internships in the Czech Republic

- ↳ gynaecology, plastic surgery, traumatology

**302** patients treated

**77** healthcare professionals trained



medical mission in Côte d'Ivoire, traumatology  
Olomouc UH © MOI CR



medical mission in Ghana, traumatology  
General UH © MOI CR

# Iraq



training in Iraqi Kurdistan Region, gynaecology  
Bulovka UH and Hradec Králové UH © MOI CR

## Czech partner hospitals

- ↳ Bulovka UH
- ↳ Hradec Králové UH

## Iraqi partner hospitals

- ↳ Al Zahra
- ↳ Burn Center Najaf
- ↳ Soran Maternity Hospital
- ↳ Nursery and Midwife Centre in Baharka

# Jordan



**Czech partner hospitals**

- ↳ Olomouc UH
- ↳ Military UH Prague

**Jordanian partner hospitals**

- ↳ Al Khalidi Hospital



medical mission in Jordan, ophthalmology  
Olomouc UH © MOI CR

**1** reconnaissance mission

- ↳ anaesthesiology, gynaecology

**2** trainings

- ↳ anaesthesiology, gynaecology

**105** healthcare professionals trained

**2** medical missions

- ↳ ophthalmology

**506** patients treated

training in Iraq, gynaecology  
Bulovka UH © MOI CR

medical mission in Jordan, ophthalmology  
Military UH Prague © MOI CR (photo Jan Mihaliček)

# Lebanon



medical mission in Lebanon, ophthalmology  
General UH © MOI CR

medical mission in Lebanon  
ophthalmology, General UH  
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## Czech partner hospitals

- ↳ General UH

## Lebanese partner hospital

- ↳ Rafik Hariri University Hospital

# Rwanda



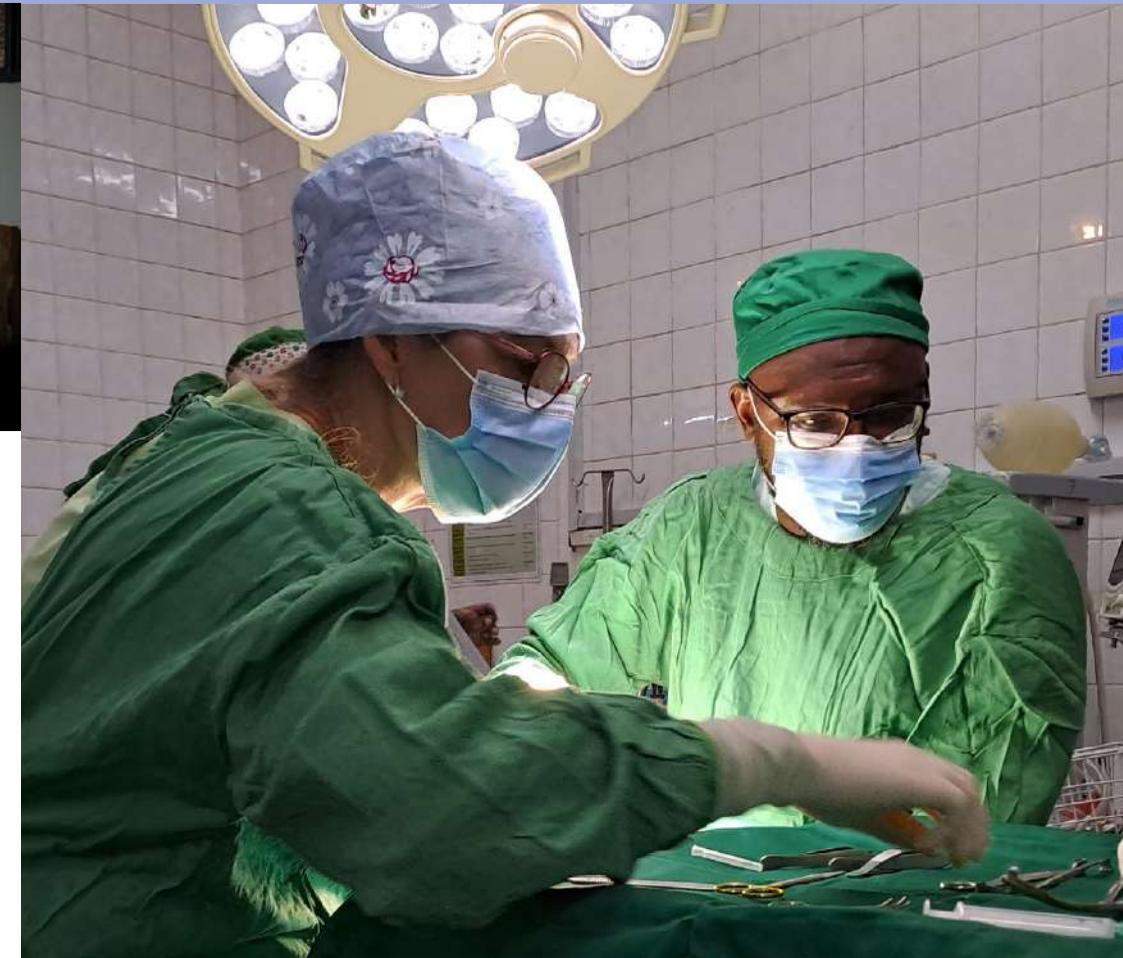
medical mission in Rwanda, traumatology  
General UH © MOI CR (photo Jan Mihaliček)

## Czech partner hospitals

- ↳ Brno UH
- ↳ Bulovka UH
- ↳ Královské Vinohrady UH
- ↳ General UH

## Rwandan partner hospitals

- ↳ Rwanda Military Hospital
- ↳ University Teaching Hospital of Butare
- ↳ University Teaching Hospital of Kigali



medical mission in Rwanda, plastic and reconstructive surgery  
Královské Vinohrady UH © MOI CR

**1** medical mission  
↳ ophthalmology

**68** patients treated

**2** medical missions  
↳ gynaecology,  
traumatology

**5** professional internships  
in the Czech Republic  
↳ gynaecology,  
plastic surgery,  
traumatology

**30** patients treated

**30** healthcare professionals trained

# Senegal



## Czech partner hospitals

- ↳ Army of the Czech Republic
- ↳ Bulovka UH
- ↳ General UH
- ↳ Motol UH
- ↳ Na Homolce UH

## Senegalese partner hospital

- ↳ Hospital Regional El Hadji Ahmadou Sakhir Ndieguene De Thiès



medical mission in Senegal, neurosurgery Na Homolce Hospital © MOI CR

# Ukraine



medical mission in Ukraine, plastic and reconstructive surgery Královské Vinohrady UH © MOI CR (photo Dominik Kučera)



renovation of the paediatric oncology department Lviv © MOI CR (photo Karel Cudlín)

## Czech partner hospitals

- ↳ General UH
- ↳ IKEM
- ↳ Královské Vinohrady UH
- ↳ Motol UH

## Ukrainian partner hospitals

- ↳ Hospital 8
- ↳ St. Panteleimon Hospital
- ↳ Vynnyky Hospital

**4** medical missions

- ↳ ENT, gynaecology, neurosurgery, traumatology

**3** professional internships in the Czech Republic

- ↳ ENT, traumatology

**1** training in Senegal

- ↳ anaesthesiology

**183** patients treated

**16** healthcare professionals trained

**4** medical missions

- ↳ plastic surgery, traumatology

**2** reconnaissance missions

- ↳ infectology, traumatology

**2** evacuations

**2** professional internships in the Czech Republic

- ↳ physiotherapy, burn medicine

**1** training in Ukraine

- ↳ infectology

**5** projects to support healthcare infrastructure

**77** patients treated

**122** healthcare professionals trained

medical mission in Senegal, neurosurgery Na Homolce Hospital © MOI CR

## Czech partner hospitals

- ↳ Motol UH
- ↳ Olomouc UH

## Zambian partner hospitals

- ↳ Lewanika General Hospital
- ↳ National Heart Hospital
- ↳ University Teaching Hospital of Lusaka



# Photo Reportage: Mission from A to Z

The newly built National Heart Hospital in Lusaka, Zambia, focuses on the care of cardiac patients. The hospital is endowed with an ideal space, equipment and specialists with great ambitions and potential, but lack in particular the necessary experience. Paediatric heart surgery is a field that is only just becoming established in Zambia, and the MEDEVAC Programme is helping to improve the quality of care provided through a combination of medical missions and on-site training, as well as through internships for Zambian specialists in the Czech Republic. On the following pages you will have the opportunity to take a closer

look at the first MEDEVAC mission in paediatric heart surgery in Zambia through the lens of photographer Adam Hříbal.

The team from Motol UH Children's Heart Centre, which went on its first mission to Zambia consisted of ten members: two cardiac surgeons MUDr. Žaneta Bandžuchová and MUDr. Petr Bukovský, cardiologist MUDr. Viktor Tomek, Ph.D., anaesthesiologist MUDr. Daniel Tanuška, two intensivists MUDr. Petr Plášil and MUDr. Soňa Mečřřová, nurses Bc. Markéta Závěšická and Mgr. Zuzana Stančíková and perfusionists RNDr. Ivana Černá and Bc. Iva Kaulerová.

The team started their 11-day mission with a screening of patients, which lasted the whole day. The partner Zambian hospital selected 24 children with congenital heart defects. The doctors' task is to select those they can help the most during the mission.

**3** medical missions

- ↳ ENT, paediatric heart surgery, traumatology

**2** reconnaissance missions

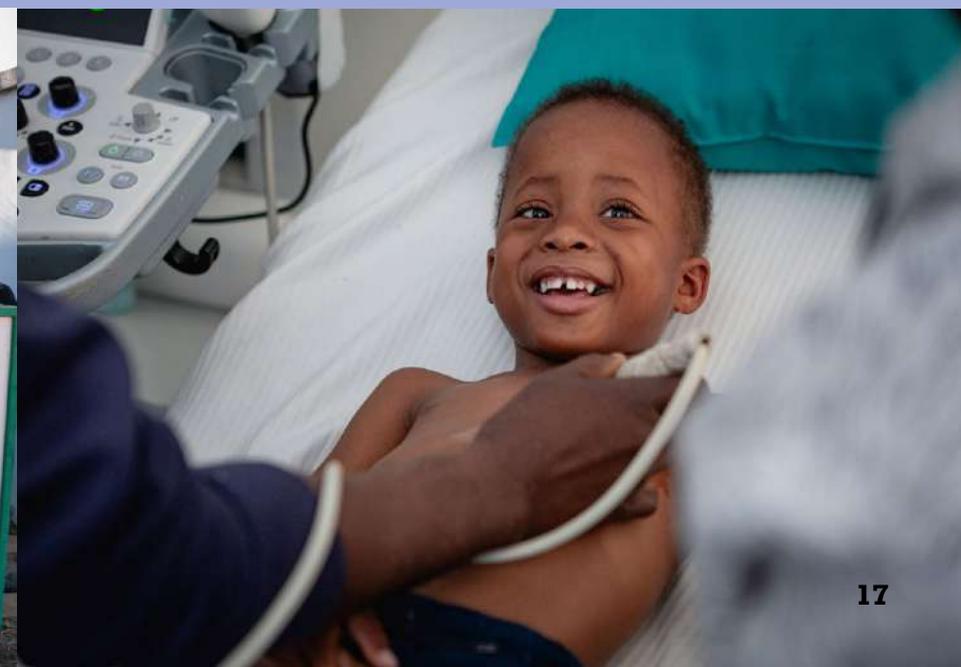
- ↳ neonatology, paediatric heart surgery

**2** professional internships in the Czech Republic

- ↳ ENT, traumatology

**82** patients treated

**26** healthcare professionals trained





There were 10 surgeries planned for 5 operating days. Considering that this is our very first mission and that our patients suffer from complex heart defects, with each operation taking several hours, this is quite a busy schedule. As it is still possible that anything can change at the last minute, 3 replacement patients have also been selected.



We start the first day of surgeries in a good mood.



Surgeons use special goggles with light to help them during the challenging procedure of pediatric heart surgery.



Paediatric cardiac surgery requires the involvement of many specialists. Other people join to watch the surgery. This means that nearly every centimetre of the small operating room is occupied.



Doctors preparing for surgeries. Equipment functionality and setup is tested, and precise hygiene procedures must be followed to ensure sterility.



It is essential to put patients to sleep in an environment where they feel well so that the surgery goes smoothly and safely. Communication is fundamental for building a relationship and trust between the patient and the doctor.



The surgery is broadcasted to the adjacent room where it is watched by others. Thanks to this technology, the specialists have an opportunity to watch procedures of the Czech surgeons in detail and learn from them this way.



After the long and demanding surgery, the patients are transferred to the intensive care unit





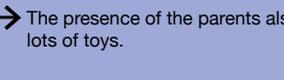
At the ICU, patients are closely monitored for several days. The first hours and days after surgery are the most critical, and it is necessary to pay attention to the slightest deviations in the patient's condition.



Operations often last until late in the evening and members of our team take turns in the intensive care unit at night to monitor their small patients' condition. They cooperate with their Zambian colleagues closely at all times.



The presence of the parents also helps the recovery. As well as lots of toys.



We end the mission exhausted but satisfied with the results. After the mission there won't be only photos and memories, we are in contact with our colleagues from Zambia, some of them will come to the Czech Republic for their internship and we will come back to Zambia in just a few months.

First steps after surgery. A sign that everything is going as it should.



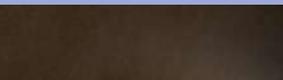
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# Final Quiz

1) How many patients underwent surgeries in 2024?

- a) 598
- b) 1 302
- c) 1 907

2) Which new country joined the MEDEVAC programme in 2024?

- a) Côte d'Ivoire
- b) Kazakhstan
- c) Georgia

3) In which country did the Czech doctors carry out the highest number of surgeries within one mission (304)?

- a) Ghana
- b) Jordan
- c) Ukraine

4) How many coordinators of the MEDEVAC Programme are there at the Ministry of the Interior?

- a) 15
- b) 10
- c) 5

5) How many persons were trained under the MEDEVAC Programme in 2024?

- a) 366
- b) 609
- c) 178

6) Which medical specialization is currently not represented in the MEDEVAC Programme?

- a) traumatology
- b) gynaecology
- c) radiology



training in Iraqi Kurdistan Region, anaesthesiology  
Bulovka UH © MOI CR



medical mission in Ghana, plastic and reconstructive surgery  
Královské Vinohrady UH © MOI CR



professional internship from Rwanda in the Czech Republic  
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medical mission in Ghana, traumatology  
Královské Vinohrady UH © MOI CR

Correct answers: 1b, 2a, 3b, 4c, 5a, 6c



# About the Aid in Place Programme

The Aid in Place programme was established by the Government of the Czech Republic by Resolution No. 19 on 14 January 2015. Since 2015, the programme has flexibly responded to the current situation in the field of migration and forced displacement in the world and it has provided targeted and effective assistance to displaced persons and to countries which experience strong migratory pressure. This way, it contributes to the prevention of illegal migration to the European Union and enhances the security within Europe. In June 2021, the updated policy of the Aid in Place programme titled Policy for the Ministry of the Interior's Aid in Place programme as an Instrument of External Migration Policy of the Czech Republic was approved by Resolution of the Government of the Czech Republic No. 557 of 21 June 2021. The main objective of the new policy was to create a comprehensive conceptual and methodological framework through which the priorities of the Ministry of the Interior would be identified for the Aid in Place programme as an instrument of the external migration policy of the Czech Republic.

The projects which are funded by the Aid in Place programme are implemented in partnership with individual foreign governments, international organizations or international non-governmental organizations. In order to enhance the impact of interventions the Ministry of the Interior seeks to implement projects in cooperation with other EU member states.

**Within the period of 2015 – 2024, a total of 79 projects in 34 countries were supported by the Aid in Place programme. The amount allocated to address the migration crisis has reached CZK 1.45 billion since 2015.**

**The main objectives of the support defined by the current policy include:**

## I

Protection and support of forcibly displaced persons and other vulnerable persons on the move

## II

Support of asylum, migration and integration systems of countries which experience strong migratory pressure

## III

Prevention of illegal migration and human trafficking

# The Aid in Place Programme in Numbers 2015 – 2024

## CZK 1.45 billion

↳ allocated to solutions to address the migration crisis since 2015

## 840 000 refugees

↳ whom the Aid in Place programme gave a helping hand

## 34 implementation partners

↳ from among international organizations and governmental institutions

## 79 projects

↳ and support of 5 other multilateral programmes

## 34 countries

↳ on 3 continents where the programme operates

## 28 000 refugee children

↳ whom the Aid in Place programme provided with protection



In Herat province, Afghanistan  
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# The Aid in Place Programme in 2024

In 2024, the budget of the Aid in Place programme amounted to **CZK 150 million**.

Therefore, it was possible to **support 6 projects** under the programme in 2024: in Afghanistan, Mauritania, Côte d'Ivoire, Rwanda, Greece and Tunisia. This was done in accordance with the priorities defined for 2024 in countries along the **Central Mediterranean Migratory Route** (Priority No 1), **Eastern Mediterranean and West Balkan Migratory Routes** (Priority No 2) and **Western Mediterranean Migratory Route** (Priority No 3). The financial donations to Mauritania, Ivory Coast, Greece and Tunisia were granted as Czech contributions within the European Voluntary Solidarity Mechanism based on the Solidarity Declaration which was adopted by the majority of the Member States of the European Union (EU), including the Czech Republic (CR), on 22 June 2022. Just as in previous years, the projects which were supported in 2024 paid particular attention to vulnerable groups, especially children and adolescents.

Due to the Russian aggression in Ukraine, extraordinary assistance was also provided to Ukraine and to neighbouring Moldova under the Aid in Place programme in 2024 beyond the regular annual budget and priorities. The extraordinary assistance was based on the **Programme of Humanitarian, Stabilizing, Reconstructive and Economic Assistance to Ukraine in 2023 – 2025** (The Ukraine programme) which was approved by the Czech Government on 12 October 2022. The implementation of 3 projects in Ukraine and 1 project in Moldova was supported under the Aid in Place programme with a total of CZK 75 million. Other assistance was implemented through the MEDEVAC permanent medical humanitarian programme.



Project launch ceremony, Ivory Coast  
© ICMPD



Afghan family, returnees from Iran to Afghanistan  
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# Projects Supported from the Regular Budget

Country	Allocated Amount	Implementation Partner	Period of Implementation	Project Name
<b>Priority No 1 – Central Mediterranean Migratory Route</b>				
Côte d'Ivoire	CZK 25 mil.	International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)	1. 9. 2024 – 28. 2. 2026	Support of border management and prevention of illegal migration and human trafficking in Côte d'Ivoire
Rwanda	CZK 25 mil.	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)	1. 1. 2024 – 31. 12. 2024	Support of refugees in Rwanda
Tunisia	CZK 25 mil.	International Organization for Migration (IOM)	1. 8. 2024 – 1. 2. 2026	Support of voluntary returns and reintegration of migrants in Tunisia
<b>Priority No 2 – Eastern Mediterranean and Western Balkan Migratory Routes</b>				
Afghanistan	CZK 25 mil.	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)	1. 1. 2024 – 31. 12. 2024	Support of reintegration of returnees to Afghanistan
Greece	CZK 25 mil.	International Organization for Migration (IOM)	1. 4. 2024 – 31. 1. 2025	Safe areas for unaccompanied migrant children in Greece
<b>Priority No 3 – Western Mediterranean Migratory Route</b>				
Mauritania	CZK 25 mil.	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)	1. 1. 2024 – 31. 12. 2024	Stabilization of refugees from Mali in Mauritania

↳ **In total CZK 150 mil.**

# Projects Supported within the Ukraine Programme

Country	Allocated Amount	Implementation Partner	Period of Implementation	Project Name
Moldova	CZK 25 mil.	International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)	1. 10. 2024 – 31. 3. 2026	Continuation of technical support of Moldovan Inspectorate-General of Border Police
Ukraine	CZK 20 mil.	HALO Trust	1. 9. 2024 – 31. 8. 2025	Continuation of support of humanitarian demining
Ukraine	CZK 20 mil.	Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation	1. 9. 2024 – 28. 2. 2026	Support of economic opportunities for returnees, internally displaced persons and other people influenced by the war in Eastern Ukraine
Ukraine	CZK 5 mil.	Kryla Nadiyi	1. 9. 2024 – 31. 9. 2025	Providing psychological and social assistance to internally displaced persons in the Western Ukraine

↳ In total CZK 75 mil.

# Projects Implementation Monitoring

In cooperation with diplomatic missions, the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic carries out regular monitoring of all projects supported under the Aid in Place programme. Implementation partners present to the Ministry of the Interior an interim and final report on project implementation including an overview of payments from the budget.

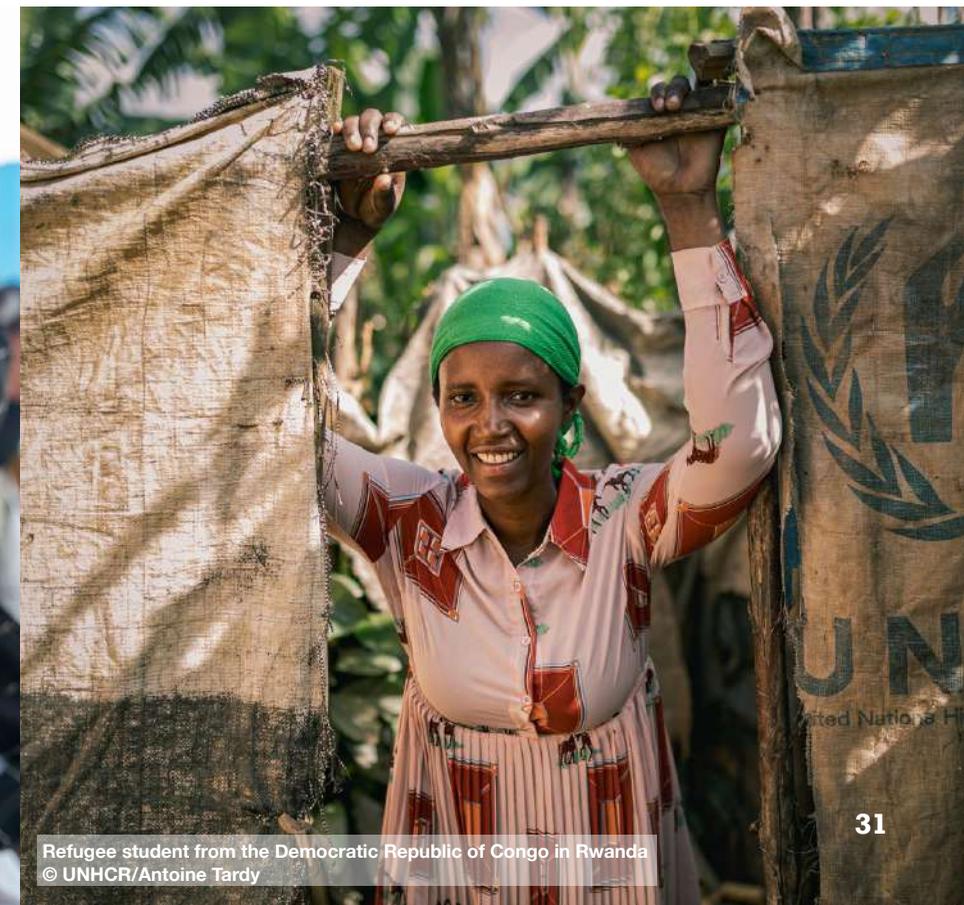
In addition to the aforementioned, coordinators from the Aid in Place programme carry out detailed monitoring of activities and outcomes of selected projects in the place of implementation in cooperation with the relevant diplomatic missions of the Czech Republic in the given country and local partners. The monitoring mission to Tunisia, Poland, Greece and Ukraine was carried out in 2024. A handover ceremony of the equipment took place in Moldova as the project was concluded.



Vocational training course, Poltava, Ukraine © Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation



Men waiting in the line for cash support, Afghanistan © UNHCR/Oxygen Film Studio



Refugee student from the Democratic Republic of Congo in Rwanda © UNHCR/Antoine Tardy

# Tunisia

The purpose of the trip to Tunisia carried out from 28 January to 1 February 2024 was to monitor the International Organisation for Migration's (IOM) project titled Support of Voluntary Returns and Reintegration of Migrants in Tunisia which was supported in 2023 with CZK 25 million and to monitor the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) project titled the Advancing Libya's Border Security and Management (ALBSaM). This project was supported in 2022 also with CZK 25 million.

As a part of the monitoring visit, the coordinator of the Aid in Place programme and the representative of the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Tunisia took part in a workshop dedicated to border management for Libyan authorities which was organized by ICMPD in Tunisia within the supported project. Representatives of all relevant Libyan authorities engaged in border management took part in the workshop the aim of which was to create a strategy to protect borders and an action plan to this strategy under the management of ICMPD. Furthermore, a meeting with the International Organization for Migration took place in Tunisia. The goal of this meeting consisted of evaluation of the implementation of the current project to support voluntary returns and reintegration and other prospective support of the Czech Republic.



# Poland

The monitoring visit of the Aid in Place programme coordinator took place in Gdansk, Poland from 13 to 15 March 2024. The purpose of the visit was to monitor the project of the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) to support Ukrainian consular services and the Ukrainian State Migration Service (RRR-SMS/MFA UA) supported in 2022 with CZK 25 million in response to the war in Ukraine and the influx of refugees from Ukraine to the Czech Republic, Poland and Germany. The project co-financed by the German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF) is implemented in the Czech Republic, Poland and Germany with the aim to reinforce the provision of consular and counselling services for Ukrainian refugees.

As a part of the monitoring visit, the meeting of the steering committee of the project took place, as well as a visit to the Ukrainian Consultation Centre in Gdansk, a visit of the General Consulate of Ukraine and the department of Ukrainian State Enterprise Dokument which issues identity documents to Ukrainian citizens.



# Greece

The coordinator of the Aid in Place programme and the representative of the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Athens carried out a monitoring visit to the Greek island of Lesbos on 06 June 2024. The purpose was to monitor the project of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) called Support of Safe Areas for Unaccompanied Migrant Children in Greece. The financial donations for this project were provided by the Ministry of the Interior from the Aid in Place programme in 2023 and 2024 under the European Voluntary Solidarity Mechanism.

During the monitoring visit to the island of Lesbos, representatives visited the Kara Tepe reception centre with accommodation capacity of 4000 places. Furthermore, a visit to the safe zone for unaccompanied migrant children took place. The safe zone is managed by IOM and it is separated from the Kara Tepe reception centre. Social workers, a psychologist, educational and leisure activities are available to children in the safe zone with accommodation capacity of 60 places. The centre is located in a nice environment surrounded by greenery. The meeting of IOM representatives and representatives of the General Secretariat for Vulnerable Persons and Institutional Protection of the Ministry for Migration and Asylum also took place.



Monitoring mission in the Lesbos, Greece  
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Accommodation in a safe area for unaccompanied migrant children in Lesbos  
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# Ukraine



Monitoring mission in Ukraine  
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Demonstration of minefield survey, Ukraine  
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The MEDEVAC programme coordinator took part in the mission of the Special Envoy of the Czech Republic for Ukraine, Tomáš Kopečný, held in Ukraine from 12. to 15.06.2024. As a part of this trip, activities of HALO Trust organization implemented under the project for humanitarian demining supported in 2023 and 2024 from the Aid in Place programme and from resources of the Programme of Humanitarian, Stabilizing, Reconstructive and Economic Assistance to Ukraine in 2023–2025 were introduced. HALO Trust uses the donations to implement non-technical survey and manual clearance activities in residential areas of Kyiv, Kharkiv, Kherson, Donetsk, Chernihiv, Mykolaiv and Sumy Oblasts.

# Moldova

On 26 September 2024, a handover ceremony was held for equipment purchased under the Complex Improvement of Migration and Border Management in Moldova (SCOP) project implemented by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) and supported by the Aid in Place programme with CZK 15 million. The Moldovan Minister of the Interior Adrian Efros and the ambassador of the Czech Republic in Moldova Jaromír Plíšek were present when the Inspectorate-General of Border Police was handed 5 Škoda Kodiaq cars, 9 drones, 10 night vision cameras and 10 camera traps. Apart from the aforementioned equipment, the project consisted of several trainings regarding border management and risk evaluation intended for the border police.



Five Škoda Kodiaq cars were also handed over, Moldova © ICMPD



Ceremonial handover of technical equipment, Moldova © ICMPD

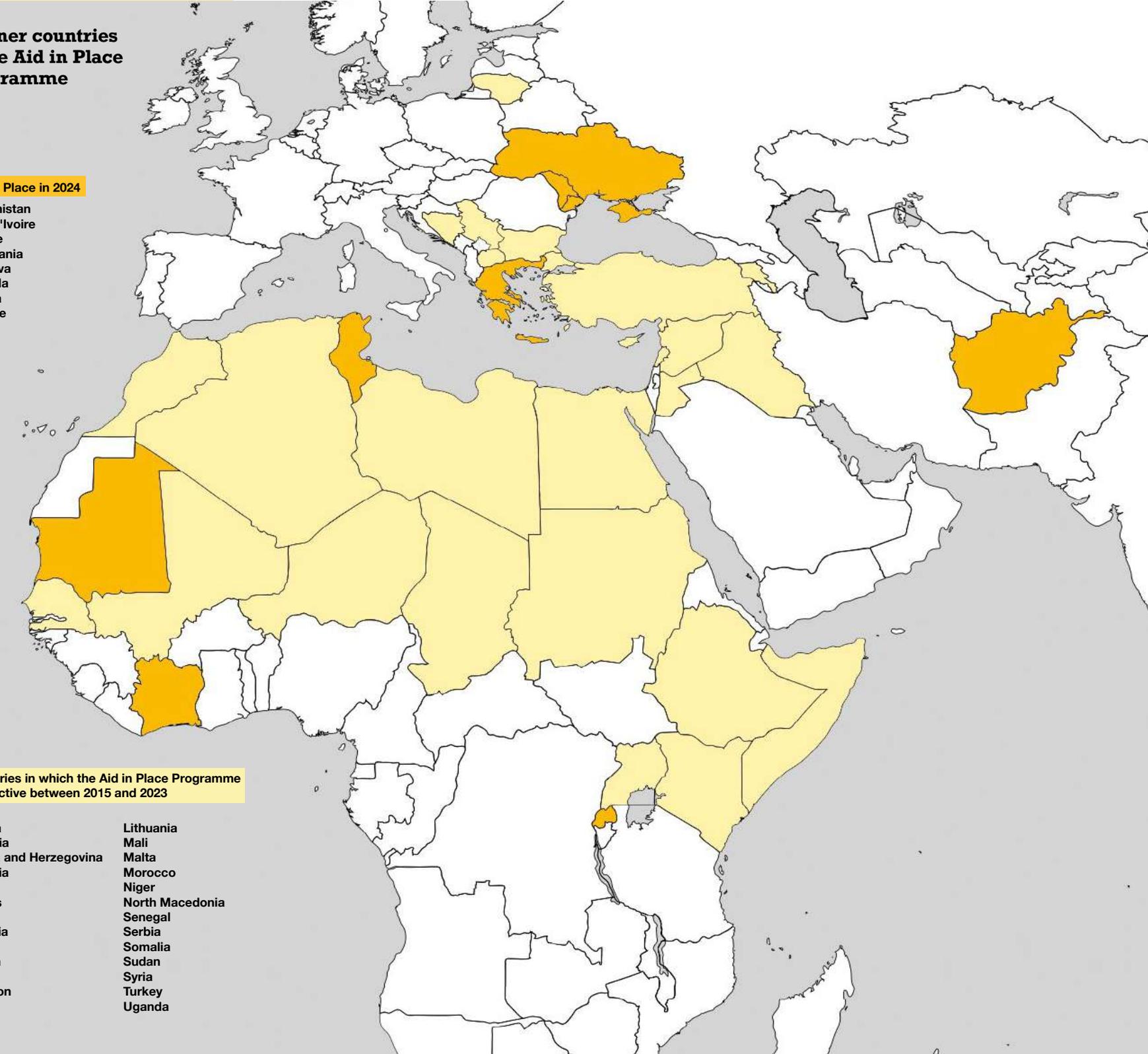
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### Aid in Place in 2024

- Afghanistan
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Greece
- Mauritania
- Moldova
- Rwanda
- Tunisia
- Ukraine

### Countries in which the Aid in Place Programme was active between 2015 and 2023

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|------------------------|-----------------|
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| Armenia                | Mali            |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | Malta           |
| Bulgaria               | Morocco         |
| Chad                   | Niger           |
| Cyprus                 | North Macedonia |
| Egypt                  | Senegal         |
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| Jordan                 | Sudan           |
| Kenya                  | Syria           |
| Lebanon                | Turkey          |
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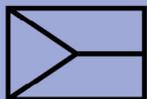


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