



Fact Sheet for the Czech Republic

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Our core services in Refugee and Migrants' Aid</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing Czech language lessons • Awareness and getting to know Czech society • Financial independence of refugees • Regular weekly meetings within the community • Building relationships between refugees and their local community • Assistance with education & re-qualification • Housing assistance • Medical care • Orientation within new surroundings • Accompaniment to arranged appointments (such as doctors, lawyers etc.) |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Our expertise in Refugee and Migrants' Aid</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to integrate children into Czech schools and communities • Helping in finding suitable employment • Turning storage into a "free shop" and later into a community center • Building personal relationships based on trust and communication due to the low number of refugees present in the country |
| <p style="text-align: center;">National challenges and solutions created with the Order of Malta</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Czech Republic is mostly a transit country for migration into western countries. If borders are crossed illegally, people are placed into detention centres – visits to detention centers • Due to the above practice, Czech Republic was a "country of entry" for a large number of refugees. Some of them have been returned on Dublin IV recently. These refugees are applying for asylum in the Czech Republic, joining a group of asylum holders here – working with asylum seekers and holders • The current (recently re-elected) President - Miloš Zeman - most politicians are against accepting refugees and take a strong anti-immigration stance • The Czech government does not provide a sufficient support - neither financial or practical - to refugees. Most of the support they receive comes from donations or them finding work • How to "wean from support"? • Create minimum support that should be provided • How to activate local churches to support Christian refugees? |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Best practice</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration of children into Czech schools and communities • Reunion of families • Help with finding suitable employment • Turning storage into a "free shop" and later into a community center |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Number of refugees</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015 – 1,525 applicants, asylum granted to 71, 328 received supplementary protection • 2016 – 1,477 applicants • 2017 – 1,450 applicants |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2018 – Ministry of Interior stopped publishing up-to-date numbers of refugees |
| Number of involved employees & volunteers | 2017 – employees: 2 2017 – volunteers: 3 |
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