HUMANITARIAN AID AND DEVELOPMENT
We strive for a world in which people are not restricted by an unfree society, poverty, lack of opportunities or discrimination.

FOUR PILLARS OF OUR WORK

SAVE LIVES AND PROTECT DIGNITY
save lives, mitigate suffering and maintain the dignity of people affected by natural disasters and conflicts

EMPOWER PEOPLE
support people’s abilities and efforts to improve their lives & their communities

ENSURE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES
fight against the root causes of inequality or injustice

SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE LIVING
promote development that is not at the expense of future generations, and does not result in further inequalities
About People in Need

People in Need (PIN) was established in 1992 in the Czech Republic and has since grown to become one of the largest non-profit organisations in Central and Eastern Europe. In addition to humanitarian aid and development cooperation, PIN also works in the fields of human rights, education and social inclusion, both abroad as well as in the Czech Republic.

In the 1990s, PIN’s primary focus was delivering humanitarian assistance to people affected by conflict. Over time, PIN began to deal with longer-term problems in developing countries such as the shortage of safe water, food insecurity, environmental degradation, and restricted access to quality education and health services. PIN’s Relief and Development Department helps people in emergencies, both in wartime crises and areas affected by natural disasters, and also assists people in places where it is difficult to break out of the vicious circle of poverty without external support.

Operating in over twenty countries, PIN carries out over 80 million Euros-worth of projects every year, which supports hundreds of thousands of people suffering from crisis, conflict and poverty.
“I was able to make enough money to pay the labour charge for carrying rocks to build my house,” says Chir Maya Gurung, whose house was destroyed in the 2015 Nepal earthquake.

In April 2015, the 7.8 magnitude earthquake that struck Nepal was followed by multiple aftershocks and landslides. More than 8,500 people lost their lives and over half a million homes were destroyed. With the support of UK Aid, People in Need started “Unnat Goreto”, a project that reconstructed over 125km of trails through remote Himalayan villages, employing over 2,000 residents from the communities.
Sectors we work in

PIN’s programming is carefully designed and evidence-based, combining in-depth contextual analyses, formative research and effective behavioural change strategies to ensure real differences can be made. PIN believes that interventions should be multisectoral and engage all stakeholders in order to achieve long-term positive change.

Emergency Preparedness & Response

Complex emergencies and conflicts are affecting increasing numbers of people, with many crises becoming protracted and requiring prolonged interventions. PIN continues to provide assistance to people affected by conflict and facing forced displacement in Syria, Ukraine, Iraq, Afghanistan, Bangladesh and DRC. PIN also provides timely and resilience-building support to the victims of natural disasters, such as droughts in Ethiopia, flooding in Cambodia and Afghanistan, earthquakes in Nepal, typhoons in the Philippines or extreme winters in Mongolia.

Good Governance

In countries undergoing political, social and economic transition, governments can lack transparency in their decision-making and, as a result, be plagued by corruption and fail to provide their citizens with access to basic services. To support a more open democratic process, PIN focuses on engaging citizens in local decision-making and encourages effective cooperation among civil society, governments and communities. PIN builds the capacity of both civil society organisations and local authorities while empowering citizens to voice their needs, advocate for local issues and influence policy-making processes.

Sustainable Livelihoods & Environment

More than three quarters of people living in extreme poverty are in rural areas and nearly two thirds earn a living from agriculture. These people often face key challenges including low agricultural productivity, lack of access to markets and employment opportunities, gender disparities and environmental problems, such as soil degradation and climate change. To overcome these challenges, PIN adopts a systems approach that involves working in partnership with communities, civil society, governments and businesses to drive inclusive change. This includes, for example, improving long-term access to the skills, products and services that can increase the income, nutritional security and resilience of farming communities, while reducing the adverse impacts of agricultural production on the environment.
Resilience & Nutrition Security
Every child deserves the opportunity to grow into a healthy adult and lead a productive life. Undernutrition leads to impaired cognitive development and increased vulnerability to disease, causing children not to perform to their potential at school and earn less money in adulthood. **PIN believes that resilience can be learned and nutrition insecurity tackled by implementing multisectoral programmes to address the key causes and effects of malnutrition and enhance people’s capacities to better manage risk and vulnerability to shocks and stresses.** PIN strengthens the market and governance systems to improve supports access to nutritious food, healthy maternal and childcare practices, disease-free environments and empowers both men and women to take action.

Social Inclusion & Protection
Virtually everywhere, there are individuals and groups who face barriers preventing them from fully participating socially, economically or politically. Women and girls belong to the largest groups who are discriminated against and often socially excluded. Conflicts and disasters make millions of people extremely vulnerable, leaving them without protection and the means to cope. **PIN believes in ensuring that vulnerable people and groups are not marginalised and socially excluded. To this end, PIN builds the capacity of governments and civil society to help them develop sustainable social protection systems and services, and empowers marginalised people so that they may have equal say and opportunities. During times of crisis, PIN strives to protect vulnerable groups who may be placed at greater risk.**

Education & Skills
Not every child can attend school despite their indisputable right to education. In many countries, school attendance is denied to children due to armed conflict, poverty, humanitarian disasters or simply due to gender-related, ethnic or medical discrimination. **PIN strives to tackle these challenges and provide quality and inclusive education to all children. Through vocational education and training in entrepreneurship and other skills, PIN supports young people to establish businesses, find jobs and act as agents of change to build a more transparent and accountable society.**
“Only a month of theoretical studies changed my mind to start a better life,” says Fahim, from Herat province in Afghanistan. Fahim attended a vocational training, which was part of a project funded by the European Union and the Czech Development Agency that supported the economic and social integration of displaced people and host communities. After completing the electrical skills training, Fahim set up a workshop at his house and has been running it with his friend ever since. Together, they fix their neighbours’ electrical problems and earn a living. “We are really proud of being helpful for them. We make almost 200 AFA per day and it’s a good start,” says Fahim.
People in Need is a Czech non-governmental organisation (NGO) that has been providing aid in troubled regions and supporting human rights since 1992. Since then, People in Need has grown into one of the largest NGOs in Central Europe. Today, its work focuses on humanitarian and development aid, advocacy for human rights and democratic freedom, field social work, and education, awareness and information.

Alliance2015 is a strategic partnership of eight European NGOs engaged in humanitarian and development activities. Besides People in Need (Czech Republic), Alliance2015 members are ACTED (France), Cesvi (Italy), Concern Worldwide (Ireland), HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation (Switzerland), Hivos (The Netherlands), Welthungerhilfe (Germany) and Ayuda en Acción (Spain).