

CZECH REPUBLIC
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Teze k projevu NMSEV na Global Refugee Forum
Ženeva, 18. prosince 2019

Pro info:

- projev v délce **max. 3 minuty**, přednesený z pléna, přenášený kamerou na velkoplošnou obrazovku;
- projev se, vzhledem k politické citlivosti tématu, soustředí na **good practices**, strukturované podle schématu UNHCR, do kterých zasazuje klíčové aktivity ČR;
- kurzívou jsou v textu psány pasáže, které je možno, v případě nutnosti s ohledem na časový limit, vypustit;
- termínům **pledges and contributions** se vystoupení vyhýbá, neboť ČR se nepřihlásila ke kosponsorování žádného tématu;
- původně plánované kosponsorování tématu **zdraví ve smyslu podpory infrastruktury i služeb (programy MZV – humanitární pomoc a MV – Medevac) s přesahem do odolnosti a snižování rizika katastrof** zamítnul premiér Babiš.

Teze projevu

A – přístup ČR obecně

- The Czech priority is to **address the issue of refugees at its roots**, to support a **long-term stabilization** of areas at risk directly on the spot.
- The Czech Republic is committed to implement the **Global Compact on Refugees and promotes whole-of-government approach in coping with refugee situations around the world**; especially we want to contribute to finding durable solutions to the repetitive and protracted displacements of people, both financially and by sharing our own experience.
- In this regard, **UNHCR is our traditional partner** in these efforts both at home and in countries hosting refugees – like Lebanon, Jordan, Iran, Niger or our ODA priority partner countries Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ethiopia and Zambia. Our annual financial contribution worth 100 mio CZK (around 4 mio USD) to the UNHCR budget will be complemented by deploying a Czech protection expert to the UNHCR mission in Ethiopia.

B – good practices konkrétně

- We focus our efforts primarily on **Burden and responsibility-sharing** where we want to share our achievements as **good practices**:
- Our strategy - **humanitarian - development - peace nexus** in order to use its synergy for strengthening resilience in countries and regions vulnerable due to impacts of climate change, security risks, and potential or ongoing conflicts.
- Traditionally engaged in dealing with **Afghan refugee crisis**, including both refugees in Iran and Pakistan, and returnees to Afghanistan, and in supporting **stabilization in Syria and Iraq**, including significant assistance to refugees from these countries in the neighborhood. In **Jordan and Lebanon**, we contribute to the infrastructure of the refugee camps and the secondary health care program both financially, by providing Czech medical capacities and promoting a referral network of Czech and local humanitarian NGOs.

- We provide **financial and technical support** to refugees and their host countries – in particular through the targeted **Aid in Place** Program: implementing projects in the Middle East, Africa and Western Balkans. It has tended to the basic needs of more than **350 000 refugees**, provided **new roof over the heads of 61 000 refugees**. *The program ensures food self-sufficiency, access to education and health care, opens possibilities for local business and investment.*
- **Concrete example: joint project with Italy in 2017 in Ivory Coast** to support integration of returnees, implemented by UNHCR, Czech contribution over 1 mio USD.
- We provide **medical support** in the host countries – both through the humanitarian assistance, focused on health care and protection for vulnerable IDPs and refugees, and through the dedicated **MEDEVAC** Program, which has been so far **implemented in 21 countries**. Up to today, the program has **deployed 99 Czech medical teams**, performed **surgeries on more than 3 300 patients**, both refugees and host communities, and carried out **227 medical evacuations** for treatment in the Czech Republic. *The program also provides training to the local medical staff and financial aid for development of local medical infrastructure.*
- Our assistance is **flexible and fast**: it can be documented on our immediate financial support through UNHCR to refugees in Libya, Venezuela, and recently in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Greece.
- *We plan to be more active in Africa; North Africa with focus on Morocco, the Sahel region with emphasis on Mali and Niger, Horn of Africa with focus on Ethiopia are our priorities.*

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