

FORS

České fórum pro rozvojovou spolupráci
Czech Forum for Development Cooperation

FORS – CZECH FORUM FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

Vladislavova 1460/12, Praha 1, 110 00

+420 222 522 480

www.fors.cz

info@fors.cz

@FoRS_CZ

<https://www.facebook.com/FoRSPraha>



Česká zemědělská univerzita v Praze
Fakulta tropického zemědělství



Středisko humanitární a rozvojové spolupráce



မြန်မာ့အဖွဲ့အစည်း
ပရာဟာမြို့



The publication was funded by the European Union and the Czech Development Agency. The content does not express the views of the donors and does not create any liability on their part.



České fórum pro rozvojovou spolupráci
Czech Forum for Development Cooperation

PLATFORM OF NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS ACTIVE IN FOREIGN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION, HUMANITARIAN AID, EDUCATION AND AWARENESS-RAISING ON DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

*„We want foreign
development cooperation,
humanitarian aid and active
approach to Sustainable Development
Goals to be an effective and appreciated
contribution of our country to the resolution
of common problems and thus also
an investment to the life quality of us
and our descendants.“*



FoRS members include local non-profit organisations, think tanks, national departments of international organisations, universities and other entities. FoRS is a platform for mutual coordination and representation of its members towards other actors, especially in the Czechia and the EU, such as state authorities, NGO partner platforms and networks, representatives of the private sector, etc.

FoRS thematic areas:

- | Foreign development cooperation
- | Czech humanitarian aid abroad
- | Education and awareness-raising on the development issues
- | Extending partner cooperation
- | Space for NGO engagement
- | Coherence between both development and non-development policies with Agenda 2030 – The Sustainable Development Goals.

We are active in:



FoRS is active in the Czech NGO network [Měj se k světu](#), which has been created as a contribution of Czech non-profit organizations to the effort to support the fulfilment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as approved by the UN Summit in 2015.



FoRS is a founding member of [CONCORD](#), the European NGO confederation for Relief and Development, bringing together 28 national development platforms from EU member states, 23 international networks and 4 affiliated organisations, and representing over 2600 non-profit organisations altogether.



FoRS is also a member of [Forus](#) – a global network uniting 69 national NGO platforms and 7 regional coalitions from 5 continents. Forus focuses on strengthening the capacities of its platforms for effective participation in decision-making on development priorities and their implementation.



FoRS is also active in [CPDE – Partnership of CSOs organizations for development effectiveness](#), which represents civil society vis-à-vis GPEDC (Global partnership for Effective Development Cooperation), that brings together governments, donors, civil society, private sector and others.

Our members' assets:

1. **They are among the first ones on the spot** of humanitarian catastrophes and remain as long as needed.
2. **They focus on problems** that are ignored or insolvable by local authorities, local self-governments or the private sector. At the same time, they look for systemic solutions to problems.
3. **They have results**, know-how, experience and a wide network of contacts in countries where they stay on a long-term basis.
4. **They spread the good name of Czechia** in both developing and western countries. They open opportunities for companies, universities and expert involvement.
5. **They have support of Czech public**. Three out of four Czech citizens think it is necessary to help people in developing countries (Eurobarometer 2018).
6. **They are effective and innovative**. They can resolve complex problems at minimum cost and with the use of innovative solutions.
7. **In addition to the funds received within the trilateral development cooperation** support from the public budgets in Czechia, they are able to raise funds up to four times the amount, especially from the European Union.
8. **They are transparent** and they promote transparency. Their activities regularly undergo independent audits, evaluations and other inspections. They define common standards such as the Code of Effectiveness or Humanitarian Standards of FoRS.
9. **Their activities make development cooperation visible**. They act in developing countries, but also inform domestic public of the development topics and problems they are helping to solve.
10. **They transfer their experience to the education sector**. In Czechia they cooperate with schools, leisure-time organisations and local communities. They help to develop children's skills and prepare them for life in the rapidly changing globalised world.