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Annual Report 2025



Message from the Director

In 2025, the main focus of our work was supporting Ukrainian refugees, approximately 380,000 of whom have been living in the Czech Republic on a long-term basis. We operate in more than five cities and six regions, and our staff regularly visited all refugee camps and detention facilities in the Czech Republic.

We were exceptionally active on the ground—at shelters, in our halfway houses in Prague and Brno, and at our offices in Prague, Plzeň, Brno, Ostrava, and Hradec Králové. With support from the City of Prague, we opened a new, large halfway house for young refugees who are completely on their own in the Czech Republic. Although the integration of Ukrainian refugees is generally proceeding very successfully—more than 80% of those of working age are employed and communicate in Czech—our organization, OPU, remains a crucial safety net for the most vulnerable. We help people with disabilities, the seriously ill, cancer patients, unaccompanied minors, as well as seniors who are completely outside the Czech social system and have specific needs.

For my colleagues at OPU, this work is often very demanding and emotionally draining, especially when they see how slowly migration policy is changing and how often support from institutions is lacking. This makes me appreciate their dedication all the more, and I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank them.

In 2025, we also continued our modest but meaningful Gvirila project in Georgia, which remains open to all visitors.

In closing, I would like to thank all of our partners, donors, and supporters, first and foremost the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Without you, our supporters, our work would not be possible, and thousands of people in the Czech Republic would be left without assistance. Thanks to you and the OPU, refugees and foreign nationals are able to successfully integrate into Czech society and start a new life here. Thank you!

Martin Rozumek, Director of OPU

2025 in Numbers

What did 2025 look like in numbers?



We have provided assistance to more than **7,500 clients** through legal and social counseling.



Thanks to our donors and volunteers, we provided **food assistance** to as many as **750 clients at our branches** in Ostrava, Brno, and Plzeň, most of whom were from Ukraine.



We have provided **psychological counseling** in Ukrainian and Russian to more than 100 clients.



1,956 of the total were field consultations (including home visits). Field counseling was also provided at the Bohnice Psychiatric Hospital.



Across all branches, volunteers contributed 1,630 hours of volunteer work. They organized **185 activities for 150 children**.



We have won **50 lawsuits**.



Field workers visited **29 shelters each week** and maintained occasional contact with another **66 shelters across** the Czech Republic.



We operated **four halfway houses** in Prague and Brno with a total capacity of 31 beds.



The Ukrainian seniors' club has met more than **50 times** and has also managed to organize several gatherings with Czech seniors.



We **accompanied 2,295 clients** during their interactions with institutions (primarily in the healthcare sector). We provided **5,441 hours of interpretation** and assistance.

Projects in 2025

Home in a New Country III

1. 8. 2023 – 30. 6. 2025

Funded by: Operational Program of the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic

The project is dedicated to improving the situation of foreign minors who arrive in the Czech Republic unaccompanied by parents or other relatives and are placed in specialized residential facilities. Through professional counseling, educational activities, and recreational programs, the project focuses on resolving the residency status of members of the target group, increasing their awareness, and enhancing their ability to integrate into society even after leaving the specialized facility.

Integration of Foreigners and Refugees into the Czech Labor Market

1. 9. 2023 - 31. 8. 2025

Funded by: EU, Program Zaměstnanost Plus

The project is intended for third-country nationals. The goal of the project is to level the playing field for labor market integration among 200 members of the target group through education, mentoring, coaching, individual counseling, and supplementary tools. We offer support in finding employment, educational activities in the form of Czech language courses, assistance in finding retraining courses, and help with the recognition of foreign educational qualifications. The project is carried out at our branches in Prague, Plzeň, Hradec Králové, Ostrava, and Brno.

Support for Refugees in the Area of Housing in the South Moravian Region

1. 9. 2023 - 30. 6. 2026

Funded by: EU - program OPZ+

Support for social housing, particularly for people from Ukraine. The project aims to provide housing for beneficiaries of temporary protection from Ukraine and beneficiaries of international protection. As part of the project, 10 apartments will be secured in the South Moravian Region for highly vulnerable individuals, who will receive long-term social and other support.

Supporting Employment for Socially Excluded Individuals in the City of Ostrava

1. 10. 2023 – 30. 9. 2026

Funded by: MPSV, EU - Program Zaměstnanost Plus

The project is aimed at promoting the employability of socially excluded individuals and those at risk of social exclusion among foreign nationals living in the city of Ostrava.

Grants for Social Services in the City of Plzeň

1. 1. 2023 – 31. 12. 2027

Funded by: City of Plzeň

The funding supports two social services in the Pilsen Region—specialized social counseling and outreach programs.

Support OPU

2024 – 2025

Funded by: Foundation Sigrid Rausing Trust

Support for the professional development of OPU employees; support for OPU's legal and social counseling services; support for the club for senior women from Ukraine.



OPU Received an Award from the Government Commissioner for Human Rights

Integration Activities for Foreigners

1. 1. 2024 – 31. 12. 2026

Funded by: OPZ+

Support for individuals with a migration background who live in the Czech Republic and face challenges such as a lack of proficiency in the Czech language, insufficient knowledge of their rights and obligations, sociocultural disadvantages, or a lack of understanding of legal regulations in the areas of family and labor law.

Support for People from Ukraine

1. 4. 2024 – 30. 9. 2025

Funded by: EU - Program Zaměstnanost Plus

The project aims to support the integration of foreign nationals. Through adaptation and community activities, as well as interpretation and volunteer services, we will help them better adapt to the different living conditions in the Czech Republic and prevent the development of crime, mental health issues, and loneliness among seniors, as well as parenting difficulties among adults. Through recreational activities and the improvement of communication skills among foreign children, we will also help them adapt more easily and prevent the emergence of socially pathological phenomena.

Field work in Prague 13

1. 1. 2025 – 31. 12. 2025

Funded by: MV ČR, MHMP, UNHCR, MČ Prague 13

Once a week, in cooperation with the Prague 13 municipal district, we try to reach out to foreign nationals in the field—currently, primarily those from Ukraine. The project aims to prevent the social exclusion of people who would not think to turn to social services on their own, yet who are often facing serious problems related to social isolation or a socially disadvantaged environment. We most often reach out to clients at shelters, but also directly in parks or in front of schools and government offices. Once we establish a relationship with a client, we offer accompaniment, interpretation, and social counseling.

Social services

1. 1. 2025 – 31. 12. 2025

Funded by: MPSV

Provision of social services nationwide: professional social counseling, social rehabilitation, outreach programs, and a halfway house.



L'Oréal invites the Senior Women's Club on a Trip

Specialized Social Counseling for Foreigners and Refugees in the Moravian-Silesian Region

1. 1. 2025 - 31. 12. 2025

Funded by: Ostrava City Hall

We offer qualified social counseling to foreigners in the Moravian-Silesian Region in the following areas: job search and assistance with writing a resume, contract reviews, accompaniment to government offices and doctor's appointments, assistance with personal matters, and communication support to help them exercise their rights and legitimate interests.

Legal and Social Counseling for Applicants Seeking International Protection

1. 3. 2024 – 31. 3. 2026

Funded by: This project is co-financed by the European Union. The grant recipient is the Consortium, and the project is being implemented in collaboration with partner organizations Inbáze and SIMI.

The project aims to provide free legal and social counseling to the target group, which consists of applicants for international protection and foreign nationals who are tolerated in the Czech Republic under Act No. 325/1999 Coll., with special attention given to vulnerable individuals. The project will enable the stable and regular operation of counseling centers at SUZ facilities and throughout the region. Clients will be provided with legal counseling tailored to their individual life situations.

Legal Advice for Individuals Who Do Not Meet the Conditions for Entry or Residence

1. 3. 2024 – 30. 9. 2025

Funded: This project is co-financed by the European Union. The grant recipient is the Consortium, and the project is being implemented in collaboration with partner organizations Inbáze and SIMI.

In March 2024, a consortium of nongovernmental organizations working with migrants, in cooperation with the OPU and the Association for Integration and Migration, launched a project providing free legal assistance during the return process to third-country nationals who no longer meet the conditions for entry or residence in the Czech Republic. The project also provides information on voluntary return options, increases the effectiveness of returns, contributes to the management of migration flows, and implements common asylum and immigration policies while respecting the rights and principles of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU.

Field Services in the Pilsen Region and the Moravian-Silesian Region

1. 9. 2024 – 23.1. 2025

Funded by: IOM

A project focused primarily on outreach social work at shelters in the Plzeň Region, where outreach social workers provide services to clients at risk of social exclusion.

Direct Relief

7.3.2025 – 31.12.2027

Funded by: Direct Relief

A project focused on providing direct assistance to clients in the form of reimbursement of medical expenses for clients from Ukraine.

Volunteer program OPU

1. 1. 2025 – 31. 12. 2025

Funded by: MV ČR, MHMP

Long-term and one-time assistance for OPU clients aimed at helping them integrate into their new community and improve their psychosocial well-being.

Social Services in the Pilsen Region - Field work and Professional Social Counseling

1. 1. 2025 – 31. 12. 2025

Funded by: Plzeň Region

Providing social services through outreach programs in the Plzeň Region and professional social counseling

Facilitating effective access to asylum procedures and promoting legal equality, preventing statelessness and facilitating the integration of refugees and displaced persons

1. 1. 2025 - 31. 12. 2025

Funded by: UNHCR

As part of the project, OPU provides legal and integration assistance to applicants for international protection, beneficiaries of international protection, refugees from Ukraine, and stateless persons.

Effective Communication with the Public

1. 5. 2025 – 31. 12. 2025

Funded: ČEZ

The purpose of the project is to maintain and improve the professional standards of communication with the public.



The "Lights for Lost Childhoods" Event, in Which We Participated

Integration of Temporary Protection Holders in Plzeň

1.1.2025 - 30.11.2025

Funded by: City of Plzeň, MV ČR

A subproject of the larger project "Integration of Foreigners in Municipalities" carried out by the City of Plzeň and the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic. Funding for legal assistance for clients in the city of Plzeň, focused on holders of temporary protection, applicants for temporary protection, and other refugees from Ukraine.

Volunteers Everywhere

10.4.2025 – 10.10.2026

Funded by: EU - ESF+ Social Innovation

The goal of the international project "Volunteers Everywhere" is to support the integration of refugees from Ukraine through a mobile app that connects volunteers and refugees.

Support for the Integration of Refugees from Ukraine in the City of Prague

1. 1. 2025 do 31. 12. 2025

Funded by: MHMP

The project primarily involves outreach social work at shelters, where outreach social workers make repeated visits to shelters and marginalized neighborhoods and work with clients directly in their places of residence.

Community Center VIII.

1. 1. 2025 - 31. 12. 2025

Funded by: MHMP

A project aimed at supporting foreign minors through field trips and at supporting clients of the "Halfway House" social service through leisure activities.



Pietní setkání v Ostravě u příležitosti 3. výročí začátku války na Ukrajině

Support for Czech Language Courses

1.6.2025 - 30. 11. 2025

Funded by: Municipal District Office Plzeň 3

The goal of the project was to support the teaching of the Czech language to foreigners.

Specialized Social Counseling in the Prague 14 District

1. 1. 2025 - 31. 12. 2025

Funded by: Městská část Praha 14

Providing professional social counseling in the field in the Prague 14 district.

Legal Advice for Individuals Who Do Not Meet the Conditions for Entry or Residence II.

1. 10. 2025 - 31.3. 2027

Funded by: This project is co-financed by the European Union. The grant recipient is the Consortium, and the project is being implemented in collaboration with partner organizations Inbáze and SIMI.

The goal of the project is to ensure systematic and free access to specialized legal counseling for foreign nationals who do not meet the conditions for entry into or residence in the Czech Republic, particularly in proceedings concerning administrative expulsion, detention, and return, or proceedings regarding the obligation to leave the country.

Social and Legal Support to Ukrainian Refugees

1. 11. 2024 - 30. 6. 2027

Funded by: Porticus

Project Objective: To support refugees during the next phase of their integration in six regions during their third and fourth years in the Czech Republic.

Home in a New Country IV.

1. 7. 2025 - 31. 12. 2027

Funded by: Operational Program of the Asylum, Migration, and Integration Fund of the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic, co-financed by the European Union

The project focuses on unaccompanied foreign minors and their integration into Czech society.

Development of social services and Field work in the City of Prague

1.7.2025 - 31.12. 2027

Funded by: MHMP

The goal is to ensure that vulnerable groups have access to professional support, to strengthen their integration, and to prevent social exclusion.



Výlet komunitního centra do Ústí nad Labem

YouDecide

1. 5. 2025 - 31. 10. 2026

Funded by: EU - ESF+ Social Innovation

The goal of the YouDecide project is to bridge this gap by providing access to youth-focused support in partner countries. Youth participation is at the heart of the YouDecide project.

Direct Assistance for Minors and Young People

1. 11. 2025 - 31. 12. 2025

Funded by: IOM

Support for direct assistance to minors or young adults (ages 16–22). The project's goal is to prevent minors and young adults from falling into the hands of exploitative agencies immediately upon arrival.

Operations of the Center for Foreigners in the South Moravian Region, 2023–2025

1. 8. 2023 - 31. 3. 2025

Funded by: EU, MVČR, AMIF

Providing services aimed at improving the social, legal, linguistic, and cultural situation and status of foreign nationals in the South Moravian Region.

EPIM

1. 5. 2025 - 31. 10. 2026

Funded by: Network of European Foundations

The funding is intended to support advocacy efforts aimed at integrating Ukrainian refugees into Czech society.

Empowered by ACTION – civic education crossing borders

31. 12. 2024 - 30. 6. 2027

Funded by: Erasmus

The goal is to strengthen approaches aimed at empowering young refugees and to develop their non-formal civic education.

OPU Funding

In 2025, the organization was financed from the following sources:

FINANCIAL RESOURCE

AMOUNT IN CZK

Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs	14 577 043
Asylum, Migration, and Integration Fund (AMIF)	13 833 941
European Social Fund (OPZ)	11 420 882
Prague City Hall	5 304 588
UN (UNHCR, UNVFT, IOM)	4 165 663
Sigrid Rausing Trust	3 830 586
ESF Social Innovation+	2 729 863
Pilsen Region	2 209 472
Donations	1 983 729
South Moravian Region	1 194 300
Direct Relief	1 151 596
European Commission	762 808
Own Activities	760 423
Client Payments (Halfway House)	624 640
Prague 13 and 14 Municipal Districts	428 019
Kooperativa Foundation	400 000
City of Pilsen and Pilsen 3 Municipal District	367 826
Interest	350 250
City of Brno	244 000
City of Ostrava	199 013
European Philanthropic Initiative for Migration	191 143
Fosfa	146 987
ČEZ Foundation	140 922
Employment Office	105 592
Bader Philanthropies	105 428
Ministry of the Interior	83 000
Other Revenue (Membership Fees, etc.)	58 038
Total	67 369 752

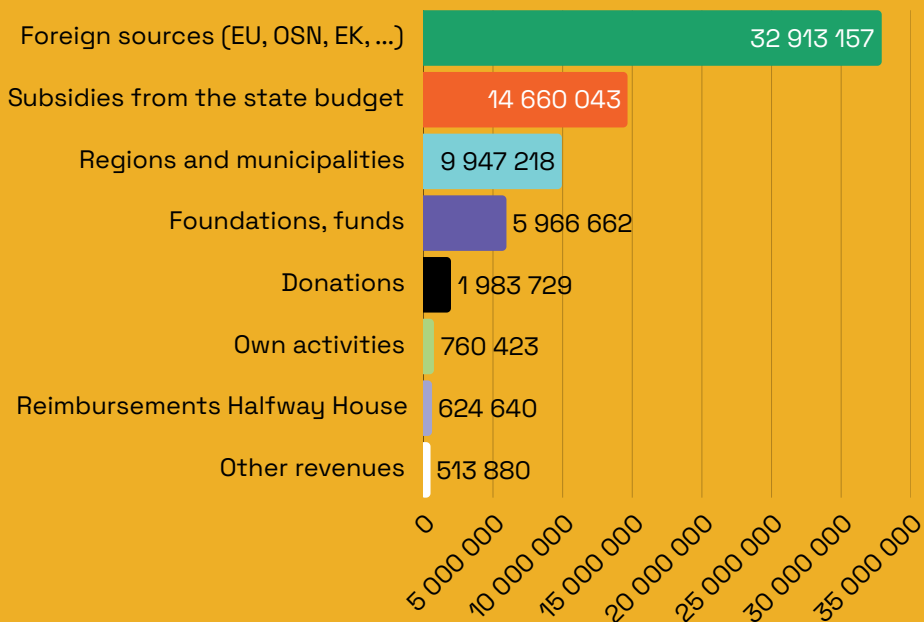
OPU Funding

Revenues by source group:

SOURCE GROUP

AMOUNT IN CZK

Foreign sources (EU, OSN, EK, ...)	32 913 157
Subsidies from the state budget	14 660 043
Regions and municipalities	9 947 218
Foundations, funds	5 966 662
Donations	1 983 729
Own activities	760 423
Reimbursements Halfway House	624 640
Other revenues	513 880
Total	67 369 752



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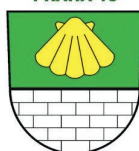
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