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PCPM – Polish Center for International Aid is one of the largest Polish charities specializing in humanitarian and development aid abroad. In 2014, PCPM worked in eight countries of Africa (Kenya, Ethiopia), the Middle East (Lebanon, occupied Palestinian territories), Asia (Georgia, Tajikistan) and Europe (Ukraine, Bosnia and Herzegovina) and from among Polish NGOs was largest recipient of Polish Aid (Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs) funding. PCPM is also the only Polish NGO listed as UNHCR Implementing Partner.

PCPM's humanitarian projects, funded by the Government of Poland and the United Nations, are focused on assisting the populations displaced by a conflict and other humanitarian emergencies, as well as providing medical and emergency assistance to the victims of natural disasters.

LEBANON

2012 - 2014

Syrian refugee crisis

As part of the UNHCR-coordinated Refugee Response Plan. PCPM secures decent and sustainable shelter for Syrian refugees in Northern Lebanon by providing them with cash for rent assistance. Since 2012, PCPM disbursed over USD 4.5 million to help over 2,200 Syrian refugee families (over 10,000 refugees) meeting their monthly rent payment obligations. For three consecutive years PCPM has undertaken minor shelter repairs and winterization, distribution of stoves and blankets, as well as heating oil, in order to prepare Syrian refugees for the winter season. During the winter, when mountains of Lebanon are blanketed with snow, securing sustainable shelter and providing refugees with stoves and fuel is a life-saving assistance. PCPM also operates a Primary Health Care Center in Northern Lebanon, catering for some 20,000 refugees.



UKRAINE

2014

Assistance for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)



The conflict in eastern Ukraine has displaced over a million people. During the winter season of 2014-2015, securing Internally Displaced Persons' (IDPs') shelter and winterization needs was deemed top humanitarian priority by the United Nations Country Team in Ukraine. In respect to the UN appeal, PCPM rehabilitated and winterized an IDP camp in Kharkov, comprised of eight buildings. The rehabilitation works were completed in only 30 days. PCPM provided one-off winterization cash grant to 1,000 IDP families that was used for rent payments and purchase of winter clothes. PCPM dispatched 20 trucks with humanitarian aid from Poland and distributed food aid and children's hygienic kits for 5,000 displaced families.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

2014

Flood response

Floods that affected northern Bosnia and Herzegovina and western Serbia were the largest in recorded history. In response to this sudden-onset crisis, PCPM focused its assistance on the city of Samac in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which was inundated for over 10 days. As immediate response, PCPM supported civilians returning to their flooded homes by providing them with disinfectants and cleaning supplies. PCPM assisted 91 poorest families in returning to their flood-damaged homes and apartments by co-financing necessary repair works, purchasing and installation of windows and doors, as well as by providing basic home furnishing. Repairs and equipment purchase benefited also three elementary and one high school.



PCPM RESCUE TEAM

2014

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KENYA 2014 **Fire-Rescue Services capacity building**



The metropolis of Nairobi, as well as many other urban areas in Africa, suffers from rapid and unplanned urbanization. In 140-thousand city of Thika, located in the greater Nairobi area, PCPM trained 50 firemen in a wide range of emergency services. Polish National Fire Brigade Service experts provided professional equipment and skills in rope rescue, high rise building firefighting, water rescue and vehicle extrication.

OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES 2010 - 2014 **Livelihoods**



Al-Jalama village, located in immediate proximity of the Security Wall, struggles with limited access to arable land, water shortages and lack of skilled labor. These challenges are commonplace across the occupied Palestinian territories. PCPM supports women of a local agriculture cooperative in improving crop production, food processing and marketing. We focus on creating linkages with destination markets, both in the Middle East and in Poland. Increased income from improved marketing Palestinian agriculture products contributes to poverty reduction and strengthening women's role in the local society.

ETHIOPIA 2012 - 2014 **Education & Solar Energy**

Illiteracy rate in Ethiopia, particularly in rural areas, exceeds 70% and is ranked among the highest in the world. Many children have to work during the day and after sunset can not practice their reading and writing skills due to lack of lighting. Over the period of two years, PCPM installed solar lighting in over 150 elementary schools, improving schooling conditions for over 15,000 students. Furthermore PCPM established or equipped over 50 school libraries, provided 10 schools with solar-powered laptops and created many school-based environmental protection clubs.



GEORGIA 2010 - 2014 **Disaster Risk Reduction**



Every year several villages and town in Georgia are by flash floods, causing significant material damage to homes, infrastructure and agriculture. The risk is exacerbated by the shortage of early warning systems and response procedures. PCPM, in cooperation with the Georgian disaster management authorities, constructed flash flood early warning systems along several mountainous rivers that involved measurement of river valleys, installation of automated early warning stations, as well as development of the emergency response plans.

TAJIKISTAN 2008 - 2014 **Livelihoods & Community development**

In Tajikistan, PCPM focuses on fostering social and economic development of local communities, as well as strengthening of municipal authorities. The capacity building of local authorities focuses on fundraising, accounting and implementation of small development projects, such as construction of medical posts and rehabilitation of public infrastructure. PCPM also supports impoverished women in Shartuz and Kabodian regions, who fell below poverty line due to outmigration of their husbands to Russia. The women are assisted in establishing their own micro-businesses in agriculture, livestock, food processing, weaving and tailoring, which contributes to improvement of their income and living conditions. To this end they receive interest free micro-loans (up to \$300) and professional training and coaching.





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