



LITHUANIAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION IN

2022

2022 was a breakthrough year marked by joint and intensive work, primarily in helping Ukraine to withstand the Russian military aggression, providing humanitarian and financial aid to Ukraine, and hosting war refugees in Lithuania.

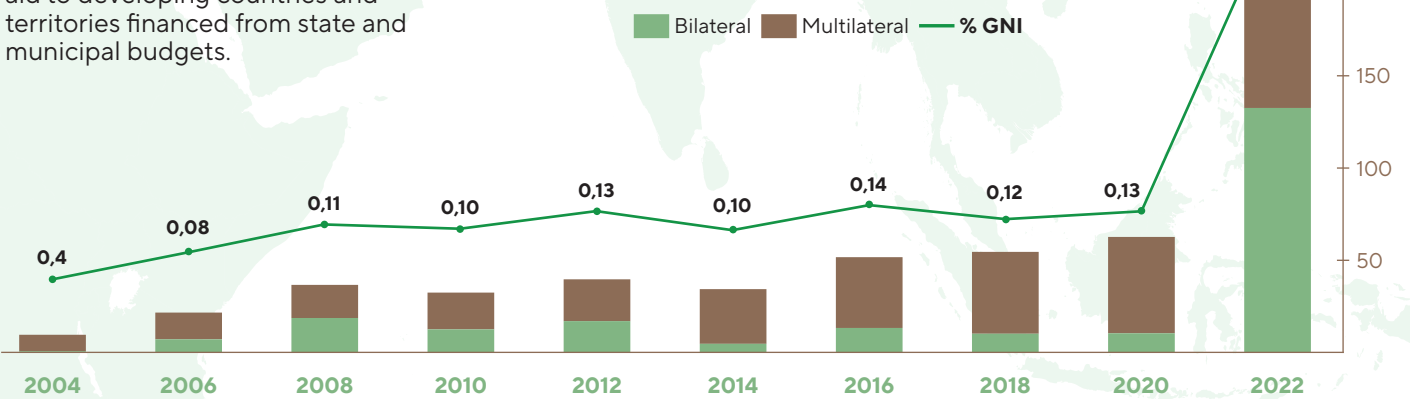
By firmly supporting Ukraine in its struggle for freedom and territorial integrity, helping to ensure the functioning of the state and public services, Lithuania provided unprecedented support to Ukraine in 2022, and was among the first countries to launch projects to rebuild Ukrainian infrastructure.

Lithuania's support to Ukraine has been consistent with its commitments to other partner countries. In 2022, Lithuania's Official Development Assistance (ODA) more than tripled compared to 2021, amounting to EUR 231 million, or 0.36 % of Gross National Income (GNI). This figure enabled Lithuania to reach its international commitment to allocating 0.33% of GNI annually in official assistance.

EUR 231 M
OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE OF LITHUANIA IN 2022

Official Development Assistance (ODA) is assistance and humanitarian aid to developing countries and territories financed from state and municipal budgets.

Official Development Assistance in 2004-2022 (in million EUR)



Lithuania's development cooperation contributes to the implementation of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals in partner countries. Lithuania focuses on strengthening partnerships in the following areas:



Together for Ukraine: Humanitarian Aid in Action



Lithuania joined OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) – essential platform for cooperation between global donors

DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND DEMOCRACY PROMOTION PROGRAMME



Settlement of mobile houses for war refugees in Borodyanka, Ukraine

UKRAINE

Following the full-scale invasion of Russia's military against Ukraine, Lithuania has provided wide ranging humanitarian, financial, civil protection, and other type of assistance to Ukraine, fighting for its freedom.

Lithuania was one of the first countries to launch and implement restoration projects, aiming to turn the destruction of war into opportunity to rebuild better, more beautiful and stronger Ukraine.

Renovation of a school in Borodyanka and a kindergarten in Irpin, as well as the installation of a mobile residential camp for refugees in Borodyanka in Kyiv region were launched in 2022.



Welcoming war refugees from Ukraine at the registration centre in Vilnius

MOLDOVA (5 projects)

The focus was on supporting the European integration agenda, democratic values, historical memory, environmental protection and civil society's resilience to disinformation.

Lithuanian diplomatic service model in the areas of European integration, economic diplomacy and hybrid threats was presented through series of trainings for the experts at Moldovan Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration.

With the joint efforts of Moldovan and Lithuanian universities, academia, and civil society organisations research was carried out on the crimes committed by totalitarian and non-democratic regimes. Conferences and exhibitions, seminars on tackling disinformation were organised and the glossary of defence and security terms in Romanian and Russian was compiled and published.

Focusing on environmental protection, Lithuania shared its expertise in the sphere of beverage packing deposit system.

GEORGIA (5 projects)

Our efforts spanned a diverse range of initiatives, touching upon Euro-Atlantic integration, environmental protection, small-scale agricultural entrepreneurship, resilience of civil society and democratic institutions against disinformation.

We launched projects to raise environmental consciousness among the youth, with the establishment of waste sorting facilities in four municipalities across the Kwemo Kartli region, planting 150 trees, conducting environmental cleanup campaigns and producing 10 informative video materials.

To boost public resilience against disinformation, we provided training in media assessment and fact-checking tools, empowering representatives from regional, local communities, municipalities, and ethnic minorities to effectively combat misleading information.

To support to independent journalism in Ukrainian Regions, The Eastern Europe Studies Centre provided financial support to journalists working in war zones and carried out trainings to Ukrainian journalists, media and civil society organisations.

BELARUS (4 projects)

The projects for people of Belarus aimed to support an independent research community, civil society and strengthen the European identity of Belarusians.

Independent Belarusian scientists and experts in social and political sciences networked informally with foreign partners at international scientific conferences and seminars, conducted research in humanities and social sciences.

The Historical and Cultural Heritage project promoted the European Heritage Label programme in Belarus and created preconditions for further integration of Belarus into the European cultural space.

Lithuania's annual support for the European Humanities University (EHU) provides opportunity for students from Belarus and other countries to receive high quality education, develop leadership skills and active citizenship. In 2022, 120 students graduated from EHU.

The partnership of agribusinesses in the Suvalkija and Racha regions fostered economic growth through the creation of a virtual trading platform (www.saklit.eu) and a bilateral database for small agribusinesses.

ARMENIA (7 projects)

Enhanced partnerships in the fields of environmental protection, transport safety, public resilience to disinformation, economic and social empowerment of rural women.

The projects included activities centered around waste sorting, promoting environmental awareness with cleanup campaigns, and educational games on waste sorting in regional communities and schools. Waste sorting containers were installed in urban botanical gardens to bolster the sustainability of these efforts.

We successfully collaborated on capacity building for road, rail, and civil aviation professionals in Armenia.

Our focus on strengthening civil society and its resilience against disinformation included support for media professionals, journalists, and NGOs. This entailed the publication of articles related to Armenia-EU relations, Eastern Partnership issues, and regional reforms.

Additionally, we extended assistance to beekeepers in the Lori province, promoting rural economic and social activity through training in beekeeping and the acquisition of equipment for a beekeeping center.

IRAQ (2 projects)

Our primary focus in Iraq centered on education.

The Mahmoudiya Primary School in the village of Karski, South Sinjar, was built aiming to provide access to quality education for approximately 200 Yazidi children, who are victims of ISIS. The school has been equipped with essential teaching materials and supplies.



Newly build school in South Sinjar, Iraq

The ongoing Middle East Science Programme has granted scholarships to 15 students from Iraq allowing them to pursue studies and advance leadership skills at LCC International University in Klaipėda.

PALESTINE (2 projects)

Support for women's economic and social empowerment.

Consistent activities focused on enhancing women's economic, financial, and digital literacy. The projects included training sessions for Palestinian girls and women on entering digital job market and managing smart greenhouse technologies.

TURKEY (1 project)

A study on implementing sustainable energy solutions has been successfully concluded. The study facilitated reciprocal visits by experts from both Turkey and Lithuania, fostering a platform for the exchange of innovative ideas. Notably, this collaborative effort resulted in the signing of a letter of intent and cooperation between the municipalities of Vilnius and Istanbul.

8 PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION AND FIGHT AGAINST DISINFORMATION








7 bilateral and 1 ongoing regional project in the EU Eastern Partnership countries were implemented to strengthen democracy and civil society and to develop relations with the EU, aiming to consolidate the dissemination of independent information through interactive means.

8 PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF ADDRESSING THE ROOT CAUSES OF IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Development cooperation funding was provided for initiatives in Palestine, Iraq, India, Bhutan, Nepal and Republic of South Africa. These projects are aimed at strengthening the financial literacy of young people, building skills in vocational education, digital technologies, and agriculture.

9 PROJECTS ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

9 projects have been implemented in 8 countries – in Moldova, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Palestine, Iraq, India, Nepal, as well as in the Republic of South Africa (RSA), aimed at strengthening the digital and financial literacy of women and girls and to contribute to their economic and social empowerment.

-  In Moldova, resilience building seminars on tackling disinformation and propaganda effectively
-  In Armenia, support was extended to bolster small rural businesses.
-  In Azerbaijan, raising awareness in the regions about career opportunities in technology, engineering, and mathematics.
-  In India and Nepal, seminars on financial literacy and reduction of gender-based inequalities in household.
-  In Palestine, training sessions on entering the digital labor market, and management of smart greenhouses.
-  In Iraq, access to education for Yazidi girls improved with the newly built school thanks to Lithuanian funding.
-  In South Africa, initiatives for women's empowerment in IT sector and digital skills.

PARTICIPATION IN EU TWINNING AND TAIEX PROGRAMMES

Lithuania has been awarded **133 EU** Twinning projects in 2004–2022.

In 2022, Lithuania successfully shared its expertise through the EU-funded Twinning and TAIEX programmes. Lithuania was awarded 8 Twinning projects for a total value of EUR 11.7 million spanning such areas of expertise as health insurance, pension reforms, hydrometeorological and climate services, road safety and more. The projects will be implemented in Azerbaijan, Tunisia, Rwanda, Jordan, and Israel.

The Central Project Management Agency and its partners implemented 11 EU-funded development cooperation projects in Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus, Eastern Partnership countries, Serbia, Turkey, and Angola. The total value of the projects implemented is EUR 86.33 million.

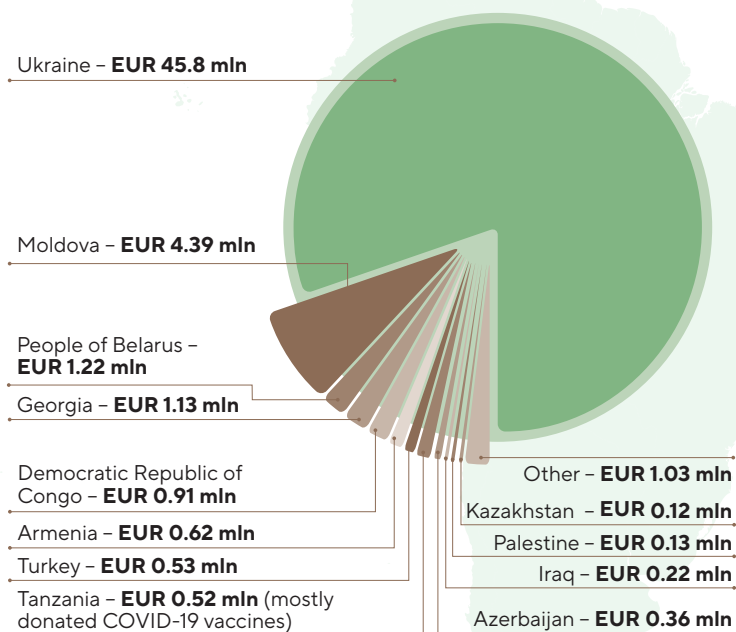
LITHUANIA'S BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE IN 2022

BILATERAL AID includes projects, technical assistance, scholarships, tuition fees to students in partner countries, as well as assistance to refugees and targeted humanitarian aid. In 2022, humanitarian aid worth EUR 12 million was used to address humanitarian crises in Yemen, Pakistan, Belize, Moldova, and Ukraine.

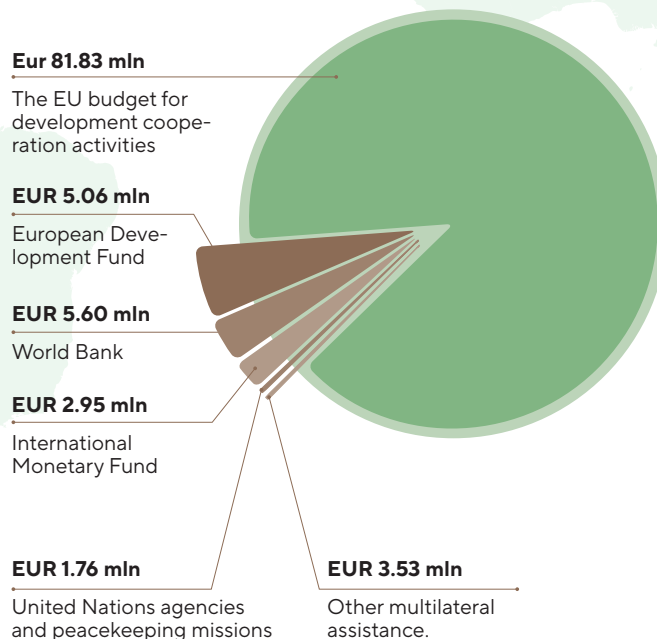


MULTILATERAL AID – Lithuania's international commitments to reduce poverty and promote democratic values through mandatory and voluntary contributions and fees to funds of international organisations and international financial institutions that carry out or coordinate development cooperation activities.

Bilateral Development Assistance by Country



Multilateral Development Assistance



FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND HUMANITARIAN AID

With an aim to ensure a more effective delivery of Lithuania's commitments, greater involvement in the implementation of bilateral and regional programmes and to strengthen the existing partnerships, the Fund for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid was established in July 2022. The Fund will assist Lithuanian public and private sector institutions in executing large-scale projects that offer significant added value to partner countries.

For more information on Lithuanian development cooperation and call for projects' applications financed by the Fund, please visit our website www.ltaid.urm.lt/en and **Facebook account LT AID**