



Permanent
Medical
Humanitarian
Programme

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2017

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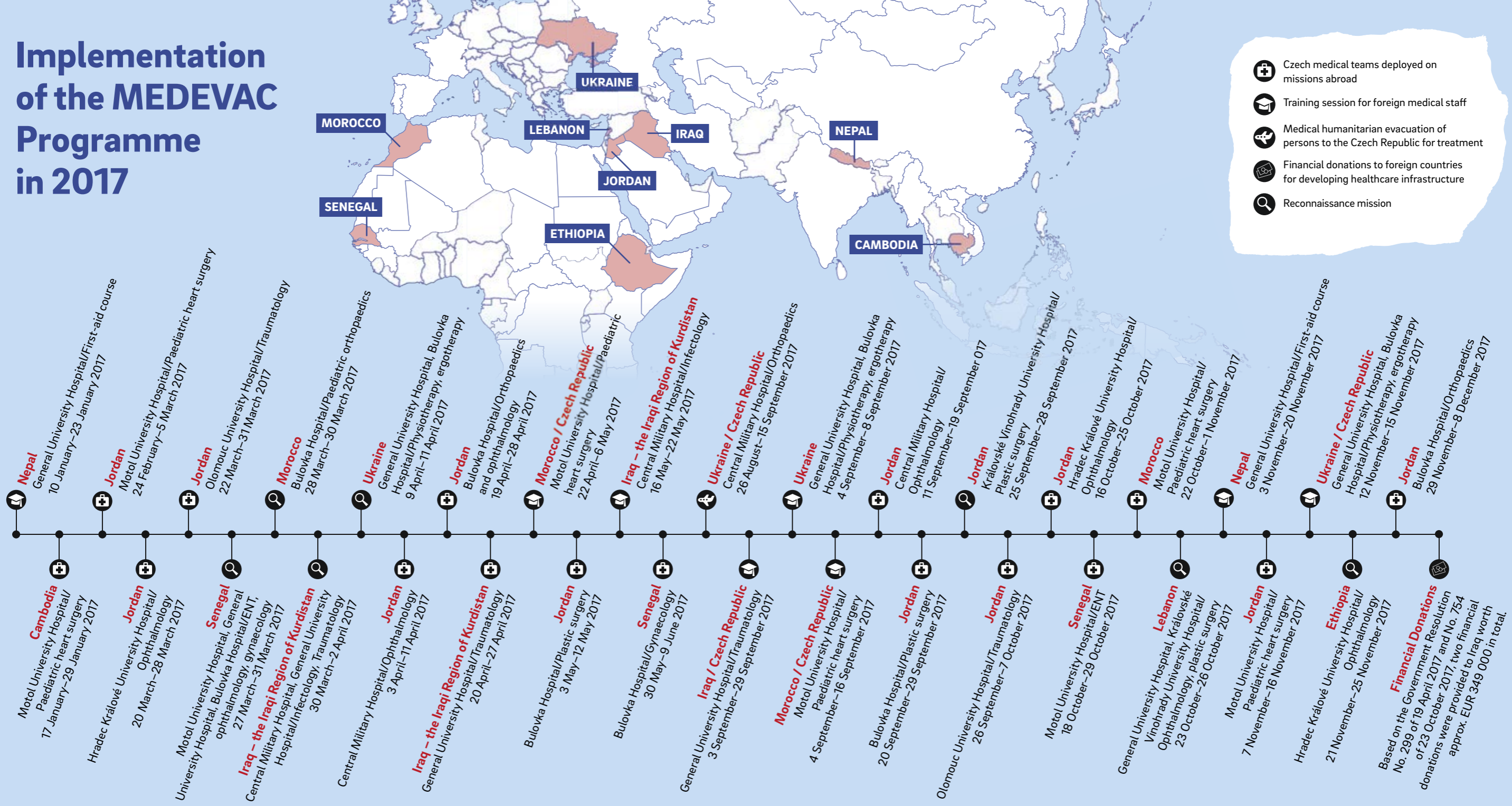
- + Government programme coordinated by the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic
- + Implemented since 1993
- + Fixed budget of approx. 2.33 mil EUR
- + In cooperation with leading hospitals
- + 4 areas of implementation: deployment of Czech medical teams abroad; medical humanitarian evacuations to the Czech Republic; specialist internships and trainings for medical staff in the Czech Republic and abroad; financial donations to support the enhancement of medical infrastructure

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Implementation of the MEDEVAC Programme in 2017



Based on the Government Resolution No. 299 of 19 April 2017 and No. 754 of 23 October 2017, two financial donations were provided to Iraq worth approx. EUR 349 000 in total.

A word of introduction

by the Director of the Department for Asylum and Migration Policy

In recent years, the word “migration” has attracted a huge interest from the public and has become an everyday topic in daily life. Some of us imagine birds migrating to warmer places, and others see a group of people floating in a boat, as is often presented to us in today’s media. Regardless of what this word conjures up for you, you should know that the Czech Republic is not indifferent to the current situation and that it actively participates in coping with the migration crisis in the countries that are most affected by it.

Therefore, please allow me to highlight the achievements of one of the Ministry of the Interior’s activities, the permanent medical humanitarian programme MEDEVAC, on the following pages. Through this programme, the Czech Republic provides medical assistance to vulnerable groups of people in regions stricken by instability, makes it possible to train foreign medical staff, and helps strengthen the medical infrastructure where needed. On the following pages, you will have the opportunity to read about the specific results the programme achieved in 2017. However, the success of the programme is not depicted only in figures, but mainly by the individual stories it helped come true.

Jordan remained the programme’s priority country in 2017. Here physicians operated not only on Syrian patients living in refugee camps, but also on the most vulnerable nationals of Jordan. Thanks to the expertly performed medical interventions, patients were able to see the faces of their relatives



again after a long time and were able to return to the labour market. Today, a cataract operation is almost a routine procedure for a Czech citizen. However, without treatment which refugees often have no access to, an individual is excluded from the labour market and this very often contributes to the poverty of the entire family.

The programme newly focused closely on Africa. Therefore, two more countries, Ethiopia and Senegal, joined the list of countries in which the programme had already been implemented. We remained in Morocco where the medical team operated on children with congenital heart defects. It is encouraging to see how previously sad, tired children are again full of energy and heartily play with other children.

Apart from the medical interventions themselves, the MEDEVAC programme also engaged in training of medical staff. This year, training started anew in Ukraine. Even though this country is culturally and

linguistically close to us, there is a substantial lack of post-operative care and rehabilitation in general. Therefore, it has been gratifying that we were able to send a team of specialists to Ukraine who trained local medical staff to care for patients after complicated surgeries. A successful surgery is only one half of the road towards a full recovery.

The aforementioned activities are only a small part of the wide range of the MEDEVAC programme. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to its running as well as the medical teams and hospitals that make it function. Thanks to their work, the programme has become an important part of the Czech foreign aid and helps spread the good name of the Czech Republic abroad. I firmly believe that this will continue in the future as well.

Pavla Novotná

**The MEDEVAC
Programme
in 2017**



The MEDEVAC Programme in numbers

2017

- 19 medical teams deployed abroad
- 957 expert surgical procedures abroad
- 935 patients operated
- Over 1,500 expert diagnostic examinations
- 7 reconnaissance missions abroad
- 1 visit by foreign physicians to the Czech Republic
- 1 medical humanitarian evacuation from Ukraine for treatment in the Czech Republic
- 4 expert internships of foreign medical staff at Czech hospital (13 individuals from Iraq, Morocco and Ukraine)
- 4 training sessions for foreign medical staff abroad (Iraq, Nepal, Ukraine)
- partnership with the **Prague Surgical Days** conference
- participation at **Prague Museum Night 2017**
- **2 financial donations** totalling approx. 349 000 EUR for hospital equipment and training of physicians in Mosul, Iraq



Olomouc University Hospital / 2017 / traumatology / dispatching a medical team / Jordan



Motol University Hospital / 2017 / ENT / dispatching a medical team / Senegal

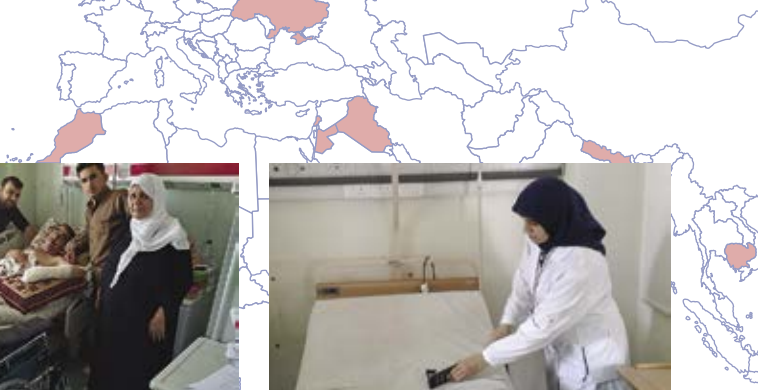


General University Hospital / 2017 / traumatology / training for Kurds / Czech Republic







Care International / 2017 / financial donation / Iraq

Project Countries in 2017




Ukraine

-  1 reconnaissance mission
-  1 humanitarian evacuation
-  1 training session abroad / 15 trainees
-  1 Study stay of Ukrainian physicians in the Czech Republic / 2 internships

Costs: approx. 32 800 EUR








Jordan

-  14 medical teams, 876 surgeries

Costs: approx. 1.6 mil EUR




Iraq

-  2 reconnaissance missions
-  2 medical teams, 10 surgeries
-  1 study stay in the Czech Republic / 3 trainees
-  1 training session abroad
-  2 financial donations

Costs: approx. 442 000 EUR




Lebanon + Ethiopia

-  2 reconnaissance missions

Costs: approx. 9 270 EUR




Cambodia

-  1 medical team, 13 surgeries

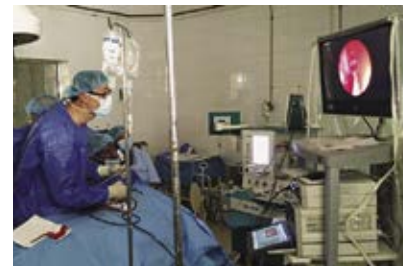
Costs: approx. 100 800 EUR





Nepal

-  2 training sessions abroad / 21 trainees

Costs: approx. 13 880 EUR






Senegal

-  1 reconnaissance mission
-  2 medical teams, 48 surgeries



Costs: approx. 73 660 EUR






Morocco

-  1 reconnaissance mission
-  1 medical team, 10 surgeries
-  2 training sessions in the Czech Republic / 8 trainees

Costs: approx. 65 900 EUR

-  Czech medical teams deployed on missions abroad
-  Training session for foreign medical staff

-  Medical humanitarian evacuation of persons to the Czech Republic for treatment
-  Financial donations to foreign countries for developing healthcare infrastructure

-  Reconnaissance mission



Deployment of medical teams abroad

Paediatric heart surgery



Jordan

- 2 medical teams
- 25 surgeries on children with congenital heart defects

Morocco

- 1 medical team
- 10 surgeries on children with congenital heart defects

Cambodia

- 1 medical team
- 13 surgeries on children with congenital heart defects



Physiotherapy



Senegal

- 1 medical team
- 23 patients examined
- 13 surgeries (cervical conization)



Ukraine

- Pilot training seminar at Kiev Regional Hospital in physiotherapy and ergotherapy
- 6 trainers/3 medical teams
- Focus on rehabilitation of orthopaedic and neurological patients after stroke and on diagnosing patients in physiotherapy/30 trainees

Jordan

- physiotherapist sent as part of the traumatology mission



Gynaecology



Infectology



Iraq

- 1 medical team
- Prevention and treatment of infectious post-operative complications

Jordan

- 1 medical team
- Education of hospital staff and patients on hygiene
- Prevention of the spread of infectious diseases



Ophthalmology



Jordan

- 5 medical teams
- 703 cataract surgeries



Orthopaedics



Jordan

- 3 medical teams
- 74 surgeries on adult and paediatric patients



ENT



Senegal

- 1 medical team
- 35 surgeries on adult and paediatric patients



Plastic and reconstructive surgery



Jordan

- 2 medical teams
- 43 surgeries on adult and paediatric patients



Traumatology



Jordan

- 2 medical teams
- 31 surgeries on adult and paediatric patients

Iraq – the Iraqi Region of Kurdistan

- 1 medical team
- 10 surgeries



Bulovka Hospital



Central Military Hospital



General University Hospital in Prague



Hradec Králové University Hospital



Motol University Hospital



Olomouc University Hospital



Internships in the Czech Republic

Iraq

A training seminar for Kurdish physicians in traumatology was organised in collaboration with the General University Hospital in Prague, the First Surgical Clinic of Thoracic, Abdominal and Injury Surgery, and the First Faculty of Medicine at the Charles University. The seminar was attended by three surgeons who had already undergone a basic course in the Czech Republic in 2016. The training programme included lectures and practical examples during surgeries, model simulation at the Institute of Physiology of the First Faculty of Medicine at Charles University, and a practical workshop at the MEDIN training centre in Nové Město na Moravě.



Morocco

Two 14-day internships for two Moroccan physicians (an anaesthesiologist and a neonatologist) and six nurses on post-operative ICU care for paediatric patients with congenital heart disease were realised in the Czech Republic in collaboration between the Motol University Hospital's Children's Heart Centre and the Moroccan charity hospital Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Hassan II in Fez.

Financial Donations

Iraq



- Distribution of hygienic packages to 2,250 households of internally displaced persons in refugee camps in the Niniveh Governorate. The packages contained basic hygienic items for personal hygiene and information about basic hygiene and the prevention of the spread of diseases.
- Five medical centres in the Niniveh Governorate equipped with sterilisation material
- Approximately 6,400 aid recipients



approx. 155 070 EUR



- Two medical centres in western Mosul renovated and equipped with furniture, medical supplies, devices and pharmaceuticals
- One system for water filtration and chlorination supplied to one medical centre
- Approximately 21,000 aid recipients

approx. 194 000 EUR

