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"La Strada: I had never heard those words until I became this organization's client. An extremely friendly and nice young team of social workers. They give you all the help and advice you need, they take care of your paperwork, they provide shelter and other social things. Moreover, they devote a lot of their free time to their clients. There is nothing better that I know of, and I owe my most sincere appreciation to this organization."

Client (2014–2015)

La Strada established
as a project of the proFem organization

1995

La Strada stands for “road” or “path” in Italian. The choice of the title of our organization implies a variety of meanings: it could be the road along which La Strada’s first clients used to stand – women forced to street prostitution; it could be the path one has to walk when the fate is too hard to handle and one is suddenly walking in our clients’ shoes; it could be the road down which today’s refugees are going; or the pathway we have to take in order to achieve our goal, namely elimination of human trafficking... In any case, for as long as twenty years now, La Strada’s workers have been accompanying women and men who were trafficked or exploited on their way back to normal life. Since its inception, La Strada has accompanied more than 1,200 people on that road: with some, we walked just a small distance and spent just a few days, but with others the travel took us even more than a year. In 2015, when La Strada celebrated its 20th birthday, we looked back and tried to recap what our road had been like and imagined where it might take us in future. In this annual report, we would like to communicate some data and also share the accounts of those who used to walk down that road in the past about what La Strada meant to them, whether they are former co-workers, clients or board members. Moreover, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all current and former members of the La Strada team, founding mothers and board members, and in particular my predecessors, Marie Saša Lienau, Bärbel Uhl, Iveta Bartůňková, Petra Burčíková and Irena Konečná Ferčíková, for each doing her part in building an organization that is an honour to lead, an organization that has been fighting for twenty years now against one of the most severe violations of human rights, against human trafficking.

Markéta Hronková, Director

Everyone has their own take on the world around them. Being able to make choices about our own lives and bear responsibility for our decisions is a symbol of human freedom. We are capable of making important decisions in life for ourselves if we can tap the right conditions and information. La Strada respects those decisions and aspires to contribute to them by fostering equal opportunities and quelling prejudices and gender stereotypes.

human rights

Human rights are not just an abstract term on paper. Respect for human rights is a prerequisite for a dignified life in society, not a bonus. Throughout our work we try to give human rights-related values a concrete form and advocate the rights of trafficked persons and vulnerable groups.

equal opportunities

Some people find themselves in a situation where they are underprivileged and trailing far behind the majority. Awareness of the deprivation suffered by certain groups and individuals fuels the earnest drive to dismantle distinct obstacles to their involvement in political, social and economic life.

feminism

Feminism means having the capacity and resolve to accept interpretations and views of life other than those that have become entrenched. It is a philosophy spotlighting the right and prerogative to accept other people's alternative outlook and approach, the right and prerogative to interpret reality differently from current dogma.

empowerment

The main thrust of empowerment is to support individuals as they follow a path to their own independence and take control of their own life. Our work with clients is rooted in equality and respect. We strive to furnish them with knowledge which will allow them to make their own informed decisions in the future.

anti-abolitionism

We take the view that the provision of sexual services with the consent of the person involved is a legitimate means of making a living. We oppose an abolitionist approach that refuses to differentiate between sexual services provided consensually and prostitution, into which a person is forced.

"I sincerely respect everyone at La Strada for all that they have achieved, for the long way that they have walked with the organization, and for all the people La Strada has helped thanks to them. In spite of that, I only have one wish for La Strada and all its people: so that it no longer has to exist. For that would mean that human trafficking has been eliminated from the world we live in..."

Alena Králíková, La Strada Governing Board Member 2011–2013, Corporate Culture and Responsibility Manager at CSOB

La Strada's SOS Line
established

1996

"For the past twenty years, La Strada has been doing an amazingly helpful job in the Czech Republic. The initial activities were aimed at trafficking in women as a typical manifestation of "modern slavery". La Strada has never abandoned the issue: it keeps on fighting for a complete decriminalization of sex services and it keeps on opposing the regulation of prostitution as a policy that rather promotes trafficking in women. Of course, as a result of international collaboration and other factors, La Strada's activities over the past twenty years have expanded to other areas of human trafficking as well, including labour exploitation, a phenomenon that is apparent in this country, both on its labour market and in private homes. I once was at the inception of La Strada and I appreciate what it does; I know that its job is very difficult, it must fight not only against dangerous phenomena and individuals but also against prejudice and people's indifference."

Marie Saša Lienau, first director of the proFem counselling centre for women's rights, which gave birth to the La Strada project

what we do

La Strada Czech Republic takes a comprehensive approach to addressing the issue of human trafficking, namely by providing direct care through our social workers, social-service workers and lawyers, waging campaigns, training and drafting legislative solutions that affect the status of the trafficked and exploited. The organisation's activities are divided into the following priority areas:

- social services – see page **04** for more on the content and focus of these services,
- prevention and education, specified in more detail on page **08**,
- advocacy and lobbying, which are outlined on page **16**,
- information on who we work with at the regional, national and international levels is presented on page **19**,
- read page **20** to find out more about our projects and staffing,
- our supporters are listed on page **22**, and
- finally, our financial statements and the auditor's report are available on page **23**.

Social services

La Strada Czech Republic has been providing social services since its inception in 2007, when the first three services were certified in accordance with the Social Services Act, namely “professional counselling services”, “emergency assistance” and “shelters”. The fourth social service, “telephone help line”, was registered in 2012. **Approximately 1200 individuals have passed through La Strada’s social services.**

La Strada Czech Republic provides social services to trafficked and exploited persons, i.e. people who have been deceived and/or forced into work or services, including prostitution, and whose labour has been exploited by others.

In line with Act No 108/2006 Coll., on social services, La Strada Czech Republic provides four social services

- emergency assistance – Section 60 of the Social Services Act
- shelters – Section 57 of the Social Services Act
- professional counselling services – Section 37 of the Social Services Act
- telephone help line – Section 55 of the Social Services Act

In our work with clients, we focus on their individual needs and place an emphasis on respecting their privacy and rights. We approach the decisions that our clients have made in life without prejudice or moral judgment.

Social services are geared towards forming a safe and dignified zone where clients can discuss their needs and share their personal experience of exploitation and human trafficking.

The year 2015 saw a continuation of the previous year’s trend when La Strada was often contacted by men of Czech nationality, typically through British NGOs or police which provided for their return to the Czech Republic. The men subsequently used La Strada’s services. Compared to 2014, we registered considerably fewer requests for assistance by EU nationals (Romania, Bulgaria) working in seasonal jobs (especially in agriculture – harvesting different plants such as asparagus, peas, apples etc.) We assume that different factors may have been responsible for the decrease. For example, the workers may have received such remuneration for their work that allowed them to return to their country of origin at their own expenses. Furthermore, some plants possibly could not be harvested due to adverse climatic conditions. Last but not least, the migration wave may have influenced the situation.

La Strada also provided services to women who were forced to sex work in the Czech Republic. In 2015 we encountered cases of forced marriage abroad.

*“Satisfied without reservations,
thank you, La Strada.”*

La Strada’s client (2016)

Services	Total number of persons
Emergency assistance	24
Shelters	9
Professional counselling	147
Telephone emergency help line	216
Total	396

Note: the table presents client figures for 2015

Client nationality	Forced labour		Forced prostitution		Forced marriage		Total
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	
Czech Republic	-	6	2	-	2	-	10
EU	1	9	2	-	-	-	12
Non-EU	2	1	1	-	-	-	4
Total	3	16	5	0	2	-	26

Note: the table shows the number of clients of social services as a whole in 2015

The most common signs of human trafficking include:

- psychological pressure,
- threats,
- confinement,
- withholding of food and drink,
- threats of physical violence,
- physical violence,
- rape,
- withholding of documents.

"To me, La Strada means people with utmost commitment to the main goal of what they do. It's a pleasure to meet with them and observe the kind of positive things they can bring into people's lives through a combination of professionalism and job commitment. Through their bold pursuit of principles, they divert people's journeys from danger, often a long time before they embark on them. Though it sounds like a kind of miracle, this is reality. Even though their valuable work is normally extremely difficult to see. Since its inception, La Strada has left a huge imprint on the state of affairs and there is a lot to be proud of!"

Jiri Škvor, Governing Board Member,
UN OCHA consultant, Geneva

1999

La Strada publishes a pamphlet entitled, "Your body is only yours"

“The encounter with La Strada, namely Petra Burčíková, Iveta Bartůňková, Petra Kutálková, Monika Ladmanová and Markéta Hronková, changed my life. Until 35, I dealt with everything and anything, but none of it was really important. Only then did I find out that helping others and fighting for justice are, too, my responses to the difficult question about the meaning of our existence on this planet.”

Filip Smoljak, Governing Board Member 2005–2012, philanthropist and project manager in the fields of sociology, fundraising and social innovation

Age	Women	Men	Total
18–35 years	6	6	12
36–60 years	2	10	12
61 or older	-	2	2

Emergency assistance

Assistance to clients at risk of life has been provided by La Strada since its very inception. In numbers, this service mainly comprises seven days and seven nights of permanent contact between the client and the social-service worker. Both the team and the capacity of the service have grown over the twenty years of its existence. Currently the work shifts are covered by four social-service workers and La Strada has four emergency beds at its disposal. Each bed must be left by the end of the emergency week and made available to other persons in need.

This service is available to over-18s whose health and lives are at risk, irrespective of nationality and residential status.

Emergency assistance is provided as either a residential service (with accommodation for up to seven days) or a non-residential service (which may be anonymous).

Target group

- The trafficked and the exploited, i.e. people who have been deceived and/or forced into work or services, including prostitution, and whose labour has been exploited by others.
- Individuals who have gone through or find themselves in a situation where human trafficking or exploitation is just a step away.

Primary objectives

- to counterbalance clients' crises and minimise the risks to their life or health
- to provide an emergency intervention service

Our social work and temporary-accommodation services are geared towards enabling clients to lead independent lives.

By parachuting ourselves into clients' predicaments, passing on expertise and providing them with support, we help to tackle the crises they are going through.

Our goal is to build up clients' own resources so that they can help themselves to work through their difficult situation in life.

*La Strada opens
its first shelter*

2000

Shelters

La Strada opened its first shelter in 2000, namely a flat for women. In 2007, when its services were extended to male clients, La Strada rented another shelter for trafficked or exploited men. The third shelter was opened in 2015. **La Strada currently has at its disposal three shelters at undisclosed locations.** In two of them, our workers also provide emergency assistance and work night shifts, while the third one serves as an exit shelter for long-term clients who are getting ready to return to normal life.

This service is provided to adults (over-18s), irrespective of nationality and residential status. Sheltered accommodation is provided as a residential service (with accommodation for up to one year).

Target group

- The trafficked and the exploited, i.e. people who have been deceived and/or forced into work or services, including prostitution, and whose labour has been exploited by others.

Primary objectives

- to provide safe accommodation
- to provide material and financial support
- to ensure the safety of clients
- to foster conditions for clients to enjoy common pastimes and spend their free time actively
- to support the assertion of clients' rights and restore the control they have over their own lives
- to mitigate the harms of trafficking and exploitation crimes

In our work with clients, we respect the experience of those who are drawing on the services.

This service supports and motivates clients to face up to the difficulties in their lives.

We try to nurture conditions for clients that will bring some stability to their general circumstances.

Age	Women	Men	Total
18–35 years	4	-	4
36–60 years	1	3	4
61 or older	-	2	2

“Over the years that we’ve been working together, La Strada Czech Republic has always been a reliable partner. Every time the need for assistance emerged, we were able to turn to La Strada confidently and to jointly look for solutions for our clients. And there is not just the practical aspect – the sharing of experience and knowledge in overcoming obstacles has always been inspiring, too. We are looking forward to further collaboration.”

Evelyn Probst, Director, IBF – Interventionsstelle für Betroffene von Frauenhandel – LEFÖ, La Strada’s partner organization in Austria

La Strada, Karo and Enya organize a conference on “Commercial sexual exploitation of children in the Czech Republic”

2001

Professional social counselling

Since 1995, La Strada's social counselling clientele has been evolving constantly. For a long time, La Strada catered exclusively to women, namely women trafficked for forced prostitution. Responsiveness to developments in of human trafficking has always been one of the fundamental principles of La Strada's work. Therefore, La Strada was among the pioneers working with clients from other areas of human trafficking, i.e. mainly forced labour. Furthermore, La Strada strongly promoted an extended definition of human trafficking to cover reasons of human trafficking other than forced prostitution. In 2005, when the definition of trafficking was extended, La Strada decided to provide services to trafficked men as well.

This service is available face-to-face or over the phone to all persons, irrespective of nationality and residential status. It can also be provided anonymously.

Target group

- The trafficked and the exploited, i.e. people who have been deceived and/or forced into work or services, including prostitution, and whose labour has been exploited by others.
- Anyone who is in a close relationship with people who have been or are being trafficked or exploited.
- Anyone who is travelling or looking for work abroad.
- Anyone who is interested in information about how to mitigate the risk of human trafficking and exploitation.

Primary objectives

- to expand the options available when addressing difficult situations in life and to avoid social exclusion
- to mitigate the harms of trafficking and exploitation crimes
- to enable clients to diminish the downsides of their circumstances and to reduce work-related risks by sharing relevant information with them
- to facilitate the assertion of rights and legitimate interests

*"Great working with you...
an amazing group of people,
an amazing team :)"*

Client (2015–2016)

*La Strada develops
an electronic database
of documents and literature
on human trafficking*

2002

We work with clients on improving their circumstances so that, in the future, they will no longer need to resort to our services.

By passing on expert information and supporting clients, we aim to build up their own resources so that they can help themselves to work through their difficult situation in life.

Categories of professional social counselling	Number of persons		Total
	Women	Men	
Comprehensive services	16	10	26
Low-threshold counselling	17	23	40
Outreach counselling	34	13	47
INFO and SOS line	61	72	133



"When I met La Strada, the biggest surprise for me was its comprehensive services and effective involvement of the whole team. This is where I acknowledged how important it is not only to help a person in emergency satisfy their basic needs but also to empower them to defend their rights. I appreciate all the experience that I gained, on which I have come to rely in my work with clients."

Eva Česánková, social worker 2008–2013

La Strada starts providing services to the first women **2003**



La Strada Czech Republic,
La Strada Poland and
La Strada Netherlands
establish the La Strada
International NGO network
— 2004

Telephone emergency help line

La Strada's SOS and INFO line became operational in 1996. Since then, over 6000 individuals called with relevant inquiries, whether they were trafficked persons, their loved ones or people looking for information on how to work abroad safely. In the beginning, the line worked for two afternoons a week, now it covers 4 days a week, and an extension to the fifth day is being planned. Nowadays, clients can call both the regular number, even from abroad, and the toll-free number. We have been gradually extending the language repertoire of our telephone consultants, reaching the current level of **six languages (Czech, English, Romanian, Moldovan, Russian and Bulgarian)**.

The La Strada Czech Republic SOS and INFO line is an email and phone service available to everyone, irrespective of nationality and residential status.

Target group

- The trafficked and the exploited, i.e. people who have been deceived and/or forced into work or services, including prostitution, and whose labour has been exploited by others.
- Individuals who have gone through or find themselves in a situation where human trafficking or exploitation is just a step away.
- Anyone who is in a close relationship with people who have been or are being trafficked or and exploitation.

Primary objectives

- to stabilise crisis situations and minimise threats to life or health by providing safety tips
- to provide a telephone emergency help line
- to mitigate the harms of trafficking and exploitation crimes
- to facilitate the assertion of clients' rights and legitimate interests

"I knew about La Strada as early as during my student trips abroad. Back then, I was keeping the number of La Strada's SOS line in a safe place and I was well-acquainted with the safety tips. I was honoured when I was able later on to connect my life with that very organization. In these turbulent times, I wish for La Strada to always keep one step ahead!"

*Irena Feřčíková Konečná, Director 2008–2014, La Strada
International Governing Board Member 2010–2016*

Clients calling the help line receive information in a way and in a language they can understand. We expand the options available to them in addressing difficult situations in life and we strive to avoid social exclusion.

Our social work enables clients to keep a lid on the downsides of their circumstances.

Another equally important goal is to mitigate -related risks.

In 2015, the line's coverage was extended to the Bulgarian language.

Compared to 2014, **the number of calls to the SOS and INFO line increased by 42.**

As for **callers' nationality**, we saw the continuation of a trend first observed in 2012, namely **predominance of EU nationals (174)**, with a slight increase from the previous year (by 22 individuals). **Czech nationals (109)** ranked second, also with a slight increase. **There were 96 third-country nationals.** Nationality was not determined for 17 individuals

As for **callers' gender**, a growing number of men has been observed for several years, and women were outnumbered in 2015 (**225 men and 171 women**).

Services	Number of times provided	Number of persons
Professional counselling	189	95
Telephone emergency help line	401	216
Total	590	311

*"When it comes to La Strada,
I admire you and I thank you.
A great team of amazing people
in the right place."
Client (2015–2016)*

*After the definition of trafficking is extended to include
exploitation in industries other than prostitution,
La Strada provides services to the first men*

2005

Outreach work

La Strada's outreach programme was launched in 2006 and is celebrating its 10th birthday in 2016. Over the past decade, more than 6000 individuals were contacted by our outreach workers. What used to be afternoon field trips became gradually one-day tours, and last year some of our team's trips to more distant places took up to two days.

La Strada's outreach work focuses primarily on labour exploitation outside of forced prostitution. Outreach workers visit sites where people from the target group may be

- employed (e.g. as auxiliary staff in catering establishments, hotels, hospitals, etc., or in agriculture, industry or construction)
- accommodated (cheap hostels, as well as "unofficial" accommodation facilities)
- or present for other reasons (illegal labour exchanges, transport hubs, etc.)

Target group

Primary

- The trafficked and the exploited, i.e. people who have been deceived and/or forced into work or services, including prostitution, and whose labour has been exploited by others.
- Individuals who have gone through or find themselves in a situation where human trafficking or exploitation is just a step away.
- Persons related or otherwise close to trafficked and exploited persons.

Secondary

- Persons who may encounter the trafficked or exploited but have no personal ties to them (persons from a background same as or similar to that of the target group, and persons in an employment or similar relationship with members of the target group).

Primary objectives

- to contact the target audience and disseminate information about the services provided by La Strada Czech Republic, along with the contact details of the SOS and INFO line as a gateway to the organisation's services
- to provide professional counselling to target group members
- to provide basic counselling on the issues in which La Strada Czech Republic specialises, and to pass on the contact details of relevant organisations or institutions
- to monitor sites, mechanisms and trends.

"I am proud of being able to support La Strada's mission by serving on its Governing Board. I respect the organization and all its workers for the courage and commitment they devote to their clients, for the fact that in such a complicated and often hazardous work they have been able to maintain their excitement for respect for human rights and elimination of inequalities in contemporary world, irrespective of nationality or religion."

Petra Kubálková, Governing Board Member, Sales Manager at OKsystems

2006

La Strada establishes its outreach programme and starts providing legal services

Persons contacted	Number of persons		Total
	Women	Men	
Primary target group	381	502	883
Secondary target group		69	69
Total			952

In 2015, our outreach workers focused primarily on **seasonal jobs in agriculture, repeated field trips to planned locations** (especially hostels), **service and retail workers** (souvenir shops etc.), **the construction industry**, and newly also some minor towns known to La Strada and law enforcement authorities as places of **exploitation and trafficking in homeless persons**. Especially the latter setting is relatively specific and currently under-mapped.

Like last year, the most persons contacted came from EU member states, especially (in the order of frequency) from **Bulgaria, Ukraine, Romania and the Czech Republic**. Contacts were also made with people from **Moldova, Slovakia, Hungary, Uzbekistan, Lithuania, Latvia, Vietnam, Poland**, and single individuals from **Pakistan, India or the Philippines**. Some hostels exhibited growing numbers of tenants from Asian countries (Pakistan, India and the Philippines) who had not resided there in the previous years.

“I learned really a lot from my work at La Strada. Not only that it may happen all of a sudden that a person finds herself in a situation with no way out, but also that these situations, no matter how complicated, do have their solutions, a fact proven repeatedly by the members of (not only) the social work team. Moreover, I am probably never going to buy strawberries or asparagus without considering whether their harvesters got paid for their work or whether they were forced by someone.”

Magdaléna Šormová, outreach worker and manager of low-threshold services 2013–2015, Police of the Czech Republic officer

2007 *The first three social services accredited by La Strada in accordance with the Social Services Act; La Strada's second shelter opened*

"La Strada gave me one of my first opportunities to apply law in practice, namely where law actually comes to existence – in unique litigation-relevant cases. The most precious part of my experience, though, was working in the context of a helping organization."

Klára Kalibová, lawyer 2006–2007, Director of In IUSTITIA

Low-threshold centre

The low-threshold centre is La Strada's youngest activity/service provided thus far. Since its launch in 2010, it has provided labour-law counselling to 207 clients. Premises are always hard to find because the counselling is provided only several hours a week and outside La Strada's premises. Since its inception, the low-threshold centre relocated as many as four times. Our ability to provide counselling depends on the grace of friendly organizations which provide us with their premises. Thank you.

The low-threshold centre run by La Strada Czech Republic mainly offers labour-law and professional social counselling (as defined by Section 37 of the Social Services Act) and, where necessary, non-residential emergency assistance (in accordance with Section 60 of the Social Services Act). This service is provided by a social worker and lawyer.

Target group

- Persons on the brink of or exposed to labour exploitation and trafficking.

Primary objectives

- to provide access to free legal advice, especially in the field of labour law
- to facilitate the assertion of clients' rights and legitimate interests in relation to both employers and institutions (labour inspectorates, public prosecutors' offices)
- to expand the options available when addressing difficult situations in life and to avoid social exclusion
- to enable clients to diminish the downsides of their circumstances and to reduce work-related risks by sharing relevant information with them

Most of the clients were men (23, compared to 17 women). All these cases involved exploitation outside the sex business, especially the withholding of wage or remuneration for work for two or more months. In such situations our lawyer drafted a pre-action protocol and, according to context, offered the client to file a lawsuit, terminate the employment relationship immediately, invite the employer to issue an employment statement, or file a complaint with the labour inspectorate, Social Security Administration, health insurance companies etc. In several cases, repeated attempts to deliver the pre-action protocols had to be made because the firm/agency failed to receive mail at their registered office.

Like in the previous years, the legal efforts to recollect due wages/remuneration for work in 2015 were relatively little effective. In practice, systematic enforcement of legal entitlements by the victims is hampered by failure to produce evidence, difficulty proving their claims, and long court waiting times. Ultimately, some victims cannot afford staying in the Czech Republic long enough due to their difficult financial situation caused by withheld wages/remuneration.

Like in 2014, most clients came from EU member states, with a predominance of **Bulgarian (25) and Romanian nationals (4)**. In addition, we provided counselling to individuals from Ukraine (3), Nepal (2) and to one person each from Moldova, Bolivia, South Africa, Cameroon, Mongolia and Slovakia.

2008

La Strada Czech Republic becomes a member of PICUM
– the Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants

Prevention, lecturing, training

Since its inception, La Strada has been paying close attention to prevention, training and other educational activities. This includes primary prevention at schools and other facilities for children and youth, lectures for college students who intend to work in the field, and training sessions for professionals who may encounter trafficked and exploited persons in the course of their work. Among the targeted occupations are police officers, social workers, health care professionals or psychologists. Since 1995, more than 11,000 individuals have participated in different seminars, lectures, workshops and trainings.

Student training

- individual meetings with students from the Czech Republic and abroad
- advising dissertations and theses on the topic of human trafficking
- CARITAS – College of Social Work Olomouc
- Police Academy – criminology
- lectures on human trafficking for students from the US, organised in collaboration with ECCE Prague
- primary prevention at secondary schools in Prague and the Karlovy Vary Region (see Projects section for more details)

Presentations at meetings, conferences and seminars

La Strada's activities include participation in many expert meetings and conferences in the Czech Republic and across Europe, where we present our work and, more importantly, seek common approaches to human trafficking and related issues. In 2015, the following meetings were among the most important ones in this respect:

- Two expert meetings for members of PICUM (the Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants).
- Attendance of two conferences of the EU Civil Society Platform against Trafficking in Human Beings.
- Regular participation in meetings of the consortium of NGOs working with migrants in the Czech Republic.
- Regular attendance of sessions of the Interministerial Coordination Group on the Combating of Human Trafficking, hosted by the Ministry of the Interior.
- Regular attendance of meetings of teams for crime victims organised by the Probation and Mediation Service.

"It was amazing, thanks a lot for everything. I miss you."

Client (2015–2016)

Legal counselling, lobbying and advocacy by La Strada in 2015

Lobbying and advocacy have comprised the third pillar of La Strada's work since its inception. In 2006, our lawyers started providing legal counselling and legal information. La Strada took an active part in the effort to redefine the criminal offence of Trafficking in Human Beings. These amendments were adopted gradually since 2002. The protection that was originally only awarded to women ("Trafficking in Women") was extended to men in 2002 ("Trafficking in Human Beings for Sexual Intercourse") and to other forms of exploitation two years later (slavery and forced labour). The existing definition in Section 168 of Act No. 40/2009 Coll., Criminal Code, is a result of La Strada's long-term effort in this area (see latest amendment to the Criminal Code No. 141/2014 Coll. which simplified the definition in cases of labour exploitation and service in the armed forces). In 2011, La Strada pushed through a new exemption from the legal duty to report a criminal offence (under Section 368 of the Criminal Code) for persons providing assistance to victims of the crimes of Trafficking in Human Beings and Illegal Confinement. La Strada actively contributed to the passing of the Victims of Crime Act in 2013, thus winning for victims of human trafficking the status of especially vulnerable victims. La Strada continues working on improvements to the law, especially with regard to availability of legal aid.

a. Legislation

Conveying legal information to victims of crime

For La Strada, 2014 was its first year as an organisation accredited to provide legal information to victims of crime. The accreditation was granted in accordance with the Victims of Crime Act (Act No 45/2013 Coll.). In keeping with its mission, La Strada provides legal information to victims of human trafficking and related crimes – procuring, the deprivation and restriction of personal liberty, extortion, oppression and sexual coercion -> Solicitation, Illegal Confinement, Illegal Restraint, Extortion, Oppression and Sexual Duress. Counselling is also given to those at risk of trafficking and related crimes. The provision of legal information is governed by the relevant quality standards, drawn up within the organisation as a guidance note.¹

In 2015, we provided legal information to 374 clients, most of whom (202) received such advice in the organisation's street work operations. We conveyed information on the rights of victims of crime to 113 people by telephone. Longer-term cooperation with clients involving the provision of legal information is established as part of our comprehensive social services and at the low-threshold centre. Despite the lower numbers here (26 and 33 clients, respectively), work with those who approach the organisation themselves is more detailed and typically entails broader-based contact.

b. Participation in bodies

La Strada regularly attends meetings of the Interministerial Coordination Group on the Combating of Human Trafficking. This group is a platform for exchange of information and good practices between the various human trafficking stakeholders.

¹ Implementing Decree of the Ministry of Justice No 119/2013 Coll., on standards concerning the quality of services pursuant to the Victims of Crime Act.

"My work at La Strada was extremely demanding but also relevant. The issue area addressed by La Strada is a very difficult one. However, I recall that time as a time when a team of workers who were extremely well-qualified professionally and extremely good people personally was struggling relentlessly to change and improve both the lives of individuals and the overall situation of trafficked and exploited persons. I wish La Strada the very best for the next 20 years!"

Petra Burčíková, Director 2002–2008, Governing Board Member 2010–2013, Deputy Country Programme Manager, UN Women Somalia

c. Strategic representation: the "tree workers" case

On January 6, 2016, the Constitutional Court published a breakthrough verdict in the "tree workers" case. In this case the Court found a violation of the applicants' rights to an effective investigation stemming from the Charter of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms and the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms. **After years of unsuccessful efforts, this verdict delivers a satisfaction** – so far only in moral terms – **to all victims** and those fighting on their behalf (over the past several years, La Strada Czech Republic covered the legal expenditure from a project funded by UNODC – United Nations Voluntary Trust for Victims of Human Trafficking. The verdict is especially important in that the Constitutional Court usually takes a position of restraint to petitions from persons reporting crimes, assuming that there is no right to criminal investigation (Paragraph 19 of the Judgment). However, in this case, the court argued that the state has a clear obligation to ensure the protection of fundamental rights, including through effective criminal proceedings if it cannot do so otherwise (Paragraph 20). It was just in the "tree workers" case that the Constitutional Court "*reached the conclusion that here the consequences of the incorrect procedures by the police body and the public prosecutor's office could conflict with the international obligations of the Czech Republic (Art. 1 par. 2 of the Constitution) concerning effective protection from gross trampling of human liberty and dignity (...)*" (Paragraph 22). The court agreed with the plaintiff in many respects: the investigation had been conducted in a purely formalist manner, the police had ignored important indicia of possible commitment of the crime of Trafficking in Human Beings (Paragraph 27), it had practically ignored extensive documentation gathered by the Organized Crime Unit and heard very few witnesses (Paragraph 26) and it had failed to take into consideration evidence gathered previously (Paragraph 27). The Constitutional Court stated that in cases of human trafficking it is extremely difficult for the victims "*to exercise their rights in a civil trial without a preceding criminal trial*" (Paragraph 29). Finally, the Court considered it completely "*unacceptable for the testimony of such a large number of victims to not be reflected at all in the resulting decisions of the police body and the public prosecutor's office*" (Paragraph 30). As a result, the Police will have to reopen the case and, after so many years, make an effort to investigate in ways suggested by the Constitutional Court in this verdict.

d. Monitoring of court cases and assessments of the definition of the crime of human trafficking for labour exploitation

La Strada has long monitored court cases involving human trafficking, and it continued doing so in 2015. At the same time, it never stopped covering criminal acts such as Solicitation or Illicit Employment of Foreigners. This activity aims at collecting information not only on the approximate number of cases before courts but also on the ways courts reconcile any problematic arguments. The monitoring is an indispensable source of awareness of the different places where this criminality is more prevalent or less prevalent (according to the current state of our knowledge, increased prevalence has been observed in Northwest Bohemia). At the same time, the monitoring effort helps us build, step by step, partnership relations with the judicial system, including judges or other involved persons that may facilitate La Strada's access to necessary information for its further research.

An example of court proceedings monitored is the case of exploitation of homeless persons which was recently adjudicated by the Hradec Králové Regional Court for the second time. The court reaffirmed the sentences of eight years' imprisonment for both defendants accused of the crime of Trafficking in Human Beings. The appeals procedure is currently underway. Among the central reasons to appeal the verdict were objections to the legal definition of the act as Trafficking in Human Beings and alleged disproportionality of the sentences. Among other cases, we want to mention the case of underage male prostitution in Prague in which the court has sentenced the defendants to prison for up to 10 years, financial penalties and extradition from the territory of the Czech Republic.

In the year 2015 we observed that the courts were increasingly aware of these issues. In this line of activity we also have been collecting the judgments and examining them in order to identify the weaknesses and strengths of Czech legal provisions. This is an essential part of La Strada's work because one of our primary goals is to **obtain complete information on the state of the problem of human trafficking in the Czech Republic**. Our plans for the following year include complete monitoring of court cases and general improvement of the methods of keeping and subsequently utilizing the available information, including possible closer collaboration with the courts.

² II. ÚS 3626/13.

e. Research project on the demand for human trafficking

In 2015 La Strada continued its active participation in a European research project on the **demand side of trafficking in human beings**.³ The project focuses on measures to reduce demand for goods and services from trafficked persons at a global scale. The research framework includes history, economics, law, law enforcement and policies to reduce this type of demand. The project is jointly implemented by nine partner organizations and universities across Europe (coordinated by Austria's ICMPPD – International Centre for Migration Policy Development, with researchers from the University of Bremen, the University of Edinburgh etc.) In the current stage of the project, the investigation focuses on the **security and labour sectors** with a view to reducing the demand for human trafficking.

The study of the **labour sector** is aimed at labour inspectorates and other comparable agencies with monitoring/investigating responsibilities; this research area is coordinated by ICMPPD. The case studies of labour inspectorates are being undertaken in four countries (the Czech Republic, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom) The investigation of the **security sector** consists of case studies of law enforcement actors. This entire research area is coordinated by DCAF (Democratic Control of Armed Forces), a Geneva-based NGO.

The objective of the current investigation is to provide a comprehensive perspective on **examples of good practices** in this issue area and to bring attention to **gaps and deficiencies across the security and labour sectors** in each country. In the concluding stage of the study, comparative analysis will be employed to produce valuable insights and answers to the following question: How can we improve demand-side measures with a view to reducing human trafficking? The Czech Republic research is currently being implemented by La Strada, with results expected during 2016. Complete information on the project is available on its website, <http://www.demandat.eu>.

f. Client work

- **Mediation of legal aid abroad** – La Strada frequently encounters clients who have been trafficked abroad. By means of our partners we provide our clients with information on victims' rights in criminal proceedings in the countries where their cases are being investigated.
- **Assistance in communication with police abroad** – In the above types of cases we provide assistance in communication with the police investigating cases of trafficking abroad. In cases where the police itself maintains contact with the victim, we get involved, upon the client's consent, in informing the client about the process of investigation.
- **Assistance in dealing with the police** – In some cases, the situation of La Strada's clients is more complicated – they are not only victims of crime but may be pulled into other criminal proceedings as suspects. In these rather rare situations when the police is already taking measures in the case, we provide basic counselling, explain the purpose and implications of criminal proceedings, recommend how to proceed, how to solve the situation, and bring up the option of finding an attorney-in-law.
- **Addressing debts caused by human trafficking** – We communicate with the authorities so that our clients are released from debts incurred during the time they were abroad and could not address their payables in the Czech Republic (typically, health insurance). Our legal team works with foreign police to gather documentation.
- **Providing legal information, working with attorneys-in-law** – Our legal team collaborates with attorneys-in-law who represent the victims in criminal proceedings. If a victim is not entitled to free legal aid, we provide them with legal information until the launching of criminal proceedings (see below for more).
- **Aid in civil law matters** – In some cases we address legal issues resulting from long-term confinement, forced labour or drug addiction. We provide basic counselling in civil law and help address civil claims.

g. Working with attorneys-in-law abroad

- We collaborate with partner organizations abroad in order to find the necessary information to effectively defend the rights of persons trafficked outside the Czech Republic.

³ The project was supported by the European Commission's Seventh Framework Programme and its time schedule is from 2014 to 2017.

Membership in expert networks and working parties

- La Strada International
- Global Alliance against Trafficking in Women (GAATW)
- Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM)
- Interministerial Coordination Group on the Combating of Human Trafficking
- The Medaille Trust

Cooperation with NGOs and the public sector

- International Centre for Migration Policy Development
- IOM Repatriation Centre
- IOM Slovakia
- Embassy of the United States of America
- Embassy of Thailand
- Embassy of the Philippines
- Diaconia of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren
- Caritas Czech Republic
- Bliss without Risk
- CARITAS – College of Social Work Olomouc
- Praha 1 Parish Charity – Mary Magdalene Programme
- Naděje
- Bílý kruh bezpečí
- People in Need
- Ban Ying Koordinations- und Beratungsstelle gegen Menschenhandel e.V.
- LEFÖ-IBF
- Ústí nad Labem Crisis Centre
- La Strada International
- La Strada Poland
- Antislavery International
- Caritas – Plzeň
- Organization for Aid to Refugees
- Association for Integration and Migration
- Ústí nad Labem Regional Authority
- In IUSTITIA
- UK Police Force

"Over the past 20 years, La Strada Czech Republic has contributed greatly to the fight against human trafficking, especially through its prevention effort, direct assistance to trafficked persons, outreach work, advocacy and by demanding a change of approach to the rights of trafficked persons. As a founder of the La Strada project, later La Strada International, La Strada Czech Republic played an indispensable role at the European level. Its professionalism, long-term experience and expertise, along with the shared goal of preventing and eliminating human trafficking and protecting the rights of the trafficked, all that qualifies La Strada for an indispensable role in eliminating this type of crime."

Suzanne Hoff, Coordinator of La Strada International



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2013

La Strada organizes an international conference on human trafficking in Prague

La Strada's projects

During 2015, we managed a total of 17 projects in which we focused on educating professional groups and young people, researching human trafficking, raising awareness on the issue among members of the general public and the target group, and addressing the target group's specific needs.

Providing social and legal services to trafficked and exploited persons

1. Support for registered social services from grants awarded by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic
2. Provision of legal information to victims of human trafficking supported by the Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic
3. Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic
4. Support for registered social services provided to Prague citizens awarded by Prague City Hall

Educational activities

1. Primary prevention at secondary schools in Prague (our face-to-face work with students was supported from the Crime Prevention Programme of the City of Prague). In 2015, a total of 366 students were trained.
Project: "Raising awareness among young people to prevent human trafficking"
2. Primary prevention at primary and secondary schools in the Karlovy Vary Region. A total of 22 lectures were held at 10 schools. Two additional lectures took place at the Horní Slavkov Penitentiary.
The primary prevention in the Karlovy Vary Region and the prison lectures were contracted by the Kotec association.
3. Education for social workers engaged in ghettos around the Czech Republic (the accredited two-day training session was funded by the Human Resources and Employment Operational Programme). In 2015, a total of 7 training sessions for 113 individuals were held.
Project: "Enhancing the safety of persons at risk of trafficking when integrating into the labour market"

Research activities

In 2015 we implemented research studies and analyses under four projects:

1. In the DemandAT project supported by the European Commission's Seventh Framework Programme, we collaborated on a research study on demand for human trafficking. The project continues in 2016.
Project: "Addressing demand in antitrafficking efforts and policies"
2. We concluded a research study on trafficking in homeless women which had been supported by the Norway Grants through the Open Society Fund Prague. The study sought to determine the level of risk of trafficking in the highly specific and often marginalized category of homeless women. The project was joined, among others, by the Praha 1 Parish Charity and by Naděje.
Project: "Reduction of risk of trafficking among homeless women"
3. The Norway Grants also supported a project to analyze Act No 45/2013 Coll., Victims of Crime Act. Together with other organizations whose clientele is directly affected by the Act, we undertook a number of case studies to evaluate the law and to draft proposals for suitable amendments. Funded by the Norway Grants through the Czech NGO Programme, the project was joined by Bílý kruh bezpečí, People in Need Plzeň and In IUSTITIA.
Project: "Evaluation of the Victims of Crime Act and production of proposals for sub-measures"
4. At the end of 2015 we finalized two studies that aimed to evaluate interdepartmental collaboration in the field of protection of trafficked persons. The first study evaluated the provision of social services to trafficked persons, and the other one dealt with collaboration between different ministries responsible for addressing human trafficking. The project was funded by Norway Grants through the Open Society Fund Prague. Involved in the project were the Diaconia of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren and the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic – Department of Security Policy and Crime Prevention.
Project: "Optimization of the interdisciplinary cooperation in the field of protection of the victims of human trafficking and prevention"

2014

La Strada becomes a certified provider of legal counselling to crime victims

Campaigns

1. During the previous year we joined the IOM Slovakia and La Strada Poland to implement an awareness-raising campaign on human trafficking among construction workers at risk of trafficking. The project was supported by the International Visegrad Fund.

Project: "Counter-trafficking hotlines campaign in SK/CZ/PL vulnerable regions".

2. In October 2015, La Strada Czech Republic launched a campaign on the occasion of 20 years of its anti-trafficking effort. The campaign sought to raise awareness of human trafficking among the general public in the Czech Republic and was supported by the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic, Leo Burnett, Railreklam, TaFotka and Boogiefilms.

Activities to improve La Strada's services

Other projects implemented by La Strada in 2015 include:

1. Identifying the means to contacting migrant women working in closed environments. Supported by the European Commission's Daphne Programme, the project seeks to find suitable methods of communicating to women working in households, hotels, restaurants and other difficult-to-access places information on their rights and on the social and legal services offered by La Strada. The international project is implemented jointly with partners from Austria (LEFO) and Germany (BanYing).

Project: "Empowerment of Migrant Women at Risk of Exploitation, Trafficking or Enslavement".

2. In 2015 we worked on formulating durable guidelines for provision of labour-law counselling to trafficked persons. The project was supported by the Operational Programme Prague – Adaptability.

Project: "Increasing the employability of trafficked and exploited persons through specialized labour-law counselling".

Other projects

1. "Labour trafficking: response to FINE TUNE", supported by the European Commission's ISEC Program.

2. "Non-profit and private sector partnership", awarded by the European Commission's ISEC programme.

"It was a unique experience to work with La Strada during the first decade of its existence. The Czech NGO sector was still young, the issue of human trafficking was new not only in this country but all around the world, and there was a lot to learn on-the-go. I am proud of the fact that La Strada was one of the Czech Republic's pioneers of a dialogue about human rights – not only civil rights but the rights of all. This includes migrants whose rights have been violated, because the state is obliged to protect their rights."

Klára Skřivánková, UK & Europe Programme Manager at Anti-Slavery, Prevention and education manager at La Strada 2001–2004.

2015
La Strada
celebrates its
20th birthday and
opens the third
shelter

Supporters

We express our heartfelt and respectful gratitude to all organisations, institutions and individuals for their financial and in-kind donations and for the volunteer work they have done with us. We are grateful for their sacrifice of time, money and energy to support our organisation's activities and to enable us to pursue our goals. We also thank the anonymous donors who have supported us.

Jiří Škvor, Zuzana Ramajzlová, Petra Kubálková, Alena Bernau, Zuzana Vránová, Brona Law, Adam Janováč, Vladimír Illetschko, Josef Voltr, KatriVaaks, Eva Hronková, Jan Červenka, Petra Burčíková.

At the same time, we would like to express our gratitude to all who took part in the campaign on 20 Years of La Strada Czech Republic.

We would be most pleased if you, too, chose to support the organisation's activities with a financial donation or in-kind gift, or with your professional knowledge and experience. Our contact and bank details can be found on the last page of this Annual Report.

"To me, La Strada is a lifeline for those who are sinking to the bottom. I wish for La Strada to stay strong and maintain its ability to help."

Zuzana Ramajzlová, Governing Board Member, Executive Director of MIDPOINT



“Ever since I was a little child, I was brought up to believe that helping others is the right thing to do. Everyone at La Strada is helping with immense commitment, and I am greatly honoured to be able to contribute, at least in this way, to helping others who were not as fortunate as I was.”

Josef Voltr, La Strada supporter, owner of the National Café in Prague

1. Auditor’s report including notes

Annexes:

- Balance Sheet
- Profit and Loss Account
- Notes to the Financial Statements in Condensed Format

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
on the financial statements of

La Strada Česká republika o.p.s.
(a public benefit organisation)
Registration number: 256 56 317

registered office undisclosed in accordance with Act No. 304/2013 Coll.

for the accounting period from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015

Annexes:
Balance Sheet
Profit and Loss Account
Notes to the Financial Statements in Condensed Format

Praha 5 – Slivenec, 30 June 2016

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Recipient:
Governing Board of La Strada Česká republika, o.p.s. (a public benefit organisation),
registered office undisclosed in accordance with Act No. 304/2013 Coll.

Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of La Strada Česká republika, o.p.s., registered office undisclosed in accordance with Act No. 304/2013 Coll., i.e., the balance sheet as of 31 December 2015, the profit and loss account for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2015 and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of accounting policies used. Information about La Strada Česká republika, o.p.s., is contained in the notes to these financial statements.

Governing Board's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Governing Board of La Strada Česká republika, o.p.s., is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Czech accounting legislation. These regulations require it to design, implement and ensure internal controls over the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, choose and apply appropriate accounting policies, and make accounting estimates appropriate in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted the audit in accordance with the Act on Auditors, International Standards on Auditing and the relevant application guidelines of the Chamber of Auditors of the Czech Republic. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal controls. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Auditor's Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly the assets and liabilities and the financial situation of La Strada Česká republika, o.p.s., registered office undisclosed in accordance with Act No. 304/2013 Coll., as at 31 December 2015, and of the costs, revenues and result for 2015 in accordance with Czech accounting regulations.

Other Information

Other information is defined as information included in the Annual Report except the financial statements and my auditor's report. La Strada's governing body is responsible for this other information.

My auditor's opinion on the financial statements does not apply to this other information, nor am I issuing any special opinion in that respect. In spite of that, it belongs to my obligations in the context of auditing the financial statements to acquaint myself with the other information and to weigh whether the other information included in the annual report is in significant (material) contradiction to the financial statements or my knowledge of the accounting unit that I obtained in the process of auditing the financial statements, or whether this other information appears as significantly (materially) incorrect in any other way. If I find out in the course of my job that this is not the case then I am obliged to include such findings in my report.

While proceeding in the above way, I did not find any such facts in the other information obtained.

Praha 5 – Slivenec, 30 June 2016

Audited by:

Ivana Šaradinová, Opálová 174/6, 154 00 Praha 5 – Slivenec,
Registered in the list of auditors maintained
by the Chamber of Auditors of the Czech Republic under No. 1204

/signature and stamp of Ms. Šaradinová/
Ivana Šaradinová
auditor
Licence No. 1204

Recipients:

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Copy 3 Ivana Šaradinová

Prepared under Regulation
No 539/2002 of the Council

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
IN SHORT FORM
as at 31 December 2015**
(in whole thousands of Czech crowns)

Name and registered office
of the entity

Ji Štráda Česká republika,
s.p.a.

Registration number of the entity

Reg. No
25656347

Ref.	Description	Row No.	Core activity	Economic activity	Total
		Min.	5	5	7
A.	EXPENSES				
I	Total expenses in reference	1	811		811
II	Total revenue	2	4 355		4 355
III	Total personnel costs	4	8 213		8 216
V	Total losses and changes	6	7		7
VI	Total other expenses	6	33		100
VII	Decreases in value in relation to impairment of intangible	7	83		50
VIII	Total costs to be recognised	8			
IX	Total income tax	9			
X	Total income tax	10	1 674		11 624
B.	INCOME				
I	Total revenues from production of goods	11		1 631	1 631
II	Total revenues from management of investments	12			
III	Total revenue from	14			
IV	Other revenues	15	2 739		2 738
V	Proceeds from asset disposal, reversal of losses and provisions	16			
VI	Total costs to be recognised	17	1 674		1 034
VII	Total operating activities	18	6 759		2 740
VIII	Total operating activities	19	1 632		11 632
C.	Profit (loss) before tax	20	-42		-42
D.	Profit (loss) after tax	21	-42		-42

Prepared on: 18 June 2016

Signature record of the entity's governing body or apedimen
signature of the natural person who is an entity

if legible signature and stamp of Ji Štráda:

Entity's legal form

Line of business
Prevention of human trafficking,
social services.

Note:

Name of the legal entity
No. 25656347

**Balance sheet in short form
as at 31 December 2015**
(in whole thousands of Czech crowns)

Registration number

25656347

Entity shall deliver:
copy to the competent tax authority

Ref.	ASSETS	Row No.	Opening balance	Closing balance
a	b	c	1	2
A.	Total fixed assets	1	119	158
I.	Total intangible fixed assets	2		
II.	Total tangible fixed assets	3	297	297
III.	Total long-term investments	4		
IV.	Accumulated depreciation & amortisation	5	148	208
B.	Total current assets	6	8,891	5,921
I.	Total inventories	7		
II.	Total receivables	8	307	2,805
III.	Total short-term financial assets	9	8,154	2,626
IV.	Total other assets	10		
	Total assets	11	8,980	5,980
Ref.	LIABILITIES	Row no.	Opening balance	Closing balance
a	b	c	3	4
A.	Total holdings	12	8,334	5,000
I.	Net holdings	13	8,126	5,132
II.	Profit (loss)	14	208	49
B.	Liabilities	15	646	490
I.	Provisions	16		
II.	Long-term liabilities	17	190	210
III.	Short-term liabilities	18	450	280
IV.	Other liabilities	19		
	Total liabilities	20	646	490

Notes to the financial statements for 2015

Name of entity:
La Strada Česká republika, o.p.s.
P. O. Box 305
111 21 Praha 1
Registration number: 256 56 317

La Strada Česká republika, o.p.s. was established by a memorandum of association, with the founders' initial financial investment of CZK 3,000. The organisation was registered in the register of charitable organisations administered by the Municipal Court in Prague on 30 March 1998 in Section O, File 40.

The founders of the public benefit organisation are:

- Ms Barbel Uhl (née Butterwerck)
- Ms Anna Daučíková
- Ms Dana Šustrová

La Strada Česká republika provides services of general benefit:

- initiation, development and coordination of activities aimed at preventing human trafficking and exploiting, and at supporting trafficked and exploited persons,
- training courses and lectures,
- social services,
- publishing and editorial activities
- research, consulting, information and advisory services.

The organisation does not carry out any economic activity.

The Governing Board consists of:

- Ms Petra Kubálková, member since 12 June 2013
- Ms Zuzana Ramajzlová, member since 1 July 2013
- Mr Jiří Škvor, member since 25 April 2012

The organisation is governed by and acts through its governing body, Ms Markéta Hronková, Director.

The Board of Trustees of the organisation consists of:

- Ms Lyudmyla Michlová, member since 6 May 2011
- Ms Alena Bernau, from 6 May 2011 to 10 May 2015, who has not been replaced by a new member
- Ms Zuzana Vránová, since member 6 May 2011

The organisation did not set up any organisational unit with a legal personality in its own right previously or during 2015.

The accounting period of the public benefit organisation is the calendar year 2015; in accordance with Section 19(1) of Act No 563/1991 Coll., on accounting, as amended, the balance sheet date is 31 December 2015.

The public benefit organisation keeps books in accordance with Act No 563/1991 Coll., on accounting, as amended, and with Regulation No 504/2002 implementing some provisions of Act No 563/1991 Coll., on accounting, as amended, and the Czech Accounting Standards.

For translating foreign currencies into the local currency the organisation used the exchange rate published by the CNB (Czech National Bank). The exchange rate published by the CNB on 31 December 2015 was used for translating all funds, receivables and payables stated in foreign currencies. In justified cases, an exchange rate was used which was set by the bank, in particular in the case of foreign currency withdrawals in cash.

Assets are accounted for in accordance with Act No 563/1991 Coll., on accounting, as amended, and Act No 586/1992 Coll., on income tax, as amended. Tangible and intangible fixed assets are depreciated and amortised on a straight-line basis in line with the annual depreciation rules. Depreciation and amortisation is set once a year on 31 December. The annual depreciation and amortisation rates are set for each type of asset. Accounting depreciation does not differ from tax depreciation.

No major events that might significantly affect the result for 2015 occurred between the balance sheet date and the date of the financial statement.

The result of 2015 is a loss amounting to CZK 42,221.58.

The public benefit organisation has outstanding receivables totalling CZK 2,894,937.97:

- receivable due from shelter housing landlords amounting to CZK 6,654.00 for the final bill for the services and utilities related to rented flats;
- receivable due from donors amounting to CZK 185,916.30 for expenses related to the implementation of approved projects;
- receivables due from project partners amounting to CZK 2,396,573.67;
- receivable amounting to CZK 292,672.00 corresponding to operating advance payments;
- receivable amounting to CZK 1,122.00 for an invoice overpaid;
- receivable corresponding to standing advance payments to employees amounting to CZK 12,000.00.

The public benefit organisation has outstanding payables totalling CZK 279,683.94:

- payable of CZK 226,827.94 for unused subsidies;
- payable to supplier of CZK 4,000.00 for an invoice received;
- payables to donors of CZK 48,856.00 for funds unused during

Accounts payable listed in the balance sheet are not overdue.

The organisation has no receivables and payables not disclosed in the balance sheet.

Information on employees:

Average number of employees	33 persons
Total personnel costs	CZK 6,246,000
Of which	
- payroll costs	CZK 4,820,000
- statutory social security and health insurance	CZK 1,426,000

The members of the Governing Board and the Board of Trustees were not paid any remuneration or perquisites and were not granted any advances, loans or credit in the year 2015. Based on the decision of the organisation's Governing Board, CZK 1,000 per calendar month were paid in relation to service as the Director of the organisation. The Director was not paid any remuneration or perquisites and was not granted any advances, loans or credit.

The organisation provided an interest-free loan of CZK 15,000 to an employee under a loan agreement, which was paid back by the employee during 2015.

The assessment and amounts of the various items of the balance sheet and profit and loss account will be specified in the Annual Report.

In 2015, the public benefit organisation received donations from individual donors of CZK 53,940.00 to fund the organisation's core activities. The donations were used for the public benefit organisation's activities in 2015.

In 2015, the public benefit organisation did not provide any donations to other organisations.

The result for 2014: Profit as at 31 December 2014, amounting to CZK 208,113.88, was capitalized under a decision of the Governing Board in order to cover losses from past years, and in particular the loss from 2012.

Prague, 18 June 2016

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Markéta Hronková
Director

2. Income Statement

Expenditure	Amount (CZK thousands)
Wages and salaries	4,820
Statutory social security and health insurance	1,426
Materials used	637
Energy consumption	174
Repairs and maintenance	22
Travel expenses	415
Entertainment costs	82
Other services	3,867
Other taxes and charges	7
Bad debt write off	2
Foreign exchange losses	93
Other expenses	71
Depreciation of fixed assets	59
Total	11,675

Income	Amount (CZK thousands)
Revenues from services sold	1,601
Interest revenue	1
Foreign exchange gains	2
Fund clearance	2,694
Other revenues	12
Contributions (donations) received	1,574
Operating grants	5,749
Total	11,633
Profit (loss)	-42

3. Income (revenue) by source

Source name	Amount (CZK thousands)
Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs – grant for the provision of social services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - professional social counselling - emergency assistance - shelters - telephone emergency help line 	4,344
Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic – Agreement on the provision of services as part of the Programme for the Support and Protection of Trafficked Persons	1,126
Prague City Hall – Crime Prevention Programme of the City of Prague – project: “Raising awareness among young people to prevent human trafficking”	59
Prague City Hall – Support for registered social services provided to Prague citizens	32
Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic – grant for the “Provision of legal information to victims of human trafficking” project	346
Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs – grant for the implementation of “Enhancing the safety of persons at risk of trafficking when integrating into the labour market”, supported by the European Social Fund via the Human Resources and Employment Operational Programme	457
Prague City Hall. Operational Programme Prague – Adaptability – Project: “Increasing the employability of trafficked and exploited persons through specialized labour-law counselling”	512
La Strada International – Google-backed project	463
International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) – project: “Labour trafficking: response to FINE TUNE”, supported by the European Commission’s ISEC Programme	201

Source name	Amount (CZK thousands)
La Strada International – project: “Human Trafficking Hotline Network”	7
International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) – project: “Addressing demand in antitrafficking efforts and policies”, supported by the European Commission’s Seventh Framework Programme	447
Global Fund for Women – general support grant	131
Open Society Fund Prague – project: “Reduction of risk of trafficking among homeless women”, supported by the Open Society Fund under the Dejme (že)nám šanci (“Give (Us) Women a Chance”) Programme, which is funded by the Norway Grants	561
Open Society Fund Prague – project: “Optimization of the interdisciplinary cooperation in the field of protection of the victims of human trafficking and prevention”, funded by the Norway Grants	406
Civil Society Development Foundation (NROS) – project: “Evaluation of the Victims of Crime Act and production of proposals for sub-measures”, supported by the Fund for Non-governmental Organisations, backed by a grant from Iceland, Lichtenstein and Norway as part of the EEA Funds	363
European Commission – project: “Empowerment of Migrant Women at Risk of Exploitation, Trafficking or Enslavement“, supported by the Daphne Programme	1,468
International Organization for Migration – project: “Counter-trafficking hotlines campaign in SK/CZ/PL vulnerable regions”, supported by the International Visegrad Fund.	26
Other	684
TOTAL	11,633

4. Funds – trends and final balance

Overview of projects completed in 2015:

Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (MPSV) – grant for the provision of social services:

- professional social counselling
- emergency assistance
- shelters
- telephone emergency help line

Prague City Hall – Crime Prevention Programme of the City of Prague – project: “Raising awareness among young people to prevent human trafficking”

Prague City Hall – support for registered social services provided to Prague citizens

Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic – grant for the “Provision of legal information to victims of human trafficking”

Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs – grant for the implementation of “Enhancing the safety of persons at risk of trafficking when integrating into the labour market”, supported by the European Social Fund via the Human Resources and Employment Operational Programme

Prague City Hall, Operational Programme Prague – Adaptability – project: “Increasing the employability of trafficked and exploited persons through specialized labour-law counselling”.

La Strada International – Google-backed project

International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) – project: “Labour trafficking: response to FINE TUNE”, supported by the European Commission’s ISEC Programme

La Strada International – project: “Human Trafficking Hotline Network”

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International Organization for Migration – project: “Campaign in support of helplines for trafficked persons in vulnerable regions of Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Poland”, supported by the International Visegrad Fund.

Overview of projects ongoing in 2016 and funding balance as at 31 December 2015:

Source name	Receivables (CZK thousands)	Final balance of funds remaining (CZK thousands)
European Commission – project: “Empowerment of Migrant Women at Risk of Exploitation, Trafficking or Enslavement“, supported by the Daphne Programme		3,908
Other		451
TOTAL		4,359

5. Breakdown of costs spent on community service, supplementary services and the organisation’s operations as a public-benefit company (o.p.s.)

Costs	Amount (CZK thousands)
Community service costs (core activity)	11,675
Costs of supplementary activities	0
TOTAL	11,675

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