



Integra Foundation's approach to humanitarian aid

With the increase of global disasters, our responsibility to respond and provide assistance grows. The goal of the Integra Foundation is to deliver prompt lifesaving aid, alleviate human suffering, and restore human dignity.

As a Slovak foundation, we lack the resources and capacity to provide assistance on our own, but we firmly believe that through partnerships, we can collectively bring about global solutions. We have been active in the field of development and humanitarian aid, and we value principles such as efficiency (speed, collaboration, maximizing financial resources), transparency, and public education.

About Integral Alliance:

- The Alliance was founded in 2004.
- We became members in 2006.
- It is a registered charity organization in the United Kingdom, Register No: 1112515.
- It conducts regular annual financial audits, and each member organization has a representative on the Board of Trustees.
- It brings together 21 organizations in 85 countries and 34 sectors.
- Over 1,100 projects have been implemented.
- The shared vision is a world without poverty.
- The Alliance's shared mission is to collaborate as national humanitarian and development organizations, maximizing the comprehensive impact of our work for the poor worldwide based on Christian values.
- All members have signed the Red Cross Code of Conduct and Sphere Standards.
- The joint annual budget is USD 600 million.
- Website: www.integralalliance.org

What Integral Alliance membership means for the Integra Foundation:

- Efficient utilization of funds:

Thanks to the large number of members and projects worldwide, we have a reach into every country. Organizations working in a particular country are established, familiar with the language, culture, system, infrastructure, and have contacts. They are aware of local legislative deficiencies, potential obstacles to humanitarian actions, and how to overcome them to most effectively direct assistance. This position allows us to respond promptly. We don't allocate funds to a Slovak worker (transportation costs, local transportation, meals, remuneration, etc.), as it is neither efficient nor necessary. Resources would be fragmented, and the final

recipients of humanitarian aid would receive a minimal amount - thus minimal assistance.

However, when resources are focused on supporting a coordinated team and operational costs for rescue actions are minimized, the entire process becomes more efficient, and the beneficiaries derive greater benefit from the assistance.

- We have a global reach.

It is not feasible for us to have established and registered branches/offices in all countries that are under an active threat of disasters. Despite our limited Slovak capabilities and resources, our work extends much further. Our membership in the Alliance extends our reach to areas where we have been helping to build infrastructure, know-how, capacity, etc. for years.

Upon announcing humanitarian aid in an affected area, we establish an implementation plan with a local partner. This means that our alliance partner becomes the official representative of the Integra Foundation in the affected country.

- We have responsibility throughout the process, transparency

As part of the collaboration on the rescue plan and during its implementation, we negotiate the management of all the resources provided by the Alliance members. Throughout the process, we have control and actively decide on how the funds will be utilized. From start to finish, we are accountable to our partners, the Slovak public, and the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic.

- We build awareness and education

Through regular conference calls, as an alliance, we share updates and information about the processes in the affected countries. Thanks to our local representative, who is responsible for implementing the plan, we have multimedia materials (photos, stories, on-the-ground information, etc.) that support transparency in fund utilization and educate the public and partners in their home countries.

- Our partnership

In light of emerging trends and the need to deliver humanitarian aid, it is crucial for us to be aware of the latest trends in global humanitarian assistance. One such trend is collaboration through partnerships, such as the Integra Alliance.

We are convinced that all the above-mentioned criteria demonstrate the effectiveness of our approach through the alliance of which we are a part.