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Dear Friends,

As we mark World Humanitarian Day, I find myself reflecting on the people and stories that stay with us long after the interviews end and the reports are written. My work often takes me into conversations with refugees and members of host communities who share experiences that are sometimes difficult to put into words. Over time, I have realised that storytelling is about much more than documenting our work. **It is about listening, building trust, understanding where people have come from**, and sometimes having the privilege of witnessing change first-hand.

One story that has stayed with me is that of Conceptor, a farmer I met in Monze. She told me how **severe drought had once left her with a harvest barely enough to feed her family**. Through agricultural training and climate-smart farming practices, she improved her harvest and eventually produced enough food for her family, with a surplus to sell.

Sitting there listening to her story, I was reminded that behind every activity and statistic is a person whose life is being affected. For me, that is one of the most meaningful parts of humanitarian work—to witness not only the challenges people face, but also their resilience, progress and hope.



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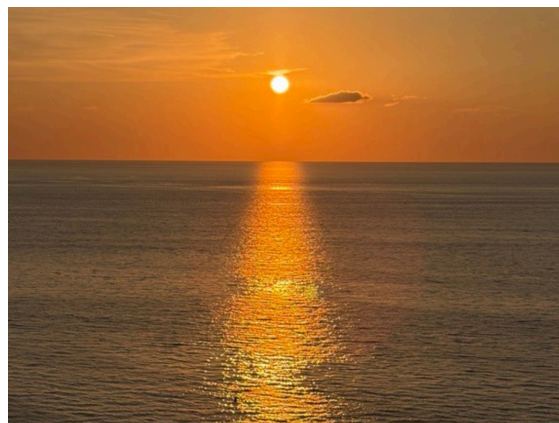


World Humanitarian Day is commemorated every year on August 19 in honour of humanitarian workers who support people affected by crises and disasters worldwide. It is also an opportunity to recognise that this work is often carried out in challenging and dangerous conditions. [Other colleagues from Caritas Czech Republic have also spoken about the importance of their work, which you can read about here.](#)



Situation in Lebanon and Gaza

The humanitarian crisis in the Middle East is far from over. In Lebanon alone, **more than half a million people remain displaced** and unable to return home due to damaged infrastructure and ongoing security risks. Caritas is providing food, safe drinking water, healthcare, and psychosocial support on the ground, while **in Gaza, we are helping people cope** with the effects of the ongoing conflict.



El Niño is coming

The developing **El Niño is expected to cause a major humanitarian crisis**. Droughts, floods and crop failures will hit hardest those communities already facing difficulties. **Humanitarian organisations are stepping up preparation efforts** and planning support before the impacts of El Niño are felt. Early action is often what makes the difference between a manageable crisis and a disaster.



Cancer prevention in Georgia

Early detection saves lives, which is why **we are helping strengthen cancer prevention across Georgia. The programme is expected to reach more than 1,800 doctors in urban healthcare facilities** and all 935 rural ambulatory clinics, improving screening for breast and cervical cancer. Close cooperation between family doctors and oncologists helps ensure specialised knowledge reaches even remote communities.



Continuing support for Ukraine

Following last year's window repairs at the accommodation centre in Kryvyi Rih, **we are continuing the building's restoration.** This time, with support from the Ukraine Humanitarian Fund, we are refurbishing 13 residential rooms and renovating the shared spaces used daily by more than 120 residents. **Our work in Ukraine does not stop there.** Through the fundraising campaign, we continue to provide support in other locations.



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