

Food banks in Czech republic

Partnership of state and NGO in mission

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Food banks in Czech republic



- 15 food banks + logistic centre
- 10 mil people → 270K final beneficiaries
- supported organisations: charities, NGOs, town, villages, communities
- support for refugees (highest nr. per capita in EU)
- recovery and delivery for entire territory of country
- legal distribution of food after “best before”
- food banks distribute 80% of FEAD food
- 28 years history and work

2022

(estimate by 1Q-3Q)



10 000
tons distributed



17 mil.
euro is the financial
equivalent of saved
food

270 000
final beneficiaries



1 400
non-profit
organizations
supported by FBs and
getting food for FREE



Czech law and taxes

Food and tobacco products Act Nr. 110/1997 § 11

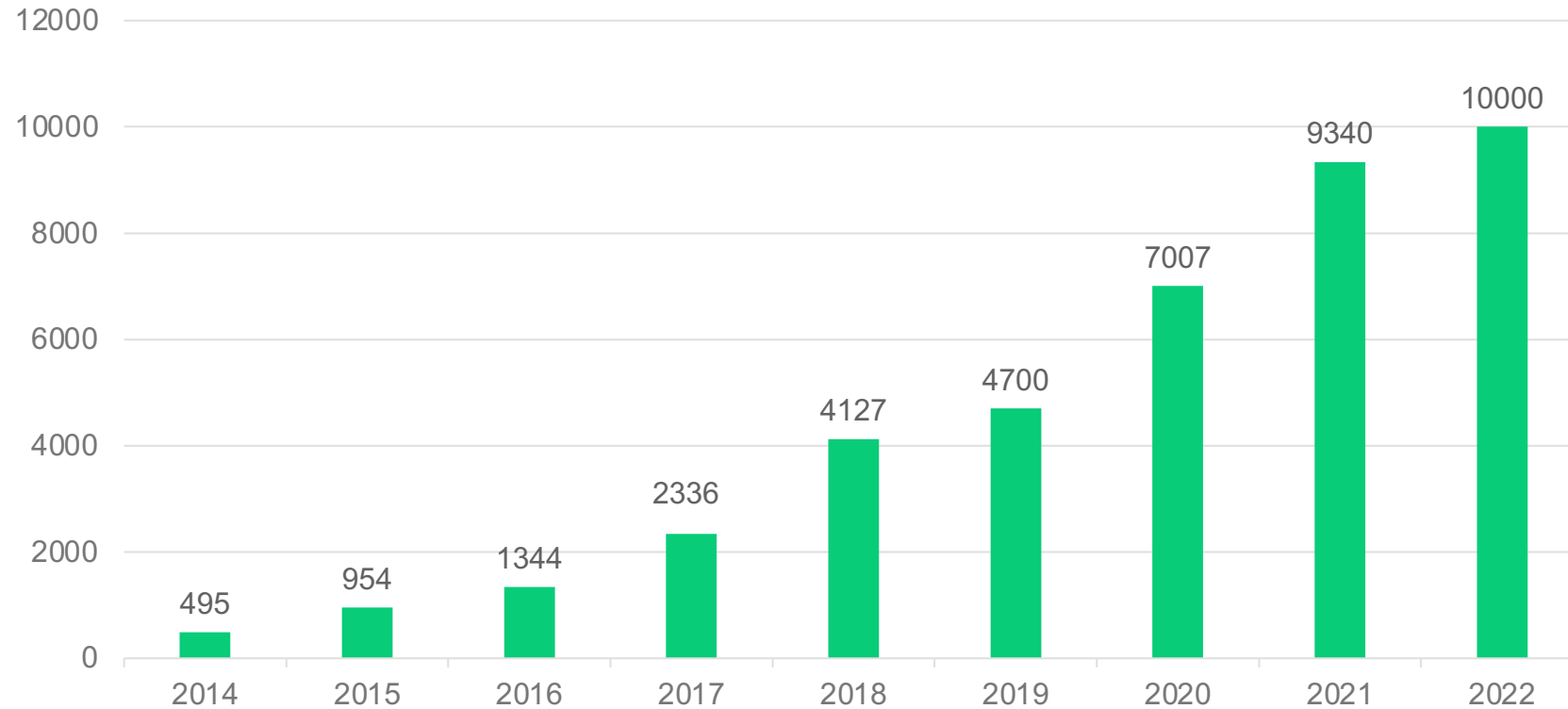
(novelized from 1st January 2018)

„ ... food business operator manages an establishment with a sales area of more than 400m² is

obliged to provide food products.....“

- VAT free food donations for charities – no VAT for donated food (regulation of General financial authority)
- Taxes discounts for donations – deduction from the tax base

Food banks turnover 2014 - 2022



Financial support - government

Ministry of Agriculture

- major government donor of fighting food waste operations
- Donation program for operations
- Donation program for small investments

Total donation 2022 : 4,2 mil euro

(avg.125 K euro for one food bank for operations only)



MINISTERSTVO ZEMĚDĚLSTVÍ

Ministry of Environment

- Donation for investments – purchase of warehouses, reconstruction of warehouses, vans - The Operational Programme Environment supported from EU funds (the European Regional Development Fund and Cohesion Fund)
- Total donation 2021 – 2022: 7,5 mil euro



Ministerstvo životního prostředí
České republiky

State and society support from food banks

Partnership has to be two - sided!

Providing of distribution net

- distribution of masks and FFP2 respirators for people in need, towns and villages
- distribution of dairy, fruit and vegetable from school programs in period of COVID school closure
- distribution of women hygiene products for women in need

Food support for all refugee centres in first six weeks of crises

Food support fast response in cases of disasters or crisis (FEAD food in main warehouse - eqv. 494K euro)



Future challenges

- Cooperation with Ministry of Social affairs – establishment of net of distribution places – promised donation in 2023
 - Total: 2,6 mil euro
- Recovery and distribution cooked meals - legislative obstacles
- Increase donation from food producers
- VAT reduction for donated hygiene products
- Transformation of surplus bakery, fruit and vegetable
- Public education - campaigns against food wasting





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