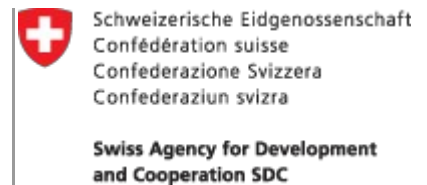




Dear reader,

Health is a human right. 400 million people nevertheless do not have access to suitable healthcare, especially in developing countries. A high-quality healthcare system does not just signify access to adequate medications and the provision of healthcare services by qualified staff in the event of illness but also measures aimed at prevention through training, information and awareness-raising before the onset of illness. Health promotion is one of the main priorities of Swiss development cooperation.

The editorial team



Annual conference: health, a forgotten human right

Friday 21 August 2015 at the Congress Center Basel

In the field of health, the SDC is focusing on three areas: the strengthening of healthcare systems, the fight against communicable and non-communicable diseases and the improvement of sexual and mother-child health. The Annual Conference on Swiss Development Cooperation will provide an insight into the work undertaken.

- [Information and registration](#)
- [Health Slam poetry Contest \(de, fr, it\)](#)



Ukraine: new cooperation strategy

In Ukraine, Switzerland has stepped up its commitment to the promotion of good governance, peace, health as well as to financial and economic development and sustainable energy management. In the context of the current crisis, Swiss Humanitarian Aid is carrying out direct operations in the fields of health and water supply.

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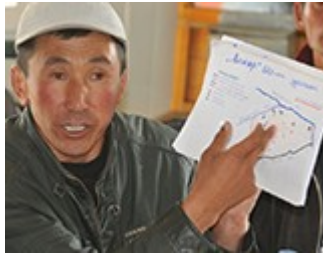
Goals that apply in all countries

Future sustainable development goals must reconcile the interests of all countries. The reduction of poverty and injustice as well as the sustainable management of natural resources are some of the main priorities. Switzerland is playing an active role in determining worthy objectives.

- [International Conference on Financing for Development, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia](#)
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Mongolia: an SDC project selected for Expo Milano 2015

The collective management of pastureland by farmers has improved the income of 100,000 semi-nomadic shepherd families in Mongolia. The SDC project has been selected as an example of good practice in the field of food security by Expo Milano 2015.

- [Sustainable pastureland management in Mongolia](#)



Syria: Switzerland and the ICRC working together on the crisis

Switzerland and the ICRC are working together to aid the victims of the conflict in Syria and to ensure international humanitarian law is respected. Syria currently has the highest number of internally displaced persons in the world not to mention the millions of refugees who have fled the country. An interview with Robert Mardini, the ICRC's regional director for the Middle East.

- ["In the midst of conflict, a minimum of humanity must be upheld"](#)



Myanmar: responding to the urgent needs of the population

Ravaged by decades of conflict, the municipalities of south-east Myanmar lack schools, healthcare facilities and many other elements of public infrastructure. The SDC is contributing towards the renovation of such buildings to meet the urgent needs of the local communities.

- [Regeneration of neglected villages in south-east Myanmar](#)



Croatia: reducing social and economic disparities

The agreement signed on 30 June 2015 in Zagreb regulates the substance and implementation of the Swiss enlargement contribution to Croatia. Switzerland's commitment will be focused on the fields of water, research, vocational training and support for civil society. It also provides for initiatives aimed at mine-clearance and the reintegration of mine victims.

- [Switzerland signs an agreement with Croatia](#)



Retrospective on the Annual Conference on Swiss Cooperation with Eastern Europe

"The Western Balkans in transition – strong municipalities for sustainable development"

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21.8.2015

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6 – 23.8.2015

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Illicit financial flows: a devastating impact

Every year acts of corruption result in the loss of between USD 40 and 60 billion in developing countries. Having established a proactive policy in this field, Switzerland has returned around USD 1.8 billion over the past 25 years. These funds are used to combat poverty, strengthen the rule of law and fight against impunity.

- [The Multilateral Accent: “The long hunt for dirty money”](#)
- [Illicitly acquired assets \(PEPs\)](#)



Global Compact: encouraging the private sector to respect the principles of the UN

A UN initiative that has just celebrated its 15th anniversary, the Global Compact seeks to encourage companies to undertake measures in the fields of human rights, environmental protection and employment law. Over 8,000 companies located in around 145 countries have signed this initiative to date. Switzerland is one of the main partner countries.

- [Global Compact – 15 years of commitment](#)
- [The Multilateral Accent: “Multilateral cooperation and private sector” \(de, fr\)](#)



Fragile contexts: security as the basis of development

Security for all and the rule of law are essential conditions for development. This is why the SDC has made its commitment in fragile contexts a priority. An interview with Markus Heiniger, an expert on conflicts and human rights, on the margins of a meeting of the “International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding” held recently in Côte d’Ivoire.

- [“Rebuilding citizen's confidence in their authorities requires patience”](#)

Publications / films



Switzerland’s international cooperation in 2014

2014 was marked by a series of crises and great volatility in world politics. One of the challenges facing Switzerland was combining, in various contexts, emergency aid with long-term commitment aimed at the promotion of lasting peace.

- [SDC/SECO Annual Report](#)



Films from the South and the East

Nabat's husband is dying. Outside the sound of artillery fire and explosions can be heard. The day after the funeral, Nabat visits the neighbouring village to find it completely deserted, clearly abandoned in haste.

- [“Nabat”, Elchin Musaoglu, Azerbaijan, 2014](#)



Educational films

As a taxi driver in Dakar, Senegal, Boudy has to fight against society's prejudices about women. Her great dream is to set up her own taxi company where men and women can work together.

- [“Taxi Sister”, Theresa Traore Dahlberg, Sweden/Senegal, Filme für eine Welt, 2011 \(de, fr\)](#)

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