



Dear reader,

After the earthquake on 25 April 2015 in Nepal, which killed almost 9,000 people and affected around 5.4 million Nepalese, Switzerland worked side by side with the local population to begin the process of reconstruction. A year on, Switzerland has helped Nepal on the road to recovery even though much still remains to be done. The SDC will continue its efforts drawing upon extensive experience of development cooperation in the country.

The editorial team



Nepal: reconstruction work goes on

In Nepal, Switzerland has financed the repair of suspension bridges, trained builders in earthquake-resistant construction methods and funded the distribution of seeds in 45 villages. Today, a Swiss citizen is coordinating the body overseeing initiatives to rebuild homes nationwide.

- [Working shoulder to shoulder with the Nepalese a year on from the earthquake](#)



Tanzania: antimalarial drug manufactured locally

The Dar es Salaam production plant is the second facility in Africa to manufacture ASAQ, one of the most widely used antimalarial drugs in the world. Local production will contribute towards improving access to treatment for those worst affected by malaria, which kills over 430,000 people each year, predominantly in Africa.

- [Production of antimalarial drug successfully moved to Tanzania](#)

The SDC in pictures



The SDC – an insight into the organisation

The SDC provides an insight into its work, challenges and achievements in a series of short films.

- [Videos](#)

Blog



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The blog from the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs encourages an exchange of views



Mongolia: export of sustainably extracted gold

Still seen as criminals until recently, the miners of the NGO XAMODX have been supplying responsibly extracted gold to around 100 jewellery brands since March 2016. XAMODX is the first NGO in Asia to obtain the "Fairmined" certification for sustainably extracted gold.

- [Ethically extracted Mongolian gold on the global market](#)

on Switzerland's foreign policy and international cooperation.

- [Blog](#)

International cooperation 2017–2020



Dispatch 2017–2020

News and publications about the Dispatch on Switzerland's International Cooperation.

- [Joint engagement and complementary instruments \(de\)](#)
- [The SDC in action – report on the results of the 2013–2016 dispatch](#)



Czechia: promoting respect for children's rights

As elsewhere many children and young people live in homes in the Czech Republic. The Swiss-Czech partnership seeks to promote respect for children's rights in the training and development of professionals in the youth work sector.

- [Swiss-Czech partnership for the rights of the child](#)

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Western Balkans: Switzerland's engagement during the migration crisis

Over 700,000 refugees travelled the Western Balkans route in 2015. Switzerland is supporting Serbian and Macedonian NGOs providing aid to an average of 5,000 migrants a week. Their activities include medical care, the identification of potential victims of human trafficking and psychosocial support measures.

- [Switzerland's engagement in the Western Balkans during the migration crisis](#)



Iraq: support for refugees

Over 3.3 million Iraqis have fled the atrocities carried out by IS and other armed groups in the country since the end of 2013. In 2016, the SDC allocated CHF 1.5 million to provide aid for these refugees. Three experts in the fields of water, the environment, sanitation and the protection of civilians have been deployed on the ground.

- [Switzerland's support to UNHCR operations in Iraq](#)



Ecuador: aid for earthquake victims

The day after the violent earthquake that struck Ecuador on 16 April 2016, the SDC dispatched experts to evaluate the situation. The Swiss Humanitarian Aid Unit was called in to secure the supply of drinking water and to support the UN agencies in distributing emergency supplies from

all over the world.

- [Operation in Ecuador](#)



Extremism: preventing violence

Switzerland's cooperation projects focus on strengthening institutions, peacebuilding and promoting equitable development. In addition to providing young people with training opportunities, more extensive reforms are needed to reduce inequality and the sense of exclusion that trigger extremist violence.

- [Preventing violence by addressing the causes of extremism](#)



2030 Agenda: monitoring and reviewing implementation measures by signatory countries

Over 190 states declared their willingness to achieve 17 Sustainable Development Goals by 2030 to leave a better world to future generations. This issue of "Multilateral Accent" looks at the method used for monitoring and reviewing progress made in each country.

- [Multilateral Accent no. 19: "Sustainable development that can be measured"](#)

Publications / Films



Evaluation Report on the Swiss Contribution 2015
Key points in brief



Enlargement contribution: evaluation report and annual report

An independent evaluation confirmed that good results were achieved in implementing the SDC's projects in the new EU member states. The annual report 2015 provides an overview of around 300 projects whose goals are improving economic growth and working conditions, increasing social security, protecting the environment, enhancing public safety and strengthening civil society.

- [Evaluation Report on the Swiss Contribution 2015: Key points in brief](#)
- [Swiss Enlargement Contribution Annual Report 2015](#)



SDC magazine "One World"

Migration is one of the major challenges of our age. While it entails risks, it also holds out great potential for both migrants and the societies receiving them. Macedonia, a poverty-stricken country, has become a key leg on the migratory journey through the Balkans.



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Films from the South and the East

Still having found nowhere to live, internally displaced Iraqis occupy a stadium. Two football-loving friends want to hold a match between Turks, Arabs, Kurds and Assyrians. A comedy whose freshness and humour powerfully underline the tragic destiny of these refugees in their own country.

- ["Kick off", Shawkat Amin Korki, trigon-film, Iraq, 2009](#)



Educational films

From mines to jewellery shop windows and from extreme poverty to luxury brands, this documentary looks at the "folly of gold" and its catastrophic consequences for indigenous people and the environment.

- ["Dirty Gold War", Daniel Schweizer, Films pour un seul monde, 2015 \(de\)](#)

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