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## GLOBAL PROGRAMME WATER

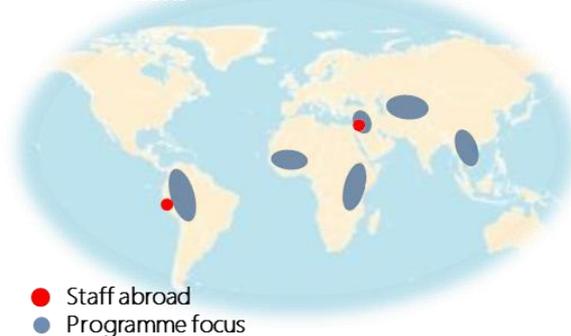
**Water is at the core of sustainable development and the looming water crisis is of global concern. The endeavours of the Global Programme Water meet key global challenges related to the management of water resources, including access to drinking water and the productive use of water in agriculture, industry and households. By focusing on inequity and poverty, they contribute to the reduction of global risks and the realization of a water-secure world.**

The Global Programme Water runs 37 programmes, projects and initiatives at bilateral and multi-bilateral levels: all contribute to ensuring availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all. The operations are based on the working principles of policy influencing, leveraging partnerships, innovation and knowledge management. The Programme with its 14 specialists acts as a centre of competence and maintains partnerships with academia, the public and private sector, civil society organizations and a thematic network (Réseau) with 295 members.

### Main objectives

- **Water Governance:** Strengthen good water governance based on transparency, accountability, inclusive participation and evidence-based decision making at all levels, both in the public and private sectors.
- **Water Solutions:** Support accelerated implementation of SDG 6 by developing innovative solutions for the valuing of water, sustainable financing, technologies, service delivery and water management models.
- **Water Voice:** Enable Switzerland and SDC to position themselves as influential players in the international dialogue to ensure that water and sanitation are prioritized on international agendas.
- **Young People and Gender Equity:** Empower women and young people as agents of change who exert influence on the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation, and benefit from it.

### Interventions



### Key figures

- Projects: 37
- Number of staff (in full time equivalent): 11.4 of which 0.5 abroad
- Bilateral Budget: CHF 30.0 Mio (2018)
- Multilateral Budget: CHF 0 Mio (2018)
- Total annual SDC investments in water: CHF 160 Mio. (average 2014-2016)

### Priorities in 2018

- Youth:** This new strategic component will be rolled-out and reach its cruising speed in working with key partners' agendas, showcasing of concrete actions supporting young-people led initiatives and networks and advocating for a strong voice at the 2018 World Water Forum in Brasilia.
- 2030 Agenda:** GPW will capitalize on the ongoing UN Reform as a window of opportunity for increased advocacy, trust building and alliances-forming, boosting the global water governance system. A milestone in the follow-up and review of Agenda 2030 will be the first UN Global Synthesis Report on SDG 6 prepared for the High-Level Political Forum 2018 on Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies.

- iii. **Water & Peace:** Starting the implementation of specific recommendations, including through the Geneva Water Hub, while raising the importance of Water & Peace as well as the recommendations of the High Level Panel on Water and Peace in various fora and strategic discussions.
- iv. **Water Diplomacy:** GPW will further involve high-level political leaders driving the processes themselves (ownership), and seizing opportunities of joint management of the Yarmuk and Tigris river basins through evidence based knowledge exchange and dialogue (Middle East). In Central Asia, the emphasis is on fostering north-south and south-south knowledge exchange as well as the implementation of educational and operational projects at the regional level.
- v. **Human Rights to Water and Sanitation:** The focus is on establishing new opportunities and partnerships for mainstreaming the HR2WS within the GPW portfolio.
- vi. **Sustainable financing and private engagement:** GWP will consolidate proven models of water valuation through newly established initiatives in nature-based solutions and water stewardship. Further emerging concepts and funding schemes for water will meet new models for financing risk assessment resulting in uncharted territory of strategic financing.
- vii. **Water Pollution:** A new programme will strengthen water quality regulation, but also introduce measures to prevent and control pollution and encourage new pricing systems under the polluter-pays principle.
- viii. **Accelerated implementation of SDG 6:** This shall be addressed through strategic partnerships and distinct knowledge exchange through the World Bank's Global Water Security and Sanitation Partnership's roll-out and in Switzerland through RésEAU, Social Entrepreneurship and Swiss Bluetec Bridge remodelling and capitalizing on NGO consortium accomplishments.
- ix. **Strengthening the Swiss position internationally and nationally** will continue to be a key focus with the World Economic Forum 2018, the 8th World Water Forum in Brasilia and new strategic partnerships with countries and the private sector.
- x. With the **Blue Peace Movement** we enter into an agreement with different parts of society and link the three dimensions of sustainable development with the peace agenda.

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## Key partners

### *Multilateral organisations*

UN-Water, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), UN Secretary General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), World Meteorological Organization (WMO), Joint Monitoring Programme WHO-UNICEF (JMP), Global Water Security and Sanitation Partnership (GWSP), International Finance Corporation (IFC), Sanitation and Water for All (SWA), Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC)

### *International institutions and platforms*

Global Water Partnership (GWP), Water Integrity Network (WIN), Rural Water Supply Network (RWSN), International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Strategic Foresight Group India (SFG), World Water Council (WWC), International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Water Footprint Network (WFN), International Secretariat for Water (ISW), Women for Water Partnership (WfWP), 2030 Water Resources Group (WRG), World Economic Forum (WEF), Earth Security Group (ESG)

### *Swiss partners*

IDANE Wasser, Swiss Water Partnership (SWP), AGUASAN Community of Practice, Solidarit'Eau Suisse (SES), Geneva Water Hub (GWH), WaterLex, International Centre for Water Management Services (cewas), Eawag/Sandec, Swiss Water and Sanitation NGOs Consortium, Swiss start-ups and SMEs, Swiss universities and universities of applied sciences: ETHZ, EPFL, Universities of Basel, Bern, Geneva, Lausanne, Neuchâtel, St. Gallen and Zurich

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