



Service provision agreement between the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN)

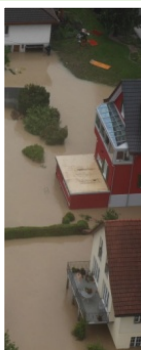
The FOEN is Switzerland's lead agency in the area of hazard prevention. A service provision agreement has been established between the SDC Disaster Risk Reduction Network and FOEN since 2014. It enables SDC staff to access the FOEN's expertise and services in the area of natural hazards. In this way, the FOEN's comprehensive DRR experience can support SDC's efforts in development cooperation and humanitarian aid. In FOEN's Hazard Prevention Division, expertise is available in the following areas:

General DRR expertise

- National DRR strategies, guidelines, best practice
- Strategic and financial planning
- Legal frameworks
- Capacity-building
- Participative approaches
- Awareness-raising

Floods and debris flows

- Flood protection measures
- Overload
- Sustainable renaturation measures
- Project design and evaluation



Avalanches, landslides, rockfall and protective forests

- Technical and biological protection measures for gravitational hazards
- Protective forest maintenance
- Project design and evaluation
- Large-scale monitoring of landslides, rock avalanches and permafrost



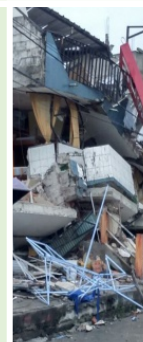
Risk management

- Hazard and risk documentation
- Risk assessment
- Risk-based spatial planning
- Lake regulation



Earthquake mitigation

- Seismic safety of buildings and infrastructures
- Awareness-raising for preventive measures
- Seismic hazard and risk documentation



Emergency management

- Coordination and crisis management
- Forecasts, early warning
- Guidelines for emergency planning
- Local natural hazard training
- Event analysis



Prevention of major accidents

- Prevention of chemical accidents on railway installations, roads, high-pressure oil and natural gas pipelines
- Risk-based approach in the prevention of major accidents
- Risk-based spatial planning



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