Social Protection

The SDC's engagement in social protection was evaluated by an independent evaluation team that assessed performance, operational instruments and institutional processes delivered and used between 2013 and 2017.

SDC engagement

Strengths

Complementary

The SDC uses social protection as an effective means to contribute to reducing poverty and global risks and to foster links between different sectors, therefore strengthening and maximising their outcomes.

Innovative

The SDC's approaches to social protection are considered to have a strong innovative potential – particularly with respect to the lab-approach of testing different options at local level before scaling up.

Social insurances

The SDC has long-standing experience and expertise in a range of social protection mechanisms, especially in social insurance.

Collaboration with the private sector

The SDC has a strong focus on the engagement with the private sector and local delivery mechanisms. This includes a strong role for private actors – such as insurance partners in micro-insurance-schemes.

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were dedicated to social protection between 2013 and 2017.

Labour market policies **CHF 50m** Social insurance CHF 150m

Social assistance CHF 37m



Systems strengthening CHF 138m

87

projects

contained a social protection focus and were commissioned in 34 countries.

Integrated

Social protection is integrated in the SDC's projects across priority themes.

Governance 25%

Food security and agriculture **21%**

Health 17%

Employment and economic development **15%**

Migration 8%

Climate change 7%

Other themes 7%



→ Strategy and priorities

The SDC has no systematic approach to social protection. It is advised to elaborate one and identify priority themes taking the 2030 Agenda and the principle to "Leave no one behind" into consideration.

→ Monitoring

The SDC should develop a set of basic social protection indicators to measure progress in this field.

→ Guidance documents

The development of a conceptual and strategic framework is key to ensure a more structured engagement by the SDC in social protection efforts.

The SDC commissions 80–100 project evaluations and 3–4 thematic or institutional evaluations each year, mainly based on international OECD-Development Assistance Committee (DAC) criteria such as relevance, coherence, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability.

This factsheet summarises the main facts, findings and recommendations of the evaluator's final report from the thematic evaluation of the SDC's performance in social protection 2013–2017 (GOPA Worldwide Consultants, May 2019).

