



The SDC Agriculture and Food Security Network

Who we are

The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) is part of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. The SDC's goal is to promote sustainable development and to reduce poverty. It is committed to a world free of hunger and malnutrition to which smallholder farmers contribute by producing healthy food that is accessible to all, while at the same time increasing their income and safeguarding the environment. The Agriculture and Food Security (A&FS) Network is an important SDC platform for knowledge management. Its members share and promote useful information on topics related to agriculture and food security in a development context. It seeks to enhance the effectiveness of SDC operations in the field by improving the availability and use of knowledge specific to agriculture and food security. Drawing from the wealth of science-based good practices and the field experience of its members, the network contributes to the global policy dialogue on food security.

The network has defined the following focal areas:

- » Land governance (LG)
- » Post-harvest management (PHM)
- » Rural advisory services and agricultural education (RAS)
- » Pastoralism
- » Rural development

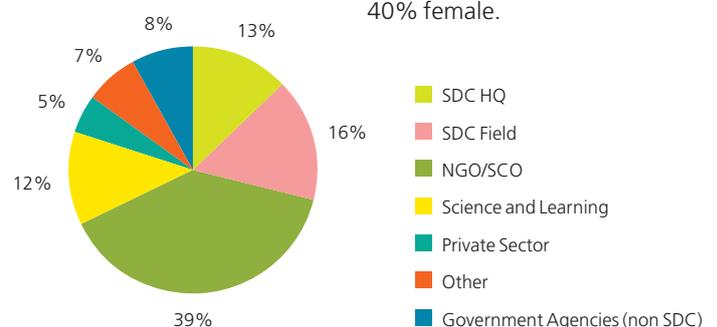
What we offer

The A&FS Network fosters collaboration and promotes joint initiatives and knowledge exchange. It contributes to internal institutional learning and it communicates externally about its activities via mailing lists, blogs and online discussion forums. News on the network's focal topics is regularly published on the network website and distributed among members via the network newsletter. In addition, the network regularly organises global, regional and thematic face-to-face meetings.

The network runs its own website at sdc-foodsecurity.ch

Our members

The A&FS Network is open to all interested SDC staff as well as to representatives of SDC partner institutions such as universities and private-sector and civil-society organisations. The network has around 400 members in 62 countries, 60% of whom are male, 40% female.



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The experience and know-how the A&FS members share with me clearly have a positive impact on the quality of my daily work. Now I know who to contact when I need specific expertise.

Andrea Siclari,
Core Group Member
SDC Bern



I'm very keen to apply some of the best practices I have learnt from the team, seek further support in the process, and share my knowledge in similar forums in the future.

Yamuna Ghale,
SDC Nepal



The online discussions that happen once in a while and the quarterly newsletter are my favourite reading material.

Senait Regassa,
SDC Ethiopia



The A&FS Network is an invaluable platform for exchanges between scientists and practitioners. It provides fertile ground for pioneering solutions.

Bastian Flury, World
Food System Center
ETH Zurich



By being part of the network I received information about new approaches and was able to contact key persons to ask questions or request more detailed information.

Carlos Saavedra,
Helvetas Bolivia



In order to become a member please visit the network website www.sdc-foodsecurity.ch or send a short request to the Global Programme Food Security gpfs@eda.admin.ch.

