



**Seminar**  
**Employment and Income in Fragile Contexts:**  
**Private sector's crucial role for effective development – exploring new perspectives**

Hotel Ambassador, Bern  
11<sup>th</sup> May 2011

Time		Speakers
08.30 – 09.00	Getting to know each other over coffee, croissants	
09.00 – 09.15	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>	<i>Maya Tissafi, Head of Regional Cooperation Department, SDC</i>
09.15 – 09.40	<b>The private sector in conflict- affected environments : A strategic context</b>	<i>Peter Davis, Deputy Head Secretariat Donor Committee Enterprise Development/DCED</i>
09.40 – 10.05	<b>M4P in post-conflict environments: Issues &amp; challenges</b>	<i>Roger Oakeley, Manager M4P HUB</i>
10.05 – 10.30	Questions & answers	<i>Peter Davis; Roger Oakeley</i>
10.30 – 11.00	Break	
11.0 – 11.35	Presentation of cases: <b>SDC's challenges to contribute to employment and income opportunities in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt)</b>	<i>Rana Sandouka, Programme Officer, SDC oPt</i>
11.35 – 12.30	Panel discussion: <b>Fragile versus stable contexts - major differences, challenges for project design, implementation</b>	<i>Peter Davis; Rana Sandouka; Esther Marthaler, Senior Adviser Conflict Transformation Helvetas; Markus Heiniger, Policy Adviser Conflict and Human Right, SDC</i>
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch	
14.00 – 15.15	Presentation of cases in two parallel sessions: <i>(i) Vocational Skills Development:</i> - <b>Nepal:</b> Roles of the private sector and the government in labour-market oriented skills development in a context of conflict and fragility - <b>Niger:</b> Youth training and employment in a "fragile" context  <i>(ii) Cash in humanitarian aid and relief work:</i> - <b>SDC's</b> experience with cash based humanitarian projects - <b>World Food Programme:</b> Purchase for Progress (P4P) in fragile contexts with a focus on P4P in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan	<i>Sirocco Messerli, Advisor Helvetas</i>  <i>Florian Meister, Deputy CEO Swisscontact</i>  <i>Gabriele Siegenthaler, Programme Officer SDC Bern</i>  <i>Ken Davies, P4P Coordinator WFP</i>
15.15 – 15.45	Break	
15.45 – 16.40	Panel discussion: <b>Quick interventions – long lasting distortions? How to avoid it? What can we learn for the future?</b>	<i>Gabriele Siegenthaler; Ken Davies; Roger Oakeley; Florian Meister</i>
16.40 – 17.00	Wrap up and feedback statements Closing remarks	<i>Roger Denzer, Head Latin America Division (includes SDC Focal Point e+i)</i>

*Moderator: Ernst Bolliger, Agridea*