

# 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.

## Recommendations

### → 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

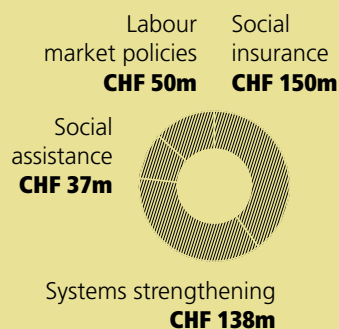
The SDC should develop a set of basic social protection indicators to measure progress in this field.

### → 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.

CHF 370m

were dedicated to social protection between 2013 and 2017.



## 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%**



87

projects

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

