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## GLOBAL PROGRAMME WATER

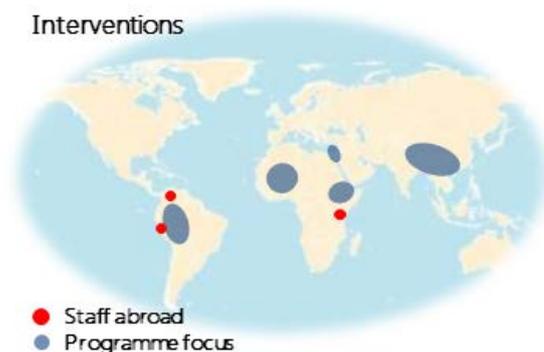
**Water is at the core of sustainable development and the looming water crisis is of global concern. The endeavours of the Global Programme Water meet key global challenges related to the management of water resources, including access to drinking water and the productive use of water in agriculture, industry and households. By focusing on inequity and poverty, they contribute to the reduction of global risks and the realization of a water-secure world.**

The Global Programme Water runs 45 operational programmes, projects and initiatives at bilateral and multilateral levels. The operations are based on the working principles of policy influencing, leveraging partnerships, innovation and knowledge management. The Programme with its 14 specialists acts as a centre of competence and maintains partnerships with academia, the public and private sector, civil society organizations and a thematic network (RésEAU) with 210 members.

### Main objectives

- **Global Water Sector Dialogue:** Attain that water security, as defined by UN-Water, is in the frontline of the priorities of the international global development agenda.
- **Water Governance:** Influence the global policy dialogue on Integrated Water Resource Management fostering sustainable water cooperation and promoting equitable and balanced socio-economic development with gender inclusion ensuring access for the poor.
- **Equitable Access:** Influence at the global level for improved, equitable access to basic water and sanitation services (WASH) and efficient use of water for agriculture (smallholders).
- **Swiss Voice:** Maintain and strengthen the know-how of Swiss players active in the water sector and mobilizing them to position Switzerland at the forefront of the global water challenges.

### Interventions



### Key figures

- Projects: 45
- Number of staff (in full time equivalent): 10 of whom 1 abroad
- Budget Global Programme: CHF 46 Mio.
- Total SDC investments in water: CHF 188 Mio.
- Network members (RésEAU): 210

### Priorities in 2016

- 2030 Agenda in the water sector:** Switzerland continues to be influential in advancing an effective global institutional architecture and mechanisms to meet the political ambition of the 2030 Agenda in the water sector. Complementing the Joint Monitoring Program (JMP) on WASH, the Integrated Monitoring of Water and Sanitation related SDG targets (GEMI) under the umbrella of UN-Water is tested in pilot countries.
- Blue Peace initiatives:** The Global High-Level Panel for Water & Peace presents its 1<sup>st</sup> recommendations in a UN General Assembly side event and the Geneva Water Hub gets fully operational. In the regions, the Blue Peace Middle East community continues to harness collaborative solutions, while a High-Level Dialogue Platform on IWRM for Central Asia countries is set up.
- Transboundary water management:** Institutional frameworks and capacities for transboundary cooperation

tion are strengthened in 14 basins (Andes, Mesoamerica, Mekong and Africa), the Water & Land Resource Centres in Ethiopia / Kenya develop knowledge products and conflict resolution mechanisms, and at least one transboundary aquifer commission gets in place.

- iv. **Data and information management:** The Global Hydromet Support Facility has developed its core business and the innovative Monitoring and Modelling services centres are performing in Tanzania / Central Asia.
- v. **Water economics:** The knowledge on Water Footprint application expands in Latin America and advocacy on Payment and Investment for Watershed Services impacts policies at country / global level based on evidence from Peru and the Blue Nile. Resource Recovery and Reuse businesses in Kampala / Lima foster private sector engagement in the cities' sanitation sector.
- vi. **Water Resources Platform:** The 2030 Water Resources Group makes key policy contributions in particular to the Peruvian water sector modernisation, whilst engaging in the areas of water valuation and financing.
- vii. **Advocacy and partnerships for WASH:** The Ministerial and the High-Level meetings of Sanitation and Water for All (SWA) yield important commitments of high-level policy makers, whereas the 7<sup>th</sup> Forum of the Rural Water Supply Network (RWSN) performs on "Reaching the SDGs for rural water supply". Further, a longer-term vision for Solidarité'eau Swiss is formulated.
- viii. **Access to WASH:** The Swiss Water and Sanitation NGO Consortium meets its ambitious targets and develops innovative means of results' communication, whilst through large scaling-up in Peru more than 700'000 people gain access to water and 280'000 to sanitation. Further, the proven business models delivering safe water to the poorest and most vulnerable are documented for replication, and two handwashing campaigns are conducted in urban/rural contexts of Africa.
- ix. **Water for agriculture:** Value chains and business models for small-scale irrigation kits are consolidated, whereas water audits in Burkina Faso, Morocco and Uganda pave the way for investment projects on water efficiency and productivity. Moreover, a profound reflection on the thematic cluster as one is conducted.
- x. **Swiss Voice:** The RésEAU is boosted (strategy, core group and tools) and its African chapter launched. The AGUASAN Workshop series is redesigned and the Swiss Water Partnership leverages influence in joint initiatives, collaboration with the WB Water Practice and performances at major national/international events.
- xi. **Cross-cutting issues:** Evidence-based communication on achievements results in four highly relevant success

stories being published, accompanied by strong advocacy for the realization of the Human Right to Water and Sanitation and gender mainstreaming. Also, the high quality assurance and peer review mechanism across the entire GPWI portfolio is consolidated.

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## Key partners

### *Multilateral organisations*

UN-Water, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), UN Secretary General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), World Meteorological Organization (WMO), Joint Monitoring Programme WHO-UNICEF (JMP), World Bank: Water and Sanitation Program (WSP) and International Finance Corporation (IFC), Sanitation and Water for All (SWA), Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC)

### *International institutions and platforms*

Global Water Partnership (GWP), Water Integrity Network (WIN), Rural Water Supply Network (RWSN), International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Strategic Foresight Group India (SFG), World Water Council (WWC), International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Water Footprint Network (WFN), International Secretariat for Water (ISW), Women for Water Partnership (WfWP), 2030 Water Resources Group (WRG), Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), World Economic Forum (WEF), Earth Security Group (ESG), Global Sanitation Fund (GSF)

### *Switzerland*

IDANE Wasser, Swiss Water Partnership (SWP), AGUASAN Community of Practice, Eawag/Sandec, Swiss Water and Sanitation NGOs Consortium, Swiss start-ups and SMEs, Swiss universities and universities of applied sciences: ETHZ, EPFL, Univ. of Basel, Bern, Geneva, Lausanne, Neuchâtel, St. Gallen, Yverdon and Zurich

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