

The Swiss Water Partnership



Country
Switzerland

Partners
HELVETAS Swiss Interco-
operation (Secretariat), 74
SWP members

Background information
The SWP is a Swiss non-
profit association founded
in 2012 and regroups the
main Swiss stakeholders
working on global water
challenges.


Project objectives
Bring together relevant
stakeholders to promote a
sustainable and equitable
use and management of
water resources and uni-
versal access to water and
sanitation.

Beneficiaries
Water decision & policy
makers, water users, aca-
demic sector, civil society,
private sector etc.

Costs
CHF 950,000

Duration
08.2015 – 12.2018

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 Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft
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Swiss Agency for Development
and Cooperation SDC

Water is a vital resource for human development. The SWP was created after acknowledging that Switzerland is indeed rich in water resources, but more than eighty percent of fresh water used to produce goods and services consumed in Switzerland is sourced from other countries. Switzerland has therefore an interest, and the moral obligation, to assist countries with less favorable conditions and to address current global water challenges.

The SWP brings together relevant Swiss stakeholders active in the international water sector, with the aim to ensure that the members and their partners abroad contribute in a coordinated and effective way to promote:

- sustainable and equitable use of water resources;
 - sustainable provision of universal access to drinking water and sanitation for all citizens;
 - sustainable and equitable management of ecosystems, including water, food and energy production aspects;
 - mitigation and adaptation to prevent natural hazards;
 - Swiss knowhow and experiences in addressing the above-mentioned challenges;
- particularly by working together in preparing and implementing major international processes and events.

Specific Objectives

- 1. DYNAMIC LEARNING**
SWP allows its members to meet, exchange information on their activities and on international initiatives in the water sector and to share knowledge. It creates a space develop new ideas and solutions building up on the diversity of the SWP members' skills and experience.
- 2. STRONG SWISS VOICE**
The Swiss knowhow, solutions and research on water are widely recognized due to a better coordination of the Swiss stakeholders at international level.
- 3. WATER DIALOGUE**
SWP members contribute to shaping water policies in accordance to the goals of the SWP Statutes (such as sustainable universal access to drinking water and sanitation).

Shared values

The SWP members have agreed upon the following shared values:

- **SOLIDARITY**
Switzerland has privileged access to water resources. Unfortunately not everybody is in such a privileged situation and showing solidarity and supporting the less privileged in getting universal access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene and manage their water resources in an integrated and sustainable manner is at the core of SWP's activities.

- **INTEGRITY**
Water projects need to be managed in an integer way, assuring transparency, accountability and participation of the civil society and thereby assure ownership and sustainability.

Guiding principles

The activities of the platform is guided by the following principles:

- Non-partisan
- Evidence-based
- Information transparency

The functioning of the SWP implies to gather all water sector stakeholders for a constructive cross sector dialogue and to take into account the perspectives of the members' partners in developing countries. The Charter, signed by all members, is a binding document to ensure respect of these values and principles link to charter and statutes.



Additional information:
www.swisswaterpartnership.ch