

Switzerland's Cooperation in Tajikistan

At a glance



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Why?

In 1992, Switzerland and Tajikistan established diplomatic relations, and in 1993 Switzerland delivered humanitarian aid during the ongoing civil war. In 1993, the Republic of Tajikistan joined the Swiss Constituency in the Bretton Woods Institutions (World Bank and International Monetary Fund). In 1999, the official opening of the Cooperation Office in Dushanbe bolstered this support, which shifted from humanitarian aid to development cooperation.

Today, Switzerland assists the Government of Tajikistan to achieve peaceful social and economic transition, alleviate poverty and establish a system that can respond to the population's needs.

Who?

The Swiss Cooperation Office in Tajikistan represents the Government of Switzerland in Tajikistan and provides the international cooperation through the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) are the two government agencies present in Tajikistan.

Some of Switzerland's international partners are: the World Bank Group, UNDP, Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation, Agha Khan Development Network (AKDN), Caritas, Pamir Energy, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) etc.



What?

Domains of interventions

1) Infrastructure, Water and Climate Change

Integrated water management is a central aspect of Switzerland's involvement in the region. At local level, it means enabling people to manage water infrastructure to the benefit of all. The government is supported in developing policy that the needs of the population are integrated into the legislative and regulatory framework. Switzerland also supports efforts to improve access to drinking water in rural and urban areas. In order to protect this costly infrastructure from natural disasters – such as flooding, landslides and earthquakes – specific protection and mitigation measures are implemented

2) Governance, human rights and service delivery

Adherence to the Good Governance principles and effective public service delivery are the key indicators of a democratic society. Switzerland is supporting Tajikistan's efforts to modernize the public services making them more effective, inclusive and accessible for people in Tajikistan. Switzerland support is also aimed at the improved state management of the public services and the introduction of e-services with increased transparency and accountability of the public service providers and the elimination of all forms of discriminations.

3) Inclusive and sustainable economic development

To promote job growth and economic development, Switzerland's cooperation activities support the further development of the private sector. This objective will be pursued in line with national economic priorities, and involve competitive micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). The aim is to achieve inclusive and sustainable economic growth, create decent jobs and ultimately help reduce poverty.

What else?

Switzerland supports initiatives in the local arts and culture sector in Tajikistan. This commitment promotes cultural diversity and showcases shared values, and is regarded as another way to help establish peaceful, inclusive and democratic societies.

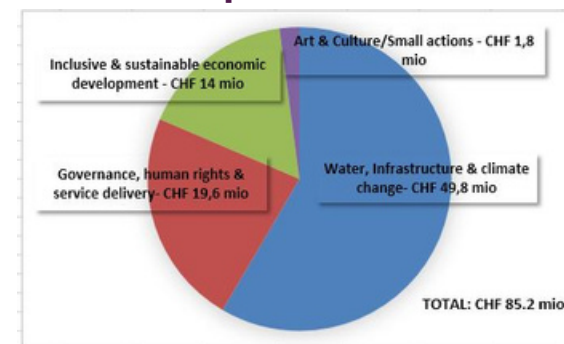
The transversal themes of Gender and Governance, and the principle of participation "leave no one behind" are taken into account across all projects.

Main achievements:

- 840,000 Tajik people have an access to affordable water supply and sanitation services.
- People of Tajikistan are benefitting from disaster risk reduction & climate change adaption interventions.
- 90% of the Civil registry offices in Tajikistan are digitalized.
- Reliable, affordable energy & transparent service to 216'000 people in GBAO
- The new Tax Code is developed & adopted



Financial input for 2022-2025



1992 - Establishment of diplomatic relations	1993 -Swiss Humanitarian Aid for Tajikistan	1993 -Tajikistan-a member of the Bretton Woods institutions	1999- Opening of the Swiss Cooperation Office in Dushanbe	2005- Signing of the Agreement on Cooperation on Emergencies	2008 - The Swiss Ambassador in Kazakhstan becomes responsible for Tajikistan	2011 - Tajikistan has an accredited ambassador in Switzerland	2013 - Tajikistan joins the World Trade Organization	2019 - MoU on cooperation on DRR, Climate Change, Resilient Planning	2022- 30 years of diplomatic relations btw Switzerland & Tajikistan
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