

Water

Between 2010 and 2017, the SDC supported almost 500 water-related projects with a special focus on climate, disaster risk reduction and the cross-cutting issue of gender. This evaluation offers an evidence-based analysis and insights to develop strategic guidance and supports the thematic orientation of the SDC's engagement in water activities.

SDC engagement

Strengths

Local

Projects were responsive, driven by local, community-based approaches and partnerships and improved access to clean and safe water and sanitation.

Pioneering

The SDC's Global Programme Water spearheaded the development of the new water SDG 6.

Empowering

The focus on governance, transparency and equality in combination with enabling approaches led to strong representation and participation of women, private-sector-organisations and civil society alike.

Sustainable

The focus on continuity, learning and networking ensured a wide impact on governance, peace and the environment.

Every drop counts

The SDC is active world-wide where water is an issue – with a strong focus on 30 countries

490

water-related projects

commissioned by the SDC between 2010 and 2017 – from high-level water-diplomacy to new irrigation-systems.

CHF 812m

SDC spent for activities related to water

WASH
(Water, Sanitation, Hygiene)
CHF 427.3m

Integrated Water
Resource Management
CHF 226.8m

Agriculture
CHF 106m

Water Diplomacy,
Economics & Policy
CHF 51.6m

Recommendations

→ Strategy

The SDC is advised to develop a new strategic guidance document to connect water with sectors like health, energy, food, environment and climate.

→ Systemic change

The SDC should reinforce the link between global, regional and local levels to foster broad and systemic change at country level.

→ Collaboration

The SDC is encouraged to work more closely with other donor organisations, government institutions, academia and local NGOs to build the capacities of partners and institutions.

