

Supporting people against climate change

Climate change threatens the Sustainable Development Goals and must be mitigated and adapted to if progress is to continue. This evaluation highlights the SDC's activities in these areas and shows how its climate change projects, programmes, and results can be further strengthened.

SDC engagement

Strengths

Well designed

In terms of design and performance, the SDC achieves an above-average standard. It excels at the recognition and integration of local needs and shows excellent handling of institutional partnerships.

Embedded

Projects on climate change adaptation and mitigation support local communities and are embedded well in their respective contexts. Many of these projects address climate change, poverty and biodiversity in an integrated way, and some create links between humanitarian assistance and sustainable development..

Transformative

The transformative potential of the SDC's projects on climate change adaptation is high, that of mitigation projects moderate. As there is unintended transformative potential in some projects, the positive impacts are higher than previously reported by the SDC.

CHF 300m

Switzerland spent 300m CHF annually on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation cooperation from 2017 to 2020.

60%

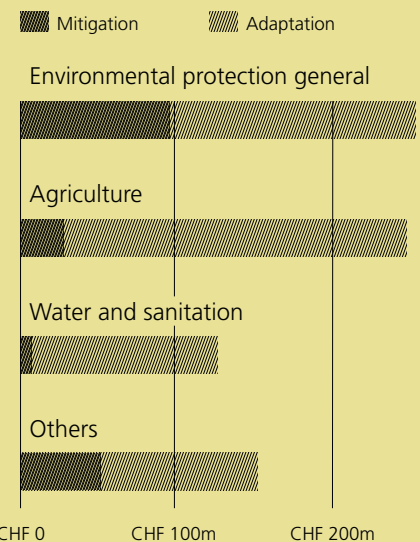
Switzerland used 60% of its total bilateral climate aid for adaptation projects and 40% for mitigation projects.

CHF 852m

SDC disbursed 852m CHF to climate-change projects from 2013 to 2020.

Focus on the environment

Total disbursements to climate change projects 2013-2020



Recommendations

→ Prepare

The deterioration of biophysical conditions at all levels is accelerating; anticipating and preparing for new expectations and pressures that may come to the SDC is an important task at the strategic level.

→ Synchronise

The SDC should work more closely with SECO, FOEN and international financial institutions to optimize the complementarity of their climate change response strategies.

→ Strengthen

It is vital to improve management of explicit knowledge. The SDC should strengthen its capacity to handle thematic complexity, as this is key to the climate change response.

