

# Switzerland's international cooperation is working.

**Results of implementation of Dispatch 2017–20 at a glance.** Switzerland's international cooperation achieved a strong set of results in the 2017–20 strategy period. An overview of the achievement of the strategic goals and results in key focus areas is presented here. The joint final report from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) and the Human Security Division (HSD) contains further information.

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## Impact

In recent years, Switzerland has been steadily expanding the system used to measure the impact of its international cooperation. In 2019, the OECD gave Switzerland good marks for the planning, implementation, management and evaluation of its projects and programmes. As learning organisations, the SDC, SECO and the HSD have used difficulties and unachieved objectives as an opportunity for continuous improvement.

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## Lessons for Dispatch 2021–24

- ▶ A stronger geographical and thematic focus to increase effectiveness.
- ▶ A stronger focus on and implementation of more cross-sectoral projects to combat the globally felt effects of climate change.
- ▶ Targeted use of new technologies and digitalisation.
- ▶ Greater flexibility in the use of financial resources to cooperate with countries – which are not priority countries for Swiss international cooperation – on migration matters.
- ▶ Stronger promotion of scientific studies and impact analyses in international cooperation.



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Effective  
humanitarian  
actor

**8.4 million**  
people reached in **emergency**  
situations and  
**1.2 million**  
people assisted with  
**reconstruction.**

Increased involvement  
in crises, disasters and  
armed conflicts

**17 peace**  
**processes**

prepared and supported,  
including in Syria, Colombia  
and Mozambique.

**Gender equality**  
as a driver of  
development

**9 million**

people, over half of them  
women and girls, given access  
to **basic education**  
and **vocational skills**  
development.

Promising  
cooperation with  
the private sector

**59,000 loans**  
granted to **small and**  
**medium-sized enterprises**  
in North Africa.

Respect for  
human rights  
as a tool for conflict  
prevention

Annual **human rights dialogues**  
conducted with  
**8 countries**  
and accompanied  
by projects.

Creating  
prospects  
and jobs

**1.4 million**  
smallholder farmers granted  
access to **financial services.**  
**845,000**  
workers within  
**value chains given education**  
and training.

Effective Swiss com-  
mitment to solving  
global challenges, with  
the involvement of  
multilateral actors

**95 %**  
of power generation projects  
backed by the African  
Development Bank linked to  
**renewable energy.**

Swiss contribution to  
the implementation  
of the **2030 Agenda**

Strategic objectives of  
Swiss international cooperation  
harmonised with the  
**2030 Agenda.**