

## AT A GLANCE



## Together for a better world

The interim report on the Millennium Development Goals has shown that joint efforts by all relevant actors have the power to reduce poverty. At the same time the report emphasises that there is still much work to be done. HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation contributes to reducing poverty through specific development projects and advisory services to help create a world where disadvantaged people can lead a safe and dignified life. Providing the means to help disadvantaged rural communities help themselves is at the centre of our work. We not only provide practical assistance but also build communities' capacities to claim their rights – to preserve their natural resources, develop basic infrastructure and have access to education. We give advice to communities regarding civil and state organisation and promote a balanced consideration of men and women. The past has shown that there are no quick solutions in development cooperation and development politics and that it will take persistent work from us all if we want to combat poverty.



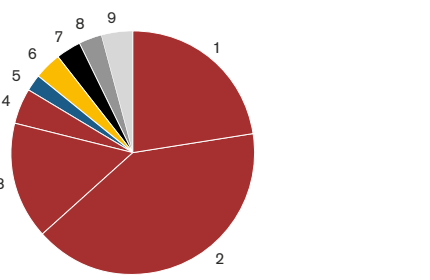
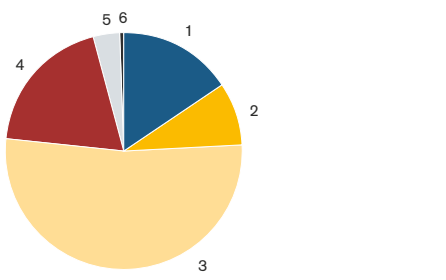
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## About HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation

HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation is one of the most experienced and largest development organisations in Switzerland. It came into existence on 1 July 2011 with the merger of two organisations: Helvetas (founded 1955) and Intercooperation (founded 1982). As a politically and denominationally neutral association, HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation is supported by over 100,000 members and sponsors, as well as 12 regional groups of volunteers. Over 1200 local and 60 international employees (mainly Swiss) are engaged in 30 partner countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe. A total of 130 people work at the Berne and Zurich offices as well as at the Lausanne and Balerna branch offices. They coordinate development projects, offer advisory services to governmental and non-governmental organisations, and raise awareness about the problems faced by people in developing countries.



**Source of funds (2011 budget in millions of CHF)**

- Income from fundraising 19.5 | 15.8 %
- Programme contribution from SDC 10.7 | 8.6 %
- Project funding from SDC 64.9 | 52.4 %
- Project funding from organisations 23.8 | 19.3 %
- Income from advisory services 4.2 | 3.4 %
- Other earnings 0.7 | 0.5 %

**Use of funds (2011 budget in millions of CHF)**

- Africa 28.1 | 22.7 %
- Asia 50.9 | 40.9 %
- Latin America/Caribbean 19.1 | 15.4 %
- Eastern Europe 6.1 | 4.8 %
- Programme coordination and support 2.5 | 2.1 %
- Advisory Services 4.6 | 3.7 %
- Expenses for projects in Switzerland 4.0 | 3.2 %
- Head office 3.9 | 3.2 %
- Fundraising 5.0 | 4.0 %

Major funders of HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation are the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), the State Secretariat for the Economy SECO, the Liechtenstein Development Service, the British Department for International Development (DFID), EuropeAid and more than 100,000 members and private donors. Further details of the accounts can be found in the annual report (available from [www.helvetas.org](http://www.helvetas.org))

## How HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation works

The objective of HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation is to help create a fairer world in which the basic needs of all humans are satisfied and human rights are protected. In order to achieve this goal, HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation works on five levels:

**Projects.** HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation develops and supports real projects. These projects are implemented locally in order to guarantee their sustainability. HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation helps its partners with their internal organisation and trains local authorities to assume responsibility for activities to ensure project continuity.

**Advisory services.** HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation offers a multidisciplinary team of experts and advisors in international development. These experts counsel private, civil society, governmental and multilateral organisations regarding their development projects. They train specialists and foster expertise, contributing their skills and knowledge to international networks.

**Information and awareness raising.** HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation informs the Swiss public about its own work and raises awareness concerning global injustice and the necessity to stand up for the needs of the world's poorest, either through political participation or donations.

**Fair Trade.** In its projects and together with the private sector partners, HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation promotes Fair Trade of products such as cocoa, rice and cotton. Its own FairShop sells organic and ethical goods from developing countries.

**Development politics.** HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation takes a public stance on development issues within Switzerland and internationally, through its statements, participation in global networks, petitions and as a member of Alliance Sud, the political lobbying organisation comprising the major Swiss aid agencies.

The organisational chart of HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation can be found on [www.helvetas.ch](http://www.helvetas.ch)



As one of the major development organisations in Switzerland, HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation is engaged in 30 of the world's poorest countries to bring about sustainable improvements in the living conditions of disadvantaged people.

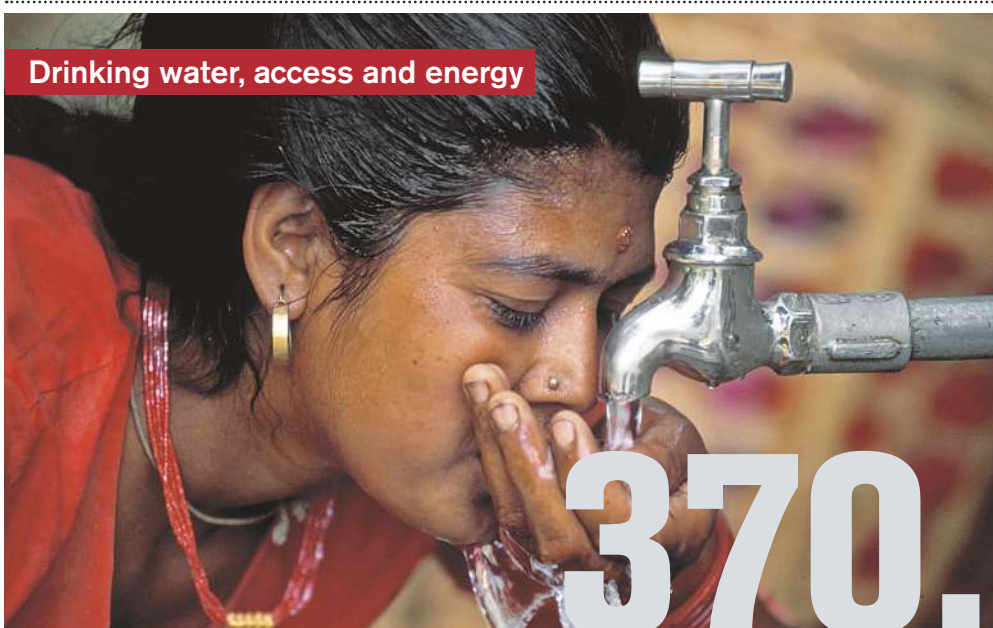


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## Water and infrastructure

### Drinking water, access and energy



"Children sometimes used to throw up when they drank from the old draw well. We have clean drinking water at the school now. The children also know how important it is to wash their hands. And we have fewer health problems at our school."



Adjaratou Boukari Bata is a teacher at the Sinendé primary school in Benin



**That's how many people gained access to clean drinking water and/or sanitation thanks to Helvetas in 2010. Another 1,430,000 people benefited from new or repaired roads and bridges.**

## Rural Economy

### Food, Fair Trade and business



"Most of us have no land of our own. But since we started using the bed of the Mohana River in the dry season, we, the landless, can sell vegetables too."



Rupa Chaudhary uses a dry riverbed in the western lowlands of Nepal to grow vegetables



**That's the number of farmers who received agricultural advice and training in 2010 thanks to Helvetas. Helvetas provided the stimulus for 164,000 people to earn some extra income from selling their produce.**

## Environment and climate change

### Land, forests and water



"Nowadays we often have to wait for rain for a long time, and when it finally arrives, it sheets it down. We need seed immediately then, so we have to store it in the village."



Gilberto Tethere facilitated the construction of granaries in the village of Manrasse, Mozambique



**That's how many people depend on soils that have lost part of their biological and productive value due to drought, over-use or depleted biodiversity.**

## Skills development and education

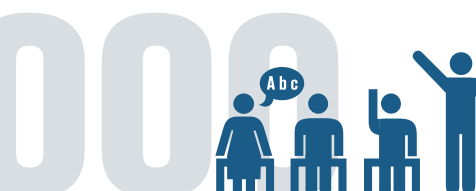
### School, jobs and income



"My parents used only to grow maize and beans for their own needs. After I completed a Helvetas training course in agriculture, I started producing tomatoes on our piece of land. Business is running well, so now I want to double the cropping area."



Wilson Adolfo Cun Ordon sells tomatoes in Rio Blanco, Guatemala



**That's the number of (mostly young) people who completed their education or receive further training in 2010 thanks to Helvetas. 7,000 adults learnt to read, write and do maths in literacy courses.**

## Governance and peace

### Democracy, human rights and culture



"The women and girls in my village are still at a disadvantage. For example, they are often married off early and can't go to school. In the workshop I attended, it was all about equal rights for men and women – and that gave me courage. Now I would like to study and become a teacher."



Ban Mui Kieu, student in Thai Hoc, Vietnam, notices positive changes in her village.



**The number of people who attended a course or event about decentralised structures, democracy or local administration in 2010 thanks to Helvetas. 1,500 participative development plans were drawn up at the village, district or provincial level.**

When people are assured that the fruits of their efforts are protected from random encroachment, they will strive to improve their living conditions with energy and creativity. That's why HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation works towards a society in which all people have equal opportunities, are allowed to express their opinions freely and participate in democratic decision-making processes. Individuals and civil society are empowered to claim their fundamental rights. HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation also helps authorities to fulfil their responsibilities towards their citizens, e.g. through participative planning, timely provision of services and transparent taxation. HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation is committed to peaceful conflict resolution. With cultural projects, HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation encourages dialogue between cultures through its projects and also promotes political awareness.