Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

About SDC

The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) is an international cooperation agency within the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA). The Swiss Service for Technical Cooperation was founded in 1961 and then renamed to Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation in 1996.

In operating with other federal offices concerned, SDC is responsible for the overall coordination of Swiss development activities and cooperation, as well as for the humanitarian aid delivered by the Swiss Confederation. SDC’s multilateral aid provided to all UN organizations in 2009 amounted to CHF 168.4 million, representing 30 per cent of the total multilateral assistance provided in the same year. The SDC carries out its activities with staff of close to 600 people in Switzerland and abroad, as well as 1000 local employees.

Areas of work

The Agency undertakes direct actions, supports programmes of multilateral organizations, and helps to finance programmes run by Swiss and international aid organizations in the areas that include but are not limited to the following:

- **Agriculture and Rural Development** (rural production and service systems with special emphasis placed on the sustainable use of natural resources)
- **Economy and Employment** (promotion of commerce and employment through private sector development, financial sector development and vocational skills development)
- **Climate Change and Environment** (reduction of the greenhouse gas emissions and adaptation to climate change)
- **Economic and Regional Integration** (globalization that ensures sustainable development in order to give developing countries a fair chance to export their products)

SDC’s activities in Eastern Europe are focused on supporting the development and consolidation of democracy as well as the transition to environment-friendly market economies.

Eligibility for SDC funding

SDC works with countries in 5 continents, including the following UNECE member States: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Kosovo (SC Resolution 1244), Montenegro, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tajikistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.
Contact details
SDC - Head office
Freiburgstrasse 130, 3003 Berne
Telephone: +41 31 322 34 75, +41 31 324 16 94
E-mail: info@deza.admin.ch.

For more information, please visit their website:
http://www.deza.admin.ch/en/Home