

Helvetas 2006 at a Glance

Project Locations

- **Afghanistan.** Since 2003. Support of rural development. Collaboration with local NGOs in primary/secondary teachers' training, vocational education in rural areas. Agricultural production, processing and marketing, irrigation and village water supply. This programme is still in its pilot phase.
- **Benin.** Since 1995. Support of decentralisation processes on community level with the aim to improve drinking water supply and sanitation as well as rural road construction. Promotion and marketing of agricultural products. Construction of health centres.
- **Bhutan.** Since 1975. Training of agricultural extension workers, extension and research in agriculture, livestock and forestry. Construction of suspension bridges. Teachers' training, construction of schools, education and training of ministry of finance officials.
- **Burkina Faso.** Since 2002. Rural roads. Cultivation and marketing of organic cotton.
- **Cameroon.** Since 1964. Support of local councils. Improvement of rural drinking water supply with focus on rehabilitation and expansion of existing systems.
- **Dominican Republic.** Since 1986. Sustainable management of natural resources. Training of veterinary assistants and young farmers. Harvest protection. Management of the Rio Macasías catchment. Promotion of cultural activities.
- **Ethiopia.** From 1976 to 1983. Resumption of the programme in 2002. Support of local governance. Innovation and marketing promotion in the working area Sustainable Management of Natural Resources, especially agriculture. Exploring and initiating activities in the education sector.
- **Guatemala.** Since 1972. Collaboration with farmers' organisations on the Altiplano in sustainable agriculture and marketing. Promotion of the peace-building process and decentralisation and support of cultural activities. Project to preserve natural resources in the western highlands and to strengthen community autonomy. Forestry training in the northern lowlands.

- **Haiti.** Since 1983. Support of local development processes in the sectors rural drinking water supply and sanitation, sustainable agriculture, conservation of biodiversity, adult education and culture. Intercultural exchange with the Dominican Republic.
- **Kyrgyzstan.** Since 1995. National agricultural advisory service for production, processing and marketing. Agricultural vocational training in the Naryn Oblast. Organic cotton production and trade in southern Kyrgyzstan. Legal advice to rural citizens. Support of agricultural value added product chains. Rural enterprise development with focus on community-based tourism, and establishment of a Destination Marketing Organisation for sustainable development and marketing of Kyrgyzstan's tourism products.
- **Laos.** Since 2001. Support for the development of a countrywide agricultural extension service. Promotion of production and marketing of organically produced agricultural products with focus on organic rice.
- **Mali.** Since 1977. Water supply and sanitation. Agricultural initiatives. Conflict prevention and management. Organic cotton production and trade promotion. Democratisation and local council promotion. Photo training centre and cultural activities, teachers' training.
- **Mozambique.** Since 1979. Support of rural development with focus on food security, production, processing and marketing of agricultural products as well

- as community development. Drinking water supply and sanitation. Elementary and adult education. Support of private initiatives to processing agricultural products and promoting ecological tourism.
- **Nepal.** Since 1955. Water resources management and sanitation at village and district level. Support of local initiatives for the construction of pedestrian trail bridges, rural access roads and improvement of rural infrastructure. Sustainable soil management, biological pest control and IPM. Rural development programme in the Palpa district with focus on capacity-building of the local councils. Support of local initiatives and access to new know-how. Coffee as a niche product. Informal vocational training and small businesses promotion. Promotion of local partners. Cultural projects. Peace-building activities.
- **Paraguay.** Since 1972. Collaboration with private and state partners. New programme since 2001: Support of initiatives and activities of farmers' groups and the local population, promotion of the learning process using new information and communication technologies.
- **Philippines.** Since 1981. Starting from 2002 collaboration with non-governmental organisations and local governments in the rural development sector,

- promotion of the national decentralisation and local governance programme. Dissemination of the solar water disinfection system (SODIS).
- **Senegal.** Since 2001. Promotion of sustainable agriculture; organic cotton programme.
- **Sri Lanka.** Since 1972. Cooperation with various local organisations. Drinking water supply and construction of latrines. Regional and community development, sustainable agriculture, promotion of self-help efforts in villages and plantation settlements. Rehabilitation of families affected by war and implementation of peace promoting actions.
- **Tanzania.** Since 1996. Collaboration with the Tingatinga painters co-operative in Dar-es-Salaam. Teachers' training in English language teaching and environmental education.
- **Vietnam.** Since 1994. Agricultural and forestry advisory and training programme. Rural development programme in the Cao Bang Province with focus on capacity building of communal authorities. Local governance project on provincial level in Cao Bang. Dissemination of the solar water disinfection system (SODIS).



Helvetas in figures

Expenditure 2006 (in millions CHF, projected)

Foreign Department		
Programmes in Asia	32,52	48,9%
Programmes in Africa	18,15	27,3%
Programmes in Latin America	4,82	7,3%
Reserve for cultural projects and pilot programmes (Asia, Africa, Latin America)	0,17	0,3%
	55,66	83,8%
Swiss Department		
Swiss Department activities: public relations, local campaigns, fund raising	3,98	6,0%
Contribution to Alliance Sud and to other development organisations as well as to service centres for development cooperation	0,40	0,6%
	4,38	6,6%
Administration		
Head office in Zurich with foreign and Swiss department, data processing, accounting and logistics	4,91	7,4%
Branch office French speaking part of CH	0,22	0,3%
Branch office Italian speaking part of CH	0,06	0,1%
	5,19	7,8%
Extraordinary surplus		
	1,20	1,8%
Total	66,43	100,0%

Project achievements

Population provided with access to drinking water	228 243
Pedestrian and road bridges built	251
Reafforestation (in ha.)	18 998
Farmers and agricultural advisers trained	133 182
Programmes for supporting farmer organisations (methods, organisation, marketing, advising)	7 058

Helvetas – the most important facts

Helvetas was founded in 1955 as the first private Swiss organisation for development cooperation. Helvetas is a non-partisan, politically and confessionally independent association supported by 43'000 members and 40'000 regular private sponsors, as well as 15 regional groups working on a voluntary basis.

A staff of some 560 local and 54 Swiss employees in 20 partner countries are committed to their work for Helvetas. In Africa, Asia and Latin America they, together with local partner organisations, are striving to promote sustainable development, which is oriented towards the fulfillment of the needs of the disadvantaged parts of the population. The development work done by Helvetas concentrates on the sectors Infrastructure in Rural Areas (water and sanitation, bridges, access roads and community buildings), Sustainable Management of Natural Resources (sustainable agriculture, livestock farming and forestry), Education & Culture as well as Civil Society & the State (democracy and peace-building).

In Switzerland, Helvetas employs a staff of 58 men and women. Besides coordinating the various country programmes, the Zurich Head Office, together with its branch offices in Lausanne and Balerna, focuses on awareness creation and sensitisation for development policy issues among the Swiss public through information campaigns, the promotion of fair trade goods and the staging of cultural events.

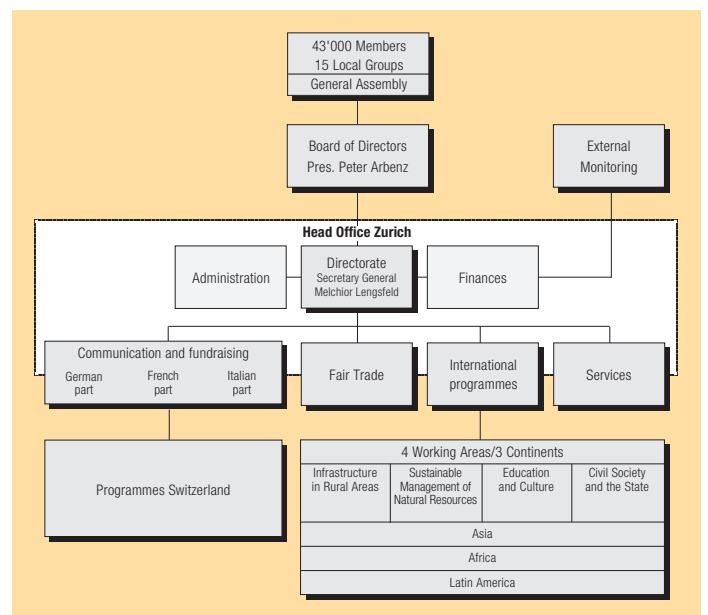
Income 2006 (in millions CHF, projected)

Donations		
Membership fees and private donations	6,80	10,2%
Bequests and benefices	1,45	2,2%
Councils and cantons	1,10	1,7%
Companies	0,80	1,2%
Associations and organisations	1,65	2,5%
Parishes	0,20	0,3%
	12,00	18,1%
Programme contributions and mandates		
Programme contribution (SDC)	10,00	15,0%
Mandates (SDC)	14,66	22,1%
International mandates	24,60	37,0%
Swiss Solidarity projects	2,87	4,3%
	52,13	78,4%
Other income		
Retail sales	0,50	0,8%
Miscellaneous	1,80	2,7%
	2,30	3,5%
Total	66,43	100,0%

Advice to, and support for, administration centers (planning, local initiatives, political advice)	3 103
Trained specialists (skilled manual workers, teachers, entrepreneurs)	9 004
Literate adults	20 885
Visitors to cultural and educational events	128 315
Employees receiving training	14 217

(These figures represent achievements for 2004)

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