



Pakistan

SDC Humanitarian Aid

The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) has been active in Pakistan for 45 years, and is represented by the Swiss Cooperation Office in Islamabad. Cooperation focuses on income generation, water and rural development. SDC Humanitarian Aid (SDC-HA) is assisting the Government of Pakistan in emergencies with relief, rehabilitation & reconstruction programmes.

In response to the **earthquake in 2005**, SDC-HA reconstructed 90 schools and five Basic Health Units according to anti-seismic norms. After the emergency relief delivered during the devastating **floods in 2010** and the measures taken to assist the affected populations in getting through the winter, SDC-HA has started various reconstruction projects in the domains of public infrastructure, drinking water and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR). The projects are implemented in the Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) north-east of the country.

SDC-HA Area of Intervention in KPK Province



Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Schools

SDC-HA supports the Government of the Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) in reconstruction of the educational infrastructure damaged by the 2010 floods. Seven fully damaged primary schools in the Swat district are reconstructed, 17 other schools shall follow until 2015. SDC has rehabilitated 30 partially damaged schools in Swat, Charsadda and Nowshera districts and 30 more are planned in the current phase. Additionally, SDC has supported UNICEF in the construction of four transitional shelter schools, which will be later on used as Women Centres. SDC approach is incorporating the rehabilitation of sanitary facilities, thus allowing especially girls to return to

schools. The World Food Programme (WFP) will be conducting teachers' training in the SDC schools.



SDC reconstructed school buildings in Manai, Swat district

Provision of safe drinking water

Building on the previous collaboration with local NGOs during the 2010 flood relief phase, SDC-HA has started a Water, Sanitation and Hygiene programme in the districts of Charsadda and Nowshera. It includes well cleaning and contamination prevention measures as well as water treatment and hygiene awareness activities. Water schemes are rehabilitated at communal level for drinking water supply in Madyan and other locations in Swat. Water committees are being established for the management and maintenance of the schemes after their completion.



SDC constructed WSS at Banda Dabargai, Swat district

Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)

SDC-HA, in partnership with WFP, is implementing a Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) project to enhance community resilience in a risk-prone area of Chail valley in the Swat district. The project aims to reduce the food insecurity and livelihood vulnerability of the flood-affected

communities through cash-for-work activities in the context of DRR. The project is based on the principle of holistic valley concept of starting upstream gullies plugging, slope stabilization against landslides and bio-engineering measures.



Slope stabilization through retaining wall

Emergency relief

SDC-HA assisted the victims of the floods in 2011 and 2012 in the province of Sindh through financial contribution to the WFP. Furthermore, SDC-HA has started a training programme to guarantee the supply of safe drinking water in the event of new floods. After the earthquake in Baluchistan (October 2013), SDC is supporting a local NGO in training the survivors in reconstructing/repairing seismic resistant shelters.

Support for Refugees and IDPs

SDC-HA contributes financially to the programs of the International Committee of the Red Cross, the UN

High Commissioner for Refugees and the WFP in support of internally displaced persons and refugees. The programmes include both, livelihood support as well as humanitarian protection. After the floods in 2010, SDC-HA supported multilateral partners with various experts from the Swiss Humanitarian Aid Unit.

SDC experts in support to the UN

The beneficiaries of these secondment deployments were the UN-OCHA (UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs), the UN-Habitat (UN Human Settlements Programme), the WFP (World Food Programme). In 2012 a SDC-Expert supported the World Bank with Water and Sanitation Programme in Pakistan. In 2013 support was provided to UNICEF with a WASH/DRR expert.

Financial commitments at a glance

SDC Humanitarian Aid 2013

▪ SDC bilateral emergency relief and reconstruction	CHF 4'000'000
▪ Contribution to the ICRC	CHF 500'000
▪ Contribution to the WFP	CHF 1'650'000
▪ Contribution to UNHCR	CHF 350'000
▪ Contribution to UNICEF	CHF 200'000

Total 2013

CHF 6'700'000

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