

OUR MISSION

We support poor and disadvantaged women, men and communities in developing and transition countries in their efforts to improve their living conditions.

Through development cooperation, we support women and men in improving their livelihoods themselves in a sustainable manner.

We promote equitable access to the resources and services necessary for life and thus contribute to overcoming the root causes of poverty.

We uphold the protection and promotion of social, economic, political, environmental and cultural rights and responsibilities and seek to ensure their practical implementation.

We support our partners in engaging in development policy issues.

We advocate for a coherent Swiss foreign and economic policy, responsive to the needs of men and women in developing and transition countries.

We accompany and support our partners on a long-term basis.

OUR FUNDAMENTAL VALUES

Our engagement is based on solidarity and partnership.

We work towards achieving human rights and upholding the principle of self-determined development.

We are committed to social equity and strive for equal opportunities for men and women regardless of age, origin, language, religion, culture or political convictions.

Our collaboration with our partners is based on mutual respect for cultural values and principles.

We stand for development that balances economic viability, environmental appropriateness and social benefit.

OUR WORKING PRINCIPLES

We work in partnership on the basis of shared values, and strengthen our partners in their autonomy.

We shape our programmes in an innovative and sustainable manner.

We actively engage in development policy dialogue seeking to influence international regulatory frameworks in a just manner, responsive to the demands of developing countries.

We work with civil society organisations, private sector and government actors and promote exchange among them at local, national and international levels.

We take into account the local context. In fragile situations, we engage in conflict prevention and management.

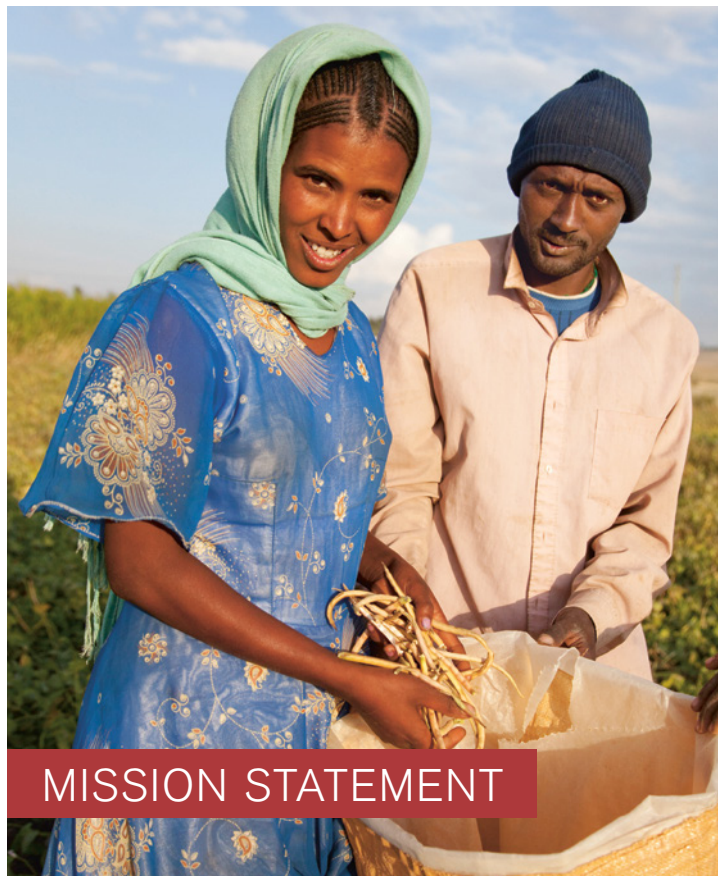
We foster intercultural dialogue, the exchange of experiences and knowledge and thereby learn for our future work.

We uphold good governance and democratic accountability, including the fight against corruption.

We work in an outcome-oriented and efficient manner. As a learning organisation, we systematically monitor the results and impact of our programmes and projects.

We are committed to transparency and accountability towards our partners and stakeholders. We foster open internal and external communication.

We support the professional and personal development of our personnel.



MISSION STATEMENT



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HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation is a non-profit association working in development cooperation, anchored in Switzerland with a membership amongst the Swiss public. It is denominationally neutral and politically independent.

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Our vision is a just world in which all men and women determine the course of their lives in dignity and security, using environmental resources in a sustainable manner.