



## Swiss Programme for Research on Global Issues for Development

### Main objective

The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the Swiss National Science Foundation SNSF are offering a funding scheme for development-related research on global issues. The main focus of the „Swiss Programme for Research on Global Issues for Development“ (r4d programme) lies on the generation of new insights and innovative approaches, solutions as well as on the application of research results into policy and practice through transnational research partnerships. In the focus of the programme is the reduction of poverty and global risks as well as the provision of public goods. Inter- and transdisciplinary research with a problem- and solution orientated approach will be funded. The implementation of the research results into policy and practice are of high significance and are considered as an integral part of the research activities.

### Structure of the fund

The funding instrument consists of six modules, five with pre-defined thematic priorities and one for which the research topics can be freely chosen by researchers. The five thematic research modules have a duration of six years with funding volumes of approximately CHF 3 million per project. Research projects within the thematically open module have a duration of three years with maximum funds available of CHF 500'000. 10% to 15% of the amount awarded to a project must be used for application, implementation and communication.

### Themes

The thematic modules of the r4d programme focus on the following five global issues with the objective of fostering a sustainable global development, which targets poverty reduction and the preservation of global public goods in developing countries:

1. Causes of and solutions to social conflicts in contexts of weak public institutions
2. Employment in the context of sustainable development
3. Agricultural production systems and food security
4. Sustainable use and management of ecosystems
5. Provision systems and financing mechanisms in the public health sector

### Funds

The overall financial volume is CHF 97.6 million for the period 2012-2022. The SDC contributes CHF 72 million and the SNSF CHF 25.6 million.

CHF 14.1 million are available for each thematic module (including research, scientific synthesis and implementation work). This allows for each theme several major research partnership projects to be realised. Three calls within the thematically open module will be launched, each with a total amount of CHF 5.9 million.



# Factsheet

## Eligibility

- All researchers working at research institutions in Switzerland or in developing countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America are eligible (according to the OECD-DAC list<sup>1</sup>).
- The responsible applicant must be employed at a Swiss research institution.

Switzerland	Developing Countries
Universities	Institutions of higher education, universities
ETH & institutions of the ETH Domain	Public research institutions
Universities of applied sciences, universities of teacher education	Universities of applied sciences, universities of teacher education
Swiss federal research institutions	Other research institutions that do not conduct research for commercial purposes
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## Research partnership projects

- Only „research partnership projects“ are funded. Such projects consist of at least one Swiss research group and for the thematic modules at least two research groups from two different countries of group 1. For the thematically open module it is at least one Swiss research group and at least one from a country of group 1. The participation of further groups from Switzerland and from developing countries is highly recommended.
- The following table gives an overview of the eligible developing countries.

Country group 1: Mandatory	Country group 2: Optional
Least developed countries, low income countries, and lower middle income countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America or Cuba as a SDC priority country	BICS and upper middle income countries in Africa, Asia (without Turkey) and Latin America (without the Caribbean) - for instance, Brazil, India, China, South Africa and others.

Calls: Topic / Type	Call	Funding decision
1st Call for thematically open projects	6 June 2012	September 2013
Topic “Social Conflicts”	6 June 2012	September 2013
Topic “Employment”	7 September 2012	October 2013
Topics “Ecosystems” and „Food Security“	28 May 2013	August 2014
Topic “Public Health”	3 July 2014	September 2015
2nd Call for thematically open projects	October 2014	February 2016
Additional thematic call	tba	tba
3rd Call for thematically open projects	Summer 2016	Summer 2017

## Funded projects

Information of the funded projects are published on the r4d website [www.r4d.ch](http://www.r4d.ch)

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<sup>1</sup> OECD-DAC list: <http://www.oecd.org/dac/stats/documentupload/DAC%20List%20of%20ODA%20Recipients%202014%20final.pdf>

