



Swiss Cooperation Strategy Bosnia and Herzegovina 2017–2020

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Since when?



Why?

- 1 SOLIDARITY:** Switzerland is committed to each and every person living free of poverty, in dignity and in security.
- 2 IN THE INTERESTS OF SWITZERLAND:** Switzerland's own prosperity and security depend to a large degree on the international environment in which it operates.
- 3 ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY:** Switzerland is committed to doing its share to meet the challenges our world faces.
- 4 SWITZERLAND AND BiH ARE NEIGHBOURS:** 60'000 persons with BiH origins live in Switzerland.

What for?

More and better social, economic and political opportunities and perspectives for all people of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Where?



How much?



Financial data
1996 – 2016: **1 billion KM (around CHF 600 million)**
2017 – 2020: **135 million KM (around CHF 74 million)**



••• DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

Goals:

- Municipalities provide high quality services to their citizens.
- Citizens actively participate in decision making in their communities.

Expected results in 2020:

- At least 50 municipalities have increased investments based on their strategic development plans.
- At least 150'000 citizens (40% women) actively take part in decision making processes.



••• MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Goals:

- Cities invest in urban infrastructure projects and effective public utilities.

Expected results in 2020:

- 700'000 persons use better quality infrastructure services, e.g. in water supply and waste water treatment.



••• JUSTICE

Goals:

- All citizens – particularly vulnerable groups – have access to a high quality justice system.

Expected results in 2020:

- No unsolved criminal court case older than 2 years!
- No impunity!





... HEALTH

Goals:

- All citizens have access to good quality and affordable health care services.
- Ministries of Health successfully implement primary healthcare reforms.
- Healthier lifestyles for all!

Expected results in 2020:

- High quality mental health centers cover 100% of the BiH population.
- Medical staff is better trained, more recognized and appreciated, and empowered to reach out to the most vulnerable population in rural areas.
- All public indoor places are free of smoke.

PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION

Longterm
partnership

Innovation
using Swiss
and BiH
know-how

Needs
orientation
and flexibility

Results
orientation

Quality
assurance





ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Goals:

- A better business and investment climate all over BiH attracts more high-value companies.
- Young entrepreneurs have more and better opportunities to start a business.
- Trustworthy microfinance institutions help people to get their ideas off the ground.

Expected results in 2020:

- 84 start-up companies are established and use high quality services of 5 business incubators.
- 3 additional microfinance institutions are SMART certified.



YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Goals:

- More young women and men have decent job opportunities.
- The vocational education system teaches the skills required by employers.
- Public Employment Offices help unemployed people find a decent job.

Expected results in 2020:

- 40 vocational schools work with companies and provide on-the-job trainings.
- 4000 young people have found a decent, future oriented job.
- 8000 young people have gone through practical training in companies.





••• **MIGRATION -**

a successful partnership focusing on:

- partnering up with diaspora to bring their know-how, skills, networks and investments to BiH.
- providing professional assistance to BiH citizens who are returning to their homes.
- improving border security and introducing a modern migration information system.



••• **DISASTER RISK REDUCTION -**

learning from experience to:

- connect all actors for better prevention, preparedness and response.
- improve institutional capacities all over BiH.



••• **GENDER EQUALITY -**

equal opportunities for all through:

- a particular focus on men and boys to promote gender equality.
- building gender equality into everything and everyone involved.



••• **CULTURE AND DEVELOPMENT -**

social transformation through:

- vibrant, diverse and creative cultural milieus.
- careful use of cultural resources to catalyze sustainable development.





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