



# 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 and reconstruction programmes.

In response to the **earthquake in 2005**, SDC-HA reconstructed 90 schools and five Basic Health Units according to anti-seismic norms. This project was partly financed by UNICEF and DFID (UK Department for International Development). 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.

## Reconstruction and rehabilitation of schools

SDC-HA supports the Government of the Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) in reconstructing the educational infrastructure damaged by the 2010 floods. Work has started to rebuild six out of 33 fully damaged primary schools in the Swat district that were identified in an initial assessment. Besides that, SDC is also rehabilitating 17 partially damaged schools in Swat, Charsadda and Nowshera districts. As partner, UNICEF will conduct teachers' training and hygiene awareness programmes in the schools built by SDC-HA. Furthermore, SDC-HA supports UNICEF in the construction of four transitional shelter schools, which will be later on used as Women Centres.

## 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 Charsadda and Nowshera. It includes well cleaning and contamination prevention measures as well as water treatment and hygiene awareness activities. Water schemes are planned at communal level for a potable water supply in Madyan and other locations in Swat. Water committees will be established for the management and maintenance of the schemes.



## SDC-HA Area of Intervention in KPK Province



## Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)

SDC-HA, in partnership with the World Food Programme (WFP), is implementing a Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) project to enhance community resilience in a risk-prone area of Chael valley in the Swat district. The project will reduce the food insecurity and livelihood vulnerability of the flood-affected communities through cash-for-work

activities in the context of DRR. Whilst the cash-for-work program is providing assistance to the beneficiaries to purchase food, the SDC funding allows engaging skilled labours to ensure building quality standard of disaster prevention structures for sustainable impact. The initiative will also help to train the communities in the construction and maintenance of DRR structures and also to protect their livelihood and personal possessions.

**Emergency relief floods 2011**

SDC-HA assisted the victims of the floods in 2011 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. This is being achieved with the aid of easy-to-use, Swiss-made chlorine production kits.

**Support for Refugees and Internally displaced persons**

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.

**SDC expert missions in support of UN programmes**

After the floods in 2010, SDC-HA supported multilateral partners with various experts from the Swiss Humanitarian Aid Unit. 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 an SDC-Expert supports the World Bank Water and Sanitation Programme in Pakistan.

**Financial commitments at a glance**

<b>2010/2011</b>	
▪ SDC bilateral emergency relief and reconstruction	CHF 5,300,000
▪ Contribution to the ICRC	CHF 8,000,000
▪ Contribution to the WFP	CHF 4,000,000
▪ Contribution to UNHCR	800'000
<b>Total</b>	<b>CHF 18,100,000</b>

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**SDC Humanitarian Aid School Reconstruction Project after the floods 2010  
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