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ADVISORY SERVICES



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Who we are

The Advisory Services of HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation is a group of specialists based in Switzerland with broad multidisciplinary expertise in rural development and environmental management. Together with thematic competence centres and colleagues in the South and East, the Advisory Services team is a multi-lingual team with know-how and skills grounded in over 50 years of field experience in more than 30 countries.

Our mission is to contribute to poverty alleviation and improvement of basic life resources through capacity building, provision of technical expertise and methodological competence, linking relevant actors and facilitating multi-stakeholder platforms for concerted action.

The core strategy of the Advisory Services is to bring locally gained experiences into policy dialogues at national, regional and global levels and to contribute innovations and insights gained from global and national processes to field level development activities. Towards this end, the teams render services to external clients as well as to own programmes in the South and East and to other departments of HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation.



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How we work

We believe that development derives from building human and organisational capacities, and local ownership. Whilst providing technical expertise, our approach focuses on building virtual bridges to achieve concerted action at global, national and local levels. We combine practical experiences from five decades of rural development work with new knowledge and innovations to address today's challenges. We furthermore strive to link local knowledge and concerns with national and international knowledge and issues. We place emphasis on sharing good practices and lessons learned, both face-to-face and through documentation – fostering North-South-East exchange and effective knowledge management. On this foundation and by using multiple and culturally appropriate media and tools we support informed public dialogue and policy development.

We aim to improve the livelihoods of rural people in developing and transition countries through actions in the areas of:

- Water & Infrastructure
- Rural Economy
- Environment & Climate Change
- Skills Development & Education
- Governance & Peace
- Knowledge & Learning

We collaborate with a wide network of partner organisations, with complementary skills and expertise.



What we offer

- Current, specialist technical and scientific advice
- Thematic analysis, documentation and publication
- Process and network facilitation
- Capacity development
- Development of methodical tools, manuals and curricula
- Strategic programme development and support in project cycle management
- Evidence based learning and knowledge management



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Who are our clients

- Development programmes of HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation
- Bilateral and multilateral development agencies
- Civil society organisations
- Private enterprises
- Governmental institutions
- Global institutions e.g. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Intergovernmental Panel on Climate change (IPCC), International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), Global Environment Facility (GEF)



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