
MISSION STATEMENT

HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation is a member-based, non-profit association which is religiously and politically independent.

Our vision

Our vision is a just and peaceful world in which all human beings live in a self-determined way in dignity and safety, are able to satisfy their basic needs, have access to resources and services which are indispensable for life and take care of the environment.

Our mission

We support impoverished and disadvantaged people and communities in developing and transitional nations who want to actively improve their living conditions.

We provide tangible help, and promote access to resources and services that are indispensable for life and thus contribute to overcoming the causes of poverty.

Through our developmental cooperation, we provide help for people to help themselves and assist them in strengthening the basis of their lives for the long term.

Together with our partners, we apply ourselves to the protection, promotion and execution of social, economic, political and cultural rights.

In Switzerland, we apply ourselves to matters related to developmental politics and for foreign and economic policies characterised by solidarity in an increasingly networked world.

Our fundamental values

We act on the basis of fundamental and human rights.

We are particularly committed to social justice, equal opportunity for women and men as well as equal rights for all human beings, regardless of origin, language, religion, culture and social-political convictions.

We work in partnership on the basis of common objectives and strengthen our partners in their independence and responsibility for themselves.

We respect the cultural values of our partners and expect them to equally respect our fundamental values.

In our activities, we are fully conscious of environmental protection.

The way we understand ourselves

We structure our programmes and projects with innovation and orientation to their impact.

Our engagement is based on an attitude of solidarity. From that commitment, we aim to reduce existing gaps between rich and poor and to contribute to improving unjust relationships of international power.

We strive to achieve a balance among economic efficiency, ecological, social, political and ethical requirements and interests.

We participate in debates on matters regarding development.

We cultivate inter-cultural dialogue, promote the exchange of experience and know-how and learn from them.

We work in partnership with civil-societal, private business and governmental players on local, national and international levels.

We promote institutions under the principles of Good Governance. We do not accept corruption and contribute to eradicating it.

We accompany our partners in the long term.

As a socially responsible employer, we promote the professional development of our domestic and foreign employees as well as next-generation members of staff in the partner nations.

Professional, socially competent and motivated employees form the basis for the quality and effect of our activity.

We work efficiently and with orientation to objectives. As a process-conscious and learning organisation, we review the results and effects of our programmes and projects.

We account transparently to our stakeholders and the general public. We cultivate open communication, internally and externally.

Approved by the General Assembly on 25th June 2010.