

SCIH Swiss Centre for International Health

Improving Health Systems Worldwide

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The Swiss Centre for International Health (SCIH) is a department of the Swiss Tropical Institute that provides services and undertakes research and teaching in the field of international health. Our core competences include the development of innovative concepts, support for project implementation and monitoring and evaluation of long- and short term cooperation programmes in Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe.

The Swiss Centre for International Health has an outstanding multi-cultural and multidisciplinary team of more than 70 professionals based in Basel and in more than 15 other countries around the world.

Areas of expertise covered:

Health systems strengthening

- Health systems and economics
- Reproductive health and HIV/AIDS
- Health technology and telemedicine
- Systems performance monitoring and evaluation

Pharmaceutical medicine

- Drug and vaccine development

Our clients include the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, (SDC); State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, (SECO) and the Swiss Federal Office for Health, the German Technical and Financial Cooperation Agencies (GTZ and KfW), the UK Department for International Development, the World Health Organisation, the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation; the World Bank; pharmaceutical and other corporate companies; Swiss and international NGOs among others.

Mission Statement

The Swiss Centre for International Health contributes to improving health systems and population access to effective health services and medicines worldwide. It combines scientific knowledge and practical expertise to reduce inequalities in health. In strengthening health systems and developing vaccines and drugs for neglected diseases, our approach is to offer comprehensive, interdisciplinary and multi-sectoral services, covering project or programme identification, planning, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation. Our services are based on evidence developed by the Swiss Tropical Institute (STI) and its wider network of collaborators. The experiences of our collaborators feed into the teaching provided by the Swiss Tropical Institute. Our guiding principle is to work with partners to respond to local needs, thus tailoring our services to the contexts and countries we work in. The centre combines the state-of-the-art knowledge of a multi-disciplinary academic institution with the industry standards of a consulting and contract research organisation. The Swiss Centre for International Health works on a non-profit basis. Any benefits generated are reinvested in creating knowledge and providing training in the field of international health.

The Millennium Development goals guiding our work:

- Eradicate Extreme Hunger and Poverty
- Achieve Universal Primary Education
- Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women
- Reduce Child Mortality
- Improve Maternal Health
- Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases
- Ensure Environmental Sustainability
- Develop a Global Partnership for Development



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