

List of Swiss / Swiss-based organizations and their respective activities in Nepal

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Organization	Contact	Program / Project Regions:	Since:	Activities	Partners:	Extra Information:
Berne Declaration	Christine Eberlein ceberlein (at)evb.ch	Nepal, mainly western regions resp. where large dams are planned		Monitoring of dam building and support of campaigns against dam building in Nepal and South Asia	WAFED Nepal	
Department of Geography, Political Geography Unit , University of Zurich (GUIZ)	Prof. Dr. Benedikt Korf benedikt.korf (at)geo.uzh.ch Sarah Byrne sarah.byrne (at)geo.uzh.ch	Mid-West Nepal	2010	An SNF-funded research project entitled „Living with violence: rural livelihoods in Mid-Western Nepal during and after the People’s War.“ This project investigates the differentiated impacts of different forms of violence, coercion and control on rural livelihoods in Mid-Western Nepal during and after the Maoist insurgency. It studies how different social groups and individuals navigated through the difficult social and political terrain that characterized rural Nepal during this period.	Prof. Dr. Ulrike Müller-Böker (Department of Geography, University of Zurich); Dr. Bishnu Upreti & (Regional Coordinator, NCCR North-South, Kathmandu); Prof. Theo Rauch (FU Berlin) NCCR North-South and Kathmandu University PhD students; Local research assistant (to be recruited) EDA (SDC, PDIV), and other donors; local NGOs and civil society groups.	
Fastenopfer	René Wüest wuest (at)fastenopfer.ch	Mid-/Far Western Hill Region Eastern Tarai	2000	Fastenopfer supports projects of approximately ten local NGOs. Core themes are “Strengthening of Livelihood” of marginalised groups of the population, addressing “Structural Violence against Women” and the “Empowerment of Dalits and Janjatis”. A special focus is on strengthening of partner organisations not only in	Local NGOs in Nepal Helvetas	

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				terms of their ability to work on rights and livelihood; Fastenopfer is also investing in organizational development.		
Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Political Affairs Division IV - Human Security: Peace, Human Rights, Humanitarian Policy, Migration	Martin Stürzinger (Programme Officer) martin.stuerzinger (at)eda.admin.ch	Nepal	2008	In the area of Human Security Switzerland focuses on a consolidation of the peace process and state building. Swiss actors and their partners contribute to the strengthening of human rights, the implementation of the peace agreements, and the support to state building through policy initiatives as well as operational activities. Nepal is a priority country for the Swiss development cooperation and human security.	FDFA (PD II, SDC), Swiss & local NGOs in Nepal	The overall goal of the Swiss Cooperation Strategy for Nepal (2009-2012) is to support inclusive democratic state-building and to promote human security and socio-economic development in Nepal.
Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF)	Marlene Urscheler m.urscheler (at)dcaf.ch	Nepal, all regions Switzerland	2007	DCAF's Nepal project focuses on assisting in the development and implementation of a midterm security sector transformation program. The aim is to empower parliament, civil society and security institutions on issues of democratic security sector governance, to introduce stakeholders to mechanisms and tools used to effective oversight, transparency and accountability, and to promote dialogue between different interest groups.	Group of like-minded states (Switzerland (FDFA, PD IV), UK (DfID), Denmark, Norway), local NGOs in Nepal (e.g. National Peace Campaign)	For further information see: www.dcaf.ch/nepal
Helvetas , Swiss Association for International Cooperation	Franz Gähwiler Franz.gaehwiler (at)helvetas.org	Nepal; all regions	1956	Water resources management and sanitation. Sector wide approach in trail bridge building. Construction of rural access roads and farmer managed irrigation systems. Sustainable soil management. Rural development in the mid and far western districts. Promoting organic and fair trade coffee. Improving local peoples' access to new know-how. Informal vocational training (skill development) and small businesses promotion. Peace-building activities	SDC, DFID, FINNIDA National and local NGOs in Nepal	

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Intercooperation (IC)	Jane Carter jane.carter (at)intercooperation.ch	NSCFP: Nationally in terms of forest policy dialogue Field activities: Dolakha (till mid 2010); Ramechhap, Okhaldunga and Khotang districts	1994	IC is responsible for the implementation of the Nepal Swiss Community Forestry Project, NSCFP, which aims to reduce poverty and improve the livelihoods of poor and disadvantaged rural people through supporting community forestry in four districts of central Nepal – as well as promoting a pro-poor approach in national forest policy. NSCFP is currently in its 6 th and final phase (mid 2008 – mid 2011).	GoN (Dept of Forests); SDC; FECOFUN and other local NGOs in Nepal	See the second entry for IC as well.
	Chris Morger chris.morger (at)intercooperation.ch	SSMP: at present in 10 Districts: Dadeldura, Baitadi, Bajhang, Baglung, Myagdi, Dhading, Sindhupalchowk, Dolakha, Ramechhap and Okhaldunga	1999	The SSMP aims to contribute to improved food security and income of women and men farmers in bari dominated farming systems of Nepal's mid hills. It will achieve this through the adoption of SSM practices linked with improved technologies by smallholders and DAG enabling them to seize new production opportunities. SSMP also supports the institutionalization of a decentralised Farmer to Farmer extension approach to disseminate successful methodologies and practices. The Programme is currently in its 3 rd Phase (2008 – 2010), a 4 th Phase is in planning.	GoN (MoAC); SDC; Soil Management Directorate; Collaborating Institutions (NGO, CBO, 52 in 2009)	The Programme is implemented by a consortium between Helvetas and IC.
KOFF/ Center for Peacebuilding, swisspeace	Marcel von Arx marcel.vonarx (at)swisspeace.ch	Nepal, all regions Switzerland	2008	KOFF regularly offers platforms for political and operational exchanges and planning on peacebuilding, development cooperation and human rights. A special focus is on Dealing with the Past endeavours and aspects in Nepal. On demand, KOFF further provides training and consultancy services to its members and other organizations and institutions.	FDFA, SDC, PD IV Swiss & local NGOs in Nepal	

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Nadel , ETH-Zürich	Ruedi Baumgartner baumgartner (at)nadel.ethz.ch	Nepal, Dolakha District, Rolwaling	2008	Study on: "Himalayan Livelihoods in Transition The case of the Sherpas of Rolwaling Valley in Eastern Nepal". The study attempts to trace transformations of local livelihoods and livelihood strategies over a period of 30 years, using a PhD study of 1977/78 in the same valley as baseline.	University of Kathmandu Individuals/representatives of the Rolwaling community.	
Nepalese Solidarity forum (NESOF SWISS) Switzerland	Ashok Chulagai ashokchulagai (at)hotmail.com	Nepal, all regions	2004	NESOF SWISS is a progressive organization of Nepalese People in Switzerland which regularly supports the struggle of Nepalese People against the feudal and colonial system in Nepal. It also supports the struggle of people around the world against imperialist aggression and struggles for the protection of human rights and freedom of the people..		
Non-Resident Nepali Association , Switzerland	Dr. B. Shrestha (President) sthbinaya (at)hotmail.com S. Wagley (Gen. Secretary) sumanwagley (at)gmx.net P. Gurung (Treasurer) pgurung (at)bluewin.ch	Nepal, Switzerland	2008	NRN CH is the Swiss National Coordination Council (NCC) of the Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA). It is committed to address NRN issues within Nepalese Diaspora in Switzerland, and it aims to be a platform for the Nepalese and friends of Nepal in dealing with Nepal-related issues.	NRNA worldwide, and various organizations and institutions in Switzerland and Nepal; Nepal Embassy, Geneva	NRNA is committed to create a global network of Nepali and streamline their energy and resources so as to make the Diaspora a catalyst of economic and social transformation of Nepal
PBI-Switzerland , Peace Brigades International Switzerland	Lisa Salza Lisa.salza (at)peacebrigades.ch	Nepal: Kathmandu (team-base) Kavrepalanchowk, Palpa, Kaski, Kanchanpur, Baglung, Dhading, Dhanusha, Bardiya and Kapilvastu	2006	PBI is a Non-Governmental Organization, registered by the United Nations. The objective of the Nepal Project is the protection of Nepalese human rights defenders who are threatened due to their work activities. The Project works according to the philosophy of non-violence, within the framework of international norms of human rights. It is independent of political and religious agendas.	EDA, PA IV Local organisations in Nepal: Advocacy Forum (AF), Conflict Victims' Committee (CVC), Lawyers' Forum for Human Rights (LAFHUR), Dalit Uplift Feminist Organisation (DAFUO)	

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Shanti Lepra- und Behindertenhilfe Nepal Unterstützungsverein Schweiz	Ruth Gonseth ruth.gonseth (at)gmail.com Patrick Hagmann patrick.d.hagmann (at)bluewin.ch	Nepal, Kathmandu	2008	The Swiss NGO supports the Shanti Clinic in Tilganga/ Kathmandu with financial aid and volunteer work. The Clinic offers free medical treatment to about 60 poor out-patients every day and to about 80 in-patients suffering from all kinds of invalidities, especially from Leprosy	Shanti Dortmund Leprahilfe	
Swiss Academy for Development (SAD)	Valeria Kunz: kunz (at)sad.ch	Nepal, Dang district	2008	'Move 4 New Horizons': M4NH is an educational programme for disadvantaged out of school children. It runs non formal education classes in different rural villages in Dang, preparing the children to be integrated into public schools. By including sport and play activities into the curriculum, the project is taking on an innovative approach towards education, supporting child development in a holistic way.	Dalit Welfare Organisation (DWO)	
Swiss Contact	Günter Burg g.burg (at)access.uzh.ch	Kathmandu, Pokhara and other regions in Nepal	2008	Medical Information Management, Telemedicine (Teleconsulting and Teleteaching). Implementation of Medical Teaching Programs (www.swisdom.org and others)	Personal contacts; contact with Dr. Pun's Team of informatics (Nepal Wireless programm); Swiss Contact	
Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)	Eliane Belser eliane.belser (at)deza.admin.ch kathmandu (at)sdc.net	Nepal: National level, and 3 cluster districts: Ramechhap, Okhaldhunga, Khotang	1959	2 components: 1) Contribution to consolidation of peace process and state building (with PDIV), including peace agreement, state transformation process, federalism, promotion of human rights and 2) Contribution to inclusive and connected local development, including issues of: a) Inclusive local development (rural infrastructure, natural resources management, health services, occupational skill development, mobility and migration) and b) Local governance	Local NGOs, research centres, Nepali public institutions, local Governments, Helvetas, Intercooperation, ADB, Dfid, PDIV	

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TRIAL (Track Impunity Always)	act (at)trial-ch.org	Nepal, all regions Switzerland	2009	The Advocacy Center TRIAL (ACT) brings cases of international crimes committed in Nepal (enforced disappearances, torture, extrajudicial killings, ...) to the UN Human Rights Committee on behalf of victims of such crimes or of their relatives.	LAFHUR (Lawyer's Forum for Human Rights)	www.trial-ch.org/en/act/les-affaires-du-caj-nepal.html
Ximpulse GmbH	Nicole Töpperwien nt (at)ximpulse.ch	Nepal, all regions	2007	Support to constitution-making in particular on federalism and issues of inclusiveness but also on other constitutional aspects and process design.	Mainly FDFA/PD IV; Regular activities with SDC, Forum of Federations, Centre for Constitutional Dialogue, Constituent Assembly members, members of political parties and other political actors, Nepali organisations	