### List of Swiss / Swiss-based organizations and their respective activities in Sri Lanka (SL)

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#### Swiss Government Agencies

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Political Division IV (PD IV) <a href="http://www.eda.admin.ch">www.eda.admin.ch</a> | Martin Stürzinger Programme Officer martin.stuerzinger(at) eda.admin.ch Sascha Mueller Human Rights Adviser Embassy of Switzerland in Sri Lanka sascha.mueller(at) eda.admin.ch | 1997 selective, since 2000/2001 intensively. From June 2003 until May 2008 Peacebuilding Advisor (PBA) Since May 2006 Human Rights Adviser (HRA) SL: Colombo and Island-wide CH: Diaspora | * Whole of Government Approach: Swiss Medium Term Programme Sri Lanka 2010 – 2012 (mainly with SDC) * Bi- and multilateral donors and actors in Sri Lanka (Development Partners, Donor Peace Support Group Group etc.) * Various international and national NGOs | Switzerland sets two inter-related intervention priorities: -Interventions closely related to vulnerable groups in the aftermath of the armed conflict including their physical, social and economic rehabilitation and re-integration. -Initiatives addressing human rights issues, conflict transformation, main-tenance of peace and the rights of migrant workers. The engagements in these two components are mutually re-enforcing and designed to complement each other. Joint advocacy and coordination for instance will encompass all interventions and initiatives conducted under the Swiss programme. | The previous Swiss Medium Term Plan for Human Security in Sri Lanka (2007-2009) encompassed conflict-related humanitarian relief and protection interventions, protection and promotion of human rights and International Humanitarian Law (IHL) initiatives, peace-building and conflict transformation interventions, rehabilitation activities including post-tsunami reconstruction and the support of durable solutions for IDPs involving mainly SDC and PD IV. A whole-of-government approach has been applied. Main lessons learnt are listed in the Swiss Medium Term Programme Sri Lanka 2010 – 2012. | On the basis of the findings and results of a mid-term evaluation of the SMTP II programme planned in 2011, a debate on Switzerland’s programme exit will be launched. |</p>
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<td>DFA - PD IV Human Rights Policy Section</td>
<td>Martin Stürzinger Programme Officer martin.stuerzinger(at) eda.admin.ch</td>
<td>spring 2003</td>
<td>SL: Colombo and Island-wide</td>
<td>* Whole of Government Approach: Swiss Medium Term Programme Sri Lanka 2010 – 2012 (mainly with SDC) * Bi- and multilateral donors and actors in Sri Lanka (Development Partners, Donor Peace Support Group Group etc.) * Various international and national NGOs</td>
<td>Promotion and protection of Human Rights (HR) and International Humanitarian Law (IHL). Coordinated national and international advocacy and protection of HR and IHL including promotion of accountability. Enhance capacity and mitigate security risks of national HR actors / organizations and strengthen coordination among them. Strengthen national HR institutions and support initiatives that aim at the promotion and protection of HR and the strengthening of rule of law</td>
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<td>Swiss Medium Term Programme for Human Security in Sri Lanka 2010-2012 (SMTP II).</td>
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<td>DFA - PD IV Humanitarian Policy and Migration Section</td>
<td>Jolanda Pfister Herren Deputy Head of section jolanda.pfister(at) eda.admin.ch</td>
<td>middle of 1996</td>
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<td>Refugees / IDPs Sri Lankan citizens in Switzerland / repatriation</td>
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<td>No own projects in SL.</td>
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<td>DFA - PD II Asia / Oceania</td>
<td>Pierre-Yves Fux Senior Regional Coordinator pierre-yves.fux(at) eda.admin.ch Yves Nicolet Deputy Regional Coordinator yves.nicolet(at) eda.admin.ch</td>
<td>May 2007 August 2009</td>
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<td>- All Swiss Federal Departments - Other federal authorities (Parliament, Attorney General), etc.</td>
<td>* Bilateral demarches, multilateral interventions, official talks * Pursuit of track 1 activities * Internal coordination (external communication; security, visa, etc.)</td>
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<td><strong>Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)</strong>&lt;br&gt;<a href="https://www.deza.admin.ch">https://www.deza.admin.ch</a>&lt;br&gt;Humanitarian Aid</td>
<td>* ICRC, WFP, IFRC, UNHCR, Unicef, Caritas, Tdh, Lausanne, FSD, SAH, AISPO, local NGOs, namely ESCO, PREDO, Parc and several others, SDC Offices: Cooperation Office Colombo, Field Offices Jaffna, Matura, Trincomalee</td>
<td>- Humanitarian aid for IDPs, victims of natural disasters and conflicts&lt;br&gt;- Food aid (WFP),&lt;br&gt;- IDP return&lt;br&gt;- Post-Conflict Rehabilitation Schools and Hospitals in North&lt;br&gt;- Cash for Housing Jaffna&lt;br&gt;- Hygienic Promotion (TdH)&lt;br&gt;Solid Waste Management (SAH)&lt;br&gt;Well Cleaning for explosive equipment (FSD)&lt;br&gt;Technical mine survey (FSD)&lt;br&gt;Community water supply project (ESCO)</td>
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| **SDC Development Cooperation / Regional Cooperation, South Asia**<br>https://www.deza.admin.ch | Helvetas, Swisscontact, Swiss Embassy and different local partners | * SDC directed project: "Development and Peace SL" (DPSL), implemented by Helvetas and Swisscontact in eastern provinces affected by war in 2000. Programme ends December 2010.<br>* Contribution to NGOs: Helvetas and Swisscontact receive yearly contributions to their programs of CHF 1’200’000.-<br>* Support of a private television station (YATV) for the production of a television program about the peace process. Project ends May 2010.<br>* Swiss Embassy supports chosen applications for aid. Ends 2010 | 1) While project in Conflict Transformation and Peace Building could not be carried out in the prevailing political context in SL, the DPSL project showed a certain degree of success although only at very local level. 2) The project was adapted towards a peace building project whereas vocational training and agriculture are used as entry points | Phase out in 2010 |


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<td>Roland Schlachter roland.schlachter(at)deza.admin.ch</td>
<td>* North East Island wide</td>
<td>* Humanitarian aid for IDPs, victims of natural disasters and conflicts&lt;br&gt;- Food aid (WFP),&lt;br&gt;- IDP return&lt;br&gt;- Post-Conflict Rehabilitation Schools and hospitals in North&lt;br&gt;- Cash for Housing Jaffna&lt;br&gt;- Hygienic Promotion (TdH)&lt;br&gt;Solid Waste Management (SAH)&lt;br&gt;Well Cleaning for explosive equipment (FSD)&lt;br&gt;Technical mine survey (FSD)&lt;br&gt;Community water supply project (ESCO)</td>
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<p>| SDC Development Cooperation / Regional Cooperation, South Asia <a href="http://www.deza.admin.ch">www.deza.admin.ch</a> | Frank Wiederkehr frank.wiederkehr(at)deza.admin.ch | Entire SL (television programs, program contribution), East (SDC directed project) | * SDC directed project: &quot;Development and Peace SL&quot; (DPSL), implemented by Helvetas and Swisscontact in eastern provinces affected by war in 2000. Programme ends December 2010.&lt;br&gt;* Contribution to NGOs: Helvetas and Swisscontact receive yearly contributions to their programs of CHF 1’200’000.-&lt;br&gt;* Support of a private television station (YATV) for the production of a television program about the peace process. Project ends May 2010.&lt;br&gt;* Swiss Embassy supports chosen applications for aid. Ends 2010 | 1) While project in Conflict Transformation and Peace Building could not be carried out in the prevailing political context in SL, the DPSL project showed a certain degree of success although only at very local level. 2) The project was adapted towards a peace building project whereas vocational training and agriculture are used as entry points | Phase out in 2010 |  |</p>
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<td>SDC Development Cooperation / Global Cooperation, Global Programme Migration <a href="http://www.deza.admin.ch">www.deza.admin.ch</a></td>
<td>Barbara Affolter Barbara.affolter(at) deza.admin.ch</td>
<td>Programme currently in planning stage, will start in 2010</td>
<td>Jaffna Sri Lanka</td>
<td>Durable solution for IDP Strengthening rights of migrant workers, fostering reintegration policy, empowering female unskilled migrants</td>
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<td>Federal Office for Migration (FOM) <a href="http://www.bfm.admin.ch">www.bfm.admin.ch</a> <a href="http://www.asyl.admin.ch">www.asyl.admin.ch</a></td>
<td>Christoph Erismann christoph.erismann(at) bfm.admin.ch Anne-Marie Eberhard 031 / 325 98 83 anne-marie.eberhard(at) bfm.admin.ch</td>
<td>ca. 1982</td>
<td>Close contacts inside the Swiss federal administration (especially to DFA, PD II, PD IV, SDC), with foreign partner agencies, international organisations (UNHCR; ICRC) and different NGOs</td>
<td>* Dealing with all questions and aspects to do with migration, as well as with laws on asylum and foreigners as mandated by the legislation</td>
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<td>Palmyrah</td>
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<td>SAD Swiss Academy for Development, Biel/Bienne <a href="http://www.sad.ch">www.sad.ch</a></td>
<td>Ruveni Wijesekera, Project Manager wijesekera(at)sad.ch</td>
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<td>Barbara Gruner Barbara.gruner(at)sah.ch Debora Neumann debora.neumann(at)sah.ch (Vertretung Barbara Gruner bis Ende Juni)</td>
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<td>Swiss Refugee Council (SRC) <a href="http://www.sfh-osar.ch">www.sfh-osar.ch</a></td>
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**Notes:**
- Ca. 1982 countrywide
- Has a good information network with individuals and employees of different organisations in Switzerland
- * continuously observing and documenting the developments in SL, no operative projects in SL * context analysis, topical papers and positions about questions relevant for asylum * answering particular requests of legal advice offices, lawyers, and agencies
- * Overall planning depends on developments in Swiss asylum policy * Continuously observing and documenting of the situation
- Compilation of updates and positions about periled and vulnerable groups regarding the repatriation of asylum seekers from Sri Lanka.
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<td>Swiss Red Cross Tracing Service <strong><a href="http://www.redcross.ch">www.redcross.ch</a></strong></td>
<td>Since 1992</td>
<td>Southern, Eastern and Northern Provinces</td>
<td>ICRC Sri Lankan Red Cross</td>
<td>Restoring Family Links Missing Persons in Sri Lanka</td>
<td>* Do no harm and conflict sensitive approach * Quality management, project cycle issues * Coordination between stakeholders * New partners * Adapting to a new environment * Adapting to changing government rules * Large scale communication</td>
<td>* tsunamis projects phased out almost entirely, only few consolidation projects ongoing. * some funds reserved for support of IDPs in the north and north east (for further relief activities and possibly also rehabilitation and reconstruction projects in favour of returnees –decision currently in suspense)</td>
<td>* Adapting to government changing rules * Selecting good, viable and durable projects * Monitoring a large number of complex projects * Coordination between our operational partners * Working closely with other donors * Clarification of procurement issues * Communication to the public of rational use of emotionally-donated funds</td>
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<td>Swiss Solidarity/ Chaîne du Bonheur/ Glückskette <strong><a href="http://www.swiss-solidarity.org">www.swiss-solidarity.org</a></strong></td>
<td>Since 1992 financing projects linked with the peacebuilding process Since December 2004, support of emergency, rehabilitation and reconstruction after tsunami Beginning in 2010 financing of projects supporting IDPs in the Vanni region following the army offensive in 2009</td>
<td>Various Swiss NGOs (currently still: Caritas, Terre des hommes Lausanne, Swiss Labour Assistance, Co-operaid, Handicap International; previously: Helvetas, ADRA, Swiss Red Cross, Medair, Swisscontact, HEKS)</td>
<td>Emergency assistance, rehabilitation and reconstruction after tsunami and currently IDP support following the army offensive in 2009</td>
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<td>Terre des hommes <strong><a href="http://www.tdh.ch">www.tdh.ch</a></strong></td>
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<td>Batticaloa and Ampara District, Vavuniya, Vanni</td>
<td>* Strengthening existing programmes as well as launching new programmes in war-torn regions * Projects oriented towards children in the field of Mother and child health/Nutrition/Wash and Protection.</td>
<td>* Linking emergency projects with long-term development projects</td>
<td>Last phase of the post tsunami projects in the East. New projects starting first in Manik farm then in the Vanni</td>
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<td>Stiftung Tamils Aid (STA) <a href="http://www.tamilsaid.ch">www.tamilsaid.ch</a></td>
<td>Shanmugathasan Subramaniam info(at) tamilsaid.ch</td>
<td>2005</td>
<td>Northern and eastern provinces in Sri Lanka</td>
<td>STA Solidarity Foundation, Sri Lanka (registered STA branch in Sri Lanka) ORHAN, Sri Lanka (well established local NGO)</td>
<td>* War or natural disaster affected children and elderly (homes, preschools, nutrition projects, etc)</td>
<td>Establishment and registration of our branch in Sri Lanka can bring new project and funding opportunities.</td>
<td>* consolidate existing programme for children and elderly * create centers for rehabilitation of war affected people (artificial limps, training opportunities &amp; financial support to attain professional income sources or livelihood)</td>
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<td>Damaris Lüthi</td>
<td>damaris.luethi(at)lorraine.ch</td>
<td>Sri Lankan Tamils: 2000, before that occasionally since 1984; Indian Tamils since 1986</td>
<td>Tamil diaspora in Switzerland (head of research projet 2001-03); Tamil areas of India (PhD) and Sri Lanka (planning phase)</td>
<td>University of Berne, Institute for Ethnology</td>
<td>- Social change among Tamil refugees in Switzerland (focus on women); caste society (completed research). - Concepts and practices relating to health and illness among Swiss Tamil refugees (completed research). - Change of gender roles among Tamils in Sri Lanka. (research planned)</td>
<td>- Socio-cultural persistence among first generation Tamil refugees, who focus on return to a &quot;Tamil Eelam&quot;.</td>
<td>- Participant observation in Sri Lanka (Vanni, Jaffna, Colombo) 2006-</td>
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<td>Bart Klem</td>
<td>bart.klem(at)geo.uzh.ch</td>
<td>Doing research in and on Sri Lanka since 2000</td>
<td>Island-wide Primary focus on the Eastern Province Some knowledge of the Vanni and Jaffna.</td>
<td>University of Peradeniya, Kandy. - Southeastern University, Oluvil. - Eastern University, Chenkalady.</td>
<td>- War to peace transition. - Political developments. - Government’s development efforts. - Dilemmas of aid, conflict sensitivity.</td>
<td>- Present development efforts are an exercise of state power and a means of consolidating the position of the present regime. - AF are adopting themselves to peace-time conditions, with possible extensions in the economic and the political realm.</td>
<td>Working on PhD. Research (war to peace transition in eastern Sri Lanka). Research in the east from January to May 2010. Challenges: Present political climate and restrictions and suspicions towards foreign involvement with Sri Lanka. Political climate and lack of space for people to voice their views</td>
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**Resource Persons**