



### Intercooperation's Services

Intercooperation offers its services to development organisations, donors, national and local partners:

Project and programme planning, support and evaluation

Thematic and methodological backstopping of partner organisations

Management of projects, personnel and trust funds

Organisation and realisation of training courses, workshops and seminars

Realisation of studies, documentation, electronic platforms

Offer of other services (logistics, communication, coaching, supervision)

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Cooperation

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# Intercooperation at a glance

Intercooperation is a leading Swiss non-profit making organisation engaged in development and international cooperation since 1982. Registered as a foundation, it is governed by 21 organisations representing development, civil society and private sector interests. Intercooperation is both an implementing and an advisory organisation, providing professional resources and knowledge combined with social commitment.

**Staffing** 2007  
 40 at Head office  
 60 in Delegations and Representations  
 400 in Projects

**Annual Turnover** 2006  
 10 Mio US\$ Fees  
 25 Mio US\$ Trust Funds

**Country Presence**  
 Head Office in Berne, Switzerland  
 Delegations in 6 countries/regions  
 Representations in 5 countries  
 Projects in 20 countries  
 Mandates in additional 15 countries

**Main Funding Partners**

 Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC  
 State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO

**Other Funding Partners**

- World Bank
- FAO, Food and Agriculture Organisation
- IFAD, International Fund for Agricultural Development
- ITTO, International Tropical Timber Organisation
- European Union
- DFID (Great Britain)
- GTZ (Germany)
- IDRC (Canada)
- SIDA (Sweden)
- Liechtenstein Development Services
- Canton Vaud (Switzerland)
- Commune of Münsingen (Switzerland)
- Caritas Switzerland

and others

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# Natural Resource Management



**Natural resources – forests, agricultural and pasture lands, livestock and water – provide the base for livelihood for millions of rural families in developing and transition countries.**



Rural livelihoods in the wide sense of identity, autonomy, dignity, employment and income depend to a large extent on the sustainable management of natural resources. Short-term needs of higher production and long term protection goals need to be combined in order to benefit small farmers, forest dwellers and herders in a lasting way.

Intercooperation specializes in a wide range of themes: from livestock and agricultural production, integrated water resource management, participatory innovation development, livelihood approaches, to collaborative forest management, tropical and agroforestry, biodiversity and mitigation and adaptation measures in response to climate change. Intercooperation pays particular attention to the roles and responsibilities of women as managers of natural resources.

Intercooperation works mainly through partner organisations providing thematic, conceptual and methodological support. It is engaged in human and institutional development and contributes to the improvement of framework conditions through the facilitation of policy dialogue at national and international level. Intercooperation's expertise and credibility at meso- and macro-levels is based on its experience working with rural communities in all continents. These communities are not only strengthened in their technical capacity but also in their role as rights holders.

The Forest-Environment Team and the Agriculture Team as well as the Climate Change Group within Intercooperation have the mandate to mobilise the competences needed to support partners and programmes.

**Intercooperation's competences**

Tropical and Temperate Forestry

Collaborative Forest Management and Agroforestry

Trade in Timber and Non-Timber Forest Products

Horticulture and Livestock

Livelihood Approaches, Participative Innovation Development

Sustainable Water and Soil Management

Environmental Services

Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

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# Intercooperation's Regional Activities

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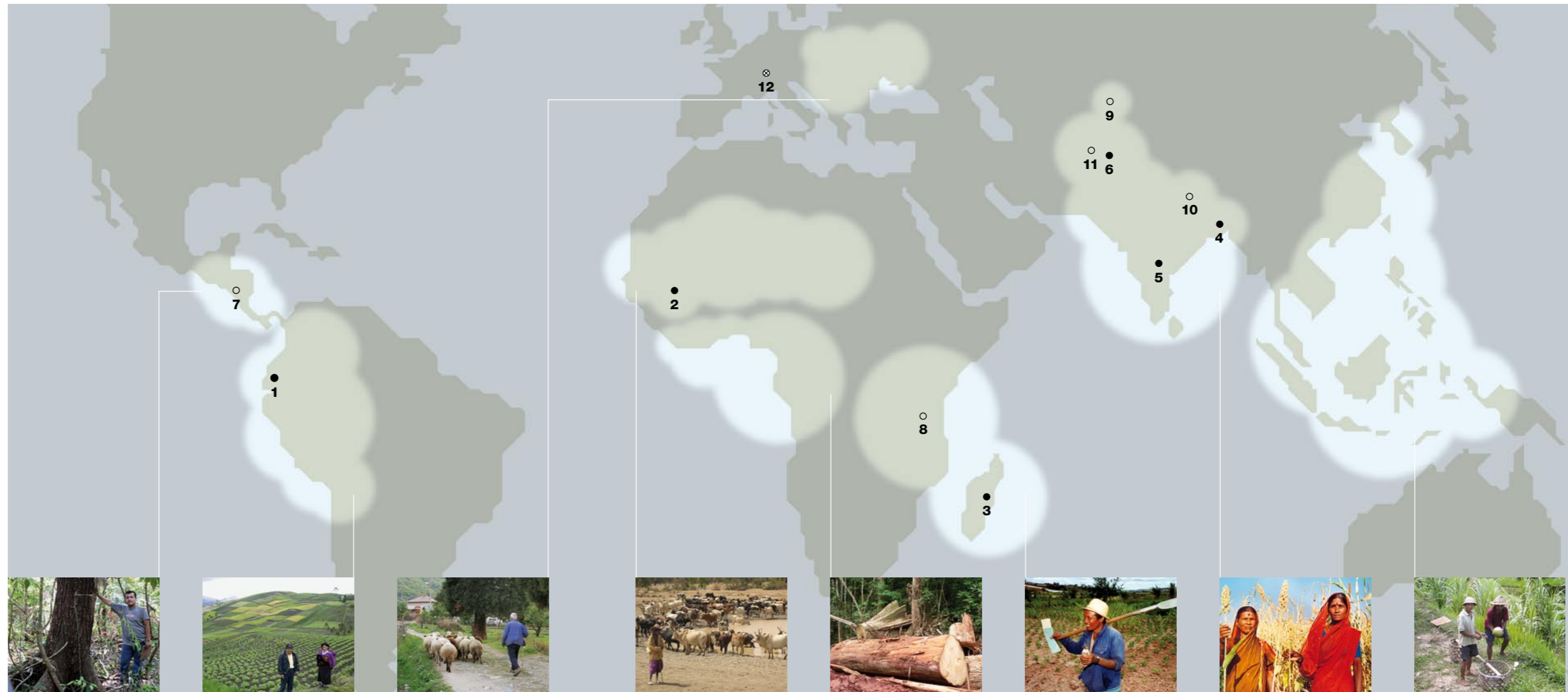
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## Central America

Soil and land management

Promotion of organic and fair trade

Forest restoration

Environmental services

## Andes and Amazonian Basin

Rural enterprise promotion

Local economic development

Biodiversity and water management

Climate change adaptation and mitigation

## Southeast and Central Europe

Municipal development

Decentralisation

Local economic development

Horticulture

Close to nature forest management

Enterprise promotion

## Sahel

Land use and resource governance

Farmers' organisations

Local development

Value chain development

Biodiversity

## West Africa and Congo Basin

Tropical forest management

Biodiversity

Timber trade

Resource governance

Rights of indigenous people

Public-private partnerships

## Eastern Africa and Madagascar

Value chain development

Land use and forest management

Municipal development

Rural finance

Climate change adaptation and mitigation

Public-private partnerships

## South Asia and Central Asia

Livelihoods, rights and resources

Climate change adaptation and mitigation

Value chain and marketing extension

Local governance and decentralisation

Human and institutional development

## East and Southeast Asia

Rural finance

Biodiversity

Agroforestry

Coastal zone management

Tropical Forest Management

# Rural Economy



**Through the production, transformation and marketing of goods and services, poor rural people and communities find employment and engage in income-generating activities, enabling them to take part in economic growth.**

A sustainable development is not possible without lasting economic growth and a broad-based participation of all segments of society in this growth. In transition countries, a successful change towards a market economy is considered a precondition for political and social transformation.

Natural resources are the main assets of rural areas and the basis for the production of agricultural, livestock and forest goods and for the provision of environmental services. Intercooperation facilitates the integration of poor rural households, producer groups and small enterprises into the economic mainstream and aims at strengthening their market position. The fostering of the role of women as economic protagonists is of particular importance for the enhancement of living standards in rural communities.

Intercooperation specializes in its activities on three main approaches: 1) facilitating the lasting access to financial services (i.e. savings, credit and micro-insurances), 2) strengthening of value chains – particularly of forestry and agricultural products, including organic and fair-trade products – between producers and consumers, namely by reinforcing the bargaining power of small rural producers and enterprises, and 3) supporting small enterprises and their associations through business support services.

The Finance-Enterprise-Market Team at Intercooperation relies on in-house competence and specialized consultants for the support of partners and programmes.

Intercooperation's competences
Upscaling of Microfinance Institutions
Financial Product Development
Appraisal of Financial Institutions
Agricultural Credit Systems
Value Chain Development
Organic and Faire Trade Promotion
Small Enterprise Promotion
Business Development Services
Local Economic Development
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# Local Governance and Civil Society



**Local Governance refers to the way state, communities and people organise themselves at local level. Good local governance includes the principles of subsidiarity, accountability and the participation of civil society.**

Traditional forms of local self-organisation are often in conflict with the central state and its administration. Political devolution, administrative and fiscal decentralisation are seen as a means of bringing the requirements of a modern democratic state in line with a great diversity of local societal structures. Through these processes politics are expected to become more inclusive, administrations more accountable and service delivery more effective. Additional objectives are to stop resource transfers from the periphery to the centre, to reduce the danger of corruption, and to foster local economic development.

Intercooperation supports the re-enforcement of municipalities and local governments in general. It accompanies processes of political, administrative and fiscal decentralisation, strengthens the delivery of effective local services and facilitates the inclusion of civil society, discriminated communities and women in local governments. Intercooperation has specific experience in conflict and post-conflict situations and the inclusion of minorities in political processes.

The Municipal and Local Development team is the competence centre within Intercooperation on issues of local governance. It works with a range of Swiss and International specialized institutions and experts.

Intercooperation's competences
Political, Administrative and Fiscal Decentralisation
Local Infrastructure and Municipal Services
Local and Municipal Planning
Mechanisms of Citizen's Participation
Capacity Development of Civil Society Organisations
Natural Resource Governance and Conflict Resolution
Conflict Sensitive Project Management
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