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World Bank

The World's Leading Source of Development Expertise and Funding

The World Bank is the world's leading source of development expertise and funding. It supports countries in reaching the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Thanks to its AAA credit rating, the World Bank can borrow at attractive interest rates and lend to its borrowers on favourable conditions. The World Bank includes the following entities:

- The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) provides technical support and loans to middle-income countries
- The International Development Association (IDA) provides technical support, grants and highly concessional loans to the poorest countries

The World Bank is active in all major areas relevant to development. With its vision of a world free of poverty on a liveable planet, the World Bank underscores the crucial role of sustainable development in effectively combating poverty. In addition to the two strategic objectives of fighting extreme poverty and promoting shared prosperity, it focuses on the following thematic priorities:

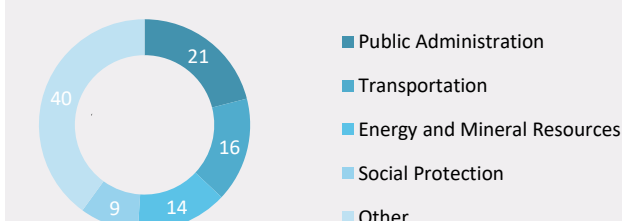
Thematic Priorities

	Jobs and economic transformation		Debt and financial fragility
	Fragility, conflict, and violence		Human Capital
	Climate change		Technology
	Gender and development		Disability
	Governance and institutions		

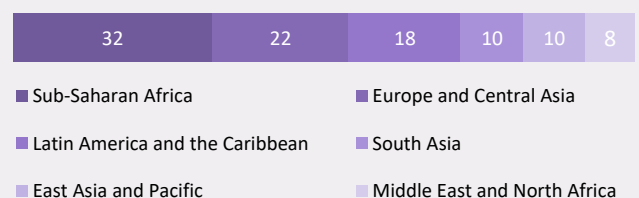
Cross-cutting issues

Portfolio

Sectors 2025 (per cent)



Regions 2025 (per cent)



Focus

Global

Headquarters

Washington D.C., USA

Established in

1944 (IBRD); 1960 (IDA)

Member countries

189, in 25 voting groups

Borrowing countries

126

Lending volume 2025 (USD)

IBRD: 40.9 billion

IDA: 39.9 billion

Total portfolio 2025 (USD)

IBRD: 280 billion

IDA: 223 billion

World Bank: A Strategic Partnership for Switzerland

As a priority multilateral organisation of Switzerland's International Cooperation Strategy, the World Bank is a strategic partner for Switzerland. Switzerland contributed to the IBRD's 2018 capital increase and is a long-standing donor to IDA. Its contribution to IDA is the largest Official Development Assistance contribution to a single fund, reflecting the World Bank's importance to Swiss development cooperation.

Switzerland represents a constituency of nine European, South Caucasian and Central Asian countries on the Board of Directors of the World Bank. It participates actively in the decisions of the Board, thereby fulfilling its supervisory role as a shareholder. The State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) jointly determine the positions Switzerland adopts in the Board. Switzerland's strategic priorities include:

- Results-orientation, effectiveness, and targeted financing of development projects according to the Bank's core expertise and strategic priorities
- Adequate capitalisation and safeguarding the AAA-rating
- Compliance with international environmental, social and governance standards
- promoting the private sector and mobilising private capital, including in least developed and fragile countries
- Focus on renewable energy projects to support the energy transition
- Systemic coordination and collaboration with development partners

Swiss accession

1992

Swiss voting group

Poland, Serbia, Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyz Republic, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Switzerland

Swiss voting share

IBRD: 1.44%

IDA: 1.45%

Swiss paid in capital IBRD (USD)

357.9 million

Swiss IDA 21 contribution 2025-2028 (CHF)

600 million

IDA: Nepal Earthquake Housing Reconstruction

IDA, the world's primary source of concessional development financing, has provided USD 600 billion in support to 116 countries since its inception in 1960. 35 nations graduated from IDA's recipient status, and many returned as donors. With a contribution of CHF 600 million to the latest replenishment (IDA21), Switzerland is one of its largest donors. The partnership between IDA and Switzerland improves the lives of people in the poorest countries around the world. IDA leverages partner contributions by combining them with low-interest capital market borrowing, enabling it to mobilize additional USD 3.50 for every dollar contributed. For example, after the disastrous earthquake in Nepal in 2015, the IDA Earthquake Housing Reconstruction Project, completed in 2023, with support from Switzerland and other partners, successfully built over 300,000 multi-hazard-resistant homes. It also strengthened the government's disaster risk management systems, benefiting numerous communities and improving long-term disaster preparedness management.



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