



Medicus Mundi

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Gesundheit für alle

Medicus Mundi Switzerland: 2024-27 Strategy

Our Vision

Health for all worldwide and a Switzerland that advocates for the right to health

Our vision is for a world in which everyone can live in a healthy environment and has access to adequate healthcare. A world where nobody is left behind. We believe this vision can be achieved within a generation because we already have the knowledge and the means at our disposal. Switzerland has a pioneering role to play in the push for the right to health nationally and worldwide.

Our Mission

Networking and cooperation between Swiss stakeholders to ensure a continuous improvement in the quality of international health cooperation and a credible commitment by Switzerland to global health

Supported by members of civil society and science, the Medicus Mundi Switzerland (MMS) network brings together organisations and institutions that work in international health cooperation and have an influence on global health. MMS supports its member organisations in adapting to complex environments and improving the quality of their work.

The network utilises the shared knowledge and collective voice of its member organisations in dialogue with decision-makers to strengthen Switzerland's commitment to global health and ensure that the country fulfils its responsibilities.

Our Topics

Various trends affect the right to health and access to good quality healthcare: globalisation and digitalisation, demographic developments and migration, wars, conflicts and climate change. MMS addresses such trends across the board via its various strategic work areas. In the spirit of the UN Agenda 2030, the network takes a multi-sectoral approach in its collaboration with its member organisations and external partners.

MMS focuses on the role played by Switzerland in global health, and the global shortage of health workers. In the health sector, MMS concentrates on issues including sexual and reproductive health and associated rights as well as communicable and non-communicable diseases. In addition, the network addresses other existing and emerging topics relevant to the health of populations worldwide. Our annual areas of focus are determined by the MMS members.

Our Impact Goals

1. Concerted action and collaboration between member organisations and emerging stakeholders within and beyond the health sector

MMS member organisations work with each other and with emerging stakeholders within and beyond international health cooperation and global health. These collaborations aim to strengthen communication and to incorporate the perspectives of new generations and inspiring approaches to solving challenges in international health cooperation.

Outputs

- 1.1 Information services to provide a basis for exchange and networking
- 1.2 Events to promote networking and collaboration with stakeholders within and beyond international health cooperation and global health
- 1.3 Renewed and new forms of cooperation and assessment of the introduction of new technical solutions for cooperation
- 1.4 Continuously updated stakeholder mapping of those active within and beyond international health cooperation and global health
- 1.5 Strategy to integrate young and new stakeholders into the network's activities

Products

- MMS website: central Swiss information platform for international health cooperation and global health
- MMS News: news service on topics, trends and events
- MMS Bulletin: Swiss online magazine for international cooperation and global health
- MMS Round Tables: exchange and collaboration forum for members and external partners
- SRHR Specialist Group: permanent collaboration forum comprising organisations working in the field of sexual and reproductive health and rights

2. Creating shared knowledge for Switzerland's international health cooperation that is responsive to a changing environment

MMS member organisations learn with and from each other within the network and build on fact-based knowledge. This enables Switzerland's international health cooperation to improve the practice and impact of international health cooperation worldwide and ensures that our member organisations are responsive to a constantly changing environment.

Outputs

- 2.1 A knowledge base on future-oriented topics in international health cooperation
- 2.2 Reflection forums for shared learning
- 2.3 Promotion of the collaboration between science and civil society for a better implementation and validation of international health cooperation projects and programmes.

Products

- MMS Studies: the foundations for further developing the practice of international health cooperation and making it responsive to a changing environment
- Workshops and laboratories: reflection and learning events as well as places of learning about topics of international health cooperation, global health and future developments in international health cooperation

- Implementation Research: a platform for interlinking research and practice in order to create and further develop a responsive international health cooperation

3. Establishing in an open dialogue with all decision-makers the awareness and understanding that health for all is a realistic goal

Decision-makers should take informed and fact-based decisions on issues affecting international health cooperation and global health. To this end, MMS mobilises the expertise of its member organisations and engages in open dialogue with everyone, including stakeholders who have little appreciation of the issues relevant to global health. Through its work, MMS establishes the right to health more broadly and works to ensure that the importance of health for all is widely recognised as a realistic goal.

Outputs

- 3.1 Expert dialogue with politicians, business and the civil service incorporating the expertise of the member organisations
- 3.2 A civil society centre of competence on selected global health topics
- 3.3 An advocacy dialogue partner for and with its member organisations who are in communication with decision-makers
- 3.4 Civil society representation in Swiss delegations in global health committees
- 3.5 Review of Switzerland's impact on global health (the Swiss Global Health Impact Report)

Products

- MMS Symposium: brings together practitioners of international health cooperation and academics with experts from wider society and decision-makers to discuss topics of international health cooperation and global health
- MMS Conference: debates and reflects on issues of sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Political Dialogue: MMS makes the combined knowledge of experts in the network available to decision-makers and stakeholders in international health cooperation and global health as well as to the media to ensure informed decisions can be made
- Information to strengthen the knowledge within society and the debates about global health issues in Switzerland (the Swiss Global Health Impact Report, the "med in Switzerland" blog, podcasts, etc.).

Our Values

<i>Ideological Dimension</i>	
Solidarity	We act jointly with our member organisations and partners to strengthen the right to health worldwide for those who have little or no access to economic, social and political power.
Equality and Justice	Social inequality prevents access to resources that enable a healthy life. We are committed to equality and justice so that the right to health can be achieved according to the different needs of different population groups.
<i>Action-Related Dimension</i>	
Courage	The network openly advocates for its values and the concerns of its member organisations and is prepared to take risks when promoting these values.
Optimism	MMS acts in a forward-looking and solution-oriented way because we know that humanity has the means and knowledge at its disposal to achieve health for all.
<i>Institutional Dimension</i>	
Transparency	The network operates in an open manner and makes all the necessary information about its activities available to interested parties.
Evidence-Based and Informed by Evidence	The network bases its work on scientific findings and the experiences of its member organisations and their partners gained in the specific work they undertake.
Independence	The network operates independently and is only answerable to its member organisations.
Participation	The network ensures the participation of its member organisations.
Inclusion	MMS ensures that everyone can be involved in the network's activities and advocates for the inclusion of all in global health.
Openness to Dialogue	The network seeks and enters into dialogue with all stakeholders, regardless of their ideological position.

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