



Swiss Red Cross, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and the network Medicus Mundi Switzerland will host a

Conference on Health in fragile contexts

In an increasing number of countries the implementation of health programmes is challenged by fragile contexts. At the same time, fragility of a state is considered as one of the main causes for malfunctioning health services. Emergency situations aggravate such situation and reveal the weaknesses of the system. These settings evoke not only questions on how to adapt to shaking working environment or on sustainability, but also whether health programmes could make a contribution to reduce fragility.

Specific experiences of health programmes in fragile contexts presented during the conference will be the basis for the analysis and discussions of key questions, such as

- Can health programmes have a positive influence on key drivers of fragility and make a contribution to reduce fragility? In which way and at what (community, district, state) level? What are specific challenges and limitations?
- What are the roles and potential complementarities of the different actors: CSO, NGOs, government, development agencies (including UN/multilateral/global agencies)?
- What are the specific challenges and conflicting priorities for health programmes at the interface of humanitarian aid and development cooperation in fragile contexts: e.g. fast and effective aid to beneficiaries vs system strengthening and community involvement; sustainability of service in case of planned or unplanned termination of a programme.

Date: August, 24 2016; 09:00 – 16:30 h

Venue: Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Freiburgstrasse 130, Berne

Information and registration:

Programme update - www.medicusmundi.ch/conference

Please use our [online registration form](#) or send us an e-mail by **17 August 2016** to info@medicusmundi.ch

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Programme

Opening of the conference

Jean-François Cuénod, SDC, Deputy Head of the South Cooperation Department

Setting the scene

To work in and on fragility – for inclusive and accountable institutions

Markus Heiniger, SDC Focal Point Conflict and Human Rights

Health systems in a fragile context

Thomas Gass, SRC, Head of Unit for strategic and conceptual development

Health systems in fragile contexts

Ebola and fragile health systems in West Africa, discussion on the causes and consequences

Monica Rull, Medical Advocacy Manager, Médecins sans Frontières

Interactions between a community based health programme and the fragile context - Lessons learnt from Swiss Red Cross programmes in South Sudan

Bernadette Peterhans, Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute

Roles and complementarities of the health actors in fragile contexts - lessons learnt from Somalia and DRC

Barbara Profeta, SDC Regional Health Advisor

Lunch break

Parallel working groups on key questions

WG 1. Contribution of health programmes to reduce fragility

WG 2. Complementary cooperation of different actors: CSO/NGOs, development agencies, private sector and government

WG 3. Specific challenges for health programmes at the interface of humanitarian aid development in fragile contexts

Panel: Do no harm or do good? How do we ensure good health in fragile contexts?

What are the roles and requirements of health programmes in mitigating fragility?

Julie Hall, IFRC, Head Health department

Bernadette Peterhans, Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute

André Huber, SDC

Tim Martineau, ReBuild Consortium

Rachel Slater; Secure Livelihoods Research Consortium (SLRC)

Closure

Beat von Däniken, SRC, Head of International cooperation

The conference ends with an **aperitif**

Conference moderator: M. Leschhorn Strebel, Medicus Mundi Switzerland

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