

BIENVENUE / WELCOME

Partner Day Africa
29 January 2026



Programme

09.30 **Arrival, Registration, Coffee**

10.00 – 12.00 **Strategic Outlook and Actualities 2026**

Input by Valérie Liechti, Head of Africa Division and by Heads of Sections, Africa Division

Input by Pia Hänni, Head of Swiss NGO Section

Q&A

Panel discussion

Geopolitical shifts, resource constraints and the push for more locally led development: Opportunities and risks

12.00 – 13.30

Networking Lunch in the Foyer

13.30 – 15.00

Parallel Group Works

Africa – Ecosystem of International cooperation

The ecosystem within International Cooperation is changing (for ex: new actors, new modalities, new alliances etc.). What are the consequences?

South and Eastern Africa-Climate Change

How can we strengthen communities' resilience to climate-related shocks in a rapidly urbanizing context?

Western Africa / Sahel – How to address the 'Gender Backlash'

Recent social and political dynamics have been marked by persistent armed conflict, rising insecurity and the consolidation of authoritarian regimes. This session is for collective reflection on possible response and adaption strategies.

15.00 – 15.30

Farewell Coffee in the Foyer

Valérie Liehti

Head of the Africa Division and Deputy Director

- Head of the Swiss Cooperation Office in Egypt from 2020 to 2025
- Head of the Swiss Cooperation Office in Benin from 2017 to 2020

- Start at SDC in 2010 as Education Policy Adviser (West Africa, Balkans, South Asia)
- 2013 – 2021: elected member of the Executive Board of the International Institute for Educational Planning (UNESCO, Paris).

- PhD in Economics from University of Fribourg (CH) in 2006, based on field research in Burkina Faso (2001-2005)
- She is married and has two sons.

Objectives of today's meeting

- Connect with Swiss partners active in Africa
- Update and exchange on context developments, priorities, lessons learnt and future of aid
- Strengthen dialogue, partnerships, collaboration

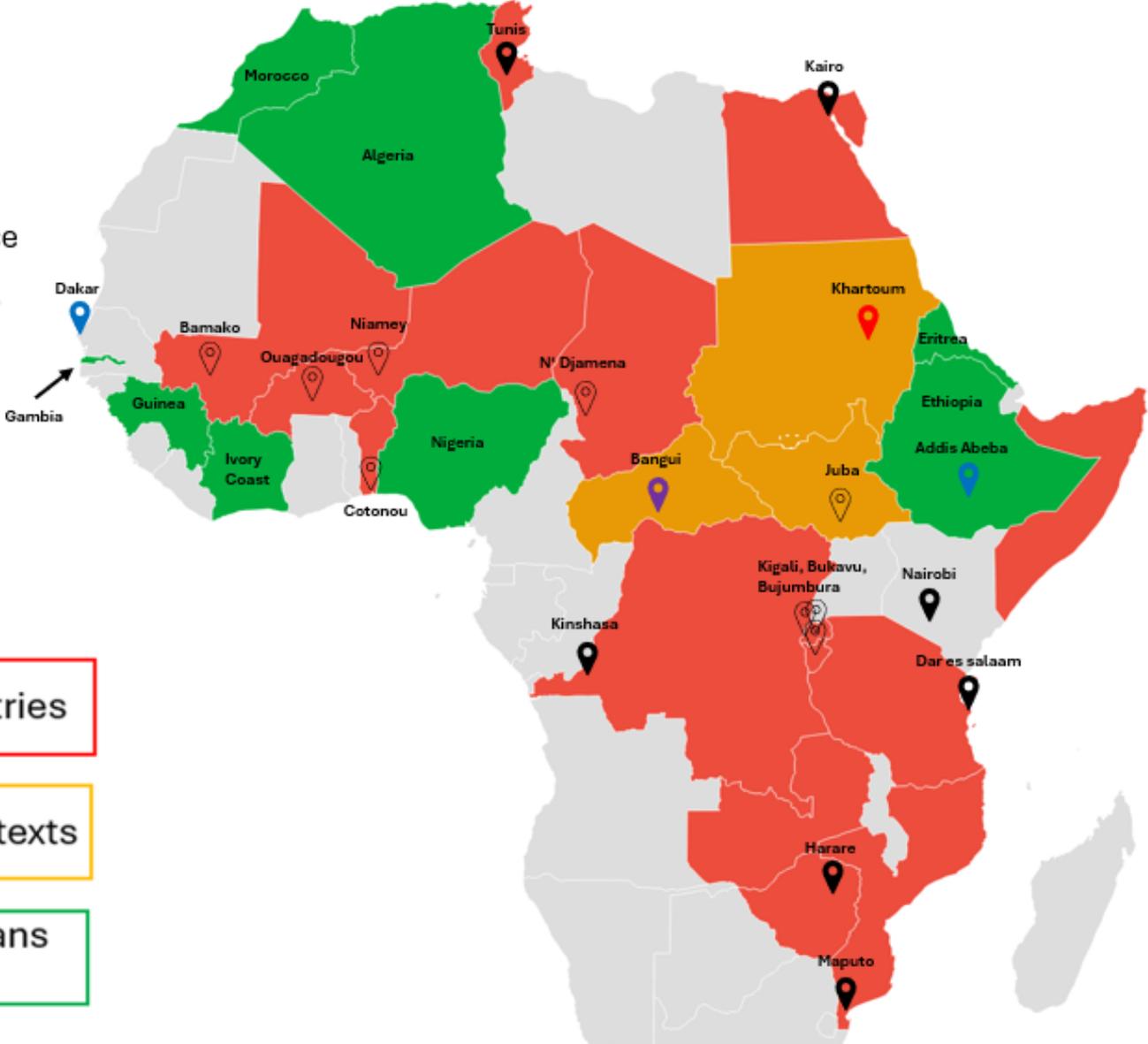
Context – review

- **Unprecedented decrease of ODA** (11 trad. donor countries !) incl. CH (Africa: exit Zambia, Basic Education)
- **Challenge to implement & adjust** the Intern. Coop. **Strategy 25-28** & Africa Strategy 25-28 + **to design** the Intern. Coop. **Strategy 29-32**
- **Conflicts and protracted crisis (shift to Hum. aid)**
 - **Sudan** + neighbouring Countries (Egypt, Chad, SSD, CAR, Ethiopia)
 - DRC
 - Sahel
 - Somalia



Representations with IC offices

-  - Embassy
-  - Swiss Cooperation Office
-  - Humanitarian Office
-  - Embassy temporarily closed
-  - Thematic Hub



SDC Priority Countries

Humanitarian Contexts

Use of Flexible means Migration

Network of Swiss representations in Africa



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Portfolio Africa division

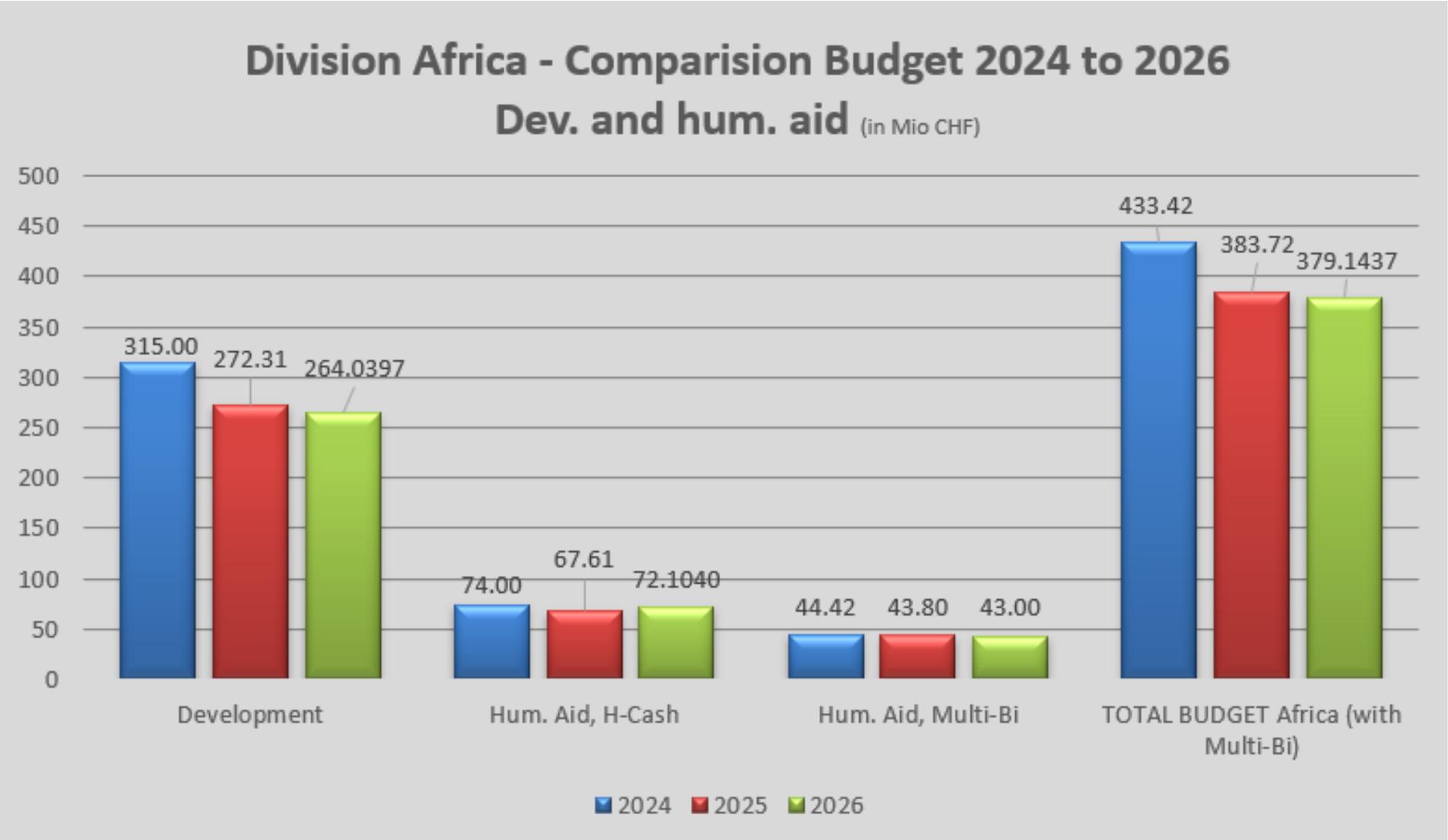
En rouge: 13 programmes pays (4 ans)
approuvés en 2025

	Pays	Budget
11 programmes importants y compris <u>1 programme humanitaire</u>	RDC, Mozambique, Tansanie, Simbabwe, Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Niger, Somalia, Sudan	18 – 21 mio./an
6 programmes de taille moyenne y compris <u>2 programmes humanitaires</u>	Rwanda, Burundi, Egypte, Tunisie, Sud Sudan, Centrafrique	7-10 mio./an
1 programme humanitaire (petit)	Nigeria	4 mio./an
1 pays (exit)	Zambia	Phasing out
Programmes régionaux		Max. 10% du budget section
8 pays avec fonds flexibles migration (hors pays prioritaire)	Algérie; Ethiopie; Cote d'Ivoire, Eritree; Gambie, Guinea, Maroc, Nigeria	Env. 65% du budget total des fonds flexibles migration (env. 6-8 mio./an) 2025-2028
2 hub thématiques (Dakar et Addis)		

Overview of budget cuts

2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Nouveau crédit cadre Ukraine				
Coupures Parlement 2% dès 2024 et au-delà	→			
	Transfert EZA vers crédit aide humanitaire (de 19% à 25%)			
	Coupures Parlement 1.4% dès 2025 et au-delà	→		
	Coupures Parlement 6.5% (56 mio.) pour 2025	Coupure Parlement EZA 6.25 Mio (plafond 25) et 10 Mio SECO/DDC	→	
			Programme d'allègement budgétaire 2027 ?	→

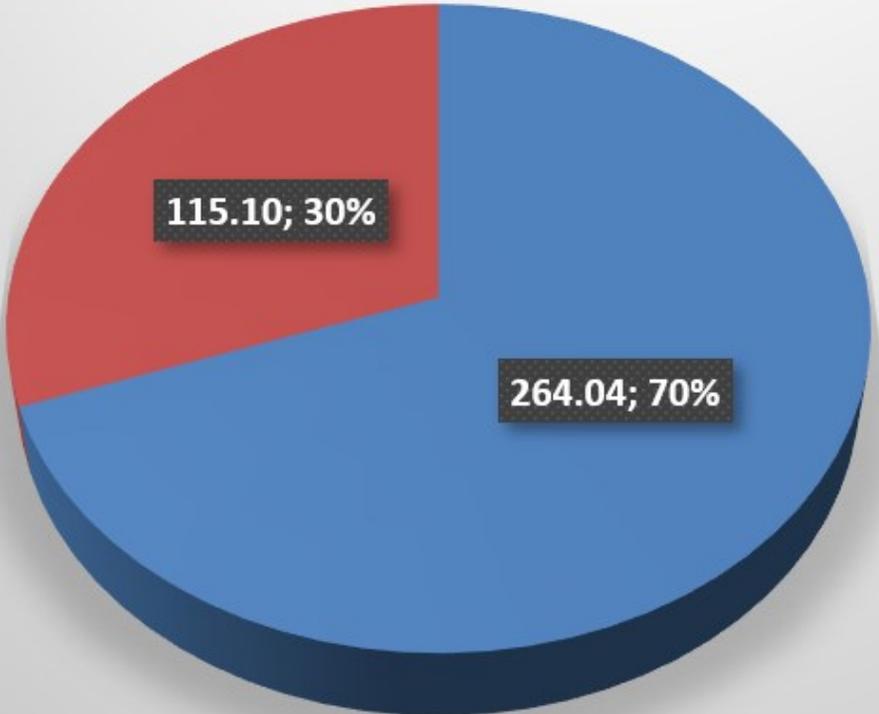
Budget 2026 Division Afrique



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Division Africa - Budget 2026 - Development and humanitarian Aid

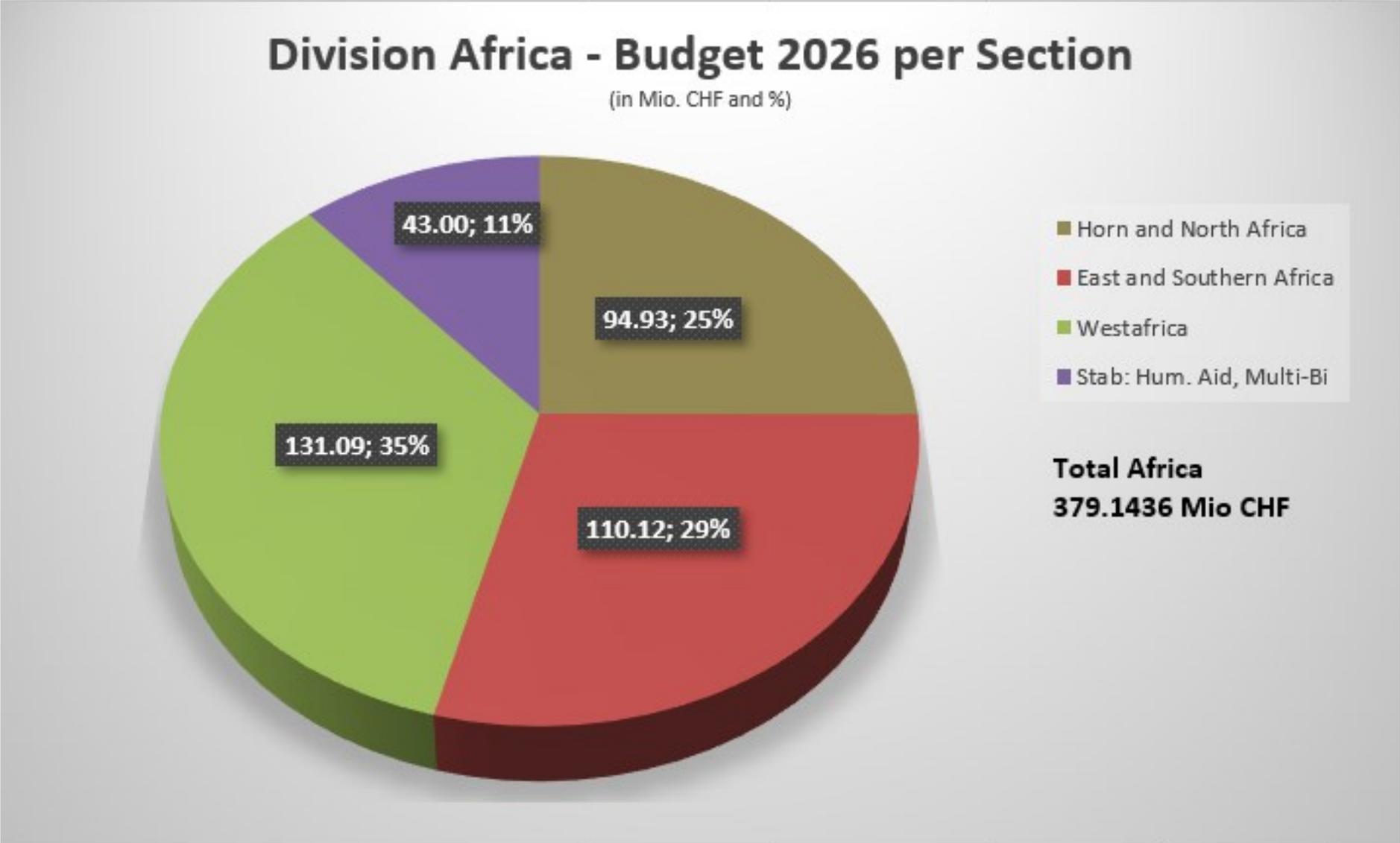
(in Mio CHF and %)



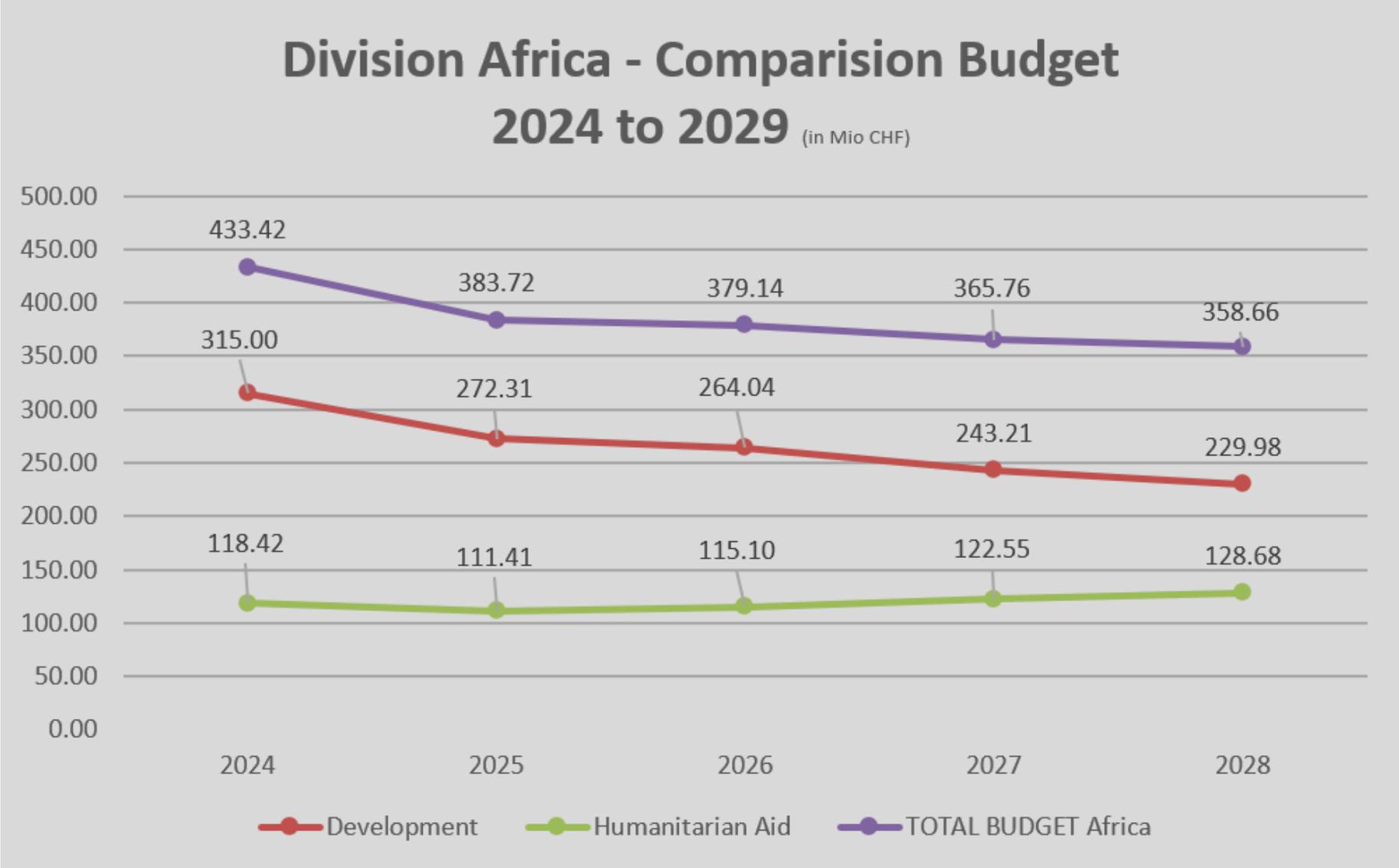
- Development
- Humanitarian Aid

Total Africa
379.1435 Mio CHF

Budget 2026 Division Afrique



Budget Trends Division Afrique



Africa Division: priorities 2026

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- A photograph showing two women in a community garden. The woman on the left, wearing a blue shirt and a pink headscarf, is pouring water from a pink bucket into a yellow corrugated metal pot containing a green plant. The woman on the right, wearing a yellow and black patterned dress, is pouring water from a red bucket into a blue pot. The garden is filled with various plants in different types of pots, and there are buildings and trees in the background.
- Future of Aid: Africa in the new IC Strategy 2029+ & anticipate future cuts
 - Implement and better communicate on IC Programs
 - Approval of 2 new Cooperation Programs (Zimbabwe and Tschad)
 - Maintain focus on current crises (Sudan, DRC, Sahel; Horn...)
 - Climate financing Targets Africa

PRIORITES 2026

- **Mise en œuvre** des programmes pays (2026-29 Somalia, RCA, Soudan, Soudan du Sud / 2025-28 Egypt et Tunisie) inclus **Évaluations** intermédiaires des programmes en Tunisie et en Égypte (à confirmer)
- **Stabilisation** des équipes, processus et des structures nouvellement établies au Caire/Soudan, à Addis (Hub) ainsi qu'au bureau Humanitaire de Bangui et l'intégration de l'Afrique du Nord
- Renforcement de **l'approche régionale** dans la réponse à la crise au Soudan
- **Priorités transversales** : genre ; locally led cooperation, climat



- Somalie, Soudan, Soudan du Sud, République centrafricaine (RCA), Egypte, Tunisie
- *Algeria; Maroc; Érythrée; Ethiopie (moyens flexibles)*

PRIORITES 2026

- **Mise en œuvre** des nouveaux programmes pays (Niger, Bénin, Burkina, Mali) : anticipation, adaptation
- Définition des **futures orientations** des engagements au Tchad et au Nigeria
- Consolidation du **portefeuille régional** (2026–2029)
- Priorités **transversales** : genre ; locally led cooperation, climat



- *Bénin, Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Tchad, Nigeria (aide humanitaire)*

PRIORITES 2026

- Élaboration d'un **nouveau programme** de coopération 2027-2030 pour le **Zimbabwe**
- Première année des nouveaux programmes de coopération 2026-2029 en Tanzanie, au Mozambique, en République démocratique du Congo (RDC), au Rwanda et au Burundi
- Accent accru sur les questions liées aux **approches transformatrices** en matière de genre, y compris un atelier régional
- Poursuite de la consolidation des thèmes liés au **climat** dans les programmes



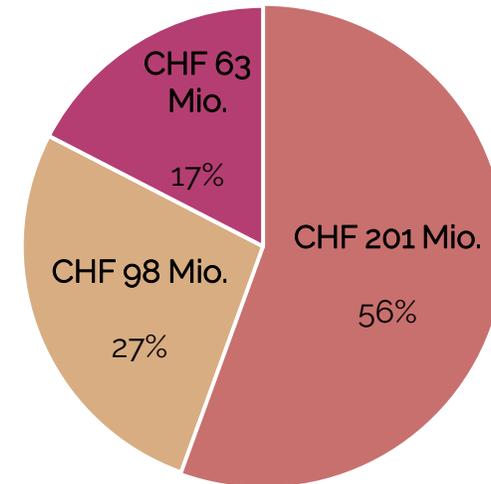
- *Tanzanie, Zimbabwe, Zambie, Rwanda, Burundi, Mozambique, République Démocratique Congo (RDC)*

Africa – Swiss NGO in IC



Funding modalities in Africa - Swiss NGO:

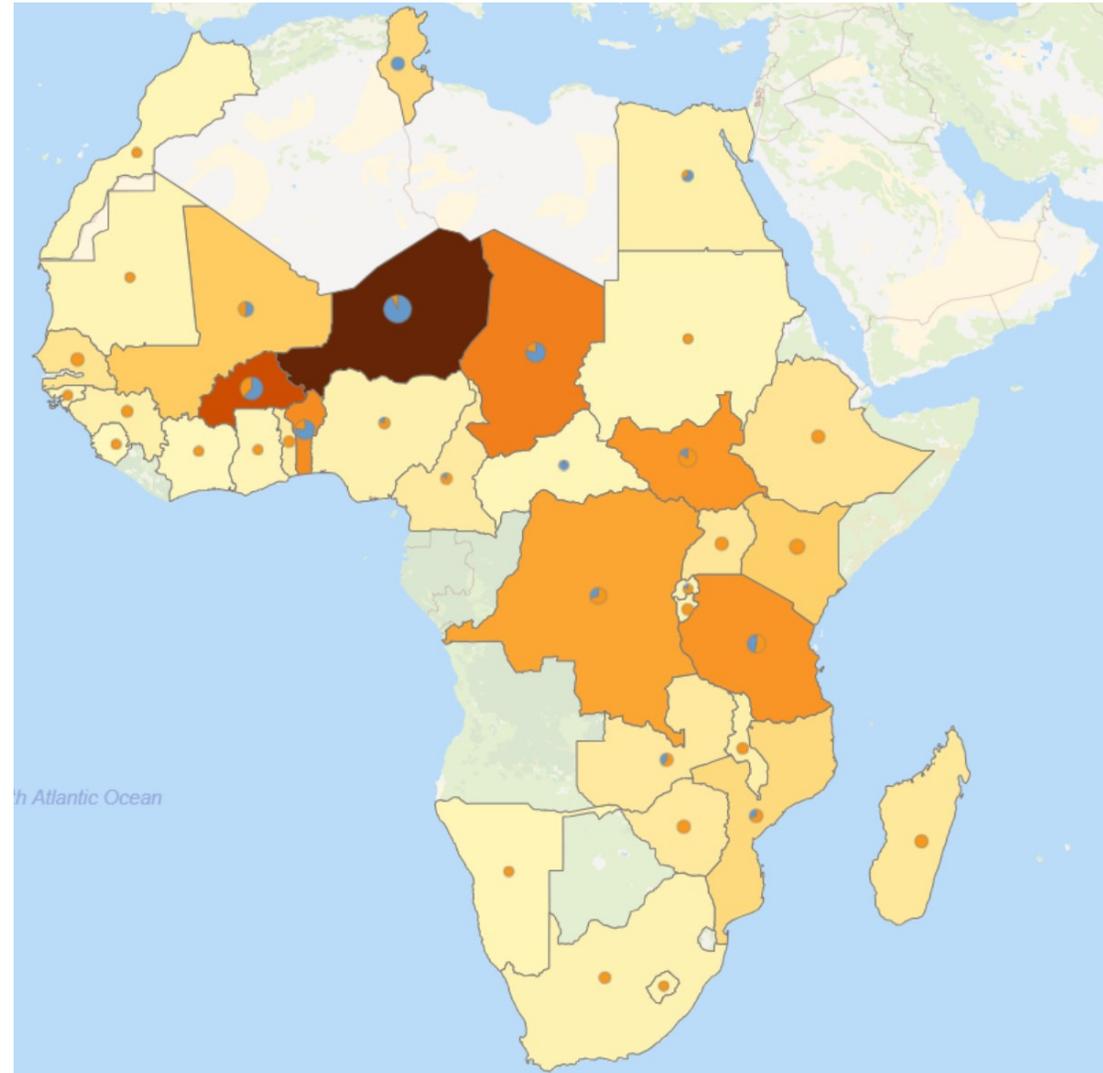
- Core Contribution
- Mandates
- Project Contribution



2021 - 2024: Total CHF 362 millions



Africa – Swiss NGO in IC



Swiss NGO Section priorities 2026

Continuation

- Reforms in the larger sense
 - Continuation of the four thematic areas defined in the foresight analysis
- Dialogue
 - Optimise effective exchanges (thematic & strategic)
- Locally led cooperation
 - Implementation and measurement of LLC
 - Harmonisation of due diligence within OECD community of practice on civil society
- Quality funding:
 - Internal approval process for core contributions 2027-28
 - Follow up evaluation on allocation of core contributions

PANEL DISCUSSION:



“Geopolitical shifts, resource constraints and the push for more locally led development: Opportunities and risks»

Panelists:

Eric Degila

Graduate Institute

Ira Amin

Vivamos

Anna Bwana (online)

Twaweza East Africa

Markus Schrader

SDC, Vice-Director, Head of Division Foundation and Quality

Manuel Etter

SDC, Head of section Multilateral and development banks

Moderation by **Pia Hänni** – Head of Swiss NGO Section

What's next?

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Parallel Group Works

**Africa – Ecosystem of
International cooperation**

(Room: Nil 1 and Nil 2)

**South and Eastern Africa-
Climate Change**

(Room: Mekong)

**Western Africa / Sahel – How to
address the 'Gender Backlash'**

(Room: Amazonas)

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Farewell Coffee in the Foyer



Merci pour
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attention!

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