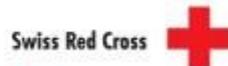




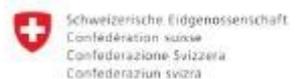
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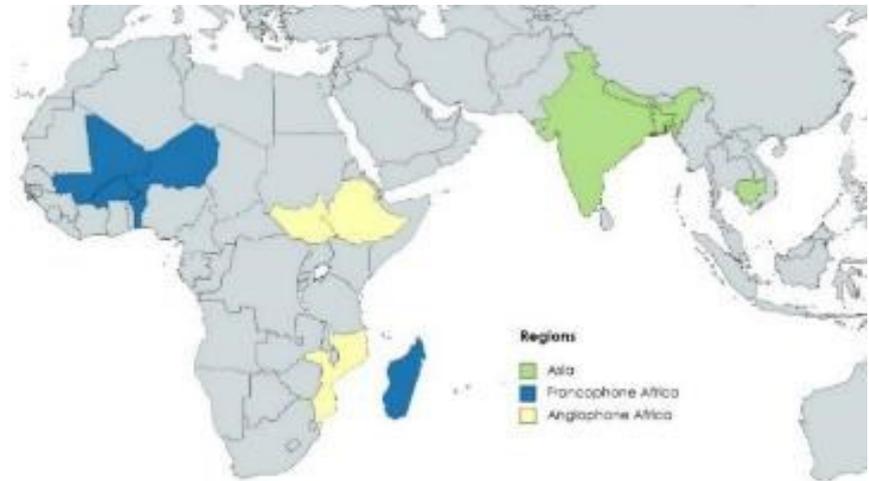
Background

Some history...

- 2010 UN General Assembly recognizes the human right to safe drinking water & sanitation
- 2011 Swiss Parliament decides an additional credit to boost WASH implementation
- Since 2011 eight Swiss NGOs form the SWSC... after 14 years and four phases still together...(incl new affiliate member modality since 2023)...

Objective...

Contributing to the realisation of the right to safe drinking water and sanitation (WASH)



Overview

Phase

- Current Phase IV: 2023-2027

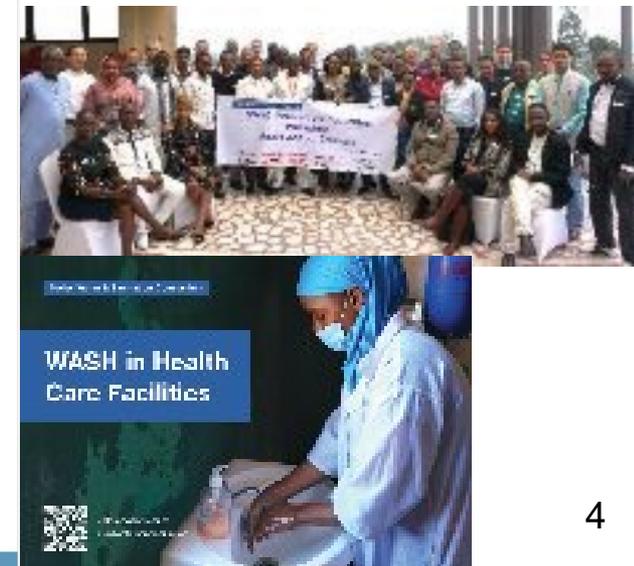
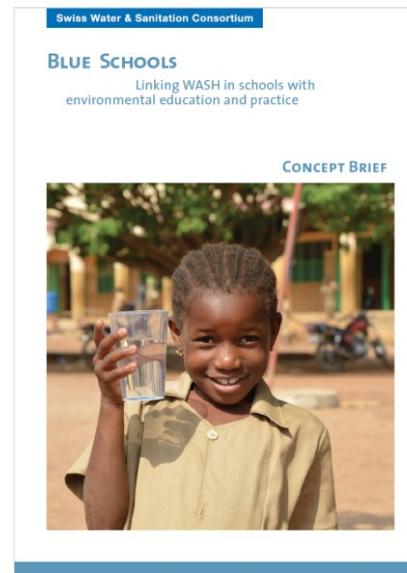
Budget/phase....

- CHF 15-22m/phase
- Total 4 phases CHF 69.5m
- SDC co-funding 55-65%
- Differentiation based on NGO absorption capacity

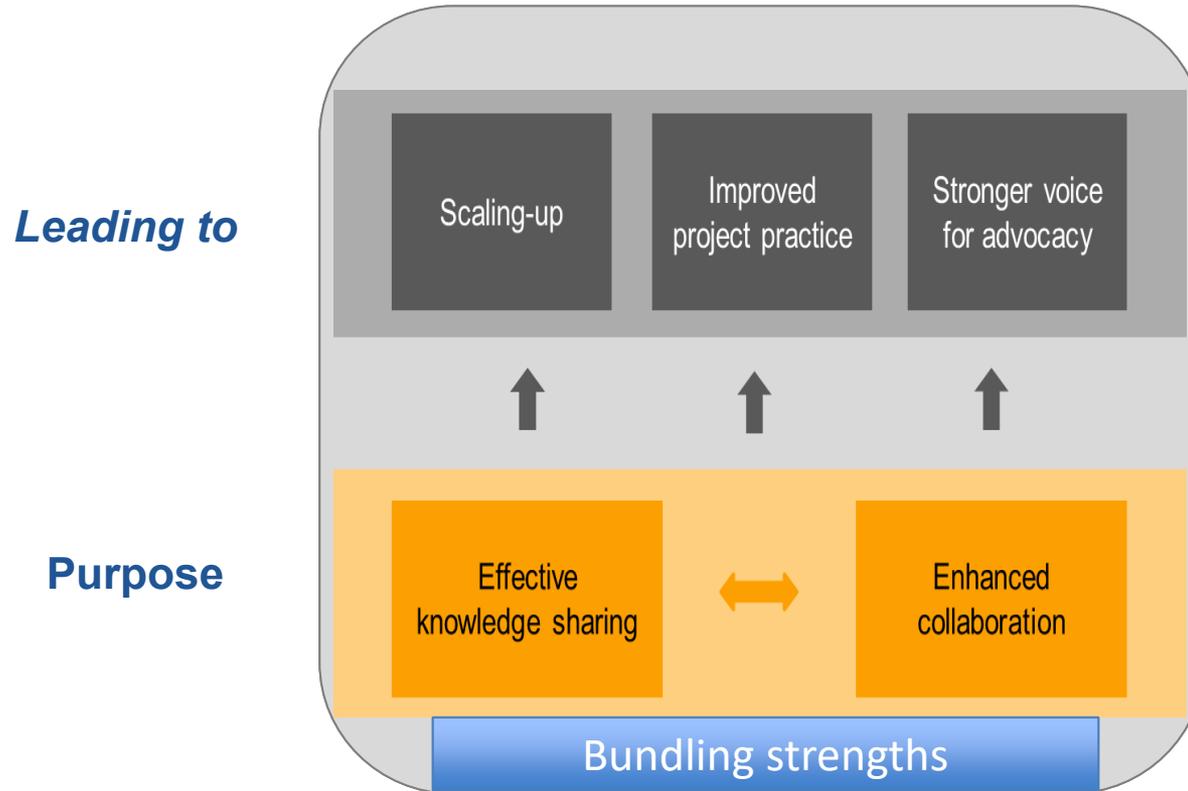
Some results...

	# people reached	Communities	Health Care Facilities*	Schools
WATER SUPPLY	Phase I	369463	596892	44906
	Phase II	441442	294892	68108
	Phase III	87499	296918	63848
	Total	898,404	1,188,702	176,862
SANITATION FACILITIES	Phase I	193,246	542,356	38,960
	Phase II	265,244	242,028	62,068
	Phase III	94,035	267,069	51,254
	Total	552,525	1,051,453	152,282
HAND HYGIENE FACILITIES	Phase I	-	-	-
	Phase II	191,591	192,161	87,520
	Phase III	158,583	294,423	68,378
	Total	350,174	486,584	155,898

...and beyond...



SWSC Added value



2018 External evaluation SWSC:

- *"the funding mechanism is proving to be effective in terms of programme delivery and NGO co-funding",*
- *"the consortium model has proven to be an effective mechanism for significantly increasing water and sanitation coverage."*

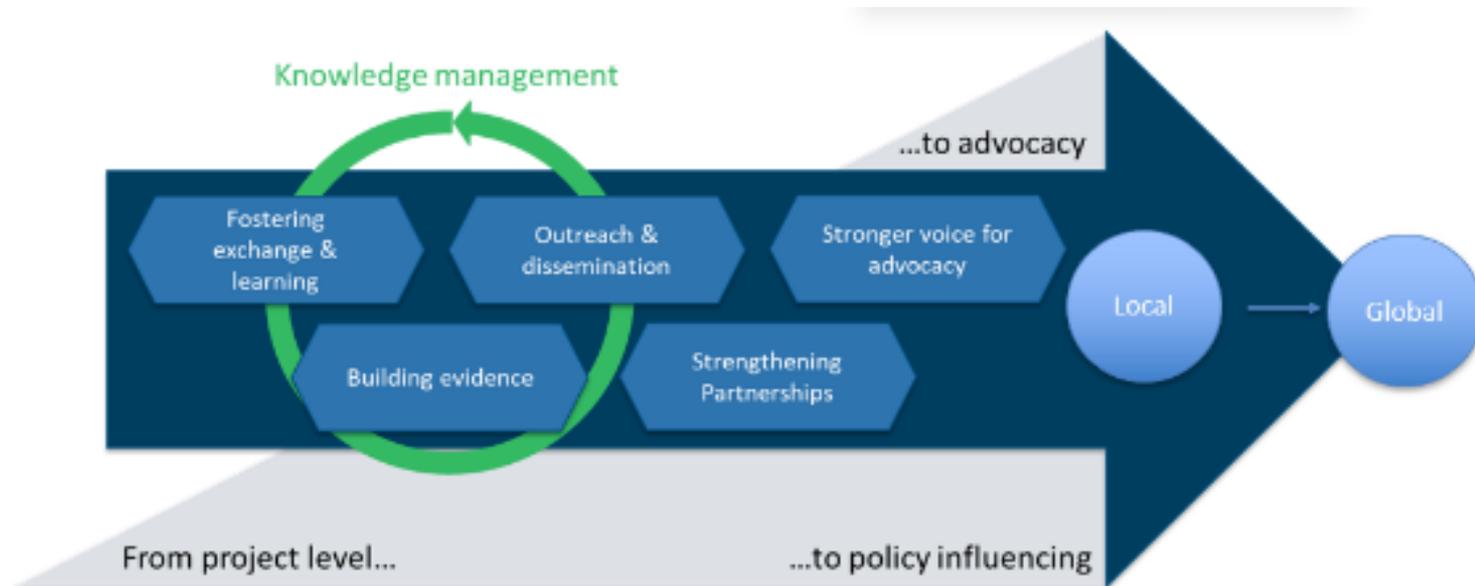
SWSC functioning

Thematic/strategic alignment

- Common **implementation approaches**
- Participate actively in **learning & knowledge exchange** (incl. affiliate members)
- **Collaboration** in countries with ≥ 2 projects (e.g. joint advocacy)

Other “Rules of the game”...

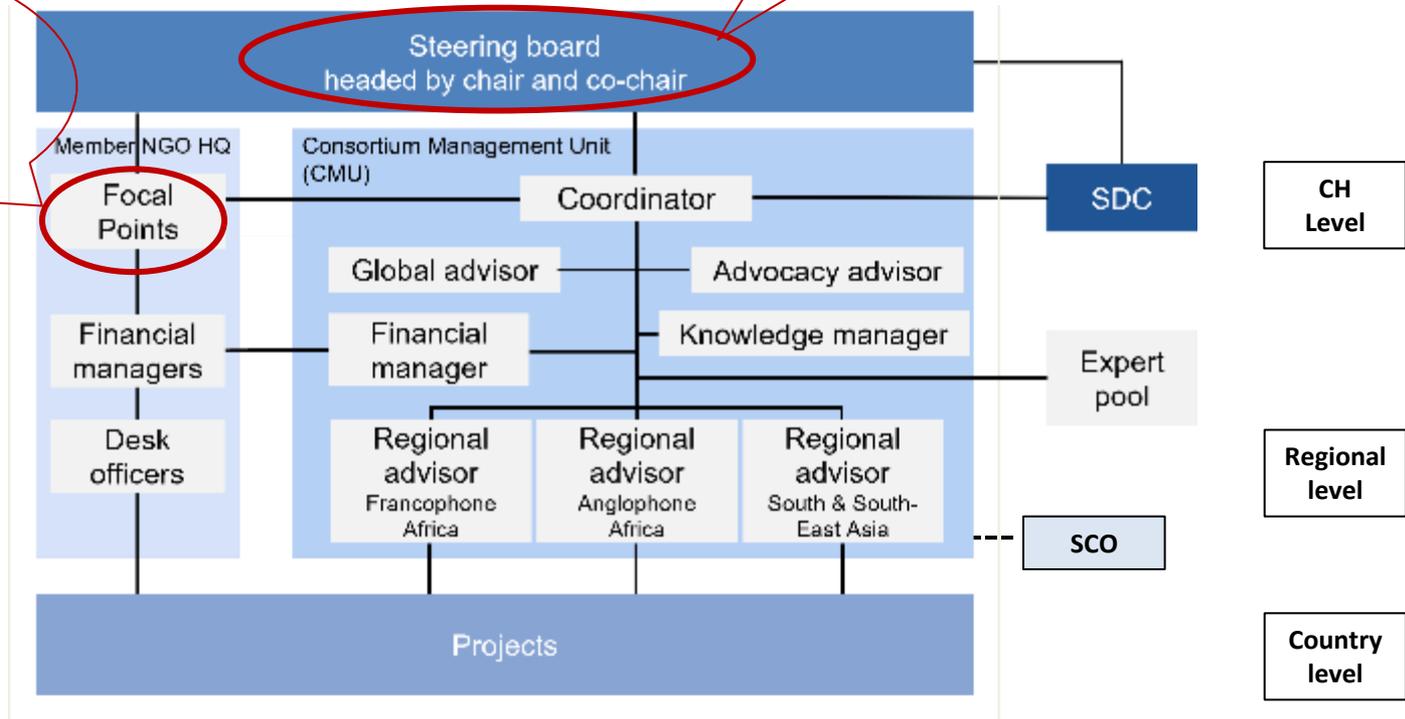
- Common **M&E system**
- Common **Reporting system**



Organization – Set up

- Provides **strategic direction**
- Decides on **budget allocations**
- Oversees and monitors the effectiveness of the operations
- Oversees **risk management**

- Primary contact NGO for **operational issues**
- Effective **dissemination of information** within NGOs
- **Quality control** of contractual deliverables



CMU staffing

- part time (LOE 10-45%)
- Seconded by different NGOs

Consortium Management Unit

- Coordinates SWSC on members behalf
- Facilitates knowledge exchange & learning
- Provides technical backstopping to the projects.
- Coaches and advises advocacy and policy influencing initiatives
- External communications and outreach
- Accountable to SB, line management with the mandating organisation
- TORs approved by SB
- Staff seconded by different NGOs (part time - LOE 10-45%)

Lessons learned

What stands out

- NGOs with **different size and focus**, closely **working together** through **lean structure**
- Through joint CMU, all organisations and partners have access to **high quality technical support** and support for **joint learning, exchange and quality assurance**.
- **Joint planning, MEAL and reporting** through the joint management unit.
- (Co-) Development of **signature approaches**
- Support **innovation** and **research and testing** linked to global “**cutting edge approaches**”
- NGOs together **1-2 million CHF resource mobilization** per year for WASH.

Challenges

- Collaboration among members in project countries (if multiple projects)/with SCOs
- Slow when aiming for collective effort (e.g. strategic visioning)
- Timely consolidation of contractual deliverables (financial information)
- Joint fundraising (beyond SDC co-funding)

Lessons learned

Governance, risk mgt

- SDC contract/PRODOC
- NGO MoU (responsibilities, commitment to systems)
- CMU ToRs
- Membership policy
- Communication guidelines
- Project development guidance (each phase)
- Working Groups
 - Long term vision/Strategy
 - Evidence building
 - Innovation

Collaboration mechanisms

- Intranet
- COP platform
- Regional/Interregional workshops
- M&E platform (FACET, kobo)
- Reporting Templates
- Guidance documents

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