

„The sustainable operation and maintenance of water supply facilities can only be achieved by sharing and applying the necessary knowledge“.

Karl Wehrle
Executive Secretary
Skat Foundation



„Skat Foundation promotes and participates in global networks that are powerful mechanisms for sharing and disseminating information and knowledge“.

Juerg Christen
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„Together with its partner organisations, the Skat Foundation provides valuable Swiss know-how for a sustainable global development“.

Dr. Urs Egger
Executive Director
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„The exchange of knowledge and sharing of skills are cornerstones of successful development cooperation“.

Melchior Lengsfeld
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„Specific and locally adapted knowledge is necessary for effective development cooperation“.

Norbert Kieliger
Head International Cooperation
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Skat Foundation

Skat is committed to the documentation and sharing of its experiences. With this aim Skat, in collaboration with the Swiss NGOs Caritas, Helvetas and Swisscontact established the Skat Foundation in 2002.

The Skat Foundation is a non-profit organisation which promotes the sharing of knowledge and experience between partners in the developed and developing world.

Vision

The Skat Foundation aims to contribute to sustainable improvement of the living conditions of disadvantaged people in developing countries and countries in transition.

Mission

The Skat Foundation promotes knowledge sharing, networking and mutual learning. This enhances the effectiveness and efficiency of projects and programmes and contributes to poverty reduction and empowerment.

Expertise

The Skat Foundation draws upon Skat's long-established expertise in water supply and environmental sanitation, sustainable building and settlement development, mobility and transport, and environmental management. This is complemented by Skat's expertise in knowledge management, institutional development, community development, and economic development.

Publications

The Skat Foundation produces a wide range of publications such as case studies, manuals, guidelines, and research reports. These are available in hardcopy or for download at no cost on the Skat website (www.skat.ch/publications).

Professional networks

Professional networks play an important role in supporting local, regional and international exchanges of information and knowledge.

The Skat Foundation actively participates in several networks and hosts the Rural Water Supply Network (www.rwsn.ch).

Knowledge sharing projects

The Skat Foundation designs and implements innovative projects for knowledge sharing, learning and capacity building including training. Projects follow two criteria: they must be innovative, exploring new ways of knowledge sharing and learning, and they must be implemented in partnership with other organisations (particularly in developing countries).

Partners

The Skat Foundation works closely with partners in developing and developed countries: NGOs, resource centres, networks, bilateral and multilateral development agencies and the private sector. These long-term partnerships provide the basis for sustainable capacity building.

Funding

The Skat Foundation relies on external financial support. Projects are funded by a broad range of sponsors: bilateral and multilateral development agencies such as the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), NGOs, grantmaking foundations, and private companies. Skat runs the secretariat of the Skat Foundation and bears the complete administrative costs of the Foundation.

Supervision

The Skat Foundation is under the supervision of the Swiss Federal Supervisory Board for Foundations. Skat Foundation's finances are audited annually by an independent accounting firm.