



NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

SWISSCONTACT GERMANY



Swisscontact is a non-profit organization with the aim of advancing sustainable social, ecological and economic development in countries of the South and East. Our focus lies on creating new development opportunities through education and training, growth of local business services and consultancy. Swisscontact assists and supports its local partners among whom there are professional associations, small and medium enterprises, local financial institutions, vocational schools, training institutes, self-help groups and others. Our mission is: "Helping others to help themselves."

In co-operation with local stakeholders and with the support of public partners, some 475 Swisscontact representatives are currently implementing over 50 large- and medium-scale projects in 22 countries throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and Eastern Europe. Swisscontact has been a pioneer in microfinance, particularly in East Africa. In Kenya for example, we have been working in this field for more than 10 years, endeavouring, on various levels, to ensure that the microfinance market

develops in such a way as to benefit the economically active poor. In total, six savings- and credit cooperatives in the rural regions of Kenya are supported. This helps 5,000 members to gain access to highly qualitative and well-priced savings- and credit offers. Swisscontact aids the cooperatives in the training of employees, and facilitates the cooperation with Equity Bank, the biggest Kenyan microfinance bank. Swisscontact and Equity Bank have been in partnership since 2001 with the aim of improving the institution's financial services, as well as refining the product portfolio to best serve the unique needs of the low income population.

Swisscontact is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Headquarters are in Zurich Switzerland, the subsidiary Swisscontact Germany GmbH is located in Stuttgart, Germany.

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NEW e-MFP MEMBERS

e-MFP would like to welcome the following new members:

Full members

Burgundy School of Business (F), Swisscontact Germany (D)

Associate members

Adeel Muhammad (D), Sam Mendelson (AUS/UK)

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