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# Swiss Cooperation Programme 2025-2028

for a peaceful, prosperous  
and inclusive Colombia



▲ Participation in peace dialogues (Southwestern region).  
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Humanitarian assistance to migrants and vulnerable populations, Norte de Santander. ▼  
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# Editorial

Colombia is a source of hope with unique peacebuilding disposition, a solid democratic system, stable economy, and OECD membership since 2020. Yet, it faces extreme inequalities, ongoing armed conflicts, and violence that hinder security, and social equality. Half of its territory is in crisis with limited state presence, serious human rights violations, and restricted sustainable economic development. Over 8 million people are internally displaced.

Switzerland supports the Colombian authorities, civil society and private sector with a long-term perspective and based on the recognition of Colombia's ethnic and cultural diversity. Switzerland is able to respond to changes in Colombia in a flexible, appropriate and value-added manner in order to foster peace, respond to humanitarian emergencies and promote

sustainable development and trade between the two nations.

For 2025-2028, the Swiss Cooperation Programme will align with Colombia's peace efforts. Switzerland will consolidate impact, sustainability, and knowledge transfer. In peace and human rights, support will aim at sustainable, inclusive peace processes, conflict prevention, and improved guarantees for fundamental rights. The humanitarian aid will complement Colombia's own capacities to assist conflict-affected and migrating people. The economic cooperation will gradually phase out and evolve towards more trade opportunities, especially with Switzerland, supporting Colombia in meeting post accession OECD standards. The Programme will focus on protecting vulnerable populations in Colombia and regionally, addressing biodiversity, resources.

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# Objective



## Outcomes



**Sustainable Peace Process and Conflict Prevention** with a territorial approach for inclusive participation, strengthening democracy and fundamental rights.



**Protection of Civilians and Vulnerable People** like women, children, human rights defenders, and migrants, and recovery for those affected by conflicts and migration in Latin America, especially Venezuela.



**Sustainable Economic Development** by managing territories, strengthening institutions and the private sector while addressing social responsibility, human rights, financial inclusion and attracting investments through Colombian-Swiss partnerships.

## Cross-cutting themes

**Gender Equality**, non-discrimination and inclusion not only as a human right but also as a fundamental axis for development.



**Climate and Environment** actions that ensure sustainable development, boosting economic growth, social well-being and nature conservation, especially water and Amazonia.



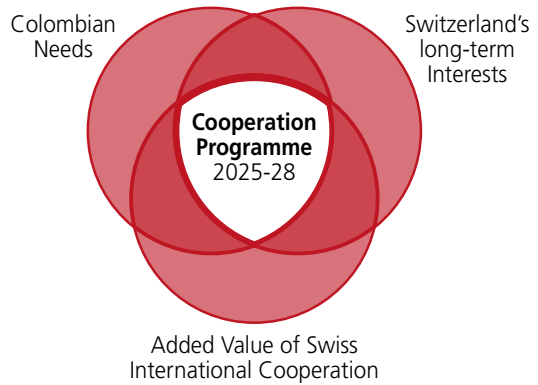
**Good Governance** to promote transparency, accountability, citizen participation, fairness, efficiency, and multilevel coordination, both in the public and private sectors.



**Conflict-sensitive Management** in fragile contexts to reduce potentially negative impacts and accentuate positive ones.



# Criteria



**Colombian Needs** as laid down in the National Development Plan 2022-2026 focus on peacebuilding and combating deforestation, climate change, hunger and inequalities. Key priorities include land management, energy transition, implementing peace agreements, and tackling illegal economies. Challenges include youth unemployment, climate change, migration, and transnational crime. The government aims to improve human rights and security, address business productivity, attract foreign investment, and support micro, small, and medium enterprises.

**Switzerland's long-term Interests** include peacebuilding and upholding its humanitarian tradition by promoting International Humanitarian Law and human rights. As a key economic partner and OECD

member, Switzerland seeks in Colombia a partner with stable social, labor, environmental, and legal framework to increase commercial exchanges. Colombia's strategic regional role, political stability, and shared multilateral positions enhance bilateral cooperation for example on climate and anti-drug policies.

**Added Value of the Swiss International Cooperation** as trusted leader in peacebuilding, human security, social justice, humanitarian action, and climate efforts. Known for impartiality and sound principles, it effectively brings together diverse stakeholders to build consensus. Valued for its commitment, flexibility, and direct engagement with partners, Switzerland's technical expertise, innovation, and ability to integrate cooperation tools are widely recognized, enhancing its overall impact.

# Resources

The resources of the bilateral Cooperation Programme are estimated at 50 million Swiss francs (CHF), representing the maximum amount the Swiss federal government will disburse for the period 2025–2028.

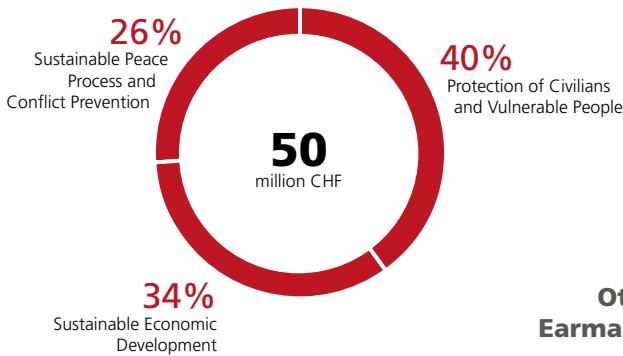
In addition to this Programme, funds from other sources of the Swiss federal and subnational governments are also allocated to Colombia. This additional funding, estimated at 22 million CHF, consists mainly of contri-

butions to programs of multilateral organizations and Swiss NGOs.

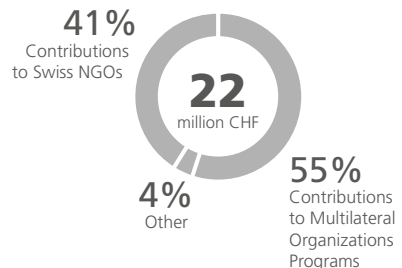
The sum of the two represents an estimate of the Swiss Official Development Assistance (ODA) to Colombia expected over the four-year period.

The financial envelope is indicative. This information serves as a basis for the forward spending plans that are reviewed each year by the Swiss Parliament.

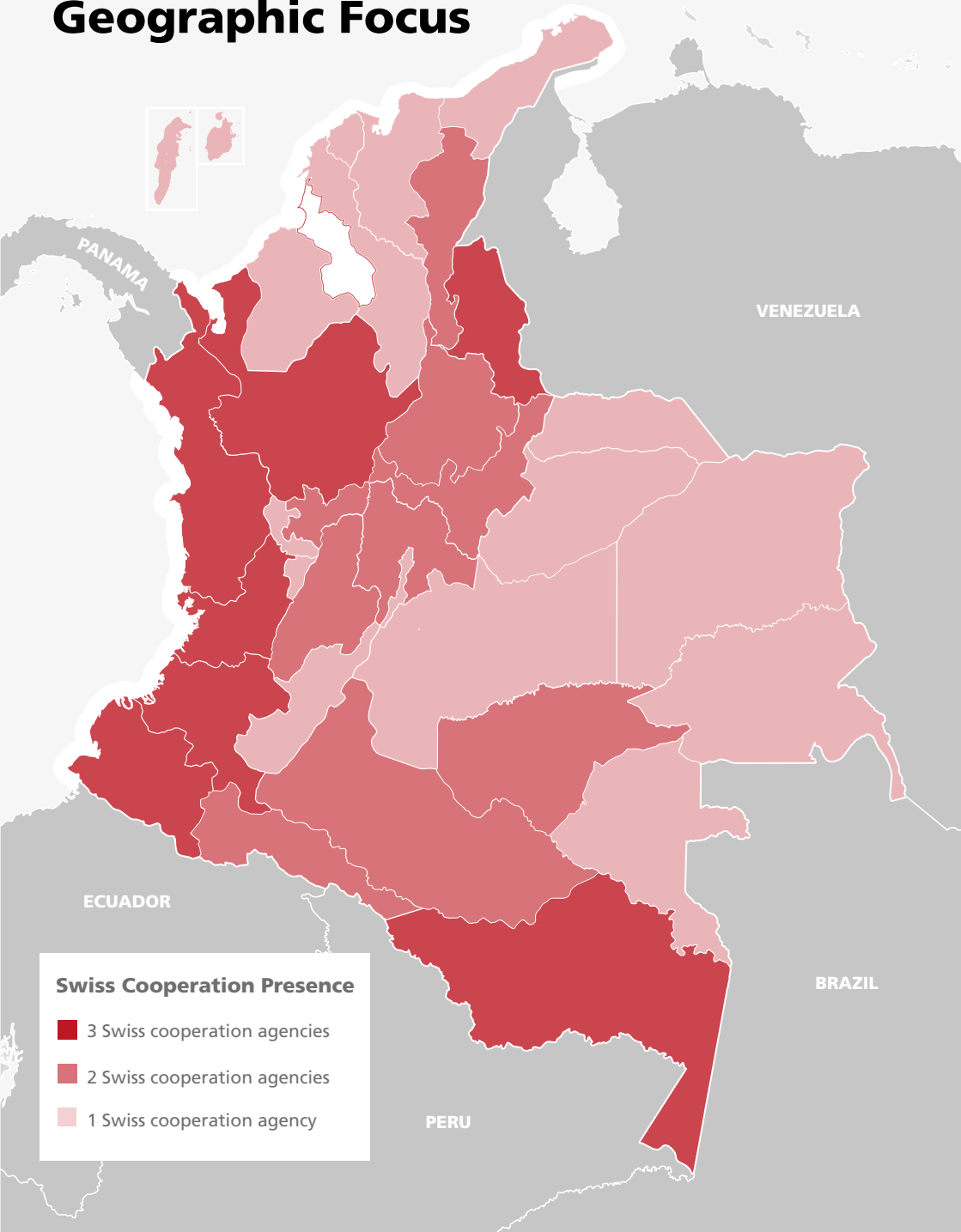
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## Other Contributions Earmarked for Colombia



# Geographic Focus



## Swiss Cooperation Presence

- 3 Swiss cooperation agencies
- 2 Swiss cooperation agencies
- 1 Swiss cooperation agency

Plantation of sustainable coffee, Huila.  
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