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Role of Sustainability Standards in Switzerland's Economic Development Cooperation



SECO Sustainable Trade Promotion

Development Goal:

Poverty reduction by fostering inclusive growth

One objective among others:

Promoting global trade with emphasis on sustainability standards



Project “Organic and Fairtrade Cotton Value Chains in West Africa and Kyrgyzstan”

- 22'000 certified smallholders

- diversified agricultural production systems
- access to technical and financial services
- healthier working environments
- higher incomes from cotton sales

- www.helvetas.org/achievements → impact study “organic cotton changes producers lives”



Project “Organic Market Development in Ukraine”

- over 400 certified organic operators
 - growing domestic market with a turnover of 20 million EUR
 - organic export of with a turnover of close to 60 million EUR
 - organic is a policy priority in the agro strategy 2015 - 2020
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- www.ukraine.fibl.org



Project “Local Organic Certification Bodies”

- Albinspekt in Albania
- Balkan Biocert in Bulgaria and Macedonia
- Ecoinspect in Romania
- Indocert in India
- Organic Standard in Ukraine



SECO Contributions to Market Transparency and Organic Integrity

- www.organicexport.info
- www.bioC.info
- www.organic-integrity.org
- www.isealalliance.org