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# Role of Sustainability Standards in Switzerland's Economic Development Cooperation



#### 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
- <u>www.helvetas.org/achievements</u> → impact study "organic cotton changes producers lives"

### Project "Organic Market Development in Ukraine"

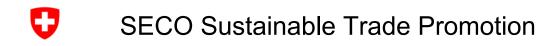
- over 400 certified organic operators
- growing domestic market with a turnover of 20 million EUR
- organic export of with a turnover of close to 60 million EUR
- organic is a policy priority in the agro strategy 2015 2020

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