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Partners for development

Austrian Development Cooperation consolidates its resources and concentrates on partner countries in the following key regions:

- West Africa/Sahel
- East Africa and Horn of Africa
- Southern Africa
- Himalayas-Hindu Kush
- Danube region/Western Balkans
- Black Sea region/South Caucasus
- Caribbean

Austria also cooperates with the Palestinian Territories.



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Coordination offices run by the Austrian Development Agency maintain direct and continuous on-the-spot dialogue. They are incorporated into Austria's diplomatic mission structure and ensure that the activities meet local needs and monitor the efficient use of resources. Measures are coordinated with all development partners and other donor countries.

People have the same basic needs all over the world: health, a roof over their heads, work for fair pay, peace and security.

In developing countries, though, even the bare essentials are often lacking. People there are faced with completely different conditions. More than 800 million people worldwide still live in extreme poverty.

Poverty, environmental destruction and conflicts do not stop at borders. Crises in distant countries affect everyone's future prospects. So all countries benefit from sustainable development and security and share responsibility for it.

Austria takes this responsibility seriously. Together with its partners, Austrian Development Cooperation contributes to reducing poverty, promoting security and conserving the natural resources. It thus makes a major contribution to attaining the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations (SDGs).

Setting priorities

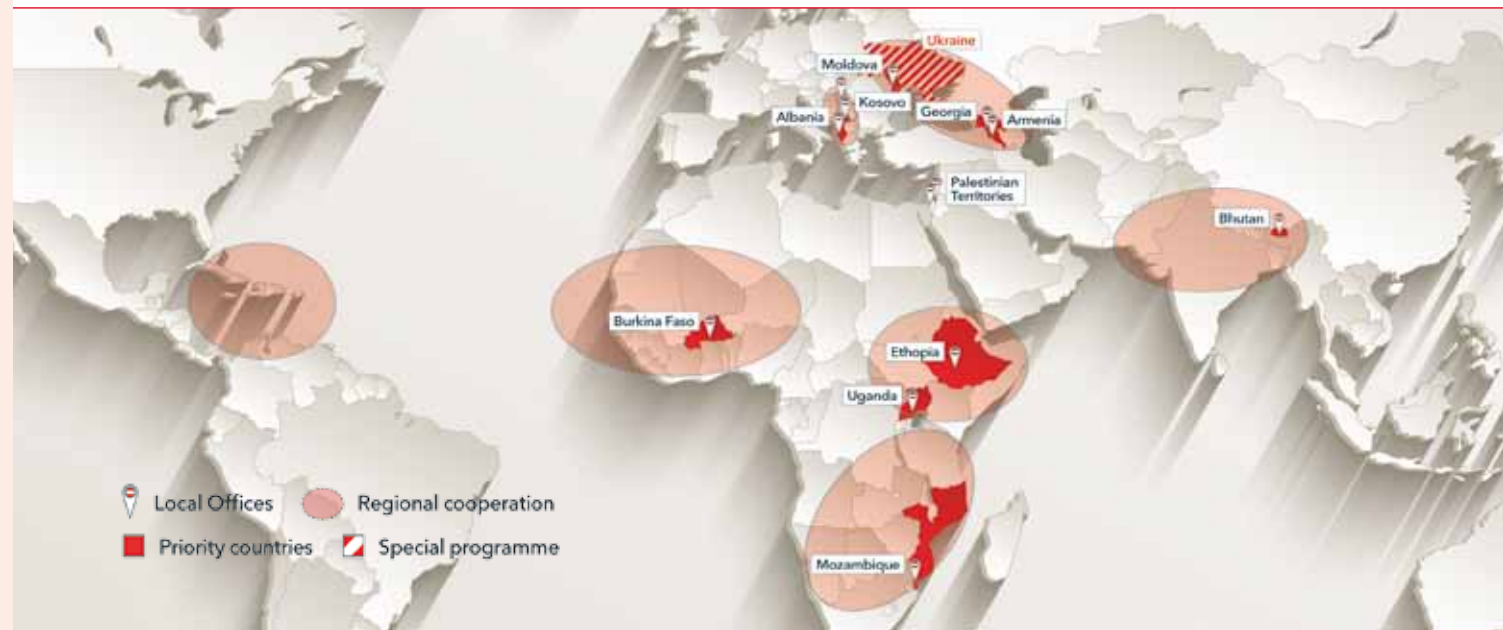
Austrian Development Cooperation primarily operates in areas where it has gained long-standing experience:

- Education
- Ensuring peace and human security, human rights and migration
- Water, energy and food security
- Private sector and development

In addition, Austrian Development Cooperation supports its partner countries in South Eastern Europe in their efforts to move closer to the European Union.

Due account is taken of gender equality, the needs of children and persons with disabilities and the respective social and cultural setting in all activities.

In the private sector and development priority, Austrian Development Cooperation seeks to harness synergies between the private sector and development cooperation. It improves the economic framework in partner countries, generates know-how and strengthens the private sector. This creates jobs that give people new prospects. The Business Partnership Programme of Austrian Development Cooperation combines social benefit with business success.



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International Engagement

Poverty reduction, peacebuilding/keeping, and environmental protection and resource conservation are challenges that can only be mastered by all nations working together. As a member of the United Nations (UN) and the European Union (EU), Austria coshapes international development cooperation. It also supports the development-policy work of the International Financial Institutions.

As the successor to the Millennium Development Goals, the UN adopted the “2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” in September 2015. With its 17 global goals, this universal pact for the future will help to enable all people throughout the world to lead a life in dignity, peace and in an intact environment by 2030.

The EU is the largest donor worldwide. Austria makes financial and technical contributions. The priorities of EU development strategy are inclusive, sustainable growth and the promotion of human rights, democracy and good governance.



Austria is also actively engaged in international discussion in the OECD Development Assistance Committee. In the Paris Declaration (2005), donor and partner countries undertook to improve aid effectiveness. Since then, more concerted programmes and closer private-sector involvement have contributed to this.

Regular reviews by the OECD Development Assistance Committee provide Austrian Development Cooperation with a major impetus for its future development and for improving its substantive and organisational alignment. In addition, OECD compiles and publishes high-quality, comparative data on the official development aid contributions of its member states, which also helps to improve their accountability.



Better together

