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Commission for Research Partnerships with Developing Countries (KFPE)

Newsletter

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General news

Long-term partnership in Tanzania improves access to healthcare

The Health Promotion and System Strengthening (HPSS) project, funded by SDC and implemented by Swiss TPH, supported the Government of Tanzania in addressing major challenges of the health system. Over the past 12 years, the project improved access, quality, and affordability of healthcare with innovative solutions, like the "improved Community Health Fund" (iCHF), which provides affordable health insurance for low-income populations.

[Read more on this topic here](#)



Global North–Global South research partnerships are still inequitable

Continuing inequalities in Northern–Southern partnerships are embedded in power relations, with conflicting interests between academics, funding agencies and practitioners. The authors of this correspondence published in Nature Human Behaviour argue, amongst other things, that extensive reforms on how Northern funding is distributed are needed.

[Find out more](#)



Funding opportunities



Leading House Asia: Applied Research Partnership Grant

The grant supports applied research projects with collaborating institutions in China, Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, South Korea, Taiwan and ASEAN member states.



Leading House South Asia and Iran: Research Partnership Grants

Swiss researchers interested in entering into research collaborations with institutional partners located in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Iran, the



**SWISS NETWORK
FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**

SNIS Annual Call for Projects

The Swiss Network for International Studies offers an annual call that grants projects for pluri-disciplinary teams working on international studies.

[Apply by 25 January, 1 PM](#)

Apply by January 31

Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan or
Sri Lanka may [apply by](#)
[January 15](#)

CET



SNSF Starting Grants 2024

The call is open to applicants of all nationalities who wish to lead a research project at a Swiss host institution. Researchers can apply for a budget of up to 1.8 million Swiss francs for a period of five years. [Apply by 1 February](#)



REPIC project funding

Projects in the field of Renewable Energy, Energy and Resource Efficiency Promotion in Developing and Transition Countries can apply for funding by REPIC. [Apply by 22 January](#)

Further news on funding and scholarships can be found on the [KFPE website](#).

Events



“Prix de Quérivain”, Glacier research in the Himalaya, 30 November, 18:15 – 21:00, Alpine Museum Bern

Join the award ceremony, where Marin Kneib will be awarded this year's Prix de Quérivain for his highly innovative PhD at ETH Zurich and WSL. His work is based on long-standing cooperation with researchers in Nepal, India and Tajikistan. [Register by November 21](#)



The Health System's Potential to Eliminate Violence against Women. 29 November 2023, 14:00 – 16:30, Allschwil

1 in 3 women experience physical or sexual violence at least once in their lifetime. How can the health system respond to violence against women? Hear from experiences in Albania, Brazil, and Switzerland and join the discussion. [More information and registration](#)



Fostering Drug Discovery in Africa

24 November 2023, 18:00 – 18:45, Novartis Pavillon

In this joint lecture by Swiss TPH and Novartis, Kelly Chibale will describe the University of Cape Town Holistic Drug Discovery and Development (H3D) Centre, as well as its pioneering initiatives to expand the drug discovery ecosystem and community in Africa. [Register here](#)

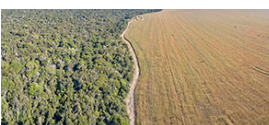


Language and Development – How words influence the trajectory of the sanitation sector. Online Webinar, 24 Nov, 14:30 – 15:30 CET. As part of World Toilet Day, this discussion with Jasmine Neve (ETH NADEL) and Linda Strande (Eawag) will focus on the use and influence of language in development, and specifically in the sanitation sector. [Register here](#)



REPIC Annual Event, 30 Nov, 9:00 – 16:00, Bern

A wide range of stakeholders will come together for exciting discussions and presentation, discussing current trends, carbon credits, and the challenge of finding the right project partners. [Register by Nov 23](#)



SFIAR Award Ceremony, 12 Dec, 16:15 – 18:40, Zollikofen

This year's award ceremony at BFH-HAFL will focus on the topic “Producing food without consuming forests: How to reduce deforestation in Amazonia”. [Programme and registration](#)

More events on the [KFPE website](#).

Courses

ETH-NADEL

MAS ETH in Development and Cooperation

The MAS programme combines studies at ETH Zurich with on-the-job training at international organizations around the world. Next study start: September 2024.

Advanced training courses 2024 ETH NADEL will offer 17 continuing education courses on sustainable development and project management, ranging from Food and Nutrition Security to Mediation Process Design and Storytelling for Systems Change. Register now!

CAS ETH in Development and Cooperation

Deepen your expertise in global sustainable development, apply tools for results-oriented management and reflect on your own experiences with other development professionals. Apply now

SUPSI Scuola universitaria professionale della Svizzera italiana

Having graduated 51 WASH professionals from 18 countries, SUPSI-Eawag and UNI-Neuchâtel are ready to launch the fourth edition of the CAS WASH 2024 course on 15 February 2024. The diploma is awarded after passing the theoretical examination during three online modules and one practical module (8 full days) in Switzerland. [More information](#)

SwissTPH

Economic Evaluation in Health Care 8 January – 22 March 2024, hybrid

Gain the knowledge and skills to conduct economic evaluations in resource-limited health settings. Apply by 1 January 2024

Organisational Behaviour & Transformational Management 15 January – 29 March 2024, hybrid

Get ready to manage transformational processes in different health management settings, taking into account multicultural and diverse work contexts. Apply by 8 January 2024.

Publications



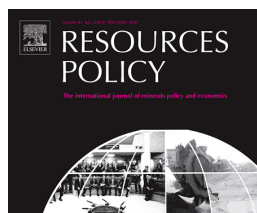
The Politics of Pandemics: Navigating the Global Landscape

The lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic should guide us towards a safer and more resilient future. Proactive global health governance, based on science, diplomacy and solidarity, is key to tackling future crises. [Read more](#)



Brain Food podcast

This new episode of Sight and Life's Brain Food podcast discusses "[Extraordinary Eggs: Shelling Out the Science](#)". Part 1 delves into the nutrition science and unravels the egg-citing debates surrounding this versatile food. Part 2 scrambles the potential of eggs to tackle malnutrition in LMICs, while debunking myths that may get in the way.



Public health policies in large-scale mining

While environmental impacts are generally assessed, public health consequences of large-scale resource extraction are often ignored, especially in African contexts. [A study in Burkina Faso](#) by ETH NADEL's Joschka Proksik, Fritz Brugger and colleagues, explores policy options to address this gap.



Mountain Research and Development Talk #5: How can monitoring support action and policies for sustainable futures in mountains?

Watch the [recording](#) to find out more on how systematic observation of the social-ecological dimensions of mountain areas can help us understand dynamics and trends affecting mountain communities and ecosystems.

In addition: Volume 43, No 2 of the MRD journal is now [available online and open access](#).

Did you like anything in particular or did you miss anything in this newsletter? Please let us know, we are happy to receive your [feedback](#).

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