

RWANDA PROFILE

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Our Work in Rwanda

Since 2012, Swisscontact has been active in Rwanda. Our mission is to reduce youth unemployment, raise incomes for farming households, and promote entrepreneurship and innovation - especially in rural and peri-urban areas.

For 14 years, mainly through the PROMOST project (Promotion of Market-Oriented Skills Training and Employment Creation in the Great Lakes Region), we worked closely with the Government of Rwanda to improve technical and vocational education and training (TVET). What began in the Western Province now spans the entire country and has reached more than 19,000 young women and men. We've introduced and tested several models that make training more practical and market-driven.

With the Rwandan government replicating the training across the country, our role has shifted from implementer to capacity builder. Our efforts continue to help Rwanda localise the TVET training model and anchor it into the country's education system and across other sectors.

We are facilitators. We bring the private sector, public institutions, and civil society to the same table. We help them adopt better ways of working - so that systems work more inclusively, especially for the poor.

We do this by expanding access to skills training, backing climate-smart agriculture, fostering entrepreneurial thinking, and supporting innovative financing models that unlock opportunity.



2025-2026

Backstopping the 'Supporting National System of Dual TVET' Project in Rwanda.

Building on the success of PROMOST, financed by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), the Rwanda TVET Board (RTB) is rolling out dual TVET across the country. Swisscontact experts are providing targeted backstopping to RTB throughout this process.

The technical advisory support is demand-driven, responding to specific needs flagged by RTB and/or SDC. The aim: to support RTB's successful implementation of dual TVET nationwide.

Project partners: Rwanda TVET Board. Financed by Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).



2022-2025

Commercial Agriculture for Smallholders and Agribusiness (CASA).

CASA draws investment into the agri-food sector. This fuels economic growth and increases demand for smallholder produce. It does this by:

- Co-developing business models that deliver impact and returns.
- Building a stronger pipeline of investment-ready agribusinesses through tailored technical support.
- Shaping a more investor-friendly environment in the agri-food space.

Project partners: Agri-businesses, Banks and Financial Institutions. Financed by Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), implemented jointly by Swisscontact and NIRAS.

2025-2027

Dual+ for Rural – Skills Development and Entrepreneurship for Vulnerable Rural Youth.

The project designs localised apprenticeship models inspired by the dual system. It does this in co-creation with local artisans, communities and authorities. The training models are tested with 500 vulnerable youth in Rwanda's poorest districts.

The focus is clear - rural school dropouts, young mothers, and persons with disabilities. The goal: meaningful integration into the local labour market.

Project partners: Fondations Audemars Piguet, Local NGOs.



2025-2028

AgroInnovation–Fostering Resilient Food Systems and Smallholder Livelihoods.

The project supports start-ups and agribusinesses offering climate-smart products and services. It also helps scale proven technologies and financial tools.

The aim is to boost productivity, market access, and climate resilience for Rwandan smallholder farmers. Women-led businesses are a key focus.

Project partners: This project is part of the Swisscontact Development Programme, which is co-financed by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Federal Department of Foreign Affairs FDFA.

Who We Are

Swisscontact is an independent non-profit development organisation established in 1959 by representatives of the Swiss private sector and civil society. Globally we are present in 41 countries implementing over 130 projects.

Our Vision

Our development work focuses on private sector-led, sustainable economic development with improved quality of life for all in developing and emerging countries. A key focus is to strengthen the skills of individuals and foster the competitiveness of businesses.

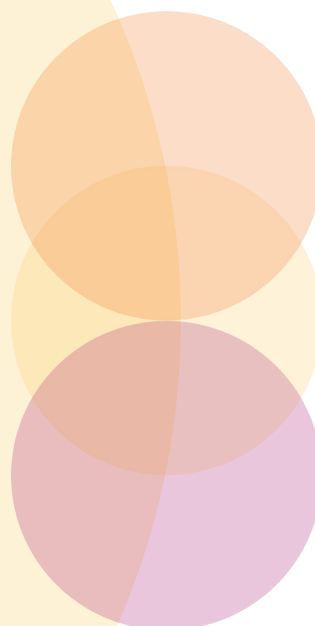
Catalysing Private Sector-Led Development

The private sector is the engine of economic growth, generating income and jobs. From the outset, Swisscontact works with the private sector to foster sustainable development and broad-based well-being in developing countries and emerging economies. Collaboration with the private sector enhances the impact and sustainability of our interventions. As the commitment by private firms focuses on a specific field of business, these interventions are replicable and scalable.



What We Stand For

- We strengthen the competencies of people, improving their employability.
- We increase the competitiveness of enterprises, growing their business
- We foster social and economic systems, promoting inclusive development.



PEOPLE

ENTERPRISE

ECONOMY

We create opportunities