




Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC) and Sustainable Mountain Development

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- The Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs (FMEIA) draws up ADC strategies.
- The Austrian Development Agency (ADA) implements these in cooperation with public institutions, development organisations and enterprises.
- Local offices in the priority countries coordinate the projects and oversee the efficient application of funds.
- ADC also makes a significant contribution to coshaping common development cooperation in the EU and is engaged in the United Nations, in international financial institutions and in development-policy platforms.

Objectives

Main objectives of the Austrian Development Cooperation:

- reducing global poverty
- safeguarding peace and human security
- preserving the environment and natural resources



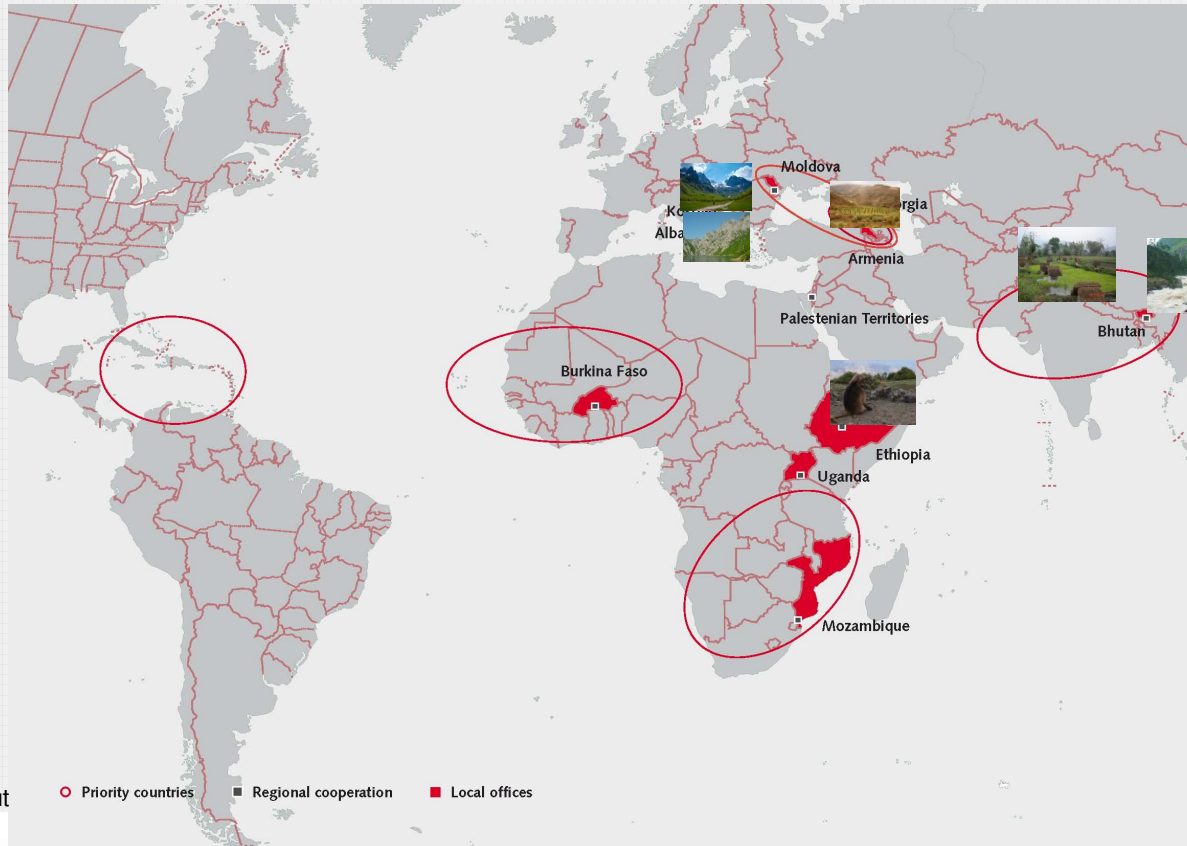
Principles

- Partnership and ownership
- Consideration of the social and cultural context
- Promotion of gender equality
- Consideration of the needs of children and persons with disabilities



Key regions and Priority Countries

- Central America* and Caribbean
- West Africa
- Southern Africa
- Himalayas/Hindu Kush
- South Eastern Europe/Danube Region
- Black Sea region/South Caucasus



Common Challenges in Mountain Areas

- Remoteness, weak infrastructures
- High dependency on natural resources, but sensible environments
- Natural disaster risks

High climate change impact



Sustainable Natural Resource Management

- Forestry and wood management
- Renewable Energy
- Water supply and sanitation, integrated watershed management
- ecological-agriculture and livestock management
- sustainable tourism development
- disaster early warning systems, local disaster management



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