International Humanitarian Cooperation and Development (IHCD) covers all forms of humanitarian and development policy engagement by the State of Liechtenstein, including the Liechtenstein Development Service (LED).

IHCD operates in four categories: Emergency and Reconstruction Assistance, International Refugee and Migration Assistance, Bilateral Development Cooperation, and Multilateral Development Cooperation. The responsible institutions are the Office for Foreign Affairs (OFA), the Immigration and Passport Office (IPO), and the Liechtenstein Development Service (LED).
Priority countries and regions

- Burkina Faso, Niger
  - Education
  - Rural Development
- Mozambique
  - Rural Development
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
  - Good Governance
  - Pro-Poor Growth
  - Vulnerable Groups
  - Rural Development
- Liechtenstein
- Zambia
  - Education
- Bolivia, Peru
  - Intercultural Bilingual Education
- Senegal, Mali
  - Rural Development
- Kosovo
  - Education
  - Vulnerable Groups
  - Rural Development
- Macedonia
  - Education
  - Vulnerable Groups
- Moldova
  - Education
  - Vocational Training
- Tajikistan
  - Environment
  - Development of Mountain Regions
- Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan
  - Environment
  - Development of Mountain Regions
  - Good Governance
  - Pro-Poor Growth
  - Vulnerable Groups
- Macedonia
  - Education
  - Vulnerable Groups
  - Rural Development
- Kosovo
  - Education
  - Vulnerable Groups
  - Rural Development
- World
  - Good Governance
  - Pro-Poor Growth
  - Vulnerable Groups
  - Rural Development
- Liechtenstein Development Service (LED)
- Immigration and Passport Office (IPO)
- Office for Foreign Affairs (OFA)

Emergency and Reconstruction Assistance as well as cross-border and international projects are not highlighted on the map.
Emergency and Reconstruction Assistance offers short-term, urgent assistance in the event of natural disasters, political crises, and armed conflicts. The primary focus is preserving human life and protecting the affected population. Additionally, the medium-term development of social structures and infrastructure is supported in order to facilitate a quick return to normal life. The urgency of the situation is the main criterion for Emergency and Reconstruction Assistance. Accordingly, there are no geographic priorities. However, special attention is paid to emergency situations that are largely ignored and underfunded by the international community. Since 2011, Liechtenstein has been a member of the Good Humanitarian Donorship (GHD) group. This international initiative is dedicated to compliance with key principles of humanitarian engagement.

**Scope:**
Urgent assistance measures in the event of natural disasters, political crises, and armed conflicts

**Institution in charge:** OFA

**Share of IHCD resources:** 10 %
International Refugee and Migration Assistance

International Refugee and Migration Assistance is based on a sustainable and comprehensive approach to dealing with global refugee and migration issues. Bilateral activities focus on the Balkan countries. People in need of protection, including minorities, receive support for local integration and long-term improvement of their living conditions. As part of a holistic view of migration, possibilities of circular migration, readmission agreements, and visa questions are also discussed. At the multi-lateral level, compliance with international legal, human rights, and humanitarian standards for refugees, internally displaced persons, returnees, stateless persons, and other persons in need of international protection is promoted.

**Scope:**
Sustainable and comprehensive approach to dealing with global refugee and migration issues

**Institutions in charge:**
OFA and IPO

**Share of IHCD resources:** 10%

**Priority region:**
Western Balkans
The largest pillar of IHCD is Bilateral Development Cooperation, which is the responsibility of the Liechtenstein Development Service (LED). For this purpose, the LED receives about 65% of the overall resources each year, most of which are used for development projects with local partners (Southern Partners) or partner organisations from Europe (Northern Partners). In Chișinău (Republic of Moldova), La Paz (Bolivia), and Harare (Zimbabwe), the LED maintains its own coordination offices.

The LED is currently engaged in ten priority countries. These are Moldova, Bolivia, Peru, Senegal, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and Zambia.

Thematically, the LED focuses on rural development and education. Human rights, social justice, gender equality, climate, and the protection of the environment and resources are important cross-cutting themes. Since the sectoral strategies Food Security and Intercultural Bilingual Education and the Microfinance directive were adopted, these areas have received greater consideration.

Furthermore, the LED deploys human resources from Liechtenstein to development projects and arranges internships. Further fields of its work are public relations and awareness raising through publications, exhibitions, and educational work in schools.

The cooperation between the Liechtenstein Government and the LED, a foundation under private law, is governed by an ownership strategy, which is supplemented and further specified by annual performance mandates. The LED foundation council decides on individual projects.
Multilateral Development Cooperation is used to fund projects of international organizations or internationally operating non-governmental organizations. This type of engagement is useful especially for problems of a global or cross-border nature where the international community jointly seeks solutions. In contrast to the LED projects, which are mainly directed to the local level, this track can also be used to improve the national and international framework.

Special attention is paid to fostering good governance. This includes advocacy for human rights, strengthening the rule of law and democracy, as well as combating corruption and international crime. Key priorities of Liechtenstein’s foreign policy, especially in the area of human rights, are thus additionally promoted as part of IHCD, which in turn underscores Liechtenstein’s credibility. Of note in this regard is for instance Liechtenstein’s advocacy of better inclusion of women in peace-building processes and the protection of children in armed conflict. Other priorities are health, environment and sustainable development as well as combatting climate change.

Scope:
Problems of a global or cross-border nature where the international community jointly seeks solutions

Institution in charge: OFA

Share of IHCD resources: 10%
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