



## **Bilateral Cooperation between German and Rwanda**

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### **A. Background**

Bilateral Cooperation between Rwanda and Germany began in the year 1963. Since then, GIZ and KFW, the implementing Agencies, on behalf of the Federal Republic of Germany have worked with local and international partners to reduce poverty, improve health care and governance and maintain sustainable economic development.

Bilateral development cooperation with Rwanda is governed by the framework agreement on the dispatch of development aid workers (DED) of 12 Feb. 1971, the framework agreement on financial cooperation of 10 Nov. 1977 and the framework agreement on technical cooperation of 22 Nov. 1979. No other bilateral framework agreements exist concerning economy or trade. Germany was one of the first countries to re-establish cooperation with Rwanda after genocide, resuming operations in September 1994. Since 2000 Rwanda has been a priority country for German bilateral cooperation.

Another long-term partnership with the German federal state of Rheinland-Pfalz was established in 1982.

### **B. Cooperation Programme 2011-2013**

- The current **development cooperation strategy (2011 and 2013)** is guided by negotiations between Rwanda and Germany held in Bonn, Germany in November 2011.

- During the above mentioned negotiations, Germany pledged €60 million euros to Rwanda, of which €41.5 million euros were earmarked for [Financial Cooperation](#) and €18.5 million euros for [Technical Cooperation](#).
- New development cooperation strategy is under preparation for 2014-2018. The new draft is still with their MFA expected to be approved in November 2014.

### **C. Sectors of Intervention**

- The Division of Labour (DoL) allows Germany to be active in the Education (TVET), Decentralization, and Private Sector development, Silent in Financial Sector and provides support to the PFM basket fund.