

# Good Health – not just for the privileged! Experiences in Switzerland and abroad



14th National SRC Conference

**Thursday, 15 September 2016**  
**Stade de Suisse, Wankdorf, Bern**

**Swiss Red Cross**



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Providing healthcare for vulnerable people living in difficult circumstances has been one of the cornerstones of the Swiss Red Cross ever since it was founded. In late 2015 the United Nations, including Switzerland, adopted the Sustainable Development Goals 2030 (SDG). These include improving health for all. On the occasion of the SRC's 150th anniversary we, as a humanitarian healthcare organization, are promoting the idea that good health is not just for the privileged. As many as 400 million people worldwide have no access to primary healthcare. Every day, 16,000 children die of avoidable or treatable diseases, such as pneumonia, diarrhoea and malaria. Even in wealthy Switzerland, with its well-appointed healthcare service, socially and economically disadvantaged people have a greater risk of suffering from avoidable non-transmissible illnesses. They are all the more vulnerable and often hard to reach for those working in the healthcare and social services. The SRC strives to boost access to primary healthcare for people in Switzerland and abroad, especially those in vulnerable situations, and works to promote 'healthcare for all' as a shared duty for governmental and non-governmental organizations.

### **The conference offers**

- Exchange of practical experiences and methodological approaches to providing healthcare for vulnerable people in Switzerland and abroad
- Input from professionals from Switzerland or from abroad
- Discussions with specialists in policy, administration and practice
- An opportunity to share knowledge about disease prevention and healthcare for vulnerable people
- Insights into the SRC's work in the healthcare sector in Switzerland and abroad with photos and videos for the SRC's 150th anniversary

### **The conference is intended for**

- Professionals working in the healthcare and social sectors, development cooperation and humanitarian aid, NGOs, politics, administration and research
- Staff from SRC institutions and organizations both in Switzerland and abroad and international cooperation delegates

### **Conference moderator**

Christoph Keller, journalist radio SRF2 Kultur

## Programme for the SRC jubilee conference

- 8:30 Registration and coffee
- 9:15 **Welcome address**  
Markus Mader, SRC Director-General
- 9:30 **Social inequalities in wealthy Switzerland – cultural capital as a social determinant for good health**  
Prof. Dr Dr Thomas Abel, Deputy Director of the Institute for Social & Preventive Medicine, University of Bern
- 10:00 **Health in a fragile context, with examples from South Sudan and Haiti**  
Bernadette Peterhans, MPH, Head of Unit, Professional Postgraduate Training, Swiss Tropical & Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH) (English)
- 10:30 **Access to healthcare: from theory to practice**  
Thomas Gass, International Cooperation Department (IC), SRC  
Corinna Bisegger, Health & Integration Department (H&I), SRC
- 10:45 **Coffee break**
- 11:15 **Exchanging knowledge and experience:  
Panel discussions on healthcare work with people living in vulnerable circumstances in Switzerland and abroad**
- 1. Improving access to healthcare**  
Monika Christofori-Khadka, healthcare expert (IC)  
Martin Wälchli, Health & Diversity Department (H&I)  
(German and English)
  - 2. Promoting mother and child health**  
Martine Scholer, Fundamentals & Development (H&I)  
Verena Wieland, Fundamentals & Development (IC)  
(English and French)
  - 3. Care and protection for displaced persons**  
Hildegard Hungerbühler, Head of Fundamentals & Development (H&I),  
Martin Fuhrer, Senior Advisor  
(German and English)
  - 4. Improving the health of the elderly**  
Christine Rutschmann, Alexandra Papis and Fortunat Büsch,  
Programme Coordinators (IC)  
Andreas Bircher, Head of Respite Services (H&I)  
(German and English)

- 12:15–13:30 **Buffet lunch for delegates from the morning session**
- 13:30 **Welcome address for the SRC Jubilee**  
Dr. h.c. Annemarie Huber-Hotz, SRC President
- 13:40 **Keynote** (French and German)  
Federal Councillor Didier Burkhalter, Head of the FDFA
- 14:00 **Working together for better health. Presentation by the International Federation of Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies on improved access to healthcare services** (English)  
Garry Conille, Under Secretary General IFRC
- 14:20 **SRC dialogue: 150 years committed to good health Opportunities and challenges in strategy and practice** (English and German)
  - Florah Bukania, SRC delegate in South Sudan
  - Josiane Ricci, Managing Director, SRC Ticino
  - Dr. Christine Kopp, SRC Deputy Director and Head of the Health & Integration Department
  - Beat von Däniken, Head of the SRC International Cooperation Department**Moderator:** Inés Mateos, moderator and expert in training and diversity
- 15:15 **Coffee break with photos on the SRC's 150 anniversary**
- 15:45 **Panel and open discussion with the audience: From Policy to Reality – how can Switzerland contribute to enhancing healthcare provision for the most vulnerable in Switzerland and around the world?** (English and German)
  - Julie Hall, Head of Health Department, IFRC
  - Martin Leschhorn Strebel, Director-General, Medicus Mundi Switzerland
  - Jacques Mader, advisor for sector policy, Global Health Programme, SDC
  - Salome von Greyerz, Head of Health Strategies Division, FOPH
  - Dr. Ignazio Cassis, National Councillor (FDP) and health politician**Moderator:** Inés Mateos, Moderator
- 16:30 **Closing remarks from Markus Mader, Director-General SRC**
- 16:45 **Conference ends with reception**

## Panels and involvement of other experts:

### 1. Access to health care

IC delegates from various countries  
(German and English)

### 2. Mother and child health

Dr. Kokouvi Atobian-Kouassi, delegate IC Togo  
Sandrine Veaute-Rey, Head of Child Services, SRC Neuchâtel  
Robin Delisle, Managing Director, SRC Neuchâtel  
(English and French)

### 3. Displaced persons

Annemarie Sancar, Senior Programme Officer, Swisspeace  
Vanessa Ballarin, Integration & Return Division (H&I)  
Beatrice Weber, Head of Disaster Relief (IC)  
Carola Smolenski, Head of the Psychology & Psychotherapy Team,  
SRC Outpatient Clinic for the Victims of Torture & War (H&I)  
(German and English)

### 4. Health for the elderly

Christa Hanetseder, Fundamentals & Development (H&I)  
Annemarie Ramseier, Head of Respite Services, SRC Basel City  
(German and English)

## Languages

German, French and English

Conference documentation is available in German, French and English.

Simultaneous interpreting will be available for presentations and panel discussions during the plenary session.

When choosing panel discussions, please note the languages available. The languages indicated show the language(s) to be spoken during the discussion and the language(s) available with interpreting.

## Interpreters

Regula Pickel and Roswitha Ginglas

## Organization

### Organized by:

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### Registration and information about the conference

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### Venue

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### Conference fee

- CHF 220 **Jubilee rate**  
Whole day, incl. refreshments, lunch, and conference documentation
- CHF 150 **Jubilee rate for SRC Association staff**  
Whole day, incl. refreshments, lunch and conference documentation

### Registration

The number of delegates is limited. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. You will receive an invoice with a payment slip and a map once you have registered.

### Registration deadline: 31 August 2016

In the event of a cancellation after the deadline, we will charge a CHF 50 administration fee.

### To be paid by 14 September 2016

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