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Daniel Schwitter

Senior Architecture and Settlement Specialist



Areas of expertise:

Construction and Reconstruction of basic and complex educational infrastructure

- Post-disaster assessments, conceptualization of reconstruction measures
- Building and settlements in urban and rural areas
- Institutional reform
- Capacity building in the fields of architecture and construction
- Design and management of large-scale health and school building projects, as well as housing projects

Daniels`CV

Daniel Schwitter has complemented experience in all aspects of architectural design, planning, general building construction and facility management in large public works projects for housing schemes, education and health facilities, including basic education infrastructure, community colleges, universities as well as hospitals and dispensaries.

Key data

Qualification (Institute)	Diploma Architect HTL, Fachhochschule HTW Chur (University of Applied Science, Switzerland) Apprenticeship and Certificate of Qualification in Carpentry
Working languages	German (native), English (working language) French, Spanish, Italian (intermediate)
Years of Experience	38
Nationality	Swiss
Country experience and regional expertise	Africa: Cameroon, Rwanda, South Africa Asia: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Kirgizstan, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka Americas: Haiti, Cuba, Nicaragua, Honduras

Selected projects, roles, achievements and publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nepal: Damage assessment, assisting in developing the project proposal development of designs, and technical backstopping for the rehabilitation of 34 earthquake affected schools; • Laos: Technical Backstopper for the design, construction, refurbishing, and quality controlling of Community Health Centers in Northern Laos. The mandate includes planning, building design and in the field; • Pakistan: Evaluation Team Leader of the SwS financed reconstruction projects implemented by six Swiss NGO's (total investment CHF 48 mio) in the flood affected areas of the Indus valley; • Myanmar: International Architectural Advisor for schools cum storm shelters to be built in the cyclone affected area of the Yangon River Delta. Preparing design options and developing working drawings, on-going backstopping and training activities for the local staff; • Laos: International Architectural Advisor for the planning and conceptualization, and technical backstopping of the new Agriculture and Forestry College including academic and boarding facilities for 600 students. Developing conceptual- and tender designs, preparing tender documents and facility management concept; • Laos/Cambodia: Technical Specialist for the Development of School Construction Guidelines for Lao PDR. The guidelines aim at uniform standard and quality in the provision of physical facilities for basic education.
Key clients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) • Swiss Red Cross (SRC) • HEKS, Switzerland • Caritas Switzerland (CaCH) • Swiss Solidarity (SwS) • Helvetas Intercooperation, Switzerland • The World Bank (WB) • Asian Development Bank (ADB) • Asian Disaster Prevention Center Thailand (ADPC)
Affiliations and networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fellow of Swiss Engineering (STV) • Resource person, Department Vocational Education (Amt für Berufsbildung GR, Switzerland)

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