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Manuel Henseler

Water, Sanitation and Shelter Specialist



Areas of expertise:

- Water and sanitation infrastructure and WASH programs
- Emergency and permanent shelter construction

• Program design, monitoring and evaluation

- Humanitarian aid in context of conflict and natural disaster
- Knowledge management, learning & development and capacity building in the water sector

Manuel Henseler has worked in the sectors of humanitarian aid and international development cooperation for over 16 years and has acquired extensive knowhow in project implementation and consulting of partner institutions, particularly in the thematic sectors of water, sanitation and shelter. With Sandec/EAWAG and the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) he has first built up specific competences in the fields of Water Quality Monitoring, Waste Water Reuse and urban agriculture. Manuel has then joined the Water and Habitat Unit of the International Committee of the Red Cross, for which he coordinated WASH-, shelter- and construction programs for over 13 years, mostly in countries of conflict and disaster, across Africa, MENA and Asia. He has acquired expert knowhow of the Humanitarian Aid sector, ranging from emergency response to reconstruction, as well as sustainable development and DRR. He has built particularly strong competences in the programme design, monitoring and evaluation, but also in knowledge management, capacity building and learning&development.

Key data

Qualification (Institute)	M.Sc. Natural Science, Biology, ETH Zurich, Switzerland MAS in Development and Cooperation, ETH Zurich, Switzerland
Working languages	German (native), English (fluent) and French (fluent)
Nationality	Swiss
Years of Experience	16
Country experience and regional expertise	Sub-saharan Africa: Ghana, Togo, Benin, Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Guinée, Guinée Bissau, Senegal, Mauritania, Sudan, South-Sudan, Cameroun, Kenya Asia: India, Afghanistan, Philippines MENA: Tunisia, Libya

Selected projects,
roles, achievements
and publications

- **Regional Water and Habitat Knowledge Manager at ICRC** Nairobi, Kenya, to develop KM and L&D strategy and launch various platforms, courses and events

- **Regional Water and Habitat Coordinator for WASH and construction operations** in West-&North-Africa, ICRC Dakar, Senegal

- **Water and Habitat Coordinator of Typhoon Response**, ICRC Philippines: i.e. design and implementation of large-scale shelter program (>3150 units)

- **Water and Habitat Coordinator** for ICRC delegations in Nigeria, Ivory Coast and Libya, managing and expanding WASH-, shelter- and construction programs

- **Water and Habitat Engineer for ICRC** in Afghanistan and Sudan (i.e. Water supply & capacity building)

- **Project Officer in field of Waste Water Reuse** in Urban Agriculture, IWMI, Ghana

- **Project Officer at Sandec/EAWAG** for production of Training Tool in Sanitation & FSM

Key clients

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)

Affiliations and
networks

SDC SHA WASH Corps, Rural Water Supply Network, Swiss Water Partnership, SDC Water Network RésEAU, SDC DRR Network

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