

PRIVATE SECTOR PEER LEARNING: MECHANISM PROFILES

Chambers and Associations Partnership Programme (KVP), sequa

Description: The [Chambers and Associations Partnership Programme](#) (KVP) is implemented by sequa and funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). It promotes partnerships between German chambers of skilled crafts, industry and commerce, sector and business associations and employers organisations in its developing partner countries. The partnerships are co-ordinated by a German or local expert in the partner country, who assumes the role of project manager and provides expertise. The KVP also supports partnerships with members of the Savings Banks Foundation for International Cooperation to strengthen local institutions in partner countries.

Objectives: The KVP seeks to contribute to the sustainable economic development of BMZ partner countries by supporting the local private sector.

Partners: The KVP follows BMZ guidelines and funding is determined on a project-by-project basis. No specific information on guidelines or eligibility criteria is available. Partnerships must include co-operation with an independent business membership organisation.

How it works: KVP projects typically have a duration of three years, with extensions available depending on the results of a project evaluation. A second round of funding is often provided. Co-operation focuses on improving institutional structures and management in business associations, providing new services to members and supporting dialogue between the private sector and policy makers. Business associations interested in joining the KVP are invited to contact a representative at sequa for further information. The Savings Banks Foundation focuses on financial education, microfinance, lending to small and medium-sized enterprises and capacity development.

Monitoring and evaluation: No monitoring and evaluation documents were found.

Results: The KVP has implemented more than 200 projects in approximately 80 developing countries and emerging economies since 1991. Approximately 50 German chambers, associations and organisations have been acting as project partners to directly support 400 chambers and associations in partner countries. No specific results or detailed project profiles were found. The Savings Banks Foundation is currently carrying out 16 projects in 29 countries, six of which are regional projects.

Insights: Supporting and connecting chambers and associations offers an important opportunity for knowledge sharing between German and foreign partners. The KVP harnesses the experience of German business associations, bringing important private sector actors into development co-operation activities.

SOURCE:

sequa (15 December 2015), "Chambers and Associations Partnership Programme (KVP)", www.sequa.de/index.php/en/component/content/article?id=431:programmes-kvp.

Development Assistance Committee member: Germany

Duration: Ongoing since 1991

Budget: sequa had EUR 6.95 million, while the Savings Bank Foundation had EUR 10 million in 2015

Geographic focus: Global

Sectoral focus: All

Offered: Funding, capacity development and knowledge sharing