



About ETH4D

Founded in 2019, ETH4D is an ETH-wide initiative that aims to strengthen ETH's engagement for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

ETH4D aims to combine technological innovation with a profound understanding of people's behavior and their environments to identify new solutions for improving the lives of people living in poverty. We, therefore, support research, which combines diverse knowledge and skills from engineering to the social sciences, from the natural sciences to the humanities, and promotes the collaboration between scientific research, civil society, industry and policy.

Furthermore, ETH4D aims to educate future leaders of sustainable development. ETH4D trains a new generation of engineers and natural scientists able to develop, implement and scale world-changing innovations with a global perspective.

ETH4D's activities include a joint master's programme in mechatronic engineering together with Ashesi University in Ghana, a collaborative summer school with Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, a research partnership with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), a Development Engineering seminar at ETH Zurich as well as scholarships for doctoral programmes.

Important Facts about ETH4D's Structure

- A network of 50 ETH research groups from 10 different departments, Eawag and Empa, closely working together with ETH World Food System Center, ETH NADEL, ETH Student Project House, ETH Rectorate and ETH Office of the President
- ETH4D is led by a Steering Committee with Prof. Isabel Günther as a spokesperson and managed by an Executive Office with Dr. Adina Rom as Executive Director
- ETH4D is an ETH+ initiative with additional financial support from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) as well as industry partners and foundations
- ETH4D has an External Advisory Board including experts from industry, philanthropy, the start-up scene, development cooperation and the humanitarian sector.