Current projects

The bilateral technical cooperation projects carried out by the IPI are generally funded by the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO). Two projects (with Jamaica and Kenya) have been fully funded by the IPI.

In order to achieve real impact in the partner countries, the projects usually have a duration of two to four years. The specific activities conducted within the projects are based on the concrete needs of the respective partner countries, and are carefully assessed by an external consultant during the planning phase. As each country has its own explicit needs, the project set-up is different for each partner country.

The beneficiaries of our projects include government agencies (mainly the respective IP office), universities, small and medium-sized enterprises, collective management organisations, IP-related associations, and producers of local specialty products in our partner countries (geographical indications).

The IPI provides Swiss expertise to partner countries, usually in the form of capacity-building training sessions, studies and policy input. Our projects contribute to an improved IP system, which is expected to stimulate innovation and creativity – essential ingredients for economic development.