

# Switzerland Federal Childcare Grant Programme — Financial Aid for Family-External Childcare (2003–2026)

Gender Equality · Good practice · Switzerland

Quality score: 85/100

Evidence strength: Quasi-experimental

## Summary

Switzerland's federal childcare grant programme (since 2003) co-funded ~63,000 new family-external care places by 2020, helping parents — mainly mothers — combine work and family. Extended to 2026, a permanent successor law is being drafted by the Federal Council.

## Key dimensions

| Dimension                       | Score |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Transferability / replicability | 2/3   |
| Impact on gender equality       | 1/1   |
| Effectiveness                   | 1/1   |
| Efficiency                      | 1/1   |
| Evaluated outcomes              | 1/1   |
| Sustainability                  | 1/1   |
| Achievement / evidence          | 1/1   |
| Gender-mainstreaming embedding  | 1/1   |
| Curator validation              | 0/1   |

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

## Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-23

[Federal Social Insurance Office \(BSV / OFAS\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-23

[BSV — Financial Support for Childcare](#) — accessed 2026-06-23

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