BACKGROUND AND MISSION
The Swiss Society for Public Health (SSPH) is a leading and independent Swiss body engaged in public health activities and is the representative association for public health experts in Switzerland. It advocates for growth and development of Public Health and its optimal implementation into practice. Actions are scientifically based and embedded in the worldwide Public Health network with the aim of achieving and upholding the highest possible health status in the Swiss population. SSPH promotes the interdisciplinary exchange of people and organizations in Switzerland working for public health.

AREAS OF INTEREST
- Public Health promotion in Switzerland
- Representation of Swiss Public Health professionals
- Staff training

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES
SSPH fosters the interdisciplinary exchange between organisations and public health professionals through various events. It organises symposia on specific topics to advocate for public health, as well as the yearly Swiss Public Health Conference. It also maintains expert groups on epidemiology, nutrition, child- & youth health, mental health, health promotion, global health and technologies. SSPH manages the secretariats of the Alliance "Healthy Switzerland", of the NGO Alliance "Nutrition and Health" as well as of the NGO Alliance "Movement, Health, and Sport" and maintains a platform for influenza prevention.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF
The office of SSPH is located in Bern and is staffed with six employees, headed by Corina Wirth. The 6 member board is the governing body and is supported by a council of experts that is responsible for the long-term strategy of the society. President of the society is Ms Ursula Zybach.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET
SSPH is financed through membership fees, conference fees, as well as donations. Total income in 2017 amounted to CHF 692'298.

PUBLICATIONS
All documents are available in German or French only. For documents on the nature and
strategy of the society, see: https://public-health.ch/de/%C3%BCber-uns/grundlagedokumente/
For annual reports, see: https://public-health.ch/de/%C3%BCber-uns/jahresberichte/
For media statements, see: https://public-health.ch/de/aktivit%C3%A4ten/positionen/medien/

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