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Water & Life and Tubig Pag-Asa

A comprehensive approach based on water & sanitation and social enterprise to improve the living conditions of slum's dwellers

In 2008, Eau et Vie started its projects with an idea which could seem very ambitious: to install affordable running water in each household of targeted slums. 7 years later, the innovative approach of Eau et Vie is recognized in the Philippines, Bangladesh and will start soon in Ivory Coast.

The intervention scheme of Eau et Vie is based on social entrepreneurship and micro-credit methodology, applied to water supply and solid waste management in urban areas.

Concurrently, the NGO implements activities which are mandatory for the improvement of the living conditions on a long-term perspective. Indeed hygiene promotion, fire-fighting and sanitation are handled by the NGO.

AN INNOVATIVE APPROACH



OUR PROJECTS AT A GLANCE

WORKING AREAS



Are connected to clean water network:

- 1,451 households**
- 1 day-care center**
- 4 communal faucets**



- Installation of **15 fire hydrants**
- Set up of **5 fire-fighting brigades**
- Fire-fighting trainings organized twice a year
- Distribution of personal protective equipment



- Yearly **awareness sessions on hand-washing process** in day-care centers
- **390 children sensitized** to hygiene in 2014
- Improvement of day-care water access and sanitation facilities



- **"Clean-up day"** yearly organised in each area
- **750 persons sensitized** to environment protection in 2014
- **Installation of public containers and waste collection** set up

Starting its first pilot project in **Cavite** in 2008, W&L duplicated it in **Cebu** in 2012.

Considering the success of these two branches, W&L is opening two new projects in **Iloilo** and **Tacloban** this year, with the will to answer the crucial need of water access.

FIRE-FIGHTING



Participation to Mandaue's Fire Olympics
March 2015

In depressed areas, frequent fires cause huge damages due to density, habitat promiscuity, congested and narrow alleys. This is why, grabbing the opportunity of water installation, W&L works in order to minimize this permanent threat over the communities.

In order to implement fire-prevention and fire-fighting within these areas, W&L is **providing equipment** (personal equipment, fire hydrants and fire extinguishers) and is **training a brigade** of volunteers in each area of work.

- 1 fire hydrant is installed per 110 families
- Total of 114 fire-fighting volunteers regularly trained

HYGIENE PROMOTION

Hygiene is a complex topic because it has to lead to long term evolution of habits. All the inhabitants of the slum know the basic rules of hygiene but because of the lack of facilities, people are not able to hedge against water-borne and water-washed diseases (diarrheas, parasitic infections, giardia...).

A sufficient access to clean drinking water is the first condition to improve people's health.

Soap and handwashing are the most efficient tools to avoid the common and problematic health issues in the slum. This is the reason why W&L is **running hand-washing promotion** sessions, mainly focused on children (who are the most efficient vehicle to change behaviour). W&L is also **providing clean water access in one day-care center** in Cebu, and 2 more should be connected this year.



Participation to Global Handwashing Day
in Cebu, October 2014

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Until now, people do not have access to proper facilities to carry out waste from the slum. This left the dwellers with no choice but to throw their waste in creeks, drains, and alleys...

W&L is trying to raise awareness on that matter by **organizing annual "clean-up days"**, in which all the community, in partnership with the local authorities, are invited to clean the areas.

Moreover, a **pilot project for waste management** will start soon. A paying service of primary collection will be managed by TPA in 2015. This is a pretty challenging project, that is why awareness-raising sessions are a crucial component to change the habits of people .



"Clean-up day" in Cavite
December 2014

"My name is Merneil and I have 3 children. Our family has been connected to TPA's water network last November.

Before that, we had to buy our water from the illegal slum water sellers. We had to transport heavy water containers to our house and we were dependent on the seller's schedule. Now we have running water which allows us to monitor our water consumption through an individual tap in our house! This also allows us to make large savings: we now spend a fifth of the amount we used to be spending on water before. I am W&L's representative among my community, proud to make a change regarding hygiene and environment education."



Merneil, project beneficiary
and client (Malibu, Cebu)