



Since December, the activities increased with the opening of **new water networks** in **The Philippines**, in **Bangladesh** and the **start of the NGO activities** in the **Ivory Coast**. This progress clearly reflects the adequacy of Eau et Vie approach, which **2018-2020 strategic plan** was **finalised**. The results of the surveys done in **Bulgaria** and in the **Ile de France region** will be available in May. **On its 10th anniversary this year**, Eau et Vie wishes to celebrate the contributions of all those that made this beautiful adventure come true, adventure that is not about to end ...

CHANGE OF SCALE IN THE PHILIPPINES

The projects have multiplied in The Philippines with the **development of the activities in the 3 towns** of Cavite, Mandaue and Tanauan, in cooperation with the local partners. **A new area has been connected to water in Cebu and general meters installed in three new zones** in February. **950 new households will have access to running water and to the additional services** within this year. **The volunteer firemen brigades participated to the « Fire Olympics »,** a friendly contest organised by Mandaue municipality on the occasion of the « fire prevention » month. The three communities took part to this event, thus creating and giving visibility to the volunteer firemen of the deprived areas.



With regard to the operations, a **management instruction manual has been drawn up for the agencies** after about 8 months work in collaboration with the head office in France. It is an essential tool for the follow-up and training, which will be shared in several countries, and represents time gained by the teams! Furthermore, **baseline surveys in order to understand the situation of the beneficiaries of Eau et Vie services are now systematic**, this leads to a much better approach to the needs and a systematic and more precise analysis of the impact of Eau et Vie actions.

EAU ET VIE INNOVATES WITH WAMASY

After its development, Eau et Vie sets up **Wamasys**, a multi-service operation management software, coupled with a smart-phone application, in order to **manage the meter readings and the payments of the services (water, waste, sanitation)**. A one-year long work for a tool that operates in all the Philippines areas, and which will be deployed in Dhaka and Abidjan by the end of June. The teams and the beneficiaries are extremely pleased with this software implementation, which improves the management and saves precious time. Furthermore, Eau et Vie launches a survey about micro payment directly via mobile phones, as it is already done in many developing countries!



WATER FLOWS IN CHITTAGONG (BANGLADESH)

On 23 February, after 2 years of involvement and advocacy, the **9 Number Bridge area officially inaugurated its water network in the presence of all the partners**. At the same time, **the first meters were connected** and about a hundred families now have access to water.

In parallel, activities linked to hygiene and fire fighting started. **A first awareness session concerning hand washing** took place in a school of about 20 children aged between 5 and 10; these children paid close attention to the practices taught under their teachers supervision. Fire drills also started with the **training of a brigade of 16 volunteer firemen, equipped with material given by the American Red Cross**. These firemen are now able to intervene in case of emergency and provide first aid.



Sanitation system implementation is planned for the next coming months.

PROJECTS IN FRANCE AND BULGARIA

Results of the surveys planned for end of May! More to follow...

EAU ET VIE IMPACTS IN FIGURES*

*Figures at end of March 2018



23 500 people and **27** public places receiving daily **1 256** users, benefit from a sustainable access to drinking water



1 sanitary complex is operational in Cavite and **2** renovated sanitary units in Bhashantek benefit to **110** people



425 volunteer firemen trained and equipped
3 fires mastered and extinguished since beginning of 2018 in The Philippines and in Bangladesh



1 023 people made aware of environmental matters since January 2018, **625** families benefit from waste collection services at home in Bangladesh



1 900 people made aware of good hygiene practices since January 2018, of which **1 063** children during sessions in schools



426 inhabitants of **14** slums in the Philippines, Bangladesh and Ivory Coast collaborating to Eau et Vie actions in 2018

EXPANSION IN DHAKA (BANGLADESH)

Eau et Vie, present in half of the Bhashantek area since 2011 (3 500 families), **extends its actions in the whole slum**, particularly thanks to a contract signed with the « Agence Française de Développement » and the local water operator Dwaso. The construction works are in progress and **1 500 new families will have access to water by the end of 2018**.

Eau et Vie Bangladesh carried out an **area cleaning operation « Clean Bhashantek : our Dream »** on 7 January. **171 volunteers participated, of which about 40 coming from the neighbourhoods**. Employees from French partners such as Carrefour and Auchan were present, which enabled them to discover the life in this area and to share a common action. This meeting was very much appreciated by the communities and the partners. Furthermore, the **waste collection service is under evaluation**, in order to adapt it the best possible to the needs of the families and to extend it to the whole area.



A fire was quickly controlled thanks to the presence of the volunteer firemen brigades in the area, who used the fire extinguishers provided by Eau et vie, before the arrival of the town firemen. Globally, incidents of this type have decreased by 70% from 2016 to 2017, demonstrating the importance of this fire prevention action.

SOME MOVEMENT IN ABIDJAN (IVORY COAST)

The first activities of « Ivory Coast Eau et Vie » have started. Two days of hygiene awareness (hands and teeth washing) have been organised in the Gbamnan Djidan 1 area on the occasion of the Toilets World Day and a school year-end party. **About 250 people participated to each of these 2 days**. In parallel, the **Clean Up Campaign (area cleaning up day)** gathered, last December, **60 persons, mainly women and young girls. About 500 Kgs of waste were collected**. A good start for a cleaner place!

On the firefighting side, a **brigade of 10 volunteer firemen was recruited** and will soon be trained to first aid. Two sanitation experts of the Artélia foundation came to evaluate the needs and the technical solutions for the management of grey waters and erosion issues. The objective is to design, by the end of the year, a sustainable sanitation system (toilets and water disposal) adapted to the local context. The partners to this project are still very much committed. Thus, a delegation from the Pays de La Loire region came to Djidan 1 and met the team and the chieftaincy. Furthermore, in the occasion of the World Water Day, Eau et Vie **Ivory Coast and the social company Dji Ni Sji** inaugurated their office in Djidan 1, in the presence of the area representatives, EVCI administrators and of the main partners, such as the French Embassy, Sofitel, the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Yopougon townhall, ONEP and the SODECI. One step forward which suggests a future strong growth of the activities in this area!



EAU ET VIE'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Eau et Vie celebrates its 10 years!

On the occasion of this anniversary, **three events** are being prepared.



In October, the head office will welcome members of the local teams during three days. On the agenda: **a trip to the Puy du Fou park**, which will give the teams the opportunity to get together and to share a playful and cultural moment; **a common working day in Nantes**; and then a **meeting with the partners and supporters of Eau et Vie in Paris**, with a round table discussion about « **social innovation in the field of essential services** ».

In parallel, **some local events will be organised in the main three countries**, to gather the teams, the partners as well as the beneficiaries.

A **travelling exhibition**, presenting the challenges of access to essential services and Eau et Vie activities, will be organised in several towns in Europe at the end of the year.

Thanks again to all those that made this adventure happen!

STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2020

Eau et Vie has edited its **2018-2020 strategic plan**. The Board of Directors, together with the whole teams, have contributed to its elaboration.

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