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IMPROVING LIVING CONDITIONS OF PEOPLE IN SLUMS THROUGH SUSTAINABLE ACCESS TO DRINKING RUNNING WATER, HYGIENE, SANITATION, FIRE FIGHTING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT



These last months have been marked by **the organisation of the 10-year anniversary of the association during which** the teams, the donors and the partners found the opportunity to meet and create links. The below described event has met with great success!

In the field, a number of good progress has been recorded: key signatures in the Ivory Coast and in Bulgaria, extension of the latrines project in Dhaka and the arrival of new partners for this innovative project, the reinforcement of partnerships in The Philippines and a significant number of people now connected to the TPA network.

EAU & VIE 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

On the occasion of this anniversary, a first event took place last 7 to 9 October. Key members of our local teams in Bangladesh, Ivory Coast, The Philippines, Bulgaria, together with the members of Eau et Vie Board as well as the head office employees were invited.

On 7 and 8 October, we gathered forty people for a « team building » day at Le Puy du Fou, followed by a busy collective working day in Nantes where workshops were organised on topics such as sanitation, the exit strategy or human resources and security.

On the last day, the **Suez Foundation** warmly welcomed us at their head office in La Défense (Paris). This was the opportunity for all our partners and friends **to meet the local teams**, to learn more about the **projects undertaken in The Philippines**, **Ivory Coast, Bangladesh and Bulgaria**, to better understand **Eau & Vie approach**, **to exchange ideas** and to **discuss** during a round table **with specialists from different fields** about the **access to basic services in deprived areas**, which are growing everywhere in the world.

Further than celebrating an anniversary, our intention was to thank and bring together all the people that made the birth, the growth and the development of Eau et Vie come true within these 10 years. The results of these 3 days are plenty. The feedbacks show that the participants came out of these days being more convinced and rallied to this innovative approach.

Many thanks to all those that made this adventure happen!

SOME NEWS FROM THE FRANCE PROJECT

The feasability study for the France project has been completed. It is the result of long and intense work during more than one year that led to a detailed knowledge of complex problems linked to the co-owners in very precarious situations, kind of « vertical slums », suffering from all the issues linked to inappropriate management and social relegation (1,1 million homes concerned in France).

The study shows that the model proposed by Eau & Vie, a multi services operator linked with a local association, with its extensive experience in the « south countries » can contribute to improve the situation of these co-owned estate, in particular thanks to the levers of community-based management and shared rules. The support of institutional partners proves the interest of launching a pilot project, in the area of Creil.

It is an ambitious project, which will require an appropriate organisation and a strong commitment in funding, time, energy, and the full support of all the partners.

A FILIPINO PARTNER AT THE 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Our historical partner in The Philippines, the water operator Maynilad Water Services, honored us with its presence at our anniversary in the person of Joseph Rosmon Tuazon.

The partnership between Maynilad and Eau & Vie involves 5 deprived areas where 11 405 persons are connected to drinking water. Sign of its vitality, the scope of this partnership will be extended to finance of a feasability study for the implementation of sanitation and waste collection services in a pilot area of Cavite, south of Manilla.

"Our collaboration with Eau et Vie now counts among the most important operations in favour of the most needy and we are very proud of this!"

Joseph Rosmon Tuazon, Maynilad Water Advocay, on 9 october



EAU ET VIE IMPACTS IN FIGURES*

*Figures at end of October 2018



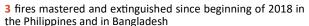
31 742 people and 29 public places benefit from sustainable access to drinking water



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



2 080 volunteer firemen trained and equipped





3 435 people made aware of environmental matters since January 2018, 625 families benefit from waste collection services at home in Bangladesh



11 820 people made aware of good hygiene practices since January 2018, of which 3 867 children during sessions in schools



2 132 inhabitants of 14 slums in The Philippines, Bangladesh and Ivory Coast collaborating to Eau et Vie actions in 2018

MORE TOILETS IN BANGLADESH

Following the success of <u>latrines pilot project</u> launched in Bhashantek in April 2017, the paid latrines service, managed by the local social enterprise SJP, will be extended to the rest of the area by the **construction of 800 latrines** in the coming years, with the support of new strategic partners.

Two levels of service are proposed to adapt to the space availability and the number of users. Bhashantek's inhabitants can choose between individual latrines and showers or sanitary blocks with a full set of facilities (latrines, showers, hand-washing facilities, urinals and water and electricity access). SJP ensures the operation and the maintenance of the facilities.

Eau et Vie is also conducting a study to install a drainage network from next year. The objective is to improve the management of wastewater and rainwater, so that the impact on public health is increased and the floods are reduced.



SCOOP AND PRIDE: EAU ET VIE HAS JUST BEEN SELECTED BY THE TOILET BOARD COALITION!

On the occasion of the world toilet week, SJP, the Bangladeshi social business, has just been selected by the **TOILET BOARD COA-LITION (TBC)**, led by big companies such as Unilever, Kimberly-Clark, Firmenich and Veolia..., together with 5 other social entreprises. During 12 months, SJP will benefit from the support of TBC and its members, in order to improve the development of its latrines and drainage service, to change scale and thus contribute to face the social and environmental challenges of sanitation. **To find more about this** http://www.toiletboard.org/blog/article/20533

BULGARIA, LET'S GO!

Further to surveys demonstrating the huge needs in water and sanitation in the Sofia slums, where the Roma communities are marginalized, Eau et Vie has made a feasability study financed by its partner Veolia. The areas that are not connected to the town public services and illegally connected have been identified. The results of the study gave the opportunity to evaluate the suitability of a a project proposing innovative solutions for urban inclusion via access to basic services and local management.

Together with our partner, the operator Sofiyska Voda, the project now comes into a pre-operational phase with the the creation of Water and Life Bulgaria, the support of an agency manager, the launching of baseline surveys, the partners commitments, and

within the next weeks, the negotiations with Sofia town hall and the completion of the socio economical model. The objective is to start the construction of the future water networks in Spring 2019.



A BIG STEP IN ABIDJAN

That's it! The signature with SODECI, the main water operator in the Ivory Coast, took place last 13 July. It was a long awaited moment by all the team that worked on this project and also a historical one for Eau et Vie, who will, for the first time, develop its approach on the African Continent.

It is also historical for the water sector in Ivory Coast because **this partnership is the first one signed by SODECI** to subcontract water distribution in deprived areas. Eau et Vie is proud to have driven this change in the water service in Ivory Coast, moving from a social connection model to a systematic access to running water at home.

The first works are planned to start at the end of this year: 1.2 km of pipes and 520 water meters will be installed for this first stage in the Gbamnan Djidan 1 area.



MAKE A DONATION

By credit card via E&V website

- 10 € You allow a child to benefit from a hygiene training
- **45 €** You train and equip a volunteer firefighter
- 90 € You connect a family to the clean water network
- 200 € You contribute to install a collective sink for pupils in a school
- **500 €** You enable the installation of a fire hydrant

THANKS TO YOU ALL!

For those that are subject to French income tax, do not forget that 66% of your donation is deductible from your tax and this even with the implementation of the witholding tax! Therefore, a donation of 90€ costs you only 30.60€ after deduction. About this 66% reduction, our partner Caritas has a messsage for you:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JDKlcRJ9660



All the Eau et Vie team wishes you a very happy festive season!

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