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The beginning of 2019 has been rich in successes with the opening of 5 new intervention areas: 3 in the Philippines, 1 in Bangladesh and the opening in Ivory Coast. Eau et Vie keeps on expending and all the teams are very determined to help more and more families. A turning point is the reformulation of our communication strategy.

Valérie Dumans and Philippe de Roux



Bangladesh

Water flows on the hill!

We are happy to announce the official opening of the network in Chittagong - Phase 2!

After overcoming a number of unexpected events with patience and hard work, 20 first families finally have now access to water at home. This phase 2 was located on a hill in the slum of 9 Number Bridge, where 1,167 inhabitants live. It was therefore necessary to find a solution to channel the water on the hill, also taking into account the pressure issues due to the field situation.

It was decided to install a pump overpressure system down the hill to move the water uphill. At the top of the hill, two tanks were set up to distribute the water to the families.

The inauguration of the network will be organized for early May and 310 meters will be installed in the longer run.

Ivory Coast

Kick-off of the construction work in Abidjan

Following the signature of a sub-contract with SODECI, the main water operator in Côte d'Ivoire, in 2018, the construction of the water network in the neighborhood of Gbamnan Djidan 1 could start last month.

The construction work has well advanced and is practically completed (pipe-laying, laying of the general water meter, stop, meter clusters, impounding). The pressure tests are being finalized, as well as the construction of the meter columns. Afterwards will come the disinfection of the network. The teams are in the middle of a prospection phase in the neighborhood to inform the inhabitants and in a recruitment phase of collectors, essential element of Eau et Vie's chain.

This first phase consists of the installation of 90 meters and the first families will be connected to the network by the end of the month.



Philippines

Opening in Inayawan

Inayawan is a particularly precarious slum set up near a waste disposal. A few years ago, a prospecting study of the area highlighted the population's need for Eau et Vie's comprehensive approach. Unexpected events and long negotiations unfortunately delayed the development of the project there.

Our Philippine team has been particularly persistent and is proud of finally materializing the opening.

It is the second intervention area for the new agency in Cebu. The inauguration took place on April 12 this year in the presence of our partners and of the population. The first 30 meters have already been installed and 450 families will be connected to the network in the longer run.

Bulgaria

Baseline survey in Filipovtsi

The pre-operational phase in Bulgaria is progressing with the finalization of the baseline survey.

This survey was conducted through a questionnaire with 500 households and discussion groups supported by a local team of investigators and a sociologist who is specialized on the Roma integration question in Bulgaria. The conclusions confirm the needs for improving their living conditions, and highlight the different concerns that the inhabitants have, among which: access to water and sanitation, land security, waste management and air quality.

The challenges are many and negotiations with the local stakeholders are in progress for the identification of the intervention strategy and the design of a common model.



Eau et Vie impacts in figures (January to March 2019)



24 210 people and 22 public places benefit from sustainable access to drinking water



3 275 people made aware of good hygiene practices since January 2019, of which 1617 children during sessions in schools



1 301 people made aware of environmental matters since January 2019, 688 families benefit from waste collection services at home in Bangladesh



942 inhabitants of 16 slums in The Philippines, Bangladesh and Ivory Coast collaborating to Eau et Vie actions in 2019



497 volunteer fire-fighters trained and equipped
3 fires contained and extinguished since beginning of 2019 in the Philippines



1 sanitary complex in Cavite, 1 sanitary unit and 8 individual latrines in Bhashantek benefit to 164 people



Ministerial presentation of the project in France

On the 29th of March, Eau et Vie was invited by the National Housing Agency to present its project for taking action in the heart of co-owners in difficulty in France, during a day dedicated to this national cause.

It was a great opportunity to present the Minister of Territories Cohesion and Housing, Julien Denormandie, the innovations Eau et Vie is suggesting to test to better response to the complex challenges of the degradation process of the private collective housing.

The development of the model lies in an experiment that will be launched at the end of the first semester in Creil (Hauts-de-France). It rests on Eau et Vie's strong principles: mobilization of the inhabitants and proximity services management.



Our Ivorian partners visiting Bangladesh

We invited Mr Bouafou from ONEP (Ivorian National Drinking Water Agency) and Mr Loukou from SODECI (main water operator), our partners for the construction of the water network in Ivory Coast, to visit our program in Dhaka from the 1st to the 10th of February.

They could appreciate our activities in the slum of Bashantek while visiting our sanitation pilot project and the waste management platform. They took part to meetings with local partners such as the Bangladeshi water operator DWASA or the Municipality of Dhaka, and international partners like AFD, the French Development Agency.

They also could exchange with the beneficiaries and clients in the neighborhood on the occasion of a hygiene awareness session and of payment collections.

It is confident and excited of seeing water arrive in the precarious areas of Abidjan that they came back to Ivory Coast.

"I feel reassured to see a project that has been implemented for 8 years and has huge impacts thanks to proper technical installations." Mr Loukou



"It is a true urban-planning program" Mr Bouafou

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