

Supplying essential services

Thanks to your generosity, you do good for those in need!

Even more than in previous years, the beneficiaries of our projects need you once again!

Since last year, associations and foundations have seen a decrease in the number and amount of donations. We therefore appeal directly to your generosity. Your financial help is a far from insignificant gesture to change the daily lives of the families we support in 24 slums and is still deductible at 66 %.

We thank you and wish you a happy holiday season.

Valérie Dumans and Philippe de Roux



Bangladesh

Improving women's quality of life through training

First in the Philippines and now in Bangladesh, we started organizing awareness meetings on the theme of menstrual hygiene. Our objective is to fight poor menstrual hygiene conditions and remove the taboos about them that are particularly important in developing countries.

The current silence around the menstruations of women and teenaged girls deprives them of essential information about their own bodies, their health, their rights to education and eventually the respect for their dignity.

Three information meetings have already taken place in Chittagong and one in Dhaka. Meetings are held in

of all ages. In addition to speaking time, information brochures are distributed by our teams.

Participating women are particularly informed and advised on the following topics:

- What is the menstrual cycle?
- Symptoms associated with menstruation and advice to help correct them.
- Which sanitary protections can be used?
- Break down the taboos and superstitions that isolate adolescent girls. How parents / adults can reassure them.

Philippines

Water flows in two new areas again!

In Tanauan, Leyte's branch, a new water network has been built and opened in the area of SOS Children's Villages Primetown Housing. The area is a relocation site for the victims of the onslaught of super Typhoon Haiyan which devastated the region in 2013. Today, 138 clients are already connected to the network. In total, 300 houses will be connected by the end of the year.

In Cavite, the dwellers of Molave, can now benefit from a clean and safe water access at home! At the end of October, 78 houses were already connected.

Water & Life, always working in the same areas, has also been able to implement activities in both places, starting with community reinforcement and volunteer mobilization as always. In Tanauan, handwashing for adults and in Molave, handwashing for children were planned afterwards.





Ivory Coast

Mission of our partner Artelia - Prospecting for a new operation area

Once our first water network on African soil was inaugurated and the first customer beneficiaries were connected, two experts from Artelia, our partner of several years, carried out a mission in the Ivory Coast last July.

The purpose of this mission was to define the future sanitation service of the pilot district.

They were able to map out the future sanitation network, estimate the costs and plan the implementation of the project.

They also helped the new waste-to-sanitation project manager to take up his post once the service has been implemented.

Since this summer Eau et Vie has resumed neighbourhood surveys in order to deploy its

approach in new operation areas.

Therefore, our team went to meet the inhabitants of several Yopougon neighbourhoods and they noted their needs in access to water, sanitation, and waste management.

Our next step will be to select a second neighbourhood and deploy the Water & Life model.

Bulgaria

A joint project in Kyustendil

Following the proposal of an operation model in Filipovtsi and while negotiating with the operator and the local authorities, *Eau et Vie Bulgaria* has been asked to participate in the deployment of a joint project in Kyustendil, a Bulgarian city of 4000 inhabitants about 100 km south-west of Sofia.

Once the local municipality has approved a Local Urban Development Plan in the Rom d'Iztok neighbourhood, the next step will be to build a water network responding to the needs of the community.

There are about 3,000 households in this neighbourhood.

A pilot project to improve the living conditions, based on *Eau et Vie's* global approach, is being developed together with the local NGOs, TSA and Largo, and is supported by the municipality.



France

An innovative project currently in experimentation.

Good news! - Our project "France" is being tested!

We had selected an apartment building run on co-ownership, a "condominium", in Creil, north of Paris. Together with its owner's council, we have had our first dialogue workshop on management with the help of the association "L'Echappée des copropriétés". ("the owners' break-away")

This association is an incubator for innovations in co-ownership, supporting the inhabitants' participation and the improvement of management in order to help rehabilitating and reinforcing the housing complex.

This shows our capacity to adapt the *Eau et Vie* model in a context other than the one we are meeting in slums on the other side of the world, thus ensuring improvements in our practices.

Testimonials



Bruno Grandgeorge, one Eau et Vie donor's testimony

Why did you choose to support E&V?

Nothing presaged my support to Eau et Vie. I had the chance to work in a small foundation for a few years, whose President could identify committed associations doing a remarkable job on the field. Eau et Vie was part of them and I also was enthralled by its approach: bring to the most vulnerable the essential services generally reserved to richer populations, so that it is a win-win situation for all the parties. The beneficiaries do not only comprise those who now have access to safe and affordable water, but also the public authorities, the municipality, the operators etc., who also benefit from the model.

At first, I thought E&V' solution was so simple and great that I wondered why it was not implemented in more areas, the needs being so enormous and global, and why so much time was needed for water to actually flow within slums. But the challenges are many, as I could realise going to Dhaka to see E&V's projects. Paradoxically, those obstacles can come from all kinds of beneficiaries.

However, the two co-Directors-Founders are unfailing in their optimism and are not afraid of taking risks whenever necessary. Thanks to their own perseverance as well as their teams', the different barriers slowly are lifted. It is time-consuming, but it could actually be thanks to that time lost in appearance that on the long-run the setup structures can become autonomous and self-sustaining, that solid relationships are reinforced or created between the slums-dwellers and that they can finally be recognised as citizens being part of the city and of the country.

What is the model's added value?

I also trully appreciate Eau et Vie for its creativity, dynamism and continuous search for improvement at all levels. From the response to a first issue (access to safe and affordable water), other outcomes and actions followed in a near-natural way: community building, job creation in the slums, fire-fighting, hygiene awareness-raising, waste management, etc.

The global approach of Eau et Vie constitutes a real added-value.

Another aspect of Eau et Vie that I like, is that the association also builds up from its experience gained in the southern countries to make the best use out of it in the northern ones, in France and now in Bulgaria.

What motivated you to donate?

When you live in the privileged part of the globe, where water flows whenever you open the tap, and where plenty of other services are provided without even questioning, you tend to forget that chance and everything that it implies in your everyday-life.

Eau et Vie's projects remind us that, and my wish, by supporting it, is that its projects can scale up and that the proposed model can be acknowledged and implemented to meet needs where the public authorities are too often reluctant to take action.

The ideal, on the long run, would be that Eau et Vie is not needed anymore... this may take a number of years, but the earliest the better and in that way, it is a good reason to me to take action starting today, by supporting the association one way or another.

Era, one Water & Life Philippines beneficiary's testimony

Era is a TPA's client since 2014. Before TPA's intervention, she used to take water from the communal faucet.

She would hire people to get buckets for her because it took her too much time to queue and a lot of strength to carry the buckets. She admitted that taking the water from the communal faucet created social tension within the community because it would mean spending half a day to get it.

Having water at home is less stressful for her now. It is also more affordable compared to what she had to pay to hire people to get it and for the water itself.

Era is quite a charismatic and energetic woman!

A reason why the inhabitants asked her to be the community leader. She is also a facilitator for W&L. They always consult with her first, before any activities and she participates in all their activities. Apart from W&L, she is in charge of many initiatives such as the monthly clean-up day or the building of concrete paths in the areas.

Community is very important to her, she thinks that every member got a responsibility and that community reinforcement will allow a better team work and living conditions. For her, W&L's activities are essential to the community. They allow the cleaning of the environment especially the grey water thanks to the sessions on Solid Waste Management. She concluded saying how useful the menstrual hygiene sessions are also to prevent diseases for women by giving them proper body hygiene advices.



Eau et Vie impacts in figures (end of September 2019)



6,703 sustainable access to drinking water directly benefiting some **33,733** people



2,952 inhabitants of **24** slums in The Philippines, Bangladesh and Ivory Coast collaborating to Eau et Vie actions in 2019



11,654 people made aware of good hygiene practices since January 2019



855 volunteer fire-fighters trained and equipped
274 personnes formées au premiers secours
62 bornes incendies installées



5,387 people made aware of environmental matters since January 2019
739 families benefit from waste collection services at home in Bangladesh



1 sanitary complex in Cavite,
1 sanitary unit and **3** showers and **20** individual latrines in Bashantek



L'ARRONDI with Bonobo

We are very happy to be part of the solidarity rounding-ups adventure in partnership with MicroDon and Bonobo.

MicroDon is a solidarity company that offers micro-donation collection solutions to enable solidarity companies to engage their customers.

Bonobo is a committed textile brand that promotes eco-responsibility, in particular by reducing its water consumption by half by 2024.

Water is the link that has brought our two structures together and will enable the inhabitants of Bangladesh's slums, often employed in the textile industry, to significantly improve their living conditions.

All the rounds in the till are completely refunded to us so don't hesitate!



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Paris Peace Forum was created in 2018 at the initiative of the President of the French Republic.

Based on the principle that peace includes all solutions that contribute to reducing international tensions in the face of an international system in crisis, the forum brings together all stakeholders proposing solutions for global governance.

We have been selected along with about a hundred other projects to present Water and Life at this forum and are particularly proud of this recognition.

The forum was held from November 11 to 13 and was an opportunity for many new and enriching encounters.

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