



# Newsletter 11

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## IN SPITE OF THE CRISIS, OUR TEAMS ARE WORKING WITH FAMILIES

Like the rest of the world, Eau et Vie's news was strongly impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

From the start of the crisis, Eau et Vie launched an emergency appeal to support the **8,000 families** for whom assistance is provided on a daily basis.

With your help, we were able to support the inhabitants of our slums and train the teams in sanitary procedures!



41,020

people benefited from free running water for 2 or 3 months



18,989

hygiene and basic necessities kits have been distributed



170

all Eau et Vie employees have been equipped with PPE and have benefited from salary continuation

**We have been very grateful for your support and generosity, thank you!**

### OUR EMERGENCY FUND - A PRIORITY

Today we decided to launch a second emergency fund #ADropOfHelp to deal with the consequences of the crisis, which are becoming increasingly severe for the vulnerable populations we support.

The pandemic has exacerbated poverty, led to numerous job losses in often informal sectors, multiplied the need for hygiene products and highlighted the need for access to water.

Many families also have to cope with the lack of food. We have decided to help them by distributing food.

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*A drop of help !*



*Support slum families!*

# NEWS FROM THE FIELD

## Bangladesh



### A gender study in Bhashantek area

In March 2020, Daisy Farwa, a well-known bangladeshi consultant was hired to conduct a survey and audit on Water and Life Bangladesh's gender approach.

She especially focused her research on the impacts of essential services (water access, private toilet, waste collection) in women's daily life.

Her conclusions show that women have seen **their security increased** since they do not have to fetch water outside their homes anymore.

In addition, **their privacy and hygiene have significantly increased** for those who have installed toilets at home and had access to hygiene awareness sessions.

As part of her recommendations, she advised to increase the space in the toilets, as well as include a water tap inside to better adapt women's specific needs.



### Launching of the latrine service in Nine Number Bridge

The year began with the launching of the sanitation project in 9NB:

promotion and installation of eco-friendly toilets using vermicompost technology (feces consumed by worms).

A sanitation survey conducted by W&L showed the need for hygienic toilets within the area.

Indeed, **60% of the existing toilets are unhygienic and 25% are hanging over ponds**, which is extremely dangerous for the users. The launching of the project was first announced through awareness sessions pointing out the importance of 'hygienic toilets' regarding health issues.

These sessions generated enthusiasm among participants, who showed interest in using private toilets. A sanitation committee was set up with residents to discuss the project specifications.

The sanitation project was launched in 2016 in Dhaka. **As of June 30, 11 toilets were installed in Chattogram and 79 in Bhashantek benefitting to more than 800 users.**



# Philippines



## Opening of a new area

Despite this pandemic, TPA continues to deliver its services to the community together with Water and Life Phils.

On September 4, 2020, Sitio San Rafael, Tangke was successfully opened with 2 stub-outs and Fire Hydrants installed that **can provide water for around 100 households in the area.**

After waiting several years, the people of the community can now taste life thanks to the water we provide and use it to fight this pandemic and protect their families.

The people of the community had to walk 2 km or pay for tricycle transportation to get access to water supply.

Therefore our project is to provide them with truly better living conditions.



## Mummies' Vegetable Garden

This initiative was that of Ate Teofila, mother of five with a passion for gardening. Water and Life Philippines awarded her **a diploma in « composting » in urban areas** to encourage her to pursue her action.

She created her small vegetable garden on the bank of a pond in front of her house in Pugad Ibon near Manila.

With the support of Water and Life she is now managing a team of sixteen gardeners.

By offering training and providing gardening tools, Water and Life aims at increasing the capacity and adaptability of the community to use an alternative solution to food insecurity.

**The recovery of organic waste is perfectly in line with the issue of waste management and environmental awareness in the community.**



# Côte d'Ivoire



## Waste Management test phase launched

From August 3rd to August 15th Eau et Vie Côte d'Ivoire conducted a test phase of its future solid waste management (SWM) service. This last step in the service design consisted in implementing it **with 18 households and 2 businesses** within our pilot area, Gbamnan Djidan 1.

The innovative aspect of this service is that it includes source separation of waste, a first experiment in Côte d'Ivoire which is praised by the National Waste Management Agency (ANAGED) and allowed for the signature of a partnership with Eau & Vie Côte d'Ivoire.

Each participant received a SWM kit:

- 1 sealed container for organic waste
- 1 carrier bag for non-organic waste
- 1 broom adapted to sweeping while avoiding getting sand in the bins

Each participant received an initial training and home based visits were organized throughout the test period. Waste pre-collectors recruited for the occasion collected waste at each participants' house 4 times a week.

By the end of this trial period, **Eau et Vie organized a debriefing workshop with participants and the ANAGED** in order to collect their feedback on the service. This allowed for the adaptation of the SWM kit to fit with the participants' needs and it revealed that most of them were really happy to participate and to learn more practical ways of managing their waste. By the end of this test phase 70% of participants showed good to excellent sorting practices and the home based visits showed that there was a positive evolution of practices throughout the period.

This important step in the service design showed promising perspectives, next step is the organization of a clean-up day in Gbamnan Djidan 1 before the end of November to set in motion an environmental dynamic within the area!

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