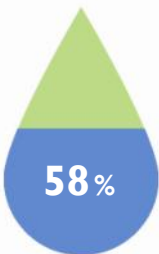




EDITORIAL



Since 2004, promoting access to drinking water and sanitation for the poorest populations has been a priority for the Ensemble Foundation, which has invested more than half of its funding in this area of intervention

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24 FACT SHEETS CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE FOUNDATION'S WEB SITE

The Foundation regularly provides online Fact Sheets on technologies which have been successful in the field. 12 Fact Sheets on Water and Sanitation are available for downloading.

Discover the new Fact Sheet on *1001 Fontaines pour demain (1001 Fountains For Tomorrow)* The model of the association is presented as an example of good practice in the recent film of Yann Arthus-Bertrand, 'The World's Thirst' released for The Sixth World Water Forum.

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Dear Reader,

As the 6th World Water Forum has come to a close, what have we learned from this important event? Figures have been given to us time and again, round and easy to remember, so that we can bear witness to them.

Yes, we know! We know that since 1975, the demand for water has doubled in the world and that the population will be 9 billion by 2050! We know that almost 40% of what we produce is wasted and that, facing this figure, 10,000 people die every day for lack of access to safe water and sanitation. We know that 25 million men and women today are victims of drought and flooding and that they will be more and more numerous in taking refuge in the outskirts of cities. We know that the sources of conflict lie here, increasingly, in the demands for water resources.

We also know that solutions exist. During this World Water Forum, firm political positions were taken at the highest level, as P.M. Grondin recalls (see P.2). Water, considered as a human right, has a price... not only a fair and equitable market price (see our examples of social entrepreneurship on P.3, and of integrated water resource management on P.4), but also the price of our commitment, all of us, at every level (national, local, individual). The price of solidarity, of well-being, of durability! Of life!

Since its creation at the end of 2004, access to drinking water and sanitation for the poorest populations has been a priority for the Foundation, its first area of intervention. Throughout our experiences, we have learned to what point solidarity can be communicative. More than ever we remain mobilized.

Jacqueline Délia Brémond
Vice-President

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INTERVIEW

'Today, we are Beginning to Better Understand How Important It is To Work Together and Initiate New Partnerships.'



Pierre-Marie Grondin is the Director of the Water Solidarity Program (pS-Eau). Created in 1984 to facilitate Decentralized and Non-Governmental Cooperation in the

areas of water and sanitation between France and the countries of the South, this network brings together today almost 254,000 correspondents. On-the-spot interview, just following the World Water Forum.

The pS-Eau has actively participated in the World Water Forum. What are you taking away from here globally?

Above all, the high level of exchanges and subjects discussed which, I hope, will lead to significant advances for water and sanitation access. I did not have this same feeling in Istanbul. Solidarity in the area of water has been a central subject of pre-occupation. Everyone has heard of it, notably through the commitment on the '1% Solidarity' (see box). I can only rejoice because until now, too little attention was given to it. The debates were also more profound.

It was decided at high level that water would figure among the priorities of the calendar for Rio+20.

Rio+20 is tomorrow*! While we hope that the issue of water will be high on the agenda, it will be difficult to get a focus on this theme when so many questions

on green growth and climate change will tend to dominate. What seems to me fundamental are the resolutions of the Council of Europe and the European Parliament calling for Member States to promote universal access to drinking water and sanitation. By adopting at home national and international solidarity on the basis of "1% solidarity", these States will participate in the 2025 goal of international coverage.

What are the steps forward for Decentralized Cooperation?

Recognition of the right to water by the United Nations and the will to re-think a new "water funding" policy by the African Development Bank are giving a new momentum to local support actions. Decentralized Cooperation has demonstrated that it knows how to mobilize skills locally and further embed the actions on the ground. Many discussions arose during the Forum about project management, transfer of skills, infrastructures and services associated with access to water, new funding mechanisms to think of... These are the principal qualities required for Decentralized Cooperation.

As was discussed during the debates, why is the support to local capacities a priority for you?

We have everything to gain – all of us! – from reciprocal trust, based on the recognition of our complementarities. Today, we are beginning to better understand, in order for a service to be sustainable, how important it is to initiate new partnerships and to take on other forms of talent and cooperation. Financial institutions and organizations for technical cooperation are now also convinced... We need each other's energy and know-how. That is the key.

The Foundation and pS-Eau share common values, how far can we go together?

The world of Local Authorities and NGOs does not necessarily know the world of Foundations and the private sector. There is a real demand for better understanding and better acquaintance.

The Foundation has a great deal to offer in its method of initiating projects and supporting them on the ground. I have not, as yet, seen the equivalent. All of this could be a source of exchange with other Foundations.

What are your hopes between now and 2025?

That the problems of access to water and sanitation in the world will finally be solved. It is not an utopia! It merely requires the will and the means at the highest level.

We need international water bodies which are more representative and neutral. Without doubt, this would legitimize arbitrations and remove a lot of suspicion. Above all, we must get out of the logic of immediate profit in order to establish long-term solutions, beyond 7 or 8 years. This is not so simple. But access to water and sanitation for all needs time.

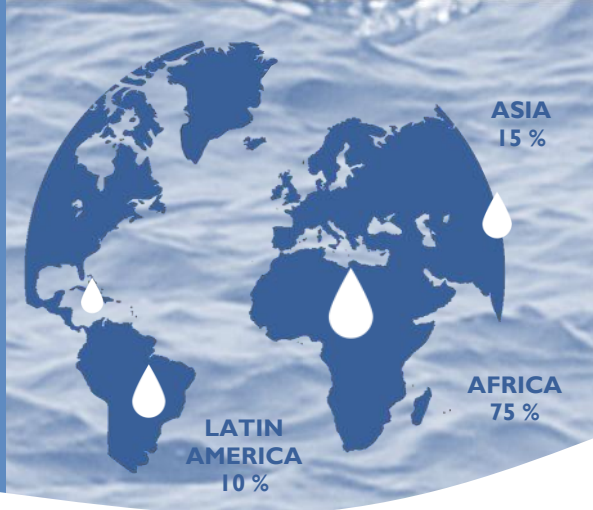
THE 1% SOLIDARITY

Since 2005, under the impetus of the Oudin Santini law, French Local Authorities, supported by the Water Agencies, may spend up to 1% of their water and sanitation income for actions of cooperation in the same area. In 2011, 30 million Euros were mobilized in favor of solidarity.

* June 20 to 22, 2012

The Ensemble Foundation is currently pursuing 21 partnerships in the field of Water and Sanitation.

Since its creation in December 2004 funding totals more than 10 million Euros in this domain.



SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

When Access to Water and Sanitation Becomes a Source of Local Employment and Autonomy

Water for people

In Peru, access to drinking water and sanitation has received big subsidies since the 90's. But today, the majority of the installations have been left abandoned. Since 2008, WFP has taken on the challenge with solutions to help the poorest populations out of the vicious circle of assistance.

The program targets the people of Majes and the peri-urban zones of Arequipa, i.e. 40,000 people (very small land owners and migrants with little revenue). How to answer their expectations in a sustainable way? The approach of WFP is based on the matching of demand and local offer, in other words, on a market model linked to entrepreneurship. After a first phase of needs identification, adapted technical responses are studied (specific technical solutions, creation of savings and loans committees, awareness and promotion campaigns...). WFP works in close collaboration with local businesses, participates in the training of qualified workers and regularly evaluates its actions by monitoring. Results: 40% coverage.

Country: Peru
Total Budget: €435,911
Ensemble Foundation Grant: €150,000
Beneficiaries: 40,000

For more information:
www.waterforpeople.org



Inter Aide

How to ensure the sustainability of the water points in Malawi, representing nearly 70% of the country's solutions for access to drinking water?



The strength of the program supported by Inter Aide, is to have succeeded in implementing a veritable network of talents capable of ensuring not only the repair of equipments (training of artisans) but also the supply of spare parts (through spare parts dealers). In Malawi, 80% of manual pumps are of the same type and only require simple and regular maintenance. For a local artisan, this represents a potential market of 60 to 90 pumps on average over an operating range of 10 to 15 Km. Result: the rate of operation of the pumps exceeds 80% and the foundations of a local micro-economy develops little by little in the intervention areas.

Country: Malawi
Total Budget: €510,873
Ensemble Foundation Grant: €300,000
Beneficiaries: 27,000

For more information:
www.interaide.org



1001 fontaines Pour demain

Since 2004, '1001 Fountains For Tomorrow' has been introducing stations for the production of drinking water in Cambodia, in the isolated regions, where the poorest rural communities live.

Every day, water is distributed to the homes of families in 20-liter bottles. The average price of a water station is approximately \$2,000 per unit. On each of the sites, the Association signs up for a year to train Operators and help them develop a customer base (the threshold of profitability of a station is reached at 1100 liters distributed per day during the dry season)...

Result: 44 'Fountains' are producing today drinking water for nearly 50,000 Cambodians. At the last Summer Davos, in China, 1001 Fontaines pour Demain was designated '2011 Social Entrepreneur for Asia' by the Schwab Foundation.

Country: Cambodia
Total Budget: €606,908
Ensemble Foundation Grant: €250,000
Beneficiaries: 50,000

For more information:
www.1001fontaines.com

Rain Foundation

Since 2003, Rain Foundation has been developing technologies for rain water harvesting. According to the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change), this technology is at the top of alternative solutions to the lack of drinking water.

Today, the 800 systems for Rain Water Harvesting, installed by Rain Foundation, are located mainly in Africa (Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Mali, Senegal) and also in Nepal. But given the human and environmental issues, a change of scale is the priority. The Association has planned the establishment of a Rainwater Harvesting Capacity Centre (RHCC) in each country of intervention for technical support of local policies, to optimize the sustainability of the installations and capitalize on experience.

Country: Burkina Faso, Mali
Total Budget: €796,298
Ensemble Foundation Grant: €211,328
Beneficiaries: 8,600

For more information:
www.rainfoundation.org



FOCUS ON IWRM

IWRM, A Step Towards Transparency

Since 1996, the international community has entrusted the Global Water Partnership (GWP) with the pre-eminent role of preserving water security in the world. Many countries have chosen to sign up for an Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) approach. What is it all about?

First, one ambition. The IWRM is considered as a key element in achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), aimed at reducing by half the number of people lacking access to drinking water between 2002 and 2015. How to watch over the well-being of populations while protecting their environment? The answers of the IWRM are at several levels.

At the globe level, the IWRM is being enriched by the latest scientific data. Its vision is inherently cross border (like 60% of the rivers of our planet, 263 big watersheds and hundreds of aquifers). But it also relies on a good knowledge of local specifics (taking into account the behavior of communities which impact directly the watershed, thus the quality of water, the level of water tables and the conservation of ecosystems...). Everything is screened to limit the pressures exerted, wherever possible, on the resources (climate changes, socio-demographic behavior, agriculture, industry, transport, energy production, tourism, fishing...) and in turn on the populations.

Since 2011, the Foundation has been supporting two new IWRM programs, one in Mozambique and the other in Benin. Is water the source of a green economy? The answers are in the hands of new governance, guaranteeing transparency and equity.



▲ The IWRM Offers the Prospect of Crops During Dry Periods. Helvetas (Mozambique)

▶ Awareness Board about Sharing and Protection of Water Resources. Protos (Benin)



Helvetas

In the north of Mozambique, which is exposed to the full force of climate deregulation, floods and droughts are ongoing threats. Agricultural production, insufficient to ensure food security for families, draws up to 70% of water reserves because of the lack of infrastructure and adapted irrigation systems.

Since September 2011, the Foundation has committed itself to supporting the establishment of integrated management of water resources in 4 communities of Cabo Delgado province. The program initiated by Helvetas envisages the creation of twenty management committees entrusted with putting in place equitable

and operational mechanisms, including during the dry season. The funds engaged will serve to finance adequate infrastructures and develop within the heart of the community a whole network of micro-enterprises (manufacturing of tanks, pumps, low-cost irrigation systems...). Better managed water throughout the year will allow producers to expand their market gardening activities and to envisage new sales on the local markets. Therefore, new sources of income...

Country: Mozambique
Total Budget: €672,272
Ensemble Foundation Grant: €200,000
Beneficiaries: 20,000

For more information: www.helvetas.org

Protos

In Benin, water is available but is very unequally spread over the territory and across the seasons. In the north, supplying the people remains problematic. 67% of them still do not have access to basic sanitation services.

A 'Water Plan' was defined at the national level in 2010, which relies heavily on the communes. The second phase of the Protos program, begun in September 2011 and supported by the Foundation, is part of this dynamic of decentralization and targets particularly 5 out of 60 villages in North Benin, situated in the counties of Atacora and Donga.

During the next three years, community officials, social mediators and the Protos team will work hand in hand on the construction of new water points and latrines (including 80 Ecosan latrines), on carrying out drilling for supplementary wells for market gardening, the setting up of drinking troughs and access corridors in cooperation with the farmers... In parallel, arrangements will be made to limit the risks of pollution and soil ero-

sion (reforestation). As for the continuity of the installations, this will pass both by the training of populations and through setting up transparent governance, capable of proposing just and equitable solutions. *Rendez-vous* at the end of 2012 for a mid-term evaluation funded by the Foundation.

Country: Benin
Total Budget: €1,377,435
Ensemble Foundation Grant: €216,000
Beneficiaries: 15,000

For more information: www.protos.org

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