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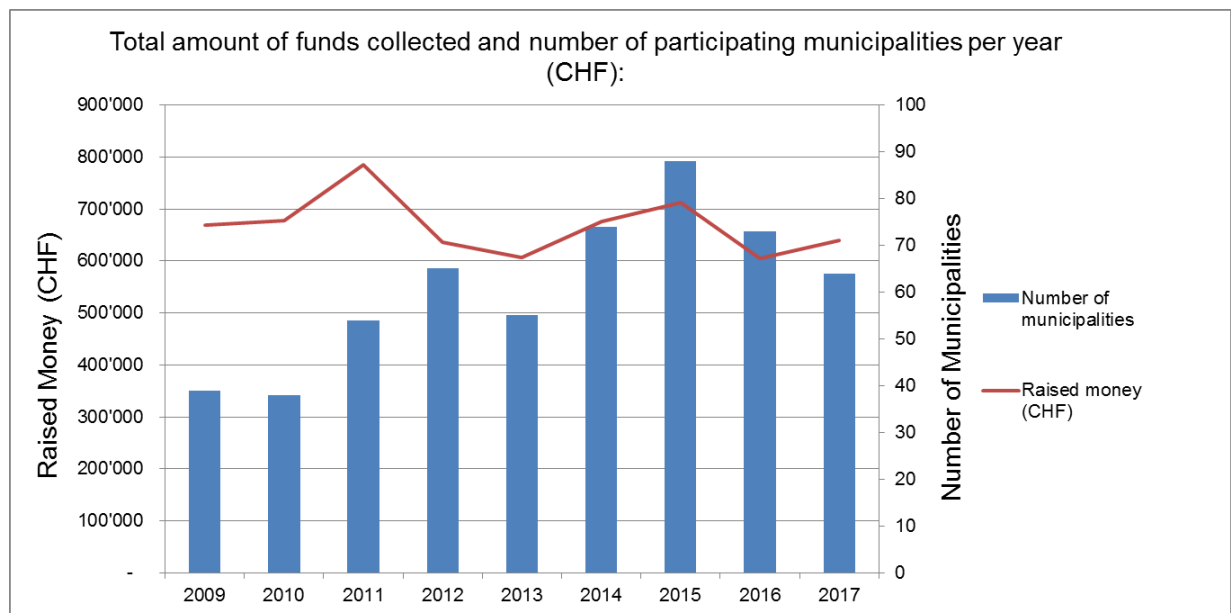
 **solidarit'eau** suisse

Introduction

The present report is an abridged version of the Year Progress Report 2017 of solidarit'eau suisse (SES) which gives a brief overview of the most important achievements and activities of the year under review.

Solidarit'eau suisse (further called SES) is a platform to establish sustainable cooperation in the field of drinking water supply and basic sanitation between Swiss municipalities (and their water utilities) and communities in developing countries. Financing of adequate infrastructure and capacity development in organisational and technical matters are the main objectives of this initiative which has been officially launched in 2008. The initiative forms part of the SDC Global Programme Water and is contributing to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal No. 6: To ensure access to water and sanitation for all by 2030. It provides a platform which links Swiss municipalities to eligible NGOs which are implementing drinking water and sanitation projects in communities in the "South".

- Amount of participating municipalities/waterworks: In 2017, 64 municipalities supported a water-project within the solidarit'eau suisse (SES) programmes. 4 new municipalities/waterworks participated in the initiative for the first time. As shown in graphic 1, the number of participating municipalities has slightly decreased compared to last year.
- Amount of funds collected: In total, CHF 639'394 were raised during the reporting year. This number is 5.5% higher than in 2016. As in the previous years, the largest part of the raised funds was donated to water projects in Africa.



Graphic 1: Shows the development of the raised amount of funds and the number of participating municipalities/waterworks for the period 2009-2017.

Water projects

In 2017, 28 water projects have been successfully promoted by SES. For 12 of these projects the financing is assured and/or they have been successfully terminated with the support of SES' municipalities. According to the project information of the NGOs, these projects allow sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation for more than 330'000 beneficiaries, supported additionally by a considerable co-financing by funds from other sources. In the case of 16 on-going projects promoted by SES (which are partly implemented and still seek funding), the implementation agencies estimate that around 260'000 people in developing countries will have access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation in the nearer future.

The projects advertised on the SES website and realized by the implementation agencies have been/are implemented in Africa, Central America, South America and Asia. 10 of the projects have been/are implemented by smaller NGOs like Association Morija, Associazione ABBA, Associazione Svizzera Cuba, Associazione Amici dell'Oasis-Togo, CEAS Centre Ecologique Albert Schweitzer, IAMANEH Schweiz, IRHA, Insieme per la Pace, Nouvelle Planète, Multimicros Ticino or eauservice - Ville de Lausanne.

Table A: By the end of 2017 the following 12 development agencies have submitted 16 projects being advertised on the SES website; they have received close to 25% of the funds raised also through SES from municipalities/waterworks but still seek funding:

| Development agency | Project presented on SES website | Country | Beneficiaries |
|---|---|--------------|---------------|
| Association Morija | WASH Colibri | Burkina Faso | 41400 |
| Associazione ABBA - Abbastanza per tutti | Aguas del Sol | Nicaragua | 750 |
| Associazione Amici dell'Oasis-Togo/ AAdO-Togo | AD OGNI COMUNITÀ LA SUA LATRINA | Togo | 813 |
| Associazione Svizzera Cuba | Potabilizzazione dell'acqua in comunità rurali attraverso la produzione locale di filtri in ceramica accompagnata da programmi di sensibilizzazione sull'igiene e la gestione delle acque reflue in sei provincie dell'Oriente cubano | Cuba | 31500 |
| Caritas Schweiz | Sicheres Trinkwasser und Sanitäre Anlagen für 13 zerstörte Schulen | Nepal | 3164 |
| Caritas Schweiz | Durch verstärkten Fokus auf Integrität und Transparenz wird ein entscheiden- | Kenya | 17000 |

| der Beitrag zur nachhaltigen Wasserversorgung geleistet | | | |
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| Caritas Schweiz | Durch Zugang zu sauberem Trinkwasser verbessern sich die Lebensumstände von bolivianischen Dorfgemeinschaften | Bolivia | 1470 |
| Fondation Terre des hommes | Improving water, sanitation and hygiene status in the Kurigram and Barguna Districts of Bangladesh | Bangladesh | 20'162 |
| Helvetas | Pani Jibon - Wasser ist Leben | Bangladesh | 40000 |
| Helvetas | Zugang zu sauberem Wasser, sanitären Einrichtungen und Hygiene in der Region Menabe in Madagaskar | Madagaskar | 16500 |
| Helvetas | Wasser und Siedlungshygiene im ländlichen Norden Mosambiks (Projektphase 2) | Mozambique | 70000 |
| IAMANEH Schweiz | Wasserversorgung und Hygiene zur Verbesserung der Gesundheitssituation in Elémé | Togo | 2744 |
| Multimicros Ticino | DEPURAZIONE DELLE ACQUE NERE NELLA COMUNITÀ DI ROCAFUERTE | Ecuador | 320 |
| Nouvelle Planète | Trinkwasser-Projekt für drei Dörfer in der Gemeinde Binh Phu, im Distrikt Cang Long, Provinz Tra Vinh in Vietnam | Vietnam | 950 |
| SRK | Wasserversorgung, Hygieneförderung und Latrinenbau in der Provinz Oudomxay, Laos | Laos | 8700 |
| SWISSAID | Trinkwasser und sanitäre Grundversorgung für ein Leben in Gesundheit in der Landgemeinde Dogon Kiria, Niger | Niger | 6500 |

Table B: Organisations/projects that were published on the SES website in 2017; they have been financed but not yet completely implemented (final report pending):

| Development agency | Project promoted on the SES website | Country | Beneficiaries |
|--|---|------------|---------------|
| CEAS Centre Ecologique Albert Schweitzer | Aufbau eines nachhaltigen Betriebs der öffentlichen sanitären Einrichtungen von Ndande | Senegal | 2000 |
| Caritas Schweiz | Dank sauberem Wasser die Lebensgrundlagen vielfältig verbessern | Ethiopia | 52,884 |
| Eauservice Lausanne | Projet Communautaire d'Accès à l'Eau et l'Assainissement (PCAEA) | Mauritania | 36000 |
| Helvetas | Guatemala: Ajin - integriertes Wasser- management und Hygiene für ausgewählte Gemeinden | Guatemala | 14,400 |
| Insieme per la Pace | Acqua per il Ruanda | Rwanda | 15,000 |

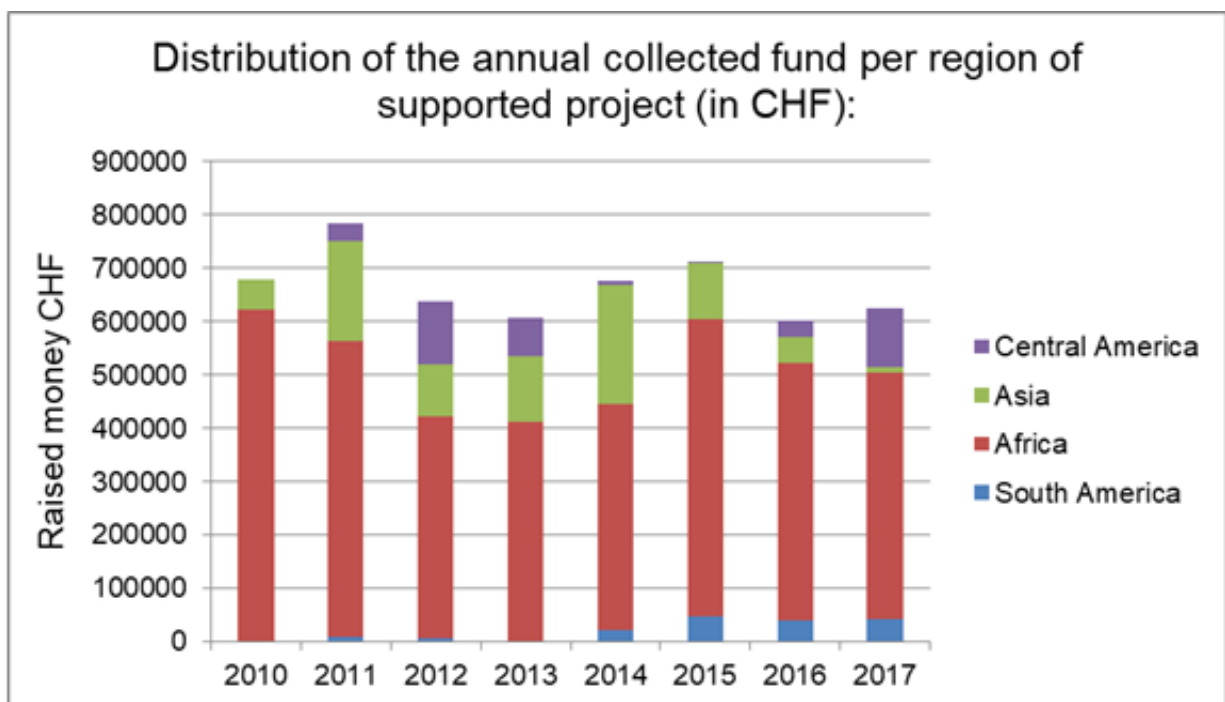
Table C: Projects promoted on the SES platform that have been terminated in 2017 (final report received/existing):

| Development agency | Project promoted on the SES website | Country | Beneficiaries |
|---------------------|---|------------|---------------|
| HEKS | Fluorfilter für sauberes Trinkwasser in Äthiopien (Projektphase 2) | Ethiopia | 36,000 |
| IRHA | "Ecoles Bleues Bubanza" - Module 2 - Système de gestion de l'eau de pluie dans l'école primaire et secondaire de Mitakataka | Burundi | 1,400 |
| IRHA | Ecoles Bleues dans la commune de Kahone au Sénégal - Partie 1: Construction d'une installation de récolte de l'eau de pluie à l'école Fass Kahone | Senegal | 530 |
| IRHA | Ecoles Bleues Ikorodu, Nigéria | Nigeria | 1,285 |
| IRHA | Projet « Ecoles Bleues » dans la région de Kaski au Népal | Nepal | 23,000 |
| SRK | Gesundheitsprogramm | Laos | 31,680 |
| Eauservice Lausanne | Projet Communautaire pour l'Accès à l'Eau (PCAEE), Nouakchott (Mauritanie) | Mauritania | 118,000 |

Beneficiaries outcome

According to the reports of the NGOs, the successfully terminated projects and the projects where financing could be ensured enabled sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation for more than 330'000 beneficiaries, supported additionally by a considerable co-financing by funds from other sources. In 2017, 28 water projects have been successfully promoted by SES. Once all projects will be implemented, around 590'000 people could benefit from access to freshwater and sanitation if the funding target will be met.

Almost 75% of the money raised by SES in 2017 was allocated by the municipalities/waterworks to projects in Africa, another 17% to projects in Central America and about 1.5% to 6.5% to projects in Asia and South America.



Graphic 2: Distribution of raised donations among continents for the period 2010-2017.

Participating Municipalities and Waterworks

The realization of all above mentioned projects would be impossible without the engagement of Swiss municipalities and waterworks. Big thanks to the following municipalities and waterworks that supported a water project in 2017:

Abtwil-St.Josefen * Adliswil * Aesch (BL) * Alto Malcantone * Apples * Arbedo-Castione * Attalens * Bagnes * Balerna * Belp * Bever * Binningen * Bioggio * Bissone * Buchs (SG) * Charrat * Cossonay * Cugnasco-Gerra * Epalinges * Erlenbach * Estavayer * Flawil * Frenkendorf * Gambarogno * Grancia * Heimberg * Herisau * Jouxens-Mézery * Jussy * La Chaux * La Menthue * La Punt Chamues-ch * Lausanne * Locarno * Lugano * Lumino * Lutry * Martigny * Mendrisio * Mezzovico-Vira * Mont-sur-Lausanne * Morges * Münsingen * Nyon * Oberglatt ZH * Pomy * Poschiavo * Pully * Riva San Vitale * Saanen * Suol * Seeländische Wasserversorgung * Sion * Solothurn * Sorengo * Stabio * Torricella-Taverne * Villaz-St-Pierre * Wil * Worben * Zell * Zollikon * Zug

Communication, Events and Media

Event

In November 2017 an event for the ambassadors and other stakeholders was held in Biel. This joint event between SES and Swiss Bluetec Bridge aimed to increase visibility of the two initiatives, attract investors for Swiss Bluetec Bridge, gain new ambassadors for SES, foster networking and connect the public and private sector. Panel participants were Roland Gröbli (Georg Fischer, Clean Water Foundation); Sébastien Apothéloz (Service de l'eau Lausanne); Andreas Schöni (NV-Terra); and Tatjana von Steiger (SDC). Ellinor von Kauffungen moderated the event. 25 people participated in the event, mainly from NGOs, but also from the public sector.

Media presence

12 articles and news have been published by SES on its website (most of them have been translated into 2 or 3 national languages). Furthermore, the secretariat released 4 newsletters. SES also raised attention in local or specialized press with news/articles in 2017.