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Summary and Outlook

The present report is an abridged version of the One-Year Progress Report 2016 of solidarit'eau suisse (SES) which gives a brief overview of the most important achievements and activities of the year under review.

In 2016, 73 municipalities supported a water project and donated a total of CHF 605'281. 20 water projects were successfully promoted through the platform. In the case of 8 projects, the financing has been assured and/or they were successfully terminated thanks to the allocated funds. According to the reports of the NGOs, these projects enabled sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation for more than 116'000 beneficiaries and 1'265 families¹, supported additionally by a considerable co-financing by funds from other sources.

During the year the secretariat of SES organised two Ambassador events: the "Rencontre apéritive des ambassadeurs de solidarit'eau suisse" in January in Bulle and a "Solidarit'eau suisse Ambassadors Lunch Meeting" in November in Zurich. At the Romandie event, eauservice Lausanne presented its project in Mauretania. The topic of the November event was "World Toilet Day" and Helvetas presented the sanitary aspects of several projects being promoted on the SES platform.

In the first half of 2016 an external evaluation was commissioned focussing on the underlying key questions required for an expedient elaboration of SES' future vision and strategy. The evaluation came to the conclusion that overall a convincing and effective mechanism to connect Swiss municipalities with water projects in developing countries has been established. It was recommended that SES adopts a policy to concentrate fund raising and other efforts mainly on waterworks, as this was the original intent of the UN charter, and as the initiative can add value mainly here. Further, it was suggested that the value of the label needs to be strengthened. The year of participation will be added to the label which increases the visibility of the year of the contribution. Municipalities or waterworks which commit for three or more subsequent years merit a distinct label.

In 2017 the secretariat plans to implement a set of measures such as the enhancement of the Ambassador programme and the introduction of a new label strategy aimed at enabling longer-term commitments by municipalities and waterworks. The Senior Expert Exchange Programme was designed in 2016 and will be launched in 2017.

Achievements 2016

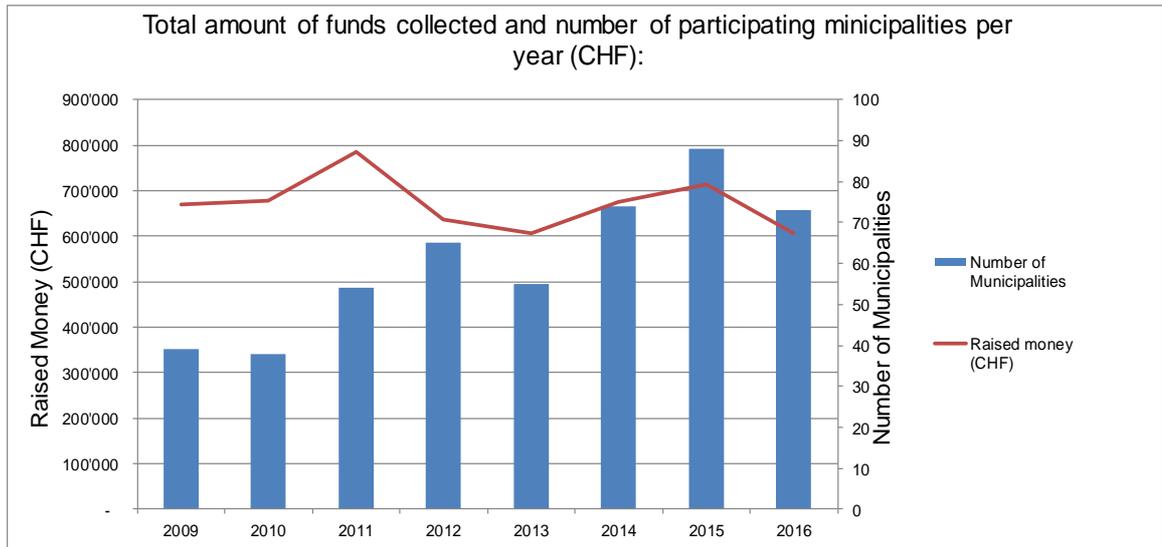
Administrative outcome

- Amount of participating municipalities/waterworks: In 2016, 73² municipalities supported a water-project within the solidarit'eau suisse (SES) programmes. 13 new municipalities/waterworks participated in the initiative for the first time. As shown in graphic 1, the number of participating municipalities is on the same level as in 2014.

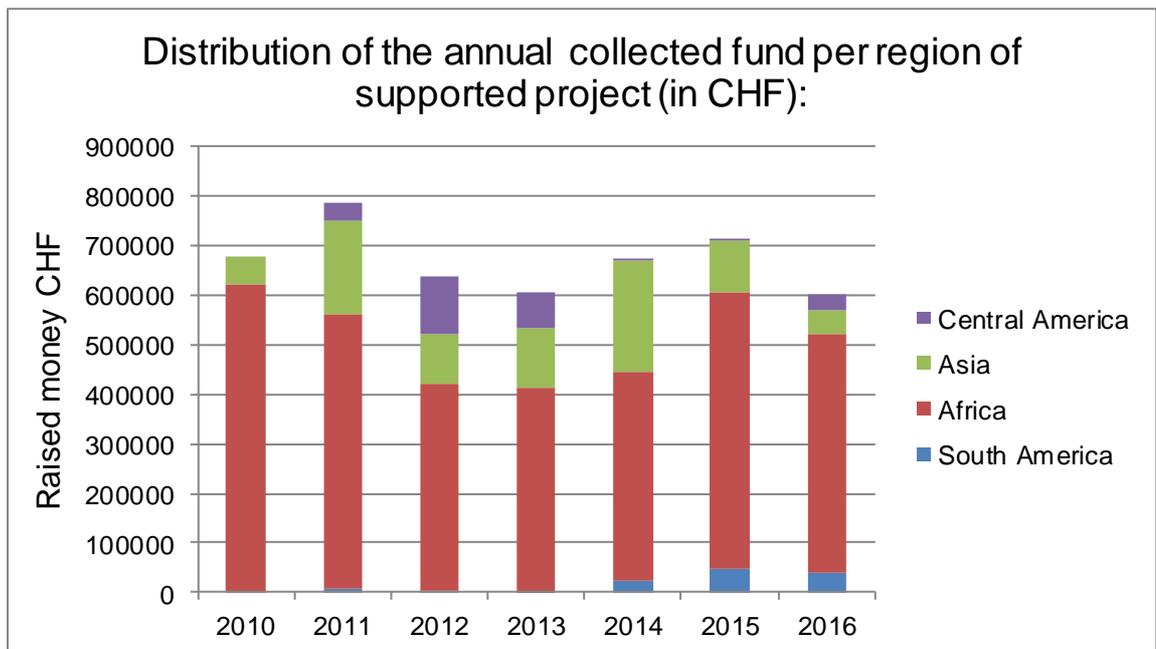
¹ In the case of the project of Associazione Svizzera-Cuba (ASC) the number of benefitting families was reported

² 72 municipalities/waterworks and 1 canton

- **Amount of funds collected:** In total, CHF 605'281 were raised during the reporting year. This number is 15% lower than in 2015 and on more or less the same level as in 2013. As in the previous years, the largest part of the raised funds was donated to water projects in Africa. Graphic 2 shows how the annual raised funds were distributed among the regions for the period 2010-2016.



Graphic 1: Shows the development of the raised amount of funds and the number of participating municipalities/waterworks for the period 2009-2016.



Graphic 2: Distribution of raised donations among continents for the period 2010-2016.

- **Beneficiaries outcome:** The financing for 5 projects enabling access to safe drinking water could be ensured while 3 projects were successfully terminated. According to the reports of the NGOs, these projects enabled sustainable access to safe drinking

water and basic sanitation for more than 116'000 beneficiaries and 1'265 families, additionally supported by substantive co-financing from other sources.



Figure 1: Project of SRK in Laos



Figure 2: Project of Eauservice Lausanne in Mauretania

Water projects

In 2016, a total of 20 water projects were successfully promoted by SES. In the following overview the country of implementation and number of beneficiaries is indicated for the individual projects (see table A and B). In the case of the 11 on-going projects promoted by SES (which are partly realised but still seeking funding), the implementation agencies (NGOs) estimate that around 490'000 people in developing countries will have access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation in the near future.

Development agency	Project promoted on the SES website	Country	Beneficiaries
Eauservice Lausanne	Projet Communautaire d'Accès à l'Eau et l'Assainissement (PCAEA)	Mauretania	36,000
Kommission für In- und Auslandhilfe 3 (KIAH)	Wasserversorgung Masindray Phase 3	Madagascar	3,200

Singla-Népal	Construction d'une adduction d'eau potable pour le nouveau village d'Allgaon	Nepal	200
SRK	Gesundheitsprogramm	Laos	31,680
SWISSAID	Zugang zu Trinkwasser und verbesserte Hygiene in vier ländlichen Gemeinden in Nicaragua	Nicaragua	1,260

Table A: The list shows the 5 projects that were published on SES website in 2016 and which have been financed but not yet completely implemented (final report pending).

Development agency	Project promoted on the SES website	Country	Beneficiaries
Association Morija	WASH Burkina	Burkina Faso	40,500
Associazione Svizzera-Cuba (ASC)	Camagüey, Kuba: Trinkwasseraufbereitung mit Keramikfiltern in einer ländlichen Gemeinschaft	Cuba	1,265 families
SWISSAID	Zugang zu sauberem Trinkwasser und bessere Siedlungshygiene in der ländlichen Gemeinde von Arzérori, Niger	Niger	3,850

Table B: The 4 projects promoted on the SES platform have been terminated in 2016 (final report existing).

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 2016:

Abtwil-St.Josefen * Aesch (BL) * Alto Malcantone * Apples * Arbedo-Castione * Attalens * Bagnes * Belp * Bever * Bioggio * Breggia von Morbio Superiore (TI) * Buchs (SG) * Burgdorf * Cadempino * Charrat * Collina d'Oro * Cossonay * Cressier * Disentis * Epalinges * Estavayer-le-Lac * Flawil * Frenkendorf * Genève * Giubiasco * Goldach * Grancia * Herisau * Jouxens-Mézery * Jussy * Kradolff-Schönenberg * La Chaux * La Menthue * Lamone * Laufen-Uhwiesen ZH * Lausanne * Le Noirmont * Locarno * Lugano * Lutry * Martigny * Maur * Meilen * Mont-sur-Lausanne * Morges * Münsingen * Muzzano * Nyon * Oberglatt ZH * Personico * Pfeffingen * Pomy * Poschiavo * Pully * Rapperswil – Jona * Riva San Vitale * Saanen * Suol * Seeländische Wasserversorgung * Sempach * Sion * Solothurn * Sorengo

* Stabio * St. Gallen * Kanton Ticino * Torricella-Taverne * Vezia * Villaz-St-Pierre * Wohlen
BE * Zell * Zollikon

Communication, Events and Media

Events

In 2016 solidarit'eau suisse has been actively promoted by the members of the Steering Committee, supporters such as the Goodwill Ambassadors and to a large extent by the secretariat at different occasions such as:

- During the year the secretariat of SES organised two Ambassadors' events:
 - "Rencontre apéritive des ambassadeurs de solidarit'eau suisse" in January in Bulle, at which eauservice Lausanne presented its project in Maurentania.
 - "Solidarit'eau suisse Ambassadors Lunch Meeting" in November in Zurich. The topic of the event was "World Toilet Day" and Helvetas presented the sanitary aspects of several projects promoted by the SES platform.
- At an Aguasan event in September the secretariat presented an update on SES activities.

Media presence

In the beginning of 2016 the short movie on the Expedition Milano in 2015 by SES Goodwill Ambassador Ernst Bromeis was made available on the SES website as well as on the SVGW-Website. Additionally SES raised attention in local or specialized press and on the SES website with in total 23 news productions and articles. Furthermore, the secretariat accomplished 4 newsletters³.

- 8 publications on SES and the "Expedition Milano" by Ernst Bromeis in different Swiss newspapers
- 1 promotional [video](#) (with SES Goodwill Ambassador Ernst Bromeis)⁴
- 14 articles on SES website www.solidariteausuisse.ch

³ SES Newsletters have been translated into the 3 national languages. They have been distributed in March, June, September and December 2016.

⁴ Link: <http://www.solidariteausuisse.ch/media/filme/>