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Summary and Outlook

The present report is an abridged version of the End of Phase Report 2013 to 2015 of solidarit'eau suisse (SES), which gives a brief overview of the most important achievements and activities during the year 2015.

In 2015, 88 municipalities supported a water-project and donated a total of CHF 712'912. 26 water projects were successfully promoted. Thanks to the allocated funds for 9 projects, the financing has been assured and 6 projects have been terminated. According to the reports of the NGOs, these projects enabled sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation for more than 300,000 beneficiaries, supported additionally by a considerable co-financing by funds from other sources.

During 2015 SES has been involved in the campaign "Expedition Milano 2015", the initiative of water ambassador and SES Goodwill Ambassador Ernst Bromeis who has accomplished a long distance swim from Lago Maggiore (TI) to Milan (Italy). Furthermore, SES was present with publications in different Swiss newspapers, a total of 19 articles about SES have been published.

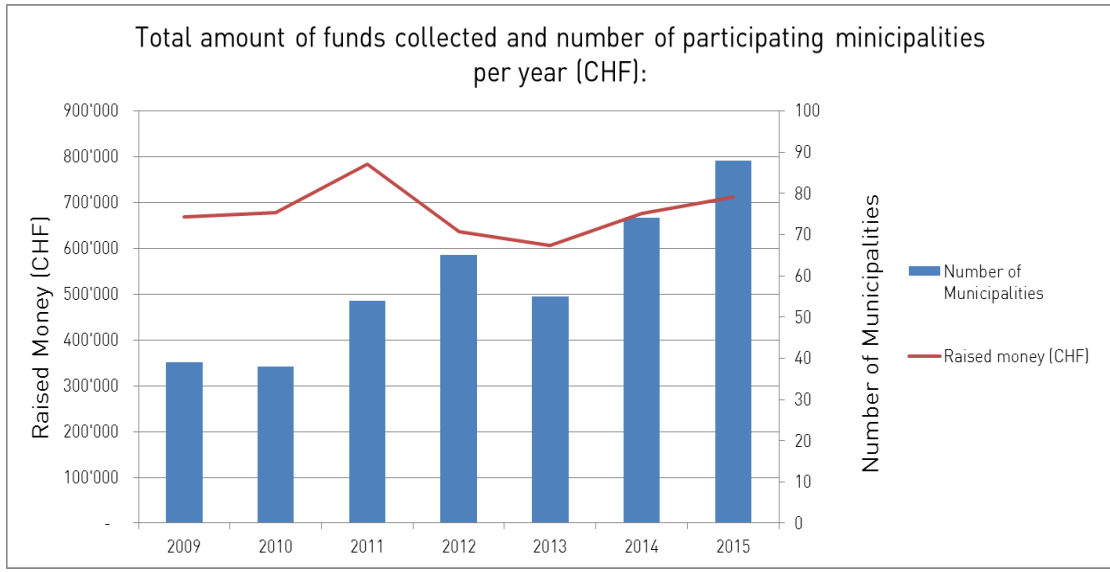
At an information lunch-event in Zurich organised by SES the ambassador's program was officially launched. In 2016 the "Goodwill Ambassadors" network will be strengthened and widened to gain more Swiss municipalities and waterworks engaging for safe access to clean drinking water and sanitation in developing countries through personal contacts.

Achievements 2015

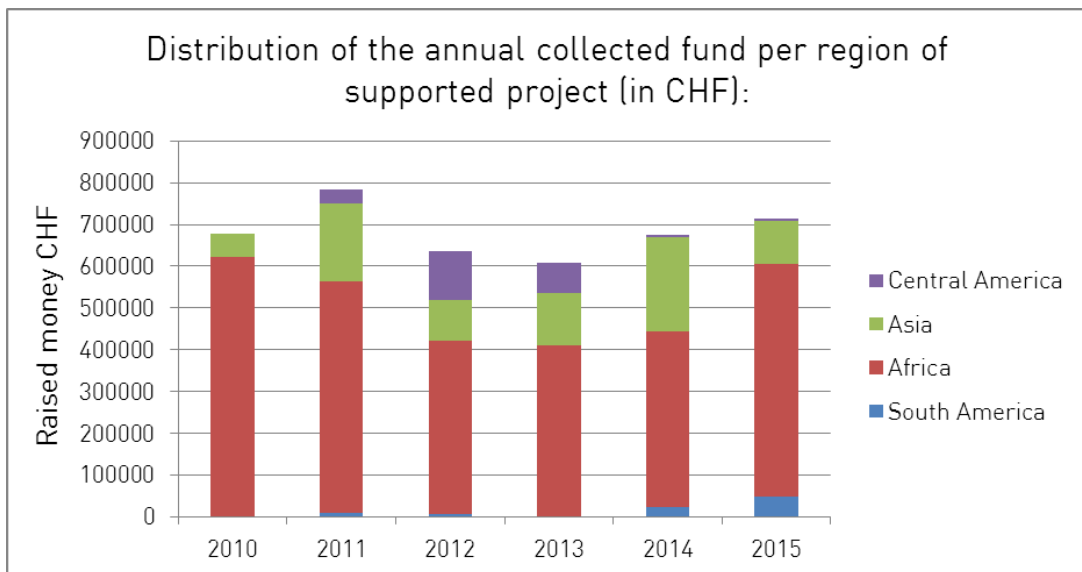
Administrative outcome

- Amount of participating municipalities/waterworks: In 2015, 88¹ municipalities supported a water-project within the solidarit'eau suisse (SES) programmes. 23 new municipalities/waterworks participated in the initiative for the first time. As shown in graphic 1, the number of municipalities reached the best result of the last 6 years and also since its launch in 2007.
- Amount of funds collected: In total, CHF 712'912 were raised during the course of 2015. This number increased compared to previous year's acquisition result by around 6% (see graphic 1). 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 2010-2015.

¹ 83 municipalities/waterworks and 5 cantons



Graphic 1: Shows the development of the raised amount of funds and the number of participating municipalities/waterworks for the period 2009-2015.



Graphic 2: Distribution of raised donations among continents for the period 2010-2015.

- **Beneficiaries outcome:** The financing for 9 projects enabling access to safe drinking water could be ensured while 6 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 300,000 beneficiaries, supported additionally by a considerable co-financing by funds from other sources.



Figure 1: Caritas' project in Ethiopia

Figure 2: Project of Swissaid in Nicaragua

Water projects

In 2015, a total of 26 water projects were successfully promoted by SES. The financing for 15 of these projects could be ensured and/or the projects successfully implemented with the support of SES' municipalities (see table A and B). As a result, more than 300'000 beneficiaries received sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation. 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 230'000 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 |
|--|---|------------|---------------|
| CEU - Associazione Cooperazione Essere Umani | Acqua potabile per la comunità rurale di Oulampane | Senegal | 700 |
| Eauservice Lausanne | Projet Communautaire pour l'Accès à l'Eau (PCAE), Nouakchott (Mauritanie) | Mauritania | 118,000 |
| HEKS | Fluorfilter für sauberes Trinkwasser in Äthiopien (Projektphase 2) | Ethiopia | 36,000 |

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| Helvetas | Sauberes Wasser im Mekongdelta dank SODIS | Vietnam | 69,000 |
| Insieme per la Pace | Acqua per il Ruanda | Rwanda | 15,000 |
| IRHA | Ecoles Bleues Boubanza Modul 2 | Burundi | 1,400 |
| Kommission für In- und Auslandhilfe (KIAH) | Wasserversorgung Masindray Phase 3 | Madagaskar | 3,200 |
| Multimicros Ticino | Acqua per la comunità di Las Brizas de Alto Tambo | Ecuador | 300 |
| Wakina Mama na Watoto | Trinkwasserprojekt Mlangali, Mbozi District, Tansania | Tanzania | 25,000 |

Table A: The following list shows the 9 organisations/projects that were published on SES website in 2015 and which have been financed but not yet completely implemented (final report pending).

| Development agency | Project promoted on the SES website | Country | Beneficiaries |
|--|--|------------|---------------|
| Caritas Schweiz | Sauberes Trinkwasser verbessert die Lebensqualität von Dorfgemeinschaften | Bolivia | 1,400 |
| Caritas Schweiz | Natürliche Felsbecken werden zu Wasserreservoirs ausgebaut | Sudan | 18,700 |
| Caritas Schweiz | Arme Bauernfamilien ethnischer Minderheiten verbessern ihre Lebensbedingungen dank besserem Zugang zu Trinkwasser und sorgfältigerem Umgang mit Wasser | Vietnam | 9,580 |
| Kommission für In- und Auslandhilfe (KIAH) | Trinkwasserversorgung und Siedlungshygiene Masindray, Madagaskar | Madagascar | 1,039 |
| Kommission für In- und Auslandhilfe (KIAH) | Trinkwasserversorgung und Siedlungshygiene Masindray, Madagaskar Phase 2 -- 2014/2015 | Madagascar | 4,000 |
| Singla-Népal | Adductions d'eau dans le district de Khotang | Nepal | 1,200 |

Table B: The following 6 projects promoted on the SES platform have been terminated in 2015 (final report available)

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 2015:

Kanton Aargau * Abtwil-St. Josef * Aesch (BL) * AIEB Eaux du Boironnens, Lully, Lussy, Tolochenaz, Villars sous-Yens * Alto Malcantone * Apples * Ascona * Attalens * Avengno-Gordevio * Bagnes * Bardonnex * Kanton Baselland – Liestal * Beinwil am See * Belp * Bernex * Bever * Bioggio * Bissone * Blenio * Buchs (SG) * Cadempino * Cadenazzo * Charrat * Coldrerio * Collina d'Oro * Comano * Cossonay * Cressier * Disentis * Epalinges * Erlenbach * Estavayer-le-Lac * Fiesch * Flawil * Founex – Services Industriels de Terre Sainte et environs * Frenkendorf * Giubiasco * Kanton Glarus * Grancia * Herisau * Hinwil * Jouxten-Mézery * Jussy * La Chaux * La Menthue * La Punt Chamues-ch * Lamone * Lancy * Lausanne * Les Ponts-de-Martel * Lugano * Lumino * Lutry * Martigny * Maur * Meinier * Mendrisio * Monteggio * Mont-sur-Lausanne * Morges * Münsingen * Nyon * Personico * Pfeffingen * Pully * Saanen * Saint Imier * Seeländische Wasserversorgung * Sempach * Sion * Sorengo * Stabio * Kanton Ticino * Torricella-Taverne * Uri-Altdorf * Vandoeuvres * Vaz/Obervaz * Vezia * Villaz-St-Pierre * Wil * Zell * Zermatt * Ziefen * Zollikon * Zug * Zumikon

Communication, Events and Media

Events

In 2015 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:

- In 2015 the secretariat organized an information lunch-event in Zurich in order to officially launch the ambassador's program, strengthen the relations with the already committed personalities and gain additional ambassadors.
- During 2015, SES has been involved in the campaign "Expedition Milano 2015" of Goodwill Ambassador Ernst Bromeis who has accomplished a long distance swim from Lago Maggiore (TI) to Milan (Italy). Linked to EXPO Milan, the campaign's purpose was to explain the complexity of global water challenges to a broad public. The secretariat co-organized the launch of the expedition in Locarno (TI). In return, SES was present on Bromeis' website during and after the campaign. At the same time the secretariat published the highlights of the campaign on SES website and in the SES newsletter. Furthermore, the expedition and its link to SES was covered in different media contributions (articles and a short film). The promotional film has been published on the SES website and on trinkwasser.ch, the website of SVGW/SSIGE.
- The SES secretariat attended the yearly event of SVGW/SSIGE which took place in Zürich. During this event Daniele Polini presented the initiative and tried to sensitize the participants (around 80 representatives of Swiss waterworks) to mobilize their municipalities/waterworks in supporting SES.

Media presence

SES raised attention in local or specialized press and on the SES website with in total 31 news productions and articles. Furthermore, the secretariat accomplished 4 newsletters². One promotional short film has been realized with Goodwill Ambassador Ernst Bromeis late 2015 and it will be officially launched beginning of 2016.

- 19 publications in different Swiss newspapers about SES and the “Expedition Milano” by Ernst Bromeis
- 12 articles on SES website www.solidariteausuisse.ch

² SES Newsletters have been translated into the 3 national languages. They have been distributed in March, July, October and December 2015.