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Summary and Outlook

The present report is an abridged version of the comprehensive progress report 2014 of solidarit'eau suisse (SES), which gives a brief overview of the most important achievements and activities during the reporting year.

In 2014, 74 municipalities supported a water-project and donated a total of CHF 675'239. 28 water projects were successfully promoted. Thanks to the allocated funds for 4 projects, the financing has been assured and 7 projects have been terminated. According to the reports of the NGOs, these substantial financial contributions enabled sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation for more than 300,000 beneficiaries.

With regard to communication and outreach, SES launched in October 2014 the new website (available in the three Swiss national languages). Furthermore, SES was present with publications in different Swiss newspapers, a total of 19 articles about SES have been published. In addition, the initiative got promoted through the "Goodwill Ambassador" Ernst Bromeis at different events.

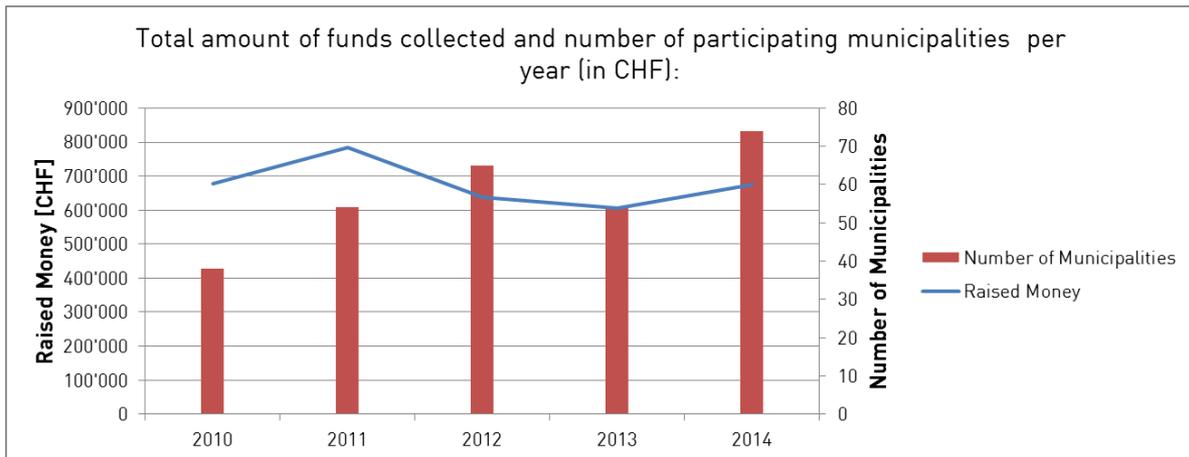
In 2014, the secretariat collaborated with and supported Global Water Solidarity (an institutional platform of United Nation Development Program UNDP for local level water management) in developing a certification for the recognition, promotion and motivation of decentralized solidarity mechanisms for water and sanitation which resulted in the "Label for Decentralized Water Solidarity". This new label is granted to national platforms promoting decentralized solidarity mechanisms and thereby adhering to a set of clearly defined social, environmental and economic/governance criteria. SES received in 2014 as first national initiative the "Label for Decentralized Water Solidarity".

For 2015, launching a wider network of "Goodwill Ambassadors" and establishing a close cooperation with them in order to gain more Swiss municipalities and waterworks engaging for safe access to clean drinking water and sanitation in municipalities of developing countries.

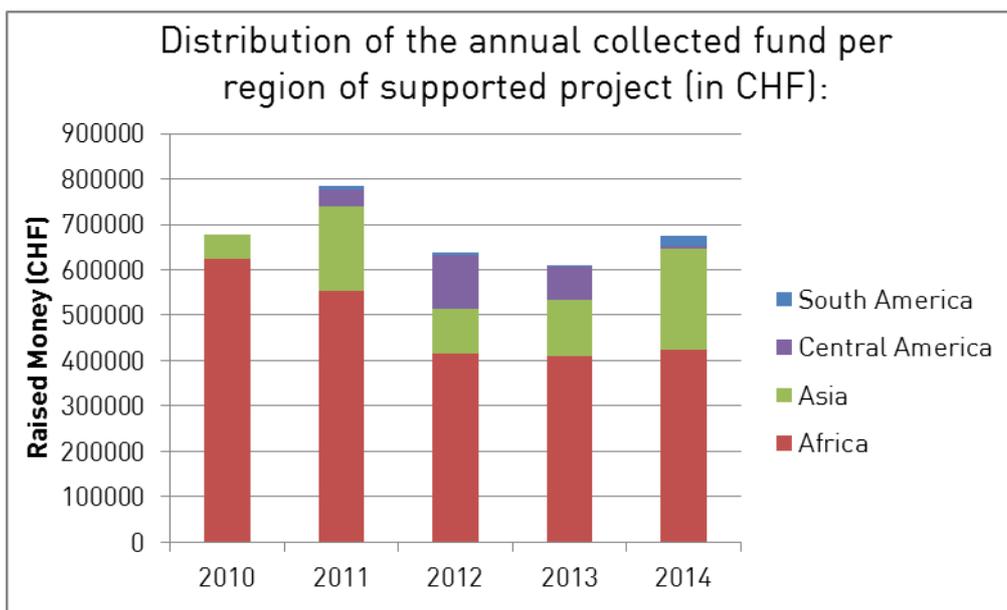
Achievements 2014

Administrative outcome

- Amount of participating municipalities: In 2014, 74 municipalities supported a water-project within the solidarit'eau suisse (SES) programmes. 21 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 5 years and also since its launch in 2007.
- Amount of funds collected: In total, CHF 675'239 were raised during the course of 2014. This number increased compared to previous year's acquisition result by around 10% but still did not reach the amount which was raised in 2012 which was with around CHF 775'000 the highest ever (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 2010-2014.



Graphic 1: Shows the development of the raised amount of funds and the number of participating municipalities for the period 2010-2014.



Graphic 2: Distribution of raised donations among continents for the period 2010-2014.

Beneficiaries outcome

- **Objective:** enable access to safe drinking water.

Achievement: The financing for 4 projects could be ensured while 7 projects were terminated. According to the reports of participating NGOs, more than 300'000 beneficiaries received sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation through this engagements.



Figure 1: Helvetas' project in Vietnam



Figure 2: Project of Association Morija in Burkina Faso

Water projects

In 2014, a total of 28 water projects were successfully promoted by SES. The financing for 11 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 17 on-going projects promoted by SES (which are partly realised but still seeking funding), the implementation agencies (NGOs) estimate that around 385'000 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 pour l'Accès à l'Eau (PCAE), Nouakchott (Mauritanie)	Mauritania	118,000
Kommission für In- und Auslandhilfe (KIAH)	Trinkwasserversorgung und Siedlungshygiene Masindray, Madagaskar	Madagascar	1,039
Singla-Népal	Adductions d'eau dans le district de Khotang	Nepal	1,200
Wakina Mama na Watoto	Trinkwasserprojekt Mlangali, Mbozi District, Tansania	Tanzania	25,000

Table A: The list shows 4 projects that were promoted on the SES website in 2014 through which they received funding. However, these projects have not yet been completely implemented (final report pending):

Development agency	Project promoted on the SES website	Country	Beneficiaries
Ass. Mabawa	Acqua per tutti: Allacciamento della collina Nyakanyinya alla rete idrica di Nyamyumba	Rwanda	452
Caritas	Zugang zu Wasser verbessert Hygiene, Gesundheit und Ernährung	Ethiopia	26,300
Caritas	Nachhaltige Ernährungssicherung und Trinkwasserversorgung auf dem Plateau Dogon durch den Bau von Kleindämmen für den bewässerten Zwiebelanbau (Echaloten)	Mali	4,000
Fondazione Svizzera Madagascar	Ristrutturazione e manutenzione straordinaria	Madagascar	7,550
Kommission für In- und Auslandhilfe (KIAH)	Rehabilitierung der Wasserversorgung Ihazolava, Vakinankaratra	Madagascar	20,000
SRK	Sauberes Trinkwasser und verbesserte Hygiene	Nepal	200,000
Singla-Népal	Adductions d'eau dans le district de Khotang	Nepal	1,200

Table B: The list shows 7 projects promoted on the SES platform that could be terminated in 2014 (final report existing)

Participating Municipalities and Water suppliers

The realization of all above mentioned projects would be impossible without the engagement of Swiss municipalities and water suppliers. Big thanks to the following municipalities and water suppliers that supported a water-project in 2014:

Aarau * Abtwil-St.Josefen * Adliswil * Aesch (BL) * Apples * Arbedo-Castione * Attalens * Balerna * Bardonnex * Bever * Biberstein (AG) * Bière * Bioggio * Bissone * Blumenstein * Bregaglia * Buchs (AG) * Camorino * Charrat * Claro * Cossonay * Cressier * Cugnasco-Gerra * Disentis * Epalinges * Erlenbach * Estavayer-le-Lac * Flawil * Frenkendorf * Gambarogno * Canton de Genève * Grancia * Herisau * Jouxten-Mézery * Jussy * La Chaux * La Punt Chamues-ch * Lancy * Lausanne * Le Grand-Saconnex * Les Ponts-de-Martel * Lugano * Lutry * Martigny * Maur * Meinier * Mont-sur-Lausanne * Morges * Münsingen * Muzzano * Nyon * Onex * Personico * Pfeffingen * Pollegio * Pully * Saanen * Saint Imier * Scuol * Seeländische Wasserversorgung * Sempach * Sion * Solothurn * Sorengo * Stabio * Vandoeuvres * Vaz/Obervaz * Villaz-St-Pierre * Wasser Verbund Grauholz Dieterswil * Wil * Wohlen (BE) * Zell

Communication, Events and media

Website

In October 2014 SES launched the new website (available in the three Swiss national languages). The website is the initiative's main communication instrument. It is essential for both the municipalities/waterworks and the implementation partners, the NGOs. The feedbacks received from partners and members for the new design were very positive. The appealing layout and the user-friendly navigation seemed to be the most appreciated new features.

Events

In 2014 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:

- SES has been involved in the campaign "Blue Miracle" the initiative of the Goodwill Ambassador Ernst Bromeis who has accomplished a long distance swim in the Rhine River – from its source to the sea. The campaign story had the goal of explaining the complexity of water challenges to a broad public. SES has been promoted by Mr. Bromeis and was present on the website of the campaign. At the same time the secretariat published the campaign on SES website and SES newsletter with various media contributions.
- Ernst Bromeis attended on behalf of SES secretariat the symposium organized by SEE-SWE (Solidarité Eau Europe) in collaboration with UNDP GWS "International Cooperation and Solidarity for Water and Sanitation – What are the financial mechanisms and tools in Europe enabling access to water and sanitation for all?" which took place in November in Strasbourg (France). During this event UNDP GWS officially granted to SES the label Global Water Solidarity. With his speech, Mr. Bromeis promoted SES and the importance of international solidarity in the water sector.



Wasserbotschafter **Ernst Bromeis** mit dem Zertifikat für «Solidarit'eau Suisse», überreicht von der UNDP Global Water Solidarity in Strassburg. (ZVG)

Media presence

SES raised attention in regional and specialized media and on the SES website with in total 19 news and articles. Furthermore, the secretariat released 4 newsletters. Following articles about SES and its activities have been published:

- Article on Commune suisse (January 2014)
- Article on La Lettre (September 2014)
- Article on Bündner Tagblatt (November 2014)
- 16 articles on SES Website (~ 70% of the articles have been translated into 2 or 3 national languages)¹
- One promotional video (with representatives of the municipality of Sempach)²

Newsletters:

- January 2014
- April 2014
- July 2014
- December 2014

¹ Link: http://www.solidariteausuisse.ch/news/?no_cache=1

² Link: <http://www.solidariteausuisse.ch/de/filme/film-sempach-von-solidariteau-suisse.html>