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# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2013

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## Summary

The present report is an abridged version of the comprehensive progress report 2013<sup>1</sup> of solidarit'eau suisse (SES). It gives a brief overview of the most important achievements and activities of the secretariat during the course of last year.

In 2013, 54 municipalities supported a water-project and donated a total of CHF 606'794. Overall 31 new water projects submitted by Swiss NGOs were launched, for 6 projects the financing could be ensured and 3 projects were terminated. This enabled sustainable access to safe drinking water for more than 52,000 beneficiaries. With regard to communication and outreach, SES was present and took part in 4 different events and different Swiss newspapers and journals published together 10 articles related to SES and its activities.

For 2014, SES aims for a higher acquisition rate which should mainly be achieved by expanding the promoters' network, by strengthened collaboration with SVGW/SSIGE (Swiss Organisation for Gas and Water Industry) and promoting SES in target-specific events. Additionally, it is planned to renew the rather dated SES webpage concerning its appearance and user-friendliness.

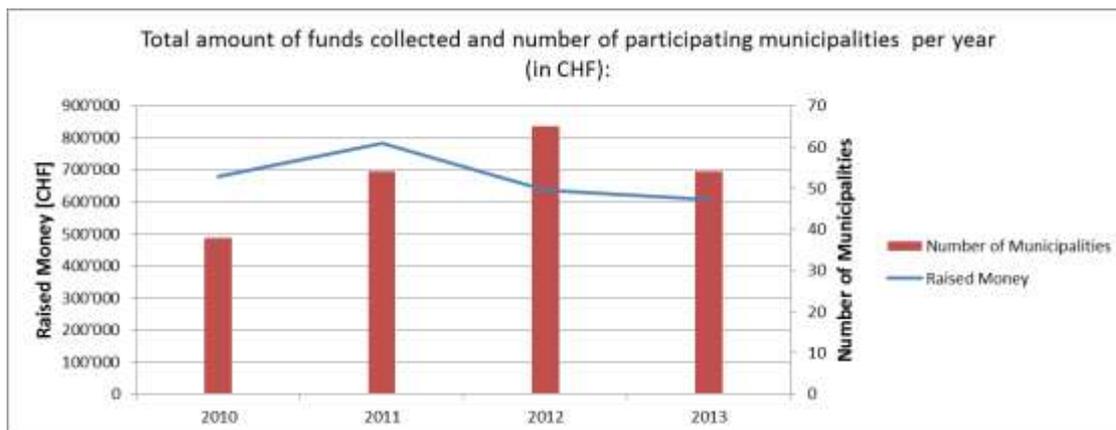
## Achievements 2013

### Administrative outcome

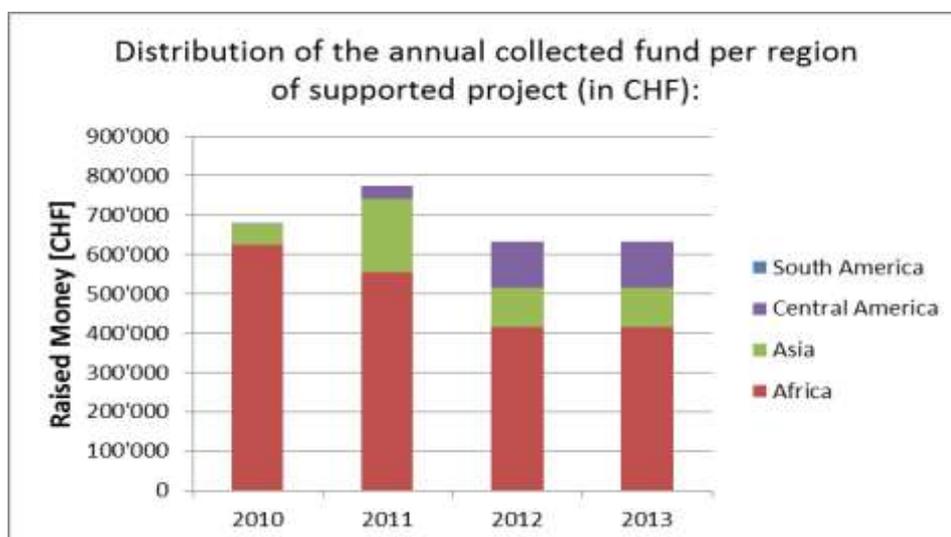
- Amount of participating municipalities: In 2013, 54 municipalities supported a water-project within the SES programmes. In comparison in 2012, 65 municipalities participated in the initiative. However in 2013, 14 new municipalities became member and received the SES' label for the first time. As shown in graphic 1, these numbers are in the same range as the amount of participating municipalities in the previous years.
- Amount of funds collected: In total, CHF 606'794 were raised during the course of 2013. This number is within the range of funds collected in previous years (see graphic 1). The largest part of the raised funds benefits different water projects in Africa. Graphic 2 shows how the annual collected funds were distributed among the regions for the period 2010-2013.

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<sup>1</sup> As per requirement of SDC



Graphic 1: Shows the development of the raised amount of funds and the number of participating municipalities for the period 2010-2013.



Graphic 2: Distribution of raised donations among continents.

### Beneficiaries outcome

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

**Achievement:** The financing for 6 projects could be ensured while 3 projects were terminated. According to the reports of participating NGOs, 52,415 beneficiaries received sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation.



Figure 1: Project of Singla-Népal in a rural village of the district Khotang – Nepal.



Figure 2: Project of „Kommission für In- und Auslandshilfe Münsingen (KIAH)“ in Masindray – Madagascar.

## Water projects

In 2013, a total of 31 water projects were successfully promoted by SES. The financing for 9 of these projects could be ensured and/or the projects successfully closed down with the support of SES' municipalities (see table A and B). As a result, more than 50'000 beneficiaries received sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation. In the case of the 22 on-going projects promoted by SES (which are partly implemented but still seeking funding), the implementation agencies (NGOs) estimate that around 680,000 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
Associazione Svizzera Cuba	Camagüey, Cuba: potabilizzazione dell'acqua con filtri in ceramica in una comunità rurale	Cuba	1,265
H2O-Energies	Ville de MBOUDA – Source des « 24 ESCALIERS »	Camerun	2,000
Kommission für In- und Auslandhilfe (KIAH)	Trinkwasserversorgung und Siedlungshygiene Masindray, Madagaskar	Madagascar	20,000
Memorial Flavia	Potenziamento del Laboratorio Agricolo di Jinotepe	Nicaragua	680
Multimicros Ticino	Un acquedotto per la scuola e la comunità awá di Rio Verde Bajo	Ecuador	420
Singla-Népal	Adductions d'eau dans le district de Khotang	Nepal	1,200

Table A: The list shows 6 projects that were promoted on the SES website in 2013 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
SWISSAID	Verbesserung der Trinkwasser- und Sanitärversorgung in den Dorfgemeinschaften der Gemeinde von San Dionisio, Matagalpa (Ref: NC 2/11/13)	Nicaragua	2,850
TIM Suisse et France Voisine	Projet de désinfection de l'eau à Madagascar	Madagascar	22,000
WaterKiosk Foundation	Trinkwasser an Schulen in den Usambara Bergen (Tansania)	Tansania	2,000

Table B: The list shows projects promoted on the SES platform that could be terminated in 2013 (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 2013:

Abtwil-St.Josefen \* Adliswil \* Aesch (BL) \* Apples \* Arbedo-Castione \* Ascona \* Attalens \* Balerna \* Basel \* Bever \* Birsfelden BL \* Bissone \* Cademario \* Charrat \* Collina d'Oro \* Cossonay \* Cressier \* Cugnasco-Gerra \* Disentis \* Eglisau \* Epalinges \* Estavayer-le-Lac \* Canton de Genève \* Gnosca \* Herisau \* Jouxten-Mézery \* Jussy \* La Chaux \* Lausanne \* Le-Mont-sur-Lausanne \* Lugano \* Lumino \* Lutry \* Martigny \* Maur \* Morges \* Münsingen \* Nyon \* Personico \* Pfeffingen \* Pully \* Saanen \* Scuol \* Seeländische Wasserversorgung \* Sempach \* Sion \* Sornego \* Stabio \* Trient \* Uttigen \* Villaz-St-Pierre \* Wettingen \* Wil \* Zell

## Events and media

### Events

In 2013 SES has been actively engaged in organising and promoting its activities. During the "2013 International Year of Water Cooperation" the secretariat presented solidarit'eau suisse at the 4 following events:

- On 22<sup>nd</sup> March in Bern with a stand at the opening ceremony of the International Year of Water Cooperation (IYWC) organised by the Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN). At this occasion, SES and others initiatives (Swiss Water Partnership, cewas and Swiss bluetec bridge) were presented as different mechanisms for international water cooperation and as active and important promoters of the IYWC's campaign "&"

- On 30<sup>th</sup> May SES organised in collaboration with eauservice Lausanne the event “Romandie solidaire” in Lausanne. The main objectives were to honor the existing members of SES in the Romandie and thus to attract new members. The event included, a presentaiton about the Public-Public Partnership between Lausanne/Nouakchott, a discussion with different stakeholders and the award ceremony for existing SES-members. Local media (Le matin) covered the event.
- On 10<sup>th</sup> September SES participated in an event organised by PUSCH (Foundation for Practical Environmental Protection Switzerland) in Solothurn. At this conference, dedicated to the subject of water cooperation between municipalities, SES had its own stand with flyers. Daniele Polini, head of the SES secretariat, provided information to interested parties and answered questions. An article about SES was published in the September issue of “Thema Umwelt”, the official publication of PUSCH.
- On 20/21 September the 7<sup>th</sup> “Samedan Water Days” took place in Grisons. Daniele Polini presented SES and the local engagement for SES of the canton Grisons. Further SES Ambassador, Ernst Bromeis elucidated on the reasons and benefits for supporting the initiative from a Swiss municipality’s perspective and called on participants to mobilize their residential municipalities.



Figure 3: Ernst Bromeis, solidarit'eau suisse Ambassador.



Figure 4: Jaques Oudin at the solidarit'eau suisse event “Romandie Solidaire”, Mai 2013.

### Media presence

SES raised attention in local and national press with 10 articles. Furthermore, 18 news-articles have been published on the SES Website. The secretariat released 3 newsletters and updated an information flyer (French version). Following articles/news about SES and facts related to SES have been published:

- Article on “Le Matin Dimanche” (May 2013)
- Article on “PUSCH Magazine” (September 2013)

- Article on “Aqua & Gas” (November 2013)
- Article on “Schweizer Gemeinde” (December 2013)
- Article on “Commune suisse” (Realised December 2013, publication January 2014)
- 5 contributions on website of Swiss Water Partnership
- 18 news-articles on SES Website (~ 80% of the news-articles have been translated into 2 or 3 national languages)
- 2 promotional videos (With representatives of the municipalities of Sempach and Lausanne)