

# Christmas Newsletter



## A Word from the President Jean-Marc Waridel

One day, says the legend, there was a huge forest fire.  
All the terrified animals, appalled, watched helplessly the disaster.  
Only the little hummingbird was active, fetching a few drops  
with its beak to throw them on the fire.

After a while, the armadillo, annoyed by this ridiculous agitation, said to him:

"Hummingbird! You are not crazy?

It is not with these drops of water that you will put out the fire!"

And the hummingbird replied, "I know that, but I am doing my part."

### The Legend of the Hummingbird

History does not say if they succeeded; but since that day, something has changed and the animals feel united by a new strength. And no longer do any of them make fun of Hummingbird's small size.

The year 2022 was marked by the double challenge of structuring and growing, to have an ever greater impact, and united like all the animals of the forest, to put out as many fires as possible, bringing help and comfort to all our beneficiaries, who are often among the poorest in the world. The year 2022 was also marked by numerous trips that allowed us to meet our partners in Cameroon, Senegal, Karakalpakstan, Malawi and Chad.

Thanks to your unfailing support, which keeps us motivated, and thanks to a multidisciplinary team, which does not measure its efforts, we hope to harvest in 2023 the fruit of this work and share it with you during a festive event.

Thank you for staying by our side and if you wish, for welcoming our "Christmas Action" by helping us to improve the situation of the inhabitants of 11 villages in Cameroon in their daily quest for water.



# Chad

## Fighting together against communicable diseases in Chad

In Chad, our second project began in May in N'Djaména and Sarh. During the summer period, heavy rains caused flooding throughout the country, which prevented some activities for a few weeks. However, our partners continued their work with the schools as much as possible!

In N'Djaména, Roger's team reached more than 50 schools to distribute handwashing stations equipped with The Drop® taps. This also means that all staff and children in these schools have been trained in good handwashing practices, as well as the students. The team held sessions with all teachers and focus groups on topics related to hygiene and health in the schools. In the South, in the Sarh region, several schools now have access to water thanks to the work of Djasnabaye and his team!

In the end, our project reaches 38,588 children and teachers as well as families living in N'Djaména who are in a very precarious situation.

### Christine Sowti

"My involvement in the hand hygiene outreach project is as a logistician. For my logistics job, I direct the purchase of materials and plan the facilitators' trips to the field. I am excited to be a part of this project."





# And for 2023?

## Our first *program*

What about 2023? Since March 2022, we have begun preparing our first three-year program, from 2023 to 2026, entitled "Smart Collaborations for Sustainable Access to Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Services". This program includes three projects in Malawi, Cameroon, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. The objective of this program is not only to improve the living conditions of the beneficiaries of the different projects in terms of access to water, hygiene and sanitation, but also to strengthen their capacities at different levels, by organizing awareness sessions including creative and playful activities, and by providing training for the management and maintenance of infrastructures, for income generation and for the strengthening of local structures (management committees and partner associations). You have already heard about our three projects, but here is another summary of these new opportunities!

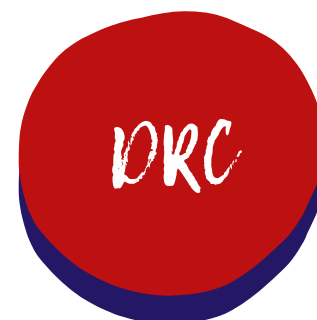


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This April, we would like to start our project in the Dzaleka refugee camp in Malawi, with our local partner YOCODESOP. Our goal is to improve the hygienic and water conditions for nine schools in the camp, by providing them with hand-washing facilities as well as improving the water supply infrastructure. In addition, we are supporting the creation of a local soap factory that will compensate for the lack of soap in the camp and provide free soap to our partner schools. Finally, four members of our partner will do an internship at WeltHungerHilfe to improve their technical and project management skills. The Canton of Basel is supporting us with 30'000CHF for this project. We are currently looking for partners to complete our financing plan.

In May, our first project in the Democratic Republic of Congo will begin. Located in the territory of Lubefu, we are working with PRCERSE, an inter-university capacity building program that brings together the University of Geneva, the University of Kinshasa and the Université Pédagogique Nouvelle, as well as with the organizations Congo Biodiversité et Développement Durable and Avenir des Enfants du Sankuru. The objective of the project is to (re)build two schools and to improve the water, sanitation and hygiene infrastructures. In addition, we will accompany the students and the responsible leaders to a positive evolution of the behaviors related to the washing of the hands and the use of the toilets. Finally, we will also form Water Management Committees so that they can take charge of the infrastructures. We look forward to this new opportunity and collaboration!





Starting in June 2023, our largest project will begin in 11 villages south of Mbalmayo in Cameroon. In order to fight diseases related to poor drinking water and hygiene in a sustainable way, we will work with our local partner Alternatives Durables pour le Développement. In order to do this, we not only want to rehabilitate and build new wells for which we ensure the quality, but also train the local population so that they can take charge of the infrastructures at the end of the project. We also work with schools and health centers in the villages to improve the sanitary and hygienic infrastructures. Finally, an important component is the promotion of income-generating activities related to water. For this project, we are also still looking for new partners in order to complete our financing plan for the three years.



## A message from the team



Maxence

From the beginning, I quickly integrated into the team, which offered me many opportunities and incredible experiences. I finish my internship at the end of January and hope to continue the adventure with Jean-Marc, Anne-Lize and Nathalie.



Nathalie

Accompanying is a privilege that I have had for many years within ADED. Accompanying also means helping, being available, listening. But, it is also to put oneself a little aside in order to be able to capture things with my lens, the faces of the people we meet, the moments we share with them, the landscapes and the places where these people live, it is to try to capture their emotions and to highlight them. In the end, it is to have beautiful encounters and try to transmit them to you through my photos.



Anne-Lize

Another year has passed at ADED! It has been a busy year, during which mountains of work have been moved by the entire team. We have completed several baseline studies, taken trips and designed three new projects with new partners. I am looking forward to it! I also had the chance to get an additional university degree and thus have more (technical) knowledge about water, sanitation and hygiene issues in humanitarian and development contexts. An opportunity for which I am very grateful.

Our projects are not just 'projects', but they really change the lives of the people who benefit from them. They themselves become agents of change and to see their recognition and joy is something that gives indescribable value to our work. Thank you for your support over the past year!



# Christmas Action

**Walking more than 4 kilometers every day to get  
unsafe water?**

This is the daily life of the inhabitants of the 11 villages in the Central region of Cameroon where we work. The consumption of this non drinkable water affects their health, which limits their daily and economic activities, the presence of their children in school and their good development.



# Help us, make a donation and let's improve this situation!

## 50CHF

With this amount, you finance the purchase of small materials for income-generating activities related to water (soap, agriculture).



## 100CHF

With this amount, you are helping us to ensure the quality of the water in the new boreholes through analysis by a local laboratory.



## 200CHF

With this amount, you will help train people to manage the infrastructures and enable the establishment of management committees to ensure the sustainability of the project.



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