

Lasting improvements to water access and hygiene and sanitation conditions in the most vulnerable communities and health centres in two health districts in Mali



Area of intervention
Mali

Main topics
Water, hygiene, sanitation

Beneficiaries

Communities:

- 10 villages affected by severe acute malnutrition
- 4,000 people (2,120 children; 1,880 adults) have access to water of good quality and in quantities
- 2,000 people (1,060 children; 940 adults) have access to improved sanitation

Health centres

- 35 health centres
- 37,000 people have access to water, sanitation and better hygiene conditions
- 258 people receive WHS training

Budget

Total: **622,775** CHF
SDC: **465,492** CHF

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Strategies, methodologies or approaches

- “Wash-in-nut” strategy in community health centres
- Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) and promotion of SanPlats
- Participatory approaches/accountability
- Further training of beneficiaries on good hygiene practice and sustainable management of Water, Hygiene and Sanitation (WHS) infrastructure
- Development of appropriate WHS tools and technologies
- Water advocacy
- Facilitation of multi-stakeholder dialogue on WHS issues
- Inter-project partnerships
- Capitalising on experiences



Lessons learnt

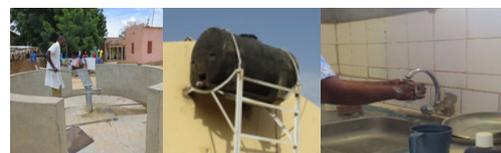
- Inter-project visits provide a good opportunity for mutual learning and replication of successful experiments.
- TdH's participation in implementing ATPC as part of Caritas' ACORD project in its area of intervention has enabled the TdH team to capitalise on this experience and proactively replicate it in the 10 villages most affected by severe acute malnutrition in the intervention area.
- This capitalising on experience also enabled the TdH team to anticipate and prepare for difficulties of working with partners and communities.

Good practice

7 health centres are now autonomous in drinking water by means of a solar pump system. This system is connected to a borehole or well equipped with a manually operated pump and the two systems work separately.

The solar pump system comprises:

- 1 immersed pump in addition to the manually operated pump
- 2 coupled photovoltaic panels
- 1 1m³ water cistern
- 1 water fountain in the courtyard and sinks in the treatment, delivery and surgery rooms.



Success

These innovations guarantees that health centres will have water that meets WHO standards.

Advocacy & political dialogue

With support from the regional adviser, the Mali consortium organised a discussion forum on advocacy issues related to the WHS/health/agriculture intervention areas in September 2015.

The workshop brought together councillors, the WHS journalist network, civil society organisations and technical representatives from the relevant areas. It resulted in the elaboration of a plan for advocacy on the Malian Water Code.

