

Drinking Water for Schools and Health Centres (EPECS II)



Areas of intervention
Benin, 4 departments of the North: Borgou, Atacora, Donga and Alibori

Main topics
Drinking water, WASH in schools, Blue Schools, Eau potable, H&S in health centres, lobbying and knowledge-sharing

Budget: 961,940 CHF
SDC: 576,169 CHF
HSI: 385,771 CHF

Expected results
49,900 people, 20,400 schoolchildren and 15,340 women

Strategies, methodologies & approaches

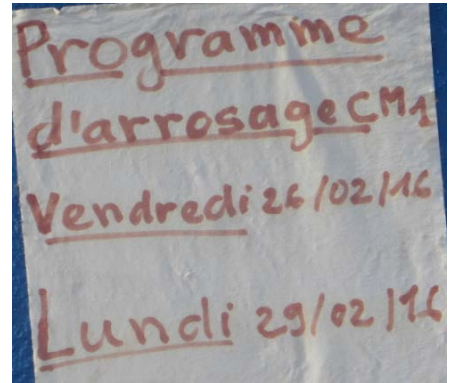
- Consolidation of Phase I activities and project extension
- Accompanying municipalities in contracting and complying with national strategies
- “Blue School” initiative linking access to drinking water, hygiene and sanitation with gardening and environmental protection
- Development of H&S **good practice** in health centres



Drinking water in a rural area

Some results and figures since 2014

- 15 new boreholes built and 7 rehabilitated of which 1 solar PEA benefiting 19 schools and 3 health centres
- 23,700 people of which 3,800 pupils and 12,324 women have access to water
- 12,945 people of which 3,600 pupils have access to improved sanitation
- 100% of waterpoints have been functional since their construction
- 13 latrines, 3 incinerators, 17 urinals and 6 sewage pits, 60 hand washing stations and 50 water points
- Over 500 tippy taps installed and working
- Training of 513 teachers about eco-gardens
- Awareness-raising about water, hygiene and sanitation through a poetry collection
- 160 operational school gardens
- Promotion of water treatment methods in 52 schools
- Reforestation of 2000 plants
- Training of 6 drinking water consumer associations (ACEP) in citizen awareness, accountability and fund-raising



Plant watering planning in a school garden

Good practice

- Eco-gardening** in schools to promote environmentally friendly agriculture
- Production and distribution of chlorine** by health centres (WATA device)
- Tippy Taps** in schools and households as an easy technique for washing hands with soap
- Maintenance plan for health centres for the management of biomedical waste
- Sulphur hydrogen test to trigger water chlorination at schools



Tippy Tap for hand washing at school

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Eco-gardening in schools

Advocacy & political dialogue

- Collaboration with MEMP structures to institutionalise the “Blue Schools” concept
- WASH advocacy at school with national actors (National Water Partnership, Youth Parliament for Water and Hygiene)