



PROVISION OF WATER AND SANITATION TO PEOPLE WITHOUT OCCUPANCY RIGHTS IN THE GREATER BORDEAUX AREA

From the outset of this project in 2015, Dynam'eau has worked in collaboration with Médecins du Monde, France Liberté and Architectes Sans Frontière in an effort to provide Bordeaux's slums and squatter sites with proper access to clean drinking water.

We have set a priority on guaranteeing effective access to drinking water and sanitation for people living on the Gironde who have no occupancy or land-tenancy rights. Our aim is to deal with this problem by helping and supporting the recipients of this service, as well as by getting local residents and operators involved in a participative approach to find sustainable solutions (e.g. encouraging community efforts). Local municipalities are finding it increasingly difficult to deal

with this complex and costly task; moreover, in our field of activity it is necessary to distinguish between squatter sites situated on private property from those under council or state jurisdiction.

What we are setting out to provide for these disfavoured population groups is :

- respect for human dignity
- minimisation of epidemic risks, as well as a decrease in the prevalence of certain pathologies
- lessening of tensions when dealing with local residents
- improvement of school attendance rates, and easier integration into the general population.



Whilst France has long been considered a developed country and one that possesses considerable water resources, thousands of people country-wide do not have access to this essential resource as a fundamental right. **Clearly, clean drinking water is not a rare commodity in our country, and yet in 2019 it is still unavailable to a large sector of the under-privileged population.**

Within the greater Bordeaux area the current estimate of people who do not have drinking water and/or proper sanitation facilities on their premises is over 1,200. Our teams thus enter such squatter sites and slums where entire families do not have access to drinking water. Furthermore, the absence of water heightens the risk of digestive, dermatological and bucco-dental diseases, while increasing the risk of illnesses with a high epidemic

potential. On a material level, it also raises the risk of fires.

The greater Bordeaux area is estimated to have over 1,200 people who have no direct access to clean drinking water and/or proper sanitation on their premises.

People living in the most precarious situations have no choice but to buy bottled water or travel several kilometres to fill containers with water for all their daily necessities. In actual fact, we fall below **the United Nations recommendations for refugee camps, for example, where provision is made for 20 litres of water minimum per person per day, one supply tap per 100 people maximum, and a maximum distance of 100 metres to any**

supply tap... The right to universal water access is recognised by France through multiple ratified international treaties. It is written into French law (art. L.210-1 of the environmental code) and its application lies within the scope of the municipal authority (para. 1, article L.2224-7-1 of the general code governing regional authorities).

Thus, every mayor is bound by law to ensure the supply of clean drinking water and the proper disposal of sewage without discrimination between users, regardless of whether or not they are directly registered with the sanitation services.

The universal right to clean drinking water is recognised by various international treaties that France has ratified and written into French law.



OUR ACTION IN TERMS OF NUMBERS SINCE 2015




2 TBQ
INSTALLED




20 PRESS
ARTICLES




5 SQUATTER
FACILITIES
SUPPLIED
WITH WATER




30 « WATER »
AUDITS OF
SQUATTER
FACILITIES

Our activity is aligned with with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) set by the United Nations worldwide in 2015. These goals, based on the earlier Millennial Development Goals (MDG), target full implementation by 2030. Their ultimate aim is to eradicate poverty, protect the planet and guarantee prosperity for all inhabitants of so-called southern and northern countries alike. Certain « targets » have been defined in order to help attain the global development indicators.

Owners of premises will be able to benefit from our collaboration by avoiding problems of unpaid bills or damage to goods. In our view, illegal occupation of land is not a motive for depriving occupants of their dignity and basic rights.

THE OTHER ENTITIES INVOLVED IN THE
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION EFFORT

AND THEIR REGIONAL DELEGATIONS

- MEDECINS DU MONDE
- ARCHITECTES SANS FRONTIÈRES
- LES COMPAGNONS BÂTISSEURS
- TRIPOTE&MASCAGNES
- FRANCE LIBERTÉ
- BORDEAUX MÉCÈNES SOLIDAIRES