

DELABIE, 20 YEARS OF HUMANITARIAN ACTION BRINGING ACCESS TO WATER AND HYGIENE TO THE MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS



Madagascar, village water fountain. ©Eau Sans Frontières

Since 2005, DELABIE has invested its expertise in humanitarian projects to improve access to clean water and provide education for vulnerable populations. To mark 20 years of its philanthropic commitment, the company reflects on the concrete actions it has undertaken.

CONCRETE ACTIONS FOR REAL IMPACT

Over the past 20 years, DELABIE has funded 120 clean water and sanitation projects, directly impacting 90,000 people, primarily in African regions where access to water and hygiene remains a major challenge. Well drilling, installation of water tanks, and the construction of public toilets are among the tangible initiatives undertaken, always complemented by on-site training in hygiene and infrastructure maintenance to ensure long-term sustainability.

Each year, DELABIE dedicates a portion of its profits to finance these humanitarian projects.



A COLLECTIVE EFFORT

To guide its philanthropic efforts, DELABIE relies on a dedicated Committee of 12 volunteer employees.

The Committee plays a crucial role in selecting and monitoring projects. They work exclusively with renowned and reliable organisations, such as Eau Sans Frontières, Eau Vive Internationale, and Experts Solidaires, which operate in several African countries, including Madagascar, Benin, Togo, and Cameroon. The DELABIE Philanthropy Committee ensures that at least 80% of funds allocated to its partners are directly used on the ground, guaranteeing a tangible impact for beneficiaries.

To amplify its impact, DELABIE is ready to share its experience with other like-minded organisations.

ACCESS TO CLEAN DRINKING WATER: A CHALLENGE FOR HALF A BILLION AFRICANS

- Only **31%** of the population in sub-Saharan Africa has access to safely managed drinking water services.
- Only **23%** of people in sub-Saharan Africa have handwashing facilities with water and soap at home.
- Only **20%** of household wastewater in sub-Saharan Africa is safely treated.
- Only **79%** of monitored water bodies in sub-Saharan Africa have good ambient water quality.

Source: WHO and UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP), 2023



“Water is a common good of humanity. However, it is very unequally shared. Every human being should have the right to access clean drinking water and dignified sanitation.”

Jean-Claude Delabie, former company director and founder of this philanthropic initiative.

DELABIE, WATER FOR LIFE



Moréton in Togo. Inauguration of a well drilling site (Jean-Claude Delabie). ©DELABIE

In Togo, DELABIE has funded 22 wells, providing clean water to 15,000 villagers and schoolchildren.



Sahel. Inauguration of a well. ©Eau Sans Frontières



Mbakomo in Cameroon. Construction of four pilot ecological latrines in two schools. ©UNICEF

In Africa, only 51% of rural populations have access to safe drinking water. Waterborne diseases drain human and financial resources, while collecting water consumes 40% of the time and energy of women and children.



Madagascar. Construction of a water tower for Ambalavao College ©DELABIE

PROJECT BRIEF / DELABIE, 20 YEARS OF HUMANITARIAN ACTION

Since 2005, DELABIE has been committed to humanitarian philanthropy, focusing on access to clean water and education, primarily in Africa. In 20 years, 120 projects have improved the lives of 90,000 people, in collaboration with rigorously selected non-profit organisations. DELABIE, Water for Life.

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DELABIE, manufacturer's expertise

DELABIE, a 100% family-owned French company, founded in 1928, is the European market leader in water controls and sanitary equipment for public and commercial places. The company offers five product ranges specifically for this market: Commercial water controls, Hospital water controls, Accessibility and Hygiene accessories, Stainless steel sanitary ware and Specialist water controls. Over 2,000 DELABIE manufactured items, including international references, are exported from its factory in France to more than 90 countries. The company has 10 subsidiaries worldwide: Germany, Austria, Belgium, the Netherlands, United Kingdom, Spain, Portugal, Poland, United Arab Emirates (Dubai) and China (Hong-Kong). For many years, DELABIE has placed ecological concerns at the heart of its philosophy, offering products that are as stylish as they are responsible and sustainable. For our facilities, production methods, dematerialization, packaging, employee commitment... DELABIE is proud to have received the ECOVADIS gold medal in 2024. Based in Friville in the Somme region, the DELABIE Group is driven by 450 stakeholders.

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