

Newsletter N. 4

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- Progress report on projects supported in 2025.
- (F) New directions for 2026.
- More and more employees involved at numerous sites: Bordeaux, Dijon, Lyon, Marseille, Nantes, and Plaisir.

PROGRESS REPORT ON PROJECTS SUPPORTED IN 2025



In West Africa



WORKING TOGETHER

#water #sanitation #health #Ivory Coast

Four of the ten planned water fountains have already been installed in schools in the 19 villages of the Tabagne region (benefiting more than 2,300 children and their families). The others are being manufactured and are awaiting commissioning. Two water towers have been built, and the thirdème, is under construction. The installation of the fountains and the commissioning of all the water towers will be completed by the end of 2025.

ELECTRICIANS WITHOUT BORDERS

#water #health #electricity #Ivory Coast

After a field visit by ESF teams to assess all of Gbogolo's needs in the Worodougou region, photovoltaic panels were installed at the maternity ward and two classrooms are now powered by electricity. A diagnostic study is underway to resolve the water issues in this town in central Ivory Coast and its 10,000 inhabitants. This systemic approach guarantees improved living conditions for the population.





INTER AIDE #water #sanitation #guinea

With regard to improving access to drinking water, two boreholes were commissioned at the beginning of the year. In terms of sanitation, 87% of households in the municipality of Koumban are equipped with a permanent latrine. This association is highly competent and always intervenes after conducting precise assessments of access to water. Training and follow-up are provided to the local population.



THE CAJOUTIERS

#integration #disability #education #Senegal

Work on a boarding school, which accommodates 114 hearing-impaired children and young people, began in July with the renovation of the roof and dormitories. By creating inclusive classes with children from mainstream backgrounds working in pairs, the project led by this association addresses the invisibility of these young people, who are often considered "outside the system" and for whom education is not seen as a necessity.





ORDER OF MALTA

#water #health #Senegal

The project to secure continuous access to drinking water for the Dakar hospital center has been delayed. The search for additional funding was ultimately successful, and the project was able to begin in mid-September with the installation of the cistern.

THE CHAIN OF HOPE

#sanitation #education #Togo

The latrine project at a high school in Lomo (2,300 students, 53 teachers) was delayed while other funding sources were sought. Work was therefore only able to start in July. The construction of six latrine blocks will reduce the current ratio of 569 students per cubicle, but unfortunately this is still far from the target ratio of 75 students per cubicle (the standard in Togo).





HYDRAULICS WITHOUT BORDERS

#water #sanitation #Togo

The study aimed at improving access to water and sanitation in nine villages in the municipality of Diaroumé (12,900 beneficiaries) has been completed. The aim of this project was to address hygiene and sanitation issues by setting up sustainable infrastructure adapted to local conditions, while raising awareness among the population of good hygiene practices. Eighteen water points were selected and analyzed, and ten boreholes were drilled. The population is responsible for monitoring and maintaining these structures.

APAF INTERNATIONAL

#agroforestry #Benin

A very dynamic and energetic organization working on an agroforestry project. Agroforestry techniques reverse the process of land degradation through the practice of economically viable and ecologically stable systems. By restoring the fertility of agricultural soils, diversifying crops, and adapting to climate change, APAF's agroforestry model improves productivity and living conditions.







MY GUYANA SWIMMING

#training #safety #integration

èmeFrench Guiana ranks second among French departments in terms of the annual number of drownings. To address this issue, the Géotec Foundation has funded part of the cost of first aid, lifesaving, and swimming training for 20 young people between the ages of 17 and 25. This training leads directly to employment, as the BNSSA diploma is currently in high demand by municipal swimming pools and certain organizations that offer water sports and aquatic activities.





BUILDING PERMIT 44 (44)

#reintegration #justice

This highly dynamic association offers a one-year support program for the reintegration of prisoners. Numerous exchanges with this organization have enabled Comex members to better understand the complexity of the issues at stake, as well as the importance of this type of action.

GENESES (71)

#integration

Excellent news from this association dedicated to the integration and remobilization of young people (aged 20-30). A new solidarity program has been set up, along with four wonderful six-month programs for young people.





ODYNÉO (69)

#disability #integration

Although this project, which involves clown artists working with people with neuromotor disabilities, took a little time to get off the ground, the residents of the CEM Dommartin in the Rhône region can now enjoy meeting them.

LIKE THE OTHERS (69)

#disability #integration

After identifying people who have become physically disabled following an accident and who would like help to rebuild their lives, the association's members are currently finalizing the content of the support program. The association is particularly dynamic and is ready to come and talk to Géotec Rhône-Alpes employees.





ZIMZAM (13)

#disability #integration

Thanks to funding from the Foundation, the association was able to purchase a traveling circus tent. This tool is used for a social, educational, and therapeutic project for adults and children with disabilities. By traveling to the most remote establishments in the PACA region and offering circus workshops and courses adapted to both people with disabilities and able-bodied people, this structure enables more than 350 people to benefit from this initiative promoting inclusion.





BREAD AND ROSES (75)

#training #integration

This free training project to qualify as a florist's assistant has come to an end for two groups of 10 women from a variety of backgrounds: refugees, job seekers, single mothers, or women experiencing social, linguistic, and/or professional difficulties. The results were impressive, with a 100% pass rate for the diploma and 80% of participants finding employment.

CHRS MONTPELLIER (34)

#integration #accommodation

This shelter in Montpellier houses, welcomes, and supports women who are victims of domestic violence on their path to recovery and reintegration into society. The funding granted to this organization has enabled it to purchase furniture and continue its efforts to welcome these individuals.





THEATER OF EUROPE - FRESNES EN SCÈNE (94)

#integration #prison #theater

At the end of May, inmates at Fresnes prison who had benefited from a several-month reintegration program involving theater workshops were able to showcase their work on stage at the Odéon and Théâtre Malakoff. This type of project provides very concrete support to people who are quite distant from society on the path to reintegration.

HANDIDEUX MAINS (78)

#integration #accommodation

This project, led by families concerned about the future of their mentally disabled children, has got off to a good start: funding from the Géotec Foundation has contributed to the acquisition of shared housing, which is backed by a third place open to all. There is no doubt that this type of initiative helps to change perceptions and is a source of integration.







ICI&2MAINS (La Ruche) (78)

#integration

The "Coup d'envoi" program provides real support for people who want to start their own business. The project was monitored and supported by a member of the Foundation who participated in the pre-selection of candidates in March and the final presentations by project leaders in July. Congratulations to the 15 future entrepreneurs in the region! What a journey!

NEW DIRECTIONS FOR 2026

Following discussions by the Executive Committee, the Géotec Foundation's guidelines are changing:

- Limiting the number of projects supported: from around twenty to ten, with an equivalent budget.
- Establishment of partnerships with associations already supported. These partnerships may be multi-year and will allow for more in-depth monitoring and support.

Other projects may still be analyzed and funded, but in smaller numbers.

AN INCREASING NUMBER OF COMMITTED PARTNERS WORKING ALONGSIDE THE FOUNDATION

Around 20 Groupe Géotec employees have volunteered to participate in the Foundation's activities:

- Project monitoring.
- File analysis.
- Highlights with associations at their workplaces.
- Skills-based sponsorship.
- Applying to become a member of the Executive Committee...

Example of action already taken: participation of a Géotec Rhône-Alpes employee in the inauguration of the Les Colibris inclusive housing project.

