



aqua pura

Annual report 2023



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Review of the year 2023

The 2023 association year was a challenge in many respects. Today, looking at what we have achieved, we can say with a certain pride: goal achieved!

- 6 projects were successfully completed in Senegal, Uganda, Kenya (2), Tanzania and Benin.
- 4 organisations are new to our network, bringing the number of partners to 46.
- Final completion work is still outstanding on 4 projects, which is scheduled for 2024.
- Clarifications on new projects are underway in 11 cases.
- We were able to recruit both a competent supporter for our project work and a new auditor.
- The current number of members stands at 118.
- Donations totalling CHF 11,560 demonstrate the trust that donors have in aqua pura.
- Thanks to the successful standardisation and professional purchasing of our system components, project costs were reduced.
- In accordance with the resolution of the AGM 2023, a proposal for updating the Articles of Association was drawn up.

We agreed on these longer-term goals in a strategy workshop:

1. Unique selling point aqua pura: Specialist in drinking water treatment from existing water sources such as rivers, lakes, rainwater and wells.
2. The association is expected to grow.
3. Always enough projects "in clarification" as a prerequisite for maximum realisation according to our capacity.

These goals can only be achieved with sustained support from members, donors and a great deal of commitment from partners and project managers. We are therefore specifically looking for additional, younger people who are willing and able to actively support our work. To raise aqua pura's profile and recruit more project staff, we have now set up a LinkedIn profile with an advert.

Realised projects 2023

February 2023 - Senegal, Kolda - Clean drinking water for the Sikilo Hilele health post

In co-operation with UNITED TEAMS, the strategic alliance between "HOPE'87" & "YOU Foundation", the aqua pura water purification plant at the Sikilo Hilele health centre in Kolda, Senegal, was put into operation in January 2023. The water is supplied by the national water company (Sen Eau). The quality of the water is very poor. There are often particles in the water, it also has a reddish colour and repeatedly leads to diarrhoea in patients and especially children. The water analysis confirms the infestation with E-Coli bacteria.



Thanks to the installation of a water purification system on the newly installed 5,000 litre tanks, the water is now free of bacteria and viruses. Patients, their relatives, the staff and residents in the neighbourhood are supplied via 2 taps in the ward and a public water point. Salimatou Diallo, a resident of the neighbourhood and beneficiary of the water from the aqua pura system, said "Now I drink the tap water, which no longer smells or tastes bad, and I no longer buy drinking water from the shops for my family's consumption".

July 2023 - Mavueni Kindergarten Kenya - 1st facility

The Mavueni Kindergarten Association, based in Rheinau (ZH), has been supporting a kindergarten in Mavueni for some time. The facility had to be relocated due to a road project. In 2023, thanks to many donations, it was possible to build a new building on another piece of land nearby. The construction manager was the experienced Peter Wieser from the Watoto Goshene association, who had already supervised several projects in the same region. Aqua pura provided a Waterflow system for the drinking water supply in the kindergarten. The project also includes various water storage tanks with a volume of over 100 m³.



December 2023 - Mavueni Kindergarten Kenya - 2nd facility

As the small settlement next to the aforementioned kindergarten also had a problem with the drinking water, the water supply in the kindergarten was supplemented with a second system based on the Purion system. This device was also installed by Peter Wieser and is also looked after by the kindergarten team.



This means that there is now enough germ-free drinking water available. This is good news for children and adults alike: The water no longer causes illness!

July 2023 - Kanyogoga orphanage in Uganda

The "vision4ugandakids" organisation looks after orphans in Uganda. Kanyogoga is located 70 kilometres west of the capital Kampala. The founder of the organisation is Harriet Suter. She grew up in Uganda and has been committed to helping orphans since she was 17 years old. The challenge has always been to find suitable accommodation for the orphanage. On average, the orphans and their carers had to move every two years. In 2014, a piece of land with two simple houses and a plantation was acquired in Kanyogoga.

Firstly, the houses were renovated and sanitary facilities with toilets and showers were built. In 2019, the water supply was secured by means of a newly dug well. In addition to the public grid, electricity is supplied by the village's own solar panels.

As the water has to be stored in tanks, it is contaminated with e-coli. A new water purification system has therefore been installed in collaboration with aqua pura

This now supplies the kitchen with bacteria-free water. There are also three taps available for the children.



December 2023 - Mwanza- St. Claire Hospital Tanzania

Over the years, the doctor and priest Thomas Brei from Wasserburg am Inn has built up a hospital with several specialisms in Mwanza, initially with the support of an association and later with the help of a foundation from Biberach (Thomas Kühn). Every year, German doctors carry out surgical and training missions here. At the instigation of the Victoria School (also in Mwanza and equipped with a functioning waterflow for years), aqua pura supplied a waterflow system for the hospital's drinking water supply. The installation has been delayed until the end of 2023, but looks all the better for it.



December 2023 - Goro - Village community in Benin

In Goro, in the Chourou region, another project was completed in cooperation with Dedras in December 2023.



A drinking water purification system was installed in the public square in the municipality of Goro. As around 1000 people need to be supplied with clean water, aqua pura used the Purion version, which enables a higher flow rate. The stable power supply is ensured by solar power as well as the sometimes unreliable power grid through the use of batteries. The organisation of water withdrawal remains a challenge for those responsible on site. The supply for daily needs can only be guaranteed if the users observe the separation of drinking and service water.

A big thank you to everyone without whose help the realisation of our projects would not be possible!

We would like to thank our loyal members, donors and partner organisations for their idealistic, practical and financial support of aqua pura's work. In particular, the sometimes very long-term relationship with aqua pura is extremely helpful and we appreciate it.

We would like to thank our member Renaud Tripet for taking over the audit. Many thanks to the company **Adaptory for** maintaining our website.

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