

# WORKING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS TO WATER AND SANITATION, AND FOR WATER AS A COMMON GOOD

A collective of French NGOs engaged in the water and sanitation sector



A collective of French NGOs working on  
access to water and sanitation for all

## Our missions



**2**  
billion

human beings across the planet do not have access to a safe source of drinking water.

(WHO/UNICEF, 2021)



**Influence decision makers**, for ambitious commitments that are delivered on



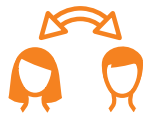
**Federate and represent French NGOs in the sector**, in order to make their voices heard



**Develop joint advocacy with other collectives in France and internationally**, to strengthen mobilisation



**Produce expertise and disseminate our solutions**, to put forward new proposals



**Strengthen our knowledge and share our experiences**, to increase our capacity for action



**Mobilise the media and public opinion**, to make our messages resonate

## Our vision

**A collective of French NGOs engaged in the water and sanitation sector.**

**We share a vision of the world in which the human rights to drinking water and sanitation are a reality for all people, and in which water resources, as a common good, are conserved and managed sustainably.**



**3.6**  
billion

people have no access to a safely managed sanitation service.

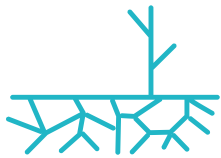
(WHO/UNICEF, 2021)



**2.3 billion**  
billion people live in water-stressed countries

(Updated report on progress of SDG 6 – water and sanitation for all, 2021/UN-WATER)

# Our 10 joint positions



By 2050  
**52 %**

of the world's  
population will live in  
water-stressed  
conditions.

(UN-WATER, 2020)

**Recognise the human rights to drinking water and sanitation,** and ensure they are applied for all

**Intensify efforts in favour of access to sanitation** and specifically hygiene

**Ensure effective, transparent governance** of public water and sanitation services

**Allocate ambitious, fair, transparent funding,** that meets needs in the sector

**Involve citizens and communities in decisions** and strengthen civil society in the area of water and sanitation

**Make water a central element in policies** and action plans for adaptation to climate change locally and nationally

**Prevent humanitarian emergencies and provide responses** when they occur

**Consider water resources as a common good** and ensure they are fairly shared, sustainably managed and conserved

**Integrate a gender-inclusive approach** in public water and sanitation policies

**Strengthen international cooperation between States** in terms of water and sanitation, and improve world governance of the sector

## 2021-2025 Strategic objectives

### 1 **Demand ambitious public policies and convey NGOs' messages on major issues related to water and sanitation**

**Our main advocacy projects:** France's policy on development and external action for water and sanitation, human rights to water and sanitation in France, NGOs' influence in major forums on water and sanitation in France and internationally.

### 2 **Increase our collective knowledge on challenges in the sector to put forward proposals and become stronger**

**Our main areas of work:** human rights to water and sanitation, funding for the sector, citizen participation and the role of civil society, gender-sensitive approaches, water resources management, climate.

### 3 **Consolidate our support to strengthen extensive, vibrant civil society in West and Central Africa**

**Our main focal points:** favour mutual strengthening between civil society networks in the sector throughout the sub-region, exchange practices and expertise, conduct national and international advocacy on common issues.

## Coalition Eau federates the following French NGOs:

ACAD  
Action contre la Faim  
BlueEnergy  
CRID  
4D  
Dynam'eau  
EAST  
Eau et Vie  
Eau Sans Frontières International  
Experts Solidaires  
GRDR  
GRET  
Guinée 44  
Hamap Humanitaire

Human Dignity  
Hydraulique Sans Frontières  
Initiative Développement  
Kynarou  
Morija  
Première Urgence Internationale  
Secours Catholique – Caritas France  
Secours Islamique France  
SEVES  
Solidarité Eau Europe  
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