

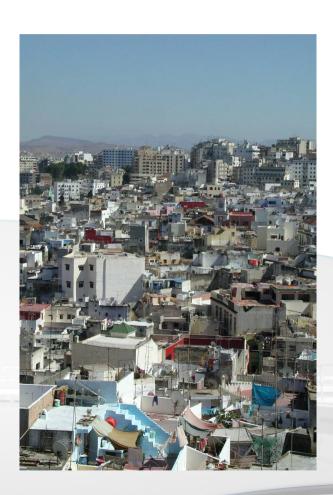
Veolia Water AMI's integrated approach, in partnership with public authorities, for access to essential services

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#### **VEOLIA WATER**

- Veolia Water: main operator in developing and emerging countries.
- Our core business : management of public services
- Gabon, Niger, Morocco, India...
- Providing access to drinkable water and waste water for low income communities
  - ⇒ a priority for people, public authorities and United Nations





# One of the millenium' challenges for human development



# **ACCES**: the expertise of Veolia

 A specific expertise "ACCES" to extend services in developing and emerging countries

- **⇒** Good quality
- **⇒** *Economically sustainable*
- **⇒** Socially affordable
- It means:
  - ⇒ Adapting our services
  - ⇒ <u>Capitalizing</u> on existing assets

  - ⇒ **Evaluating** our activity
  - ⇒ **Speaking** to the users and raising awareness
- A tailored social engineering "multi aspects"





#### • 1. Doing more with the same capacities

⇒ Supplying more people while using the same resource and the same capacities of infrastructures : efficient management is crucial in extending the scope of existing services

#### GP: Demo Zones of Karnataka and Nagpur (India)







#### 2. By applying adapted and socially acceptable pricing policies

- ⇒ Everywhere around the world, price is decided by public
- □ The notion of <u>acceptable</u> cost recovery on customers replaces that of "total cost recovery"

**GP**: familial meters in Morocco





#### 3. By developing individual socially assisted connections (the "best" solution if it is possible)

Different models, but the keys of success: .political vision and adapted policies, .appropriation by the population, .adapted technical and management capacities,

sustainability .economical

□ It needs to be innovative (legal, technical, financial topics, and for understanding beneficiaries)

GP: Morocco, Niger, Gabon...

 4. By designing new, collective and secure means of accessing water for those who still do not have an individual connection





**GP**: Morocco: Saqayti (prepaid water tap point)

#### 5. By creating specifically adapted, local customer services

GP:

.With pecific teams (Morocco) or partners (NGO)

.Specific tools : Morocco (Mobile
 Agencies); Gabon: (pre-payment
 systems)

.Every where with population







#### 6. Explaining good practices in water use to maximize the benefits of access to services for local populations

Awareness-raising programs on health and hygiene with various partners (NGOs, doctors, etc.), and also on environmental protection issues

➤ Niger: SEEN's "Water and Health" initiative

➤ Morocco: within the framework of the Government/UNICEF program

Initiatives to raise awareness on the of the environment



#### **RESEARCH & INNOVATION**

 ▼ 7. By experimenting new models aiming to provide quality water and sanitation, socially affordable, and economically sustainable in spite of the local constraints

Through a ground-breaking initiative: applying the notion of 'social business' in Bangladesh with Grameen Veolia Water Ltd







## **Evaluating** our activity

8. Evaluating the impact of Veolia's programs on the quality of life of the local populations and on human development



- ⇒ Evaluation programs with partners reputed for their expertise and independence
  - Tanger (with J-PAL, the Poverty Action Lab of the MIT)
  - ➤ Niamey (with LASDEL)

□ These programs allow Veolia Water AMI to implement long-term monitoring indicators with precise figures





#### Some results

#### Secure access to public water

- ⇒ Almost 2 Million people from the beginning of the african contracts have been connected by Veolia Water AMI
- Between 2002 and 2009, nearly 3000 000 people have gained access to water "at home » by social connections in Morroco
- Impacts of Water an Sanitation access on human well being and health are naturally good, but it depends on context
- The most important thing is to hear and understand the demand of inhabitants to be efficient





### **Important words**

- Good governance and political vision
  - Sustainibility means to decide "who pay what" (in France Veolia applies the political decisions : FSL, Cheque Eau
- Relationship with people/customers
  - ⇒ Design the project with people
  - ★ Keep the link with customers (help when financial problems, mediation (PIMMS...)
- Flexibility, will, time, money, rigueur, proximité...humility



# Obligado Thank you

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for your attention

