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all: a solution by science, technology and innovation”

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PRIORITY THEME 2:

Project of a Swiss company called Swiss Fresh Water.

It has developed a technology to provide drinking water to the most deprived people in rural, urban and peri-urban areas without secure sources of clean water: [Swiss Fresh Water](#). The water is sold at a price 3-5 times cheaper than the mineral water available in bottles.

The Confederation supported this development throughout two projects, one project supported by the Repic platform which is managed by four federal offices (SECO, DEZA, BFE, BAFU) and the other project supported by the Swiss Bluetec Bridge platform, managed by DEZA but now defunct. Here are the links:

[Swiss Fresh Water – Senegal – Repic](#)
[Swiss Fresh Water - Swiss Bluetec Bridge](#)

Swiss Fresh Water has set up more than 120 water kiosks in Senegal on a franchise model, around which small craft and service development centers have developed, generating more than 500 jobs. This is a great success story that continues to grow dynamically, with pilot projects in Bolivia, Cameroon and Côte d'Ivoire. Recently, USAID also decided to support cooperation with a subsidiary of Swiss Fresh Water called West Africa Water SA:

<https://westafricatradehub.com/fr/news/blog/partners-spotlight-west-africa-water-senegal/>

<https://westafricatradehub.com/fr/news/blog/highlights-of-the-trade-hubs-new-co-investment-partnerships/>

I hope this input will be useful to your analysis. Should you need further information, do not hesitate to contact Mr. Thomas Gajan, CEO of Swiss Fresh Water SA (E-mail : thomas.gajan@swissfreshwater.ch)

Additional contribution:

Switzerland is running a long-term supporting program for technology transfer projects in the field of resource efficiency, energy efficiency and renewable energy called Repic.ch. The thematics quoted above (cleaner production, water and sanitation) can be included in the projects supported by Repic.ch. You will find more informations and the contact person on the website www.repic.ch.