

Swiss Green Projects (SGP) (www.sgp.ngo) is a Swiss Active Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) having its activities, namely in SAAR (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) and ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) countries with main focus in Indonesia and in the Philippines. Its current activities are mainly funded by philanthropic foundations, as well as public and private donations.

The main objectives of SGP is to develop projects in the following areas

- Distribute filtered drinking water to disadvantaged populations;
- Create local jobs for the proper operation and maintenance of filtration equipment;
- Help street children;
- Offer “pyrolysis technology” to provide sustainable recycling solutions to plastics’ and worn tires’ waste through the use of “pyrolysis technology” machines.
- Take children out of forced labor, carrying out arduous and dangerous work;
- Provide adequate basic food education and access to safe drinking water.

In line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Goal Number 6 (related to ensure access for all to sustainably managed water and sanitation services), SGP has developed a number of projects in Indonesia and the Philippines to ensure the access to potable drinking water.

Through the United Nations online platform on Technology Facilitation Mechanism (TFM), which aims to facilitate the access to Science, Technology and Innovation, we discovered that one of the main platforms of the TFM is the WIPO Match platform from the World Intellectual Property Organization.

We believe that the WIPO Match platform with its large community not only would help identifying sources of financing to further develop this important project, but also help delivering tangible healthy results for the communities living in remote and poor areas in the Philippines and Indonesia.

Access to clean water is a wealth that should be accessible and available to everyone, regardless of the country and region of the world where we live.

Unfortunately, although we are in the 21st century, the reality on the ground is quite different in many developing countries, where drinking water is not available with the consequences of serious health and hygiene problems, as well as greater mortality with children and adults.

"Clean, accessible water for all is an essential part of the world we want to live in and there is sufficient fresh water on the planet to achieve this. However, due to bad economics or poor infrastructure, millions of people including children die every year from diseases associated with inadequate water supply, sanitation and hygiene.

Water scarcity, poor water quality and inadequate sanitation negatively affect food security, livelihood choices and educational opportunities for poor families across the world. At the current time, more than 2 billion people are living with the risk of reduced access to freshwater resources and by 2050, at least one in four people is likely to live in a country affected by chronic or recurring shortages of fresh water. Drought in specific afflicts some of the world's poorest countries, worsening hunger and malnutrition. Fortunately, there has been great progress made in the past decade regarding drinking sources and sanitation,

whereby over 90% of the world's population now has access to improved sources of drinking water."

(Source: Sustainable Development Goals2030, United Nations)

To face these challenges, Swiss Green Projects (SGP), a Swiss Non-Governmental Organization (Geneva-based and recognized by the Geneva International Service, Geneva International Accreditation Center (CAGI)), State of Geneva) was created in January 2019 to implement projects related to the provision of drinking water in SAAR (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) Asian South-East Nations (ASEAN), particularly in Indonesia and in the Philippines. Swiss Green Projects has not only successfully developed a long-term technical solution with the creation of a Swiss made machine capable of filtering nearly 4,000 liters of drinking water per day (approved and certified by the World Health Organization and working with solar energy, compact and easy to transport), but also provided water purification and created job creation programs in Senegal and Pakistan.

A unique opportunity such as the WIPO Match will increase the visibility of Swiss Green Projects to the outside world and help find the right partners to cover the relevant project needs. SGP is happy to engage in discussions aspiring to build mutually beneficial collaborations.

On behalf of the Swiss Green Project,

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