

Water kiosks and franchised entrepreneurs in West & Central Africa





## Access to safe drinking water and other major issues

# The challenge of safe and affordable water

- 24% of reliable access to safe drinking water in sub-Saharan Africa
- Probably more when it comes to secured drinking water

#### Market trends / Needs - Opportunities:

- Population growth
- Urbanization rate and growth (from 23% in the 1960s to 43% in 2013 expected to reach 60% by 2030)
- Infrastructure deficit: in mid-sized cities, 32% of people not connected to the water network
- Huge **need for job creation**

## The challenge of safe and affordable water Example of Senegal



#### Solution: Clean drinking filtered water, at least 3x cheaper than bottled water





(10-35 FCFA)

#### A water treatment system A web **platform** A brand



#### In bulk and consigned containers



## Our machine





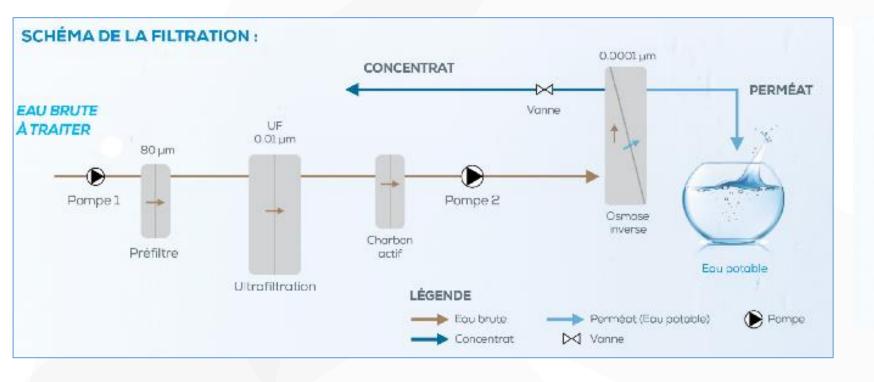


#### Our machine

Our machines "BW-Delta" are extremely compacts (80kg, 136cm on 48/48) and were created from the needs of our customers. They can be installed, used, and maintained easily. They also consume very minimal electricity (0,25 to 0,4 kWh), and they can be plugged either on the grid or via solar energy. The 4 stages of filtration, including reverse osmosis, can treat almost every kind of contaminated and polluted water sources. They are connected through the IOT for remote assistance purpose.

Very durable, 100% of our machines installed since 2011 are still functioning up to this day.







## Our uniquely designed machine



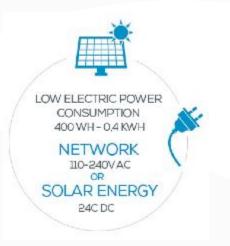












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PURPOSES
AND AN OPTIMAL
FOLLOW-UP
24H / 24H

## Value proposition: a turnkey franchised water kiosk

We use a turnkey model of franchised water kiosks that is providing recurring income and is scalable.

Our financially **sustainable business model** has the potential to create tens of thousands of new jobs, while increasing health outcomes for millions.













From €800 initial investment

Up to 10 x > av. Salary for the entrepreneur

3-8 direct jobs

## Business model in Sénégal

## Franchise entry fee

Paid by franchisee : 800€ (+ subsidized pack by impact partner)





*From 0,01€* 









# Franchise entry kit

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PACK



- Authorization
- Construction in compliance with applicable standards
- Insurance for 1 (one) year
- Water analysis at launch

#### **MARKETING PACK**



- POS Display
- Commercial launching events
- Free bottles and liters

#### TRAINING PACK



- Machine operation
- IT (payments and web app)
- Sales (customer service)
- Quality & Hygiene

# CONCRETE WORK AND MACHINE PACK

- Full layout
- 2 Machines and setup
- Pipes, Tanks + level sensors
- TDS Meter



# Our "market segments"

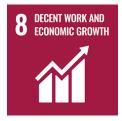
	DIAM'O Entrepreneur	DIAM'O Village	DIAM'O Corporate	DIAM'O School	
Franchisee profile and offer	Private Water sold in bulk	Private or community- based Water sold in bulk or offered if subsidized	Businesses, public offices, hospitals, schools etc	This service is provided by the entrepreneur who is closer to the targeted school	
Targeted population	Capital city + medium size cities > 15'000 people	Rural areas and towns of less than 15'000 people	Staff, customers, students, patients and others using the facility	School students and staff	
Consumer price (per liter)	2 to 4 ct € / Liter (15-30 FCFA)	Free to 1,5 ct € / Liter (5 FCFA) depending on the project	Usually free / A rental and maintenance fee is charged	Offered (Y1)	

## Our impact to date















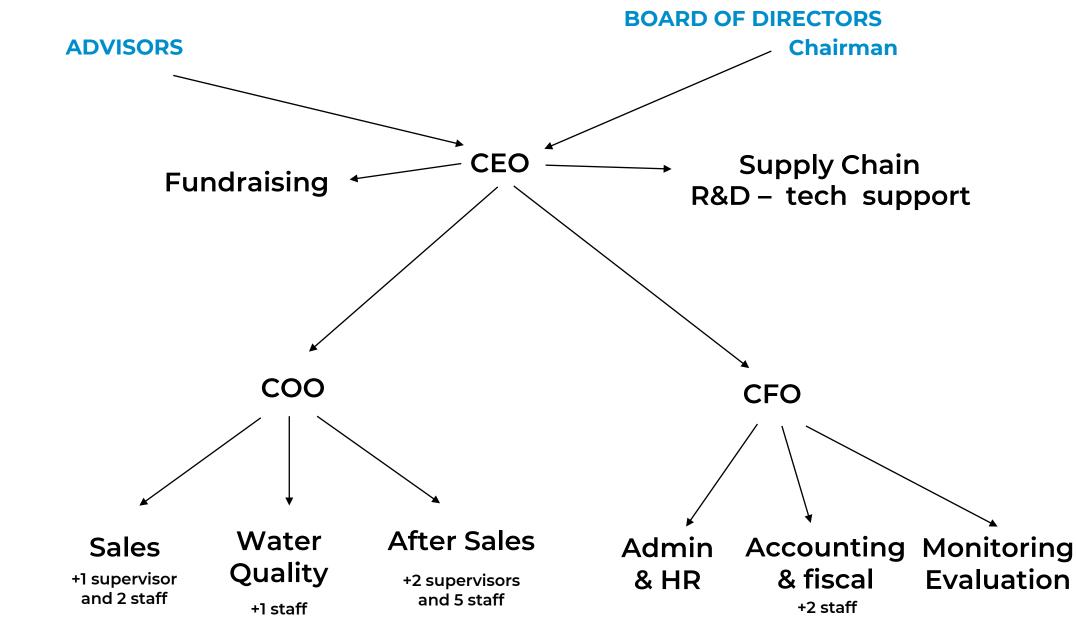
+140 water kiosks operating

**+200M liters** since 2012

+850 jobs created

+250'000 daily customers





+ CTO
To be recruited

## Partnerships - financing strategy (a few examples)

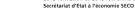
#### HISTORICAL PRIVATE INVESTORS

**NEW INVESTORS (private / institutional)** 











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2020 - 2022 2023

Support **POC** stage and **R&D** 

Support the company in **pivoting** and changing

Enhance existing private investors trust

Key adjustments in the kiosk model

Secure financing in a bridge period

**Prepare institutional or strategic** private investment (exit strategy)

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2024

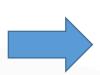
## Two different periods



## Product and subsidies-based business model







#### Change of business model + Blended finance



## Main drivers for change

#### **Business Model:**

Recurring income

#### **Business priorities**:

1- Franchise2- Water quality3- IT / KPIs / Monitoring

#### **Human Resources:**

Strengthen local and operational teams

#### Governance:

New skills / experience

#### **Financing strategy:**

1- Subsidies to accelerate the model 2- Blended finance

#### Impact:

Much more professional impact measurement

# This approach appeals to new supporters: the USAID use case (USD 500'000)







Objective	To produce, sell and make safe drinking water accessible, at an affordable price, whilst creating jobs, increasing incomes, improving public health and protecting the environment"			
Project Duration:	2-year project (Nov. 2021 - Nov. 2023)			
Activities:	<ul> <li>25 new water kiosks</li> <li>25 renewed ones</li> <li>Improve water quality</li> <li>Reinforce marketing and distribution (bottles, delivery trucks)</li> <li>Reinforce the team</li> <li>Improve Monitoring &amp; Evaluation</li> <li>Prepare the scale up (microfinance)</li> </ul>			

A pproved Indicators	Project target
Value of new funding mobilized to the water sectors as a result of USG assistance	\$749,546
Number of people gaining access to safely managed drinking water services as a result of USG assistance	78,905
Value of annual sales of producers and firms receiving USG assistance	\$2,680,946
Percentage of female participants in USG assisted programs (franchisees only)	40%
Percentage of youth participants in USG-assisted programs (franchisees only)	20%
Number of new jobs created/sustained with USG assistance	413

# From project to pre-investment approach: the Aqua For All project (> € 200'000)\*



Objective	<ul> <li>Support Swiss Fresh Water to reinforce         «investment readiness»</li> <li>Bring additionality to USAID project on commercial and water quality topics identified after project launch</li> </ul>
Project Duration:	1-year project (April. 2023 - August. 2024)
Activities:	<ul> <li>Commercial activity (distribution – trucks – resellers – 20L bottles)</li> <li>Water quality improvements</li> <li>Performance monitoring</li> <li>Financing strategy</li> </ul>

<sup>\*</sup> Concept note approved, currently under final discussion

# CSR: the opportunity to promote access to clean water + accelerate our model. A few examples:

#### **DIAM'O School:**

Donor: CFAO

- 1'600 students
- Awareness campaign
- 30'000 liters of free water

#### Dean of the School "CAPEX de Thiès" said:

"We were very happy to host the project in our School. This project was of utmost importance to make the students aware of the importance of clean water and it greatly contributed to their health and well-being"



#### **DIAM'O Village:**

#### **Donor: TORAY MEMBRANE EUROPE AG**

- Restoring access to safe and clean water in the Maya Village (Sine Saloum region)
- Access to local, safe and affordable drinking water was restored for more than 1,000 people

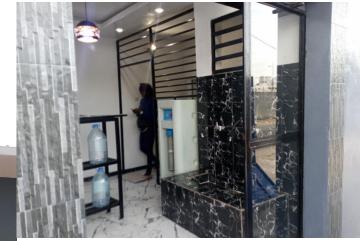


# Example of upgraded water kiosk in peri-urban area











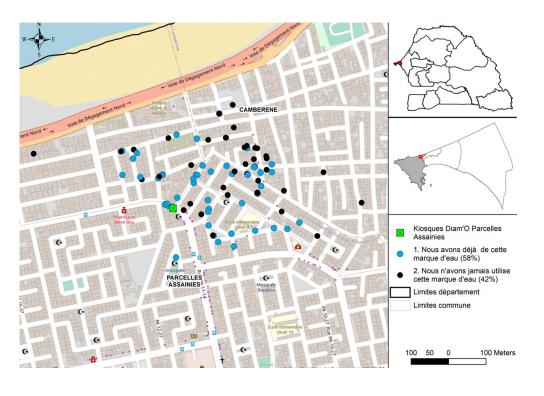
### An upgraded brand image





Our brand new home made **10L bottles** 

Our 2021-**redesigned**water kiosks



#### A robust brand awareness in the targeted areas:

**58%** of respondents have already tried Diam'O

Source: survey conducted in Parcelles Assainies district over 264 persons (the global survey was conducted over 2'000 persons)

### Water quality as a differentiation : our main actions

# Secure water storage:

=> Increase water conservation duration

# Bottle cleaning systems:

=> Increase water conservation duration



# Water treatment units retrofit:

=> Adjust water treatment and/or machine spec vs raw water specifications & issues

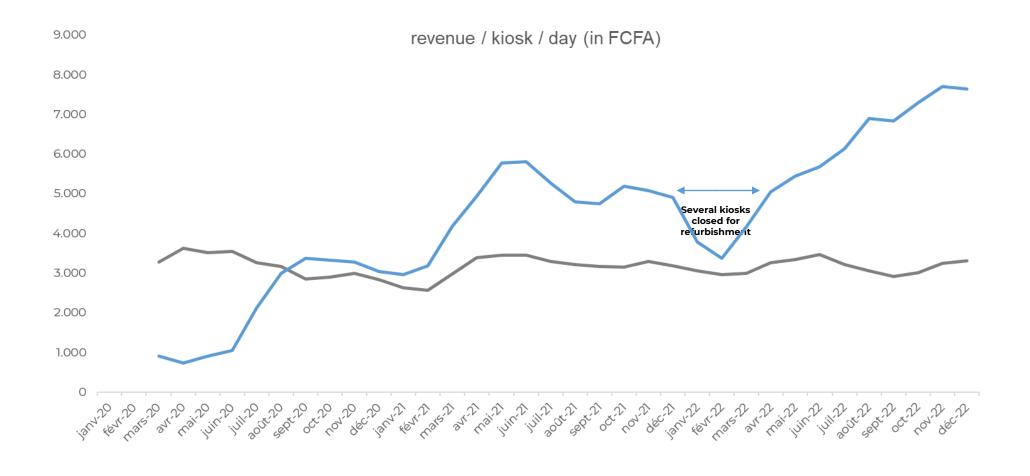
# Training & continuous improvement:

⇒ In house & franchisee training⇒ ISO 9001 on-going

#### Water analysis & audit:

- ⇒ Regular control of our water specification vs legal requirements NS 05-033. We do it both in external & certified laboratories, and through our in house auto-control
- Hygiene & cleanliness of the kiosks + legal authorizations renewal

### A closer look at Dakar USAID kiosks sales performance



USAID Dakar kiosk

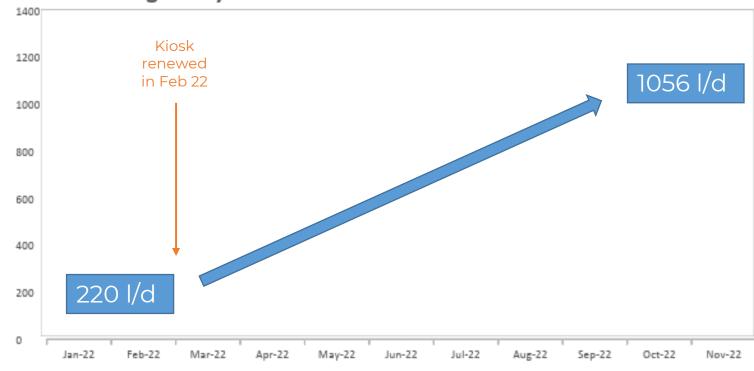
All kiosks (including USAID Dakar)

## USAID project effect on sales – example 1

#### **DAKAR Liberté 6**







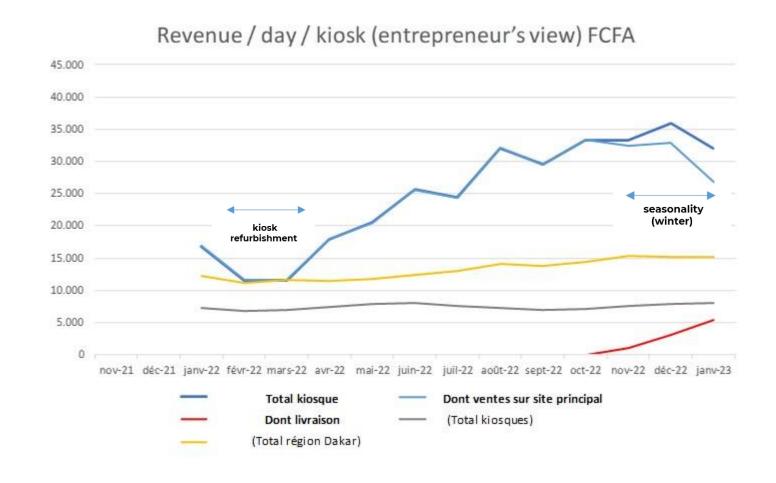
Profit (EBITDA) / month

Entrepreneur	-100 Euros	395 Euros
SFW*	35 Euros	383 Euros

## USAID project effect on sales – example 2

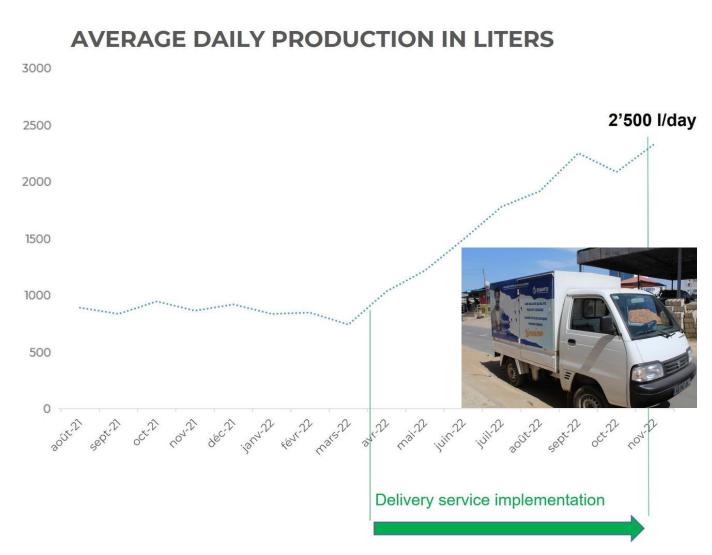
Volume / Jour 705 l/j 1316 l/j +87 %

Moy T4 2021 Noy T4 2022 Vs N-1

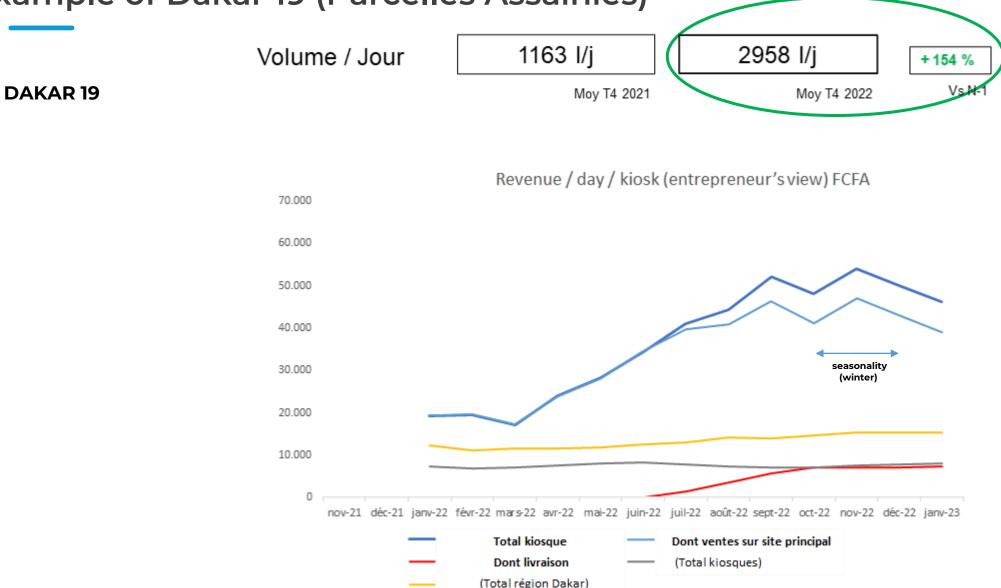


# Delivery service effect on sales – a successful pilot project in one kiosk: Parcelles - Dakar





USAID effect + delivery pilot project is proving our 3'000L / day model : example of Dakar 19 (Parcelles Assainies)



## Which results in our commercial – Distribution strategy

1'500 L Main kiosk 500 L 3'000 L /day **Delivery service** 1'000 L Satellite kiosk

## Path to profitability – our 3'000 L / day kiosk key figures

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	<b>FRESH</b>
	WATER

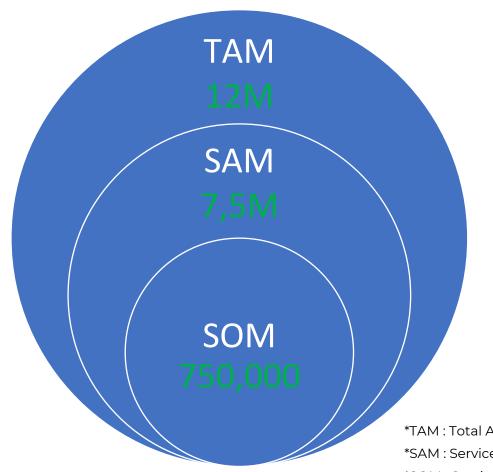
#### **Entrepreneur**

Monthly revenue	<b>1 170 €</b> / month	<b>3 567 €</b> / month
OPEX	<b>334 €</b> / month	<b>2'774 €</b> / month
Profit before inv.	<b>836 €</b> / month	<b>761 €</b> / month
Profit after inv.	<b>696 €</b> / month	ROI : 16 months

Number of kiosks needed to break-even in Sénégal = 48

## Market size: the example of Senegal

## <u>Targeted segments:</u> urban and peri-urban



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\*TAM: Total Available Market

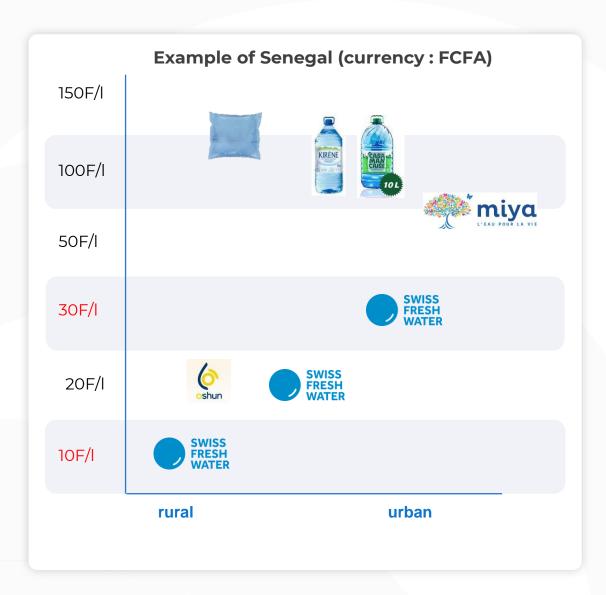
\*SAM: Serviceable Available Market

\*SOM: Serviceable Obtainable Market

## The competition

#### **Competitive advantages:**

- Cheaper and Flexible prices
- An exclusive distribution network
- An owned proven technology in 4 steps, including reverse osmosis with significant track record on health;

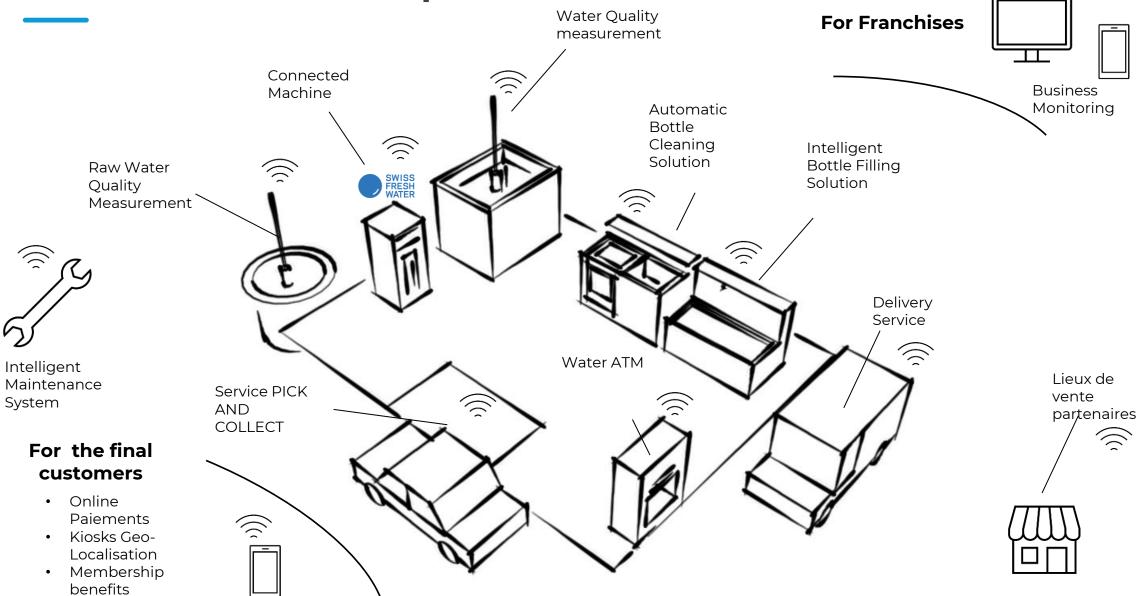


## Innovation roadmap



- "Smart water kiosk"
- Water quality monitoring
- Improve **Total Cost of Ownership** i.e. increase production of L/hour and decrease spare parts consumption

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## Financial plan summary

- From CHF 0,5M.- revenue in 2022 to **5M in 2026**
- Break-Even EBITDA in 2025 and CHF 4M targeted in 26-27
- Cash need over 2023-2025 : CHF 3,3M (equity + subsidies)
- Cash generated in 2026-27: CHF 3,2M
- 2027 : > 500 kiosks, 1'000 machines, > 1 million beneficiaries,
   3'000 to 4'000 jobs

### Financial plan main business assumptions

#### Sénégal :

- 134 existing kiosks: From **700L to 3'000L / day** in 5 years (1'500L in rural areas)
- 106 new kiosks, subsidized entry fee 15K€ / unit, 3'000L in 2,5 years
- 70'000 customers up to 640'000 customers

Total new kiosks	
Total 2023	28
total 2024	26
Total 2025	26
Total 2026	26
Total 2027	0
Machines needs	
Total 2023	56
total 2024	52
Total 2025	52
Total 2026	52
Total 2027	0

#### New countries:

- 1 new country / year from 2024 Master Franchise
- 30 kiosks / year (2 machines / kiosk)
- 1,5 ct € royalty / liter produced (10 to 20% of retail prices)
- **380'000 customers** in 2027

New kiosks per new country	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
Côte d'Ivoire	0_	30	30	30	30	120
Cameroun	0	0_	30	30	30	90
Pays4	0	o	0_	30	30	60
Pays 5	0	0	0	0	30	30
	0	30	60	90	120	300
Machines needs per country	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
RCI	0	60	60	60	60	240
CMR	0	0	60	60	60	180
Pays 4	0	0	0	60	60	120
Pays 5	0	0	0	0	60	60
	0	60	120	180	240	600

## Financial plan consolidated P&L

Consolidated P&L (CHF)	<u>2023</u>	2024	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Net Revenue	956.528	1.987.589	3.345.655	5.251.378	7.181.737
Total COGS	460.124	879.268	1.292.890	1.770.119	1.997.415
Gross Margin	496.404	1.108.321	2.052.766	3.481.259	5.184.322
GM %	52%	56%	61%	66%	72%
Personnel	965.774	1.326.114	1.566.215	1.626.437	1.626.437
Marketing	53.000	36.407	52.130	72.380	82.942
Other	400.745	397.116	473.821	556.473	628.065
Depreciation	658.200	675.426	857.498	537.195	390.752
Total OPEX + depr.	2.077.719	2.435.062	2.949.664	2.792.485	2.728.195
Operating Income	-1.581.315	-1.326.741	-896.898	688.774	2.456.127
EBITDA	-923.115	-651.315	-39.400	1.225.969	2.846.878
EBITDA %	-97%	-33%	-1%	23%	40%

#### Cash need over 2023-2024

Total Needs 2023-2025 in CHF	-3.297.529	
Operating Needs 2023-2025	-1.012.888	31%
Investing Needs 2023-2025	-1.220.305	37%
Debt Reimbursment Needs 2023-2025 *	-1.064.336	32%

<sup>\*</sup> There is a possibility for all the convertible debt to be converted in equity, so no reimbursment neede

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Net Operating Cashflow	-649.034	-422.110	58.256	1.384.489	2.993.739
Net Investing Cashflow	-352.000	-434.153	-434.153	-334.000	-200.153
Debt Reimbursment Cashflow*	-338.168	-370.168	-356.000	-332.000	-314.000
Cash Needs / Surplus in CHF	-1.339.202	-1.226.431	-731.897	718.489	2.479.587

Above split of 3,3M€ between OPEX, CAPEX and debts will be modified, notably because of existing debts current renegotiations



Current fundraising round authorizes the board to issue 214'000 shares at a price of CHF 4.- per share

### Reasons for success: why this business plan is feasible

- **Operations**: several years of **return of experience** on building this 3'000 liters / day water kiosks => improving production, sales, image, brand
- Sales: first successful kiosks and **proved results with USAID project + delivery** thanks to correcting several points missing in the operating model:
  - A home made 10L bottle for B2C and in the coming weeks a new 5 Gallon bottle to target B2B customers
  - Improving customer journey with **relay kiosks** closer to customer and new **delivery service**
- A very dynamic and **growing market** with consumers looking for quality water at a cheaper price than mineral water
- Renewed attractiveness towards first rank stakeholders (USAID, UNIDO, Aqua for All...) to complement private capital (blended finance) and to support entrepreneurs' development
- Regular requests from several countries to start the business with us (Cameroun, DR Congo, Côte d'Ivoire...) pending while we finalize our model's robustness in Senegal in 2023 before opening new countries

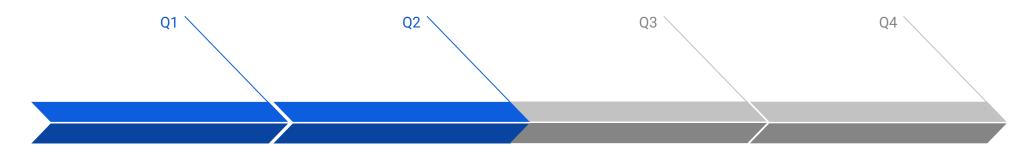
### 6 months milestones (March – August 23)

- Business targets on the **40 priority and fully equipped kiosks** (USAID A4A perimeter, incl. main kiosk, relay kiosk, delivery service):
- **+69%** revenue growth
- Average daily volume from 921 liters to 1343 liters with 5 kiosks > 2'500L
- Signature with Aqua for All in T2 2023, and REPIC T3 2023
- Reinforce Senegal senior team incl. After Sales Engineer, COO and CEO
- Decrease SFW Opex by a percentage currently under discussion with the board

## 10 months milestones (Within end of 2023)

- Business targets on the 40 priority kiosks:
- Reach CHF 220K pre-paid recurring revenue (+100% in 2023 vs 2022)
- Average daily volume > 1'500 liters with 4 kiosks > 3'000L in november 23
- Conclude CHF 430K subsidies
- A finalized HR organization in Sénégal and Switzerland, and related governance
- Reach the revised USAID impact targets: 375'000 beneficiaries, 800'000 USD franchisee sales (sell-out 22-23), 329 jobs (incl > 40% for women, 50% for youth)

## 2023 growth plan



Impact offers
Delivery service
and depot projects

Key development programs signature (A4A, REPIC...)

Organic growth through USAID kiosks

Start new program (REPIC?)
R&D Program

COO recruitment

CTO

B2C salespersons and technicians

**CFO** recruitment

itment Water treatment engineer

Impact KPIs + B-Corp

B2B salespersons

More delivery Vehicles



