

World Water Day 2022: the SFA Group once again reiterates its support for the Planet Water Foundation

On the initiative of the UN, World Water Day has been held every 22 March since 1993 to celebrate this essential resource by raising awareness of the health issues involved when managing it.



COVID-19 made us all aware of the urgent need to provide everyone with the opportunity to wash their hands properly: at the beginning of the pandemic, **3 people out of 10 did not have the facilities at home to perform these simple, life-saving actions!** Today, 1 in 3 people still do not have access to safe water (source: www.un.org) and according to a recent WHO and UNICEF report, billions of people around the world will still not have access to safe water for drinking, sanitation and hygiene in 2030 if we do not make progress four times as fast. This is a real global problem when you consider that water needs will increase by 50% by 2030 (Source: UN, 2017 figures). This is why World Water Day aims to raise even more awareness about the actions needed to achieve Sustainable Development Goal number 6 (SDG 6) adopted in 2015 by the United Nations General Assembly: "Guaranteeing access to sustainably managed water and sanitation for all".



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This year, in more concrete terms, **the SFA Group is once again committed to the non-profit organisation Planet Water Foundation** through donating AquaHome systems that will equip two Filipino homes in the village of Siteo Happy Valley in mid-March. This equipment will provide these households with access to clean drinking water and free, renewable electricity.

The AquaHome offered by the SFA Group performs the three filtering and purifying stages for both rainwater and groundwater, and is also equipped with a solar energy system providing home lighting via high efficiency LED lamps. The system includes two 100 W photovoltaic panels, an inverter and a battery, making it easy to operate and maintain. The AquaHome also comes with USB power connections for recharging small devices (radio, torch, mobile phone).

As a member of the United Nations Global Compact and **because water is also a fundamental value in its signature «Shaking up water»**, the SFA Group is naturally participating in this symbolic day. It should also be noted that the SFA Group has been involved more extensively each year since 2014 in numerous humanitarian projects related to granting access to drinking water for all, whether it be on World Water Day, Plumbing Day, Toilet Day, etc.



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