ANNUAL REPORT ON DECENTRALIZED AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION – 2025

Southern Mediterranean countries: Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia

CONTEXT AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Each year, pS-Eau compiles a database of projects carried out by French decentralized and non-governmental cooperation actors working in the fields of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), as well as water resource management and protection.

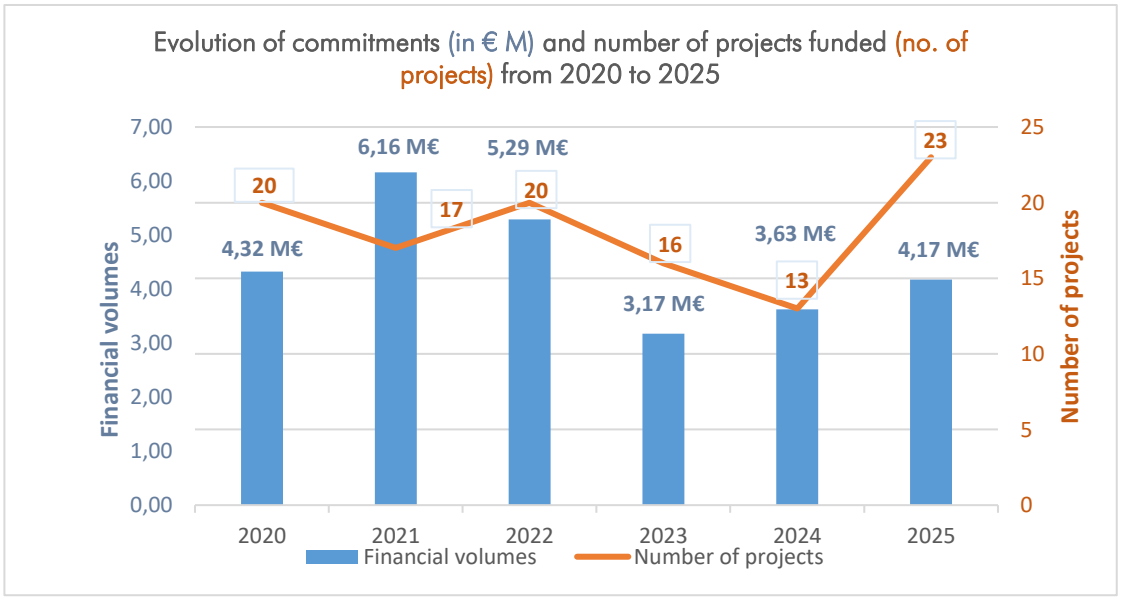
This document provides an overview of projects or new phases of **projects that received funding from French local authorities and/or French Water Agencies in 2025** and were implemented in four countries in the southern Mediterranean: Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, and Tunisia.

See also the 2025 Morocco review, which analyzes the types of projects identified as being underway in Morocco during 2025 (in French): LIEN

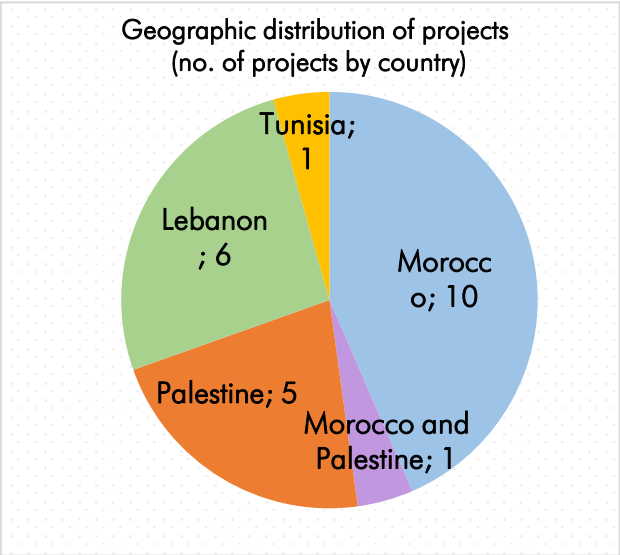
Funding committed and number of projects

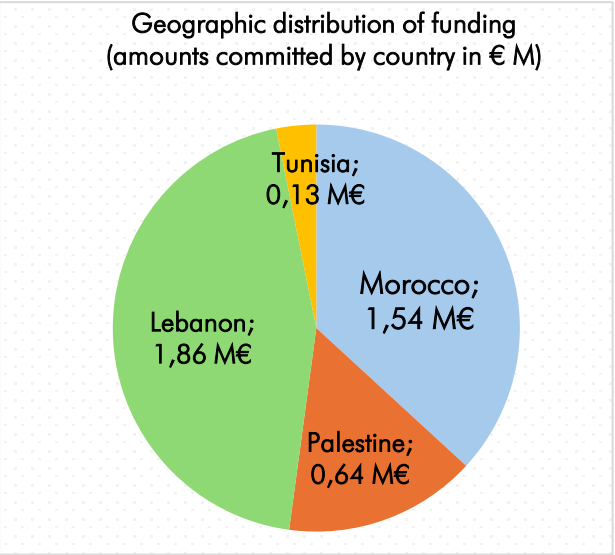
In 2025, 23 decentralized and non-governmental cooperation initiatives (including 1 common to Morocco and Palestine) were identified by pS-Eau across the four countries, representing a total amount of **€ 4.17 million**.

The chart below shows how annual commitments by decentralized and non-governmental cooperation have evolved since 2020 for projects carried out in Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia.



Number of projects and amounts committed in 2025, by country



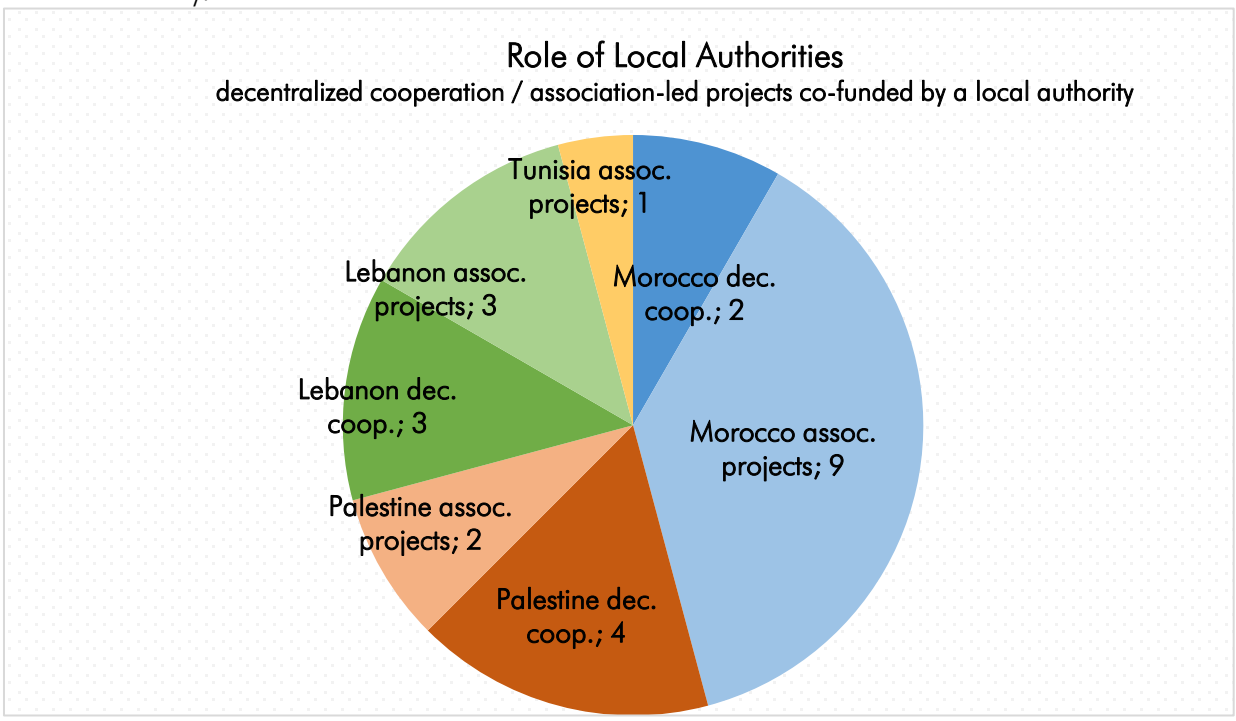


Role of local and regional authorities in 2025

Among the 23 projects funded in 2025, 8 are decentralized cooperation projects, meaning that the initiative is carried out within a partnership framework involving at least one French local authority and one local authority in the Mediterranean country, with a mutual technical, political, and financial commitment.

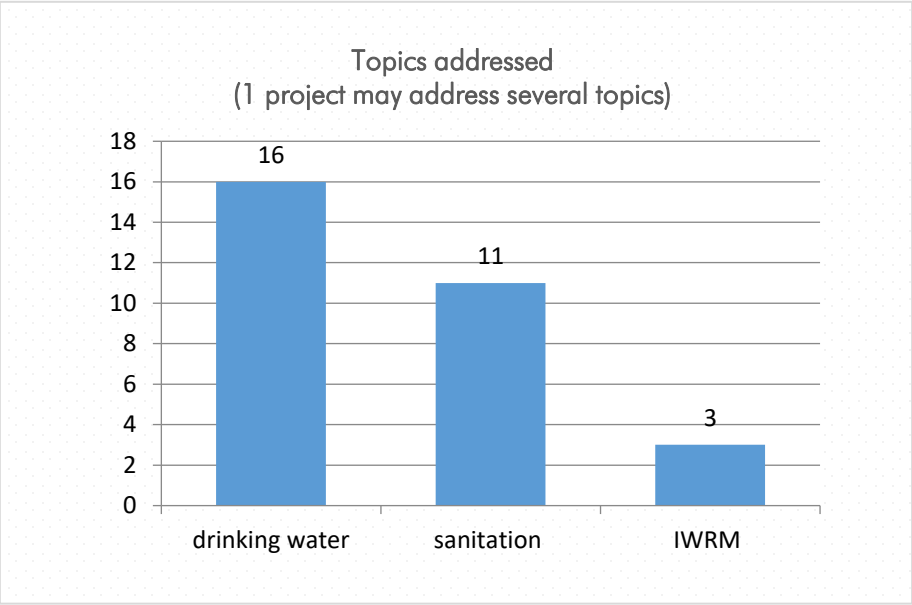
15 projects are implemented by international solidarity organizations, with the French local authority acting as a funder. These initiatives are carried out within a non-governmental partnership framework but do not constitute decentralized cooperation partnerships. The majority of the projects implemented in Morocco are therefore led by associations.

One project covers two countries, Morocco and Palestine. The chart below counts this project once for each country.



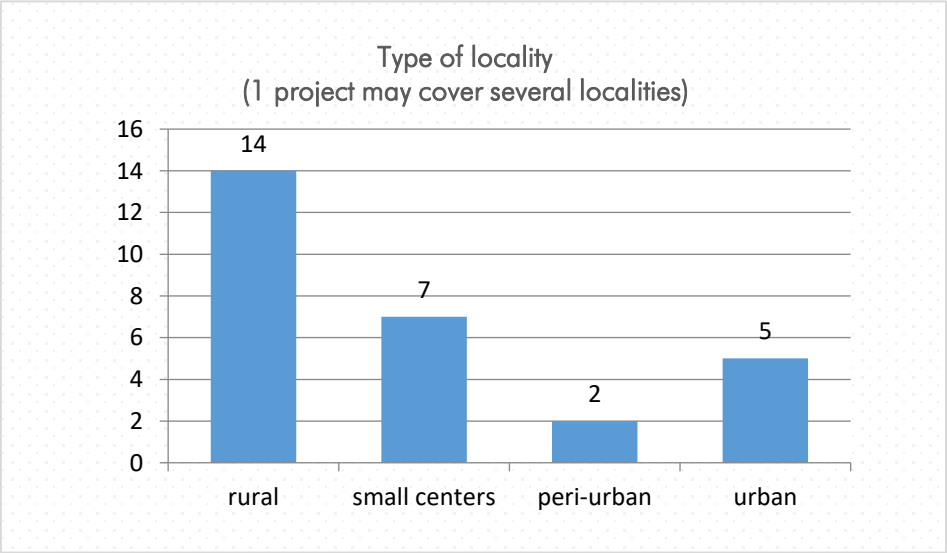
Intervention sub-sectors

Of the 23 projects identified, nearly two-thirds address drinking water, while half focus on sanitation. Three projects address Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM).



Types of localities

The majority of projects are implemented in rural areas, particularly those carried out by associations in Morocco.



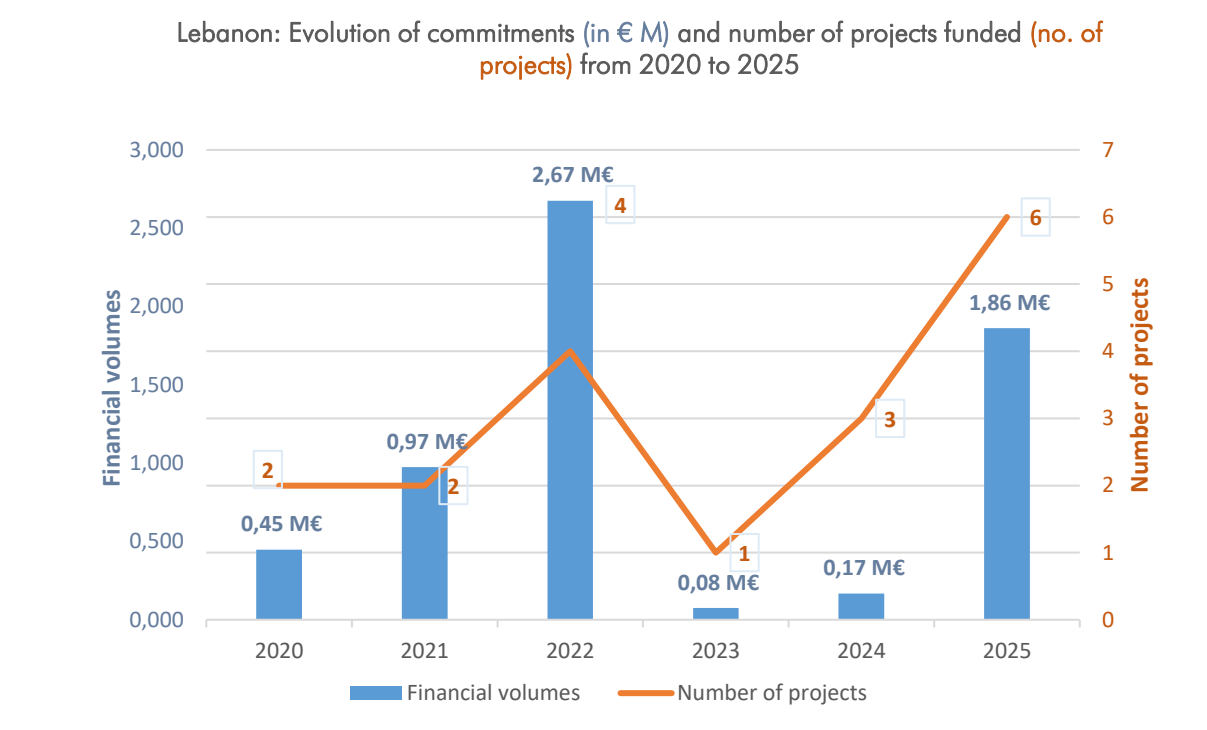
LEBANON

In 2025, **6 decentralized and non-governmental cooperation initiatives in Lebanon** received new funding from French local authorities and/or French Water Agencies, representing a total amount of **€1.86 million**.

Against the backdrop of the conflict in the Middle East, **the commitment of local authorities to supporting Lebanese municipalities has once again been strengthened, with the implementation of three decentralized cooperation partnerships** that had been under development for several years: a partnership between Vendée Eau and the municipality of Hammana; a partnership between Hydreaulys, the municipalities of Bailly and Noisy-le-Roi, and the municipality of Antoura; and a partnership between the Communauté de communes du Pic Saint-Loup and the municipality of Zahlé.

Toulouse Métropole and the city of Ramonville-Saint-Agne are also contributing to co-funding projects implemented by the associations Alissar and HAMAP Humanitaire, respectively.

Grenoble Alpes Métropole also supported a project implemented by the NGO Medair, with co-funding from the Rhône Méditerranée Corse Water Agency.

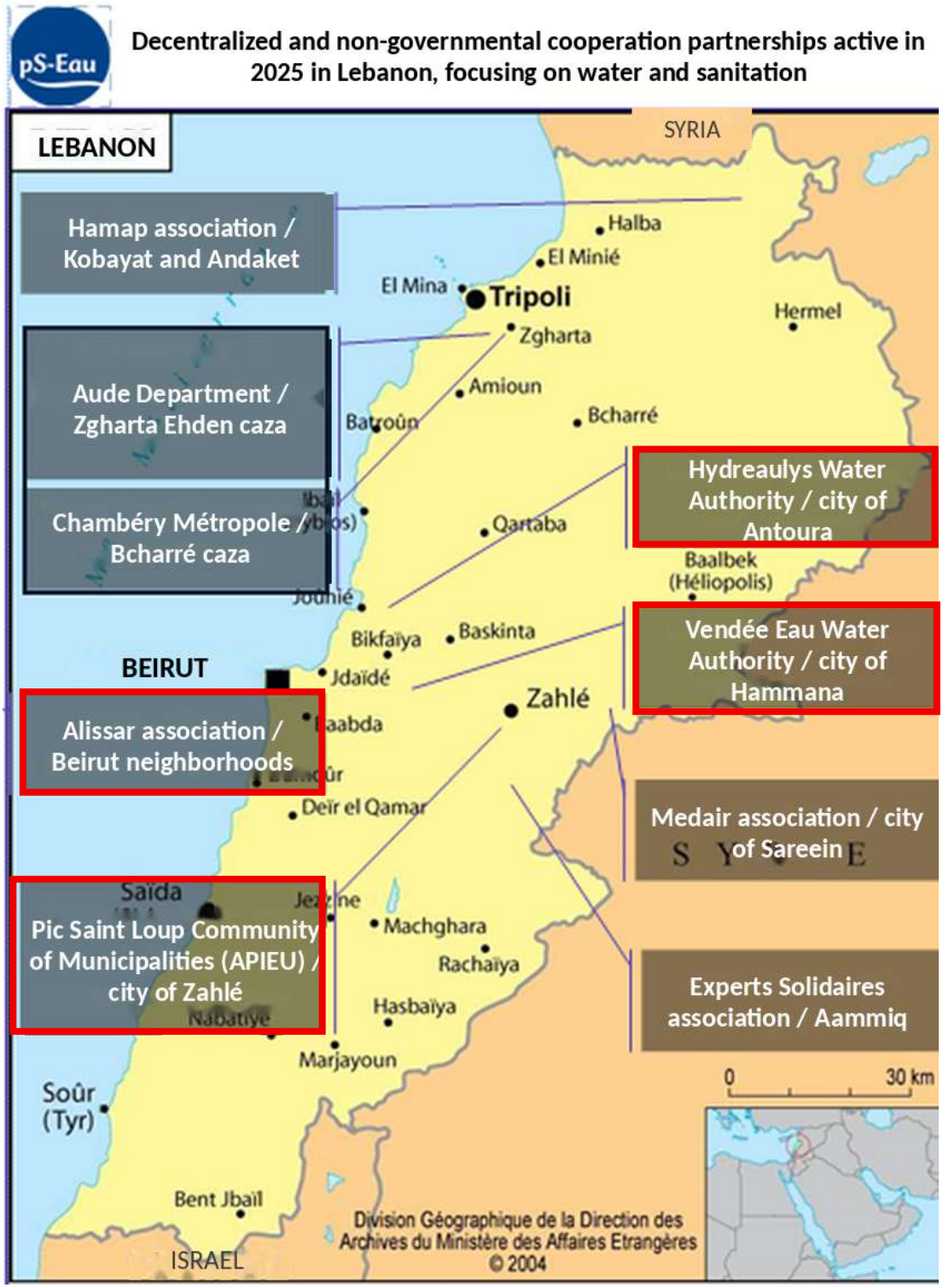


Since 2020, 18 projects have received a total commitment of €6.2 million.

The majority of these projects have been implemented within the framework of decentralized cooperation partnerships.

The following map shows the Franco-Lebanese decentralized and non-governmental cooperation partnerships active in 2025, focusing on water, sanitation, and integrated water resources management.

New partnerships, as well as partnerships that received new funding in 2025, are outlined in red.



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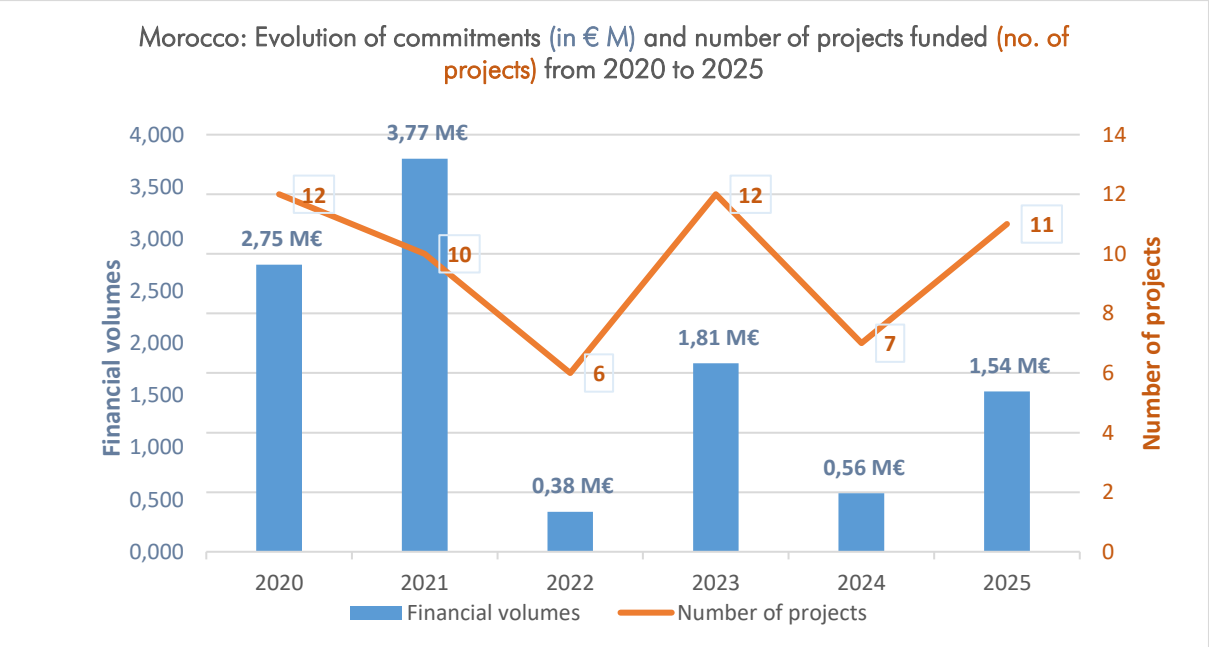
In Morocco, in 2025, **11 decentralized and non-governmental cooperation initiatives** received new funding from French local authorities and/or French Water Agencies, representing a total amount of **€1.54 million**.

Following the revitalization of decentralized cooperation initiated in 2024, a new decentralized cooperation partnership was established between Métropole Nice Côte d'Azur and the City of Fez. Other decentralized cooperation partnerships were also being developed in 2025, with implementation expected in 2026 or 2027.

The Occitanie Region, Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole and the Aude Department are partners in the project *"Strengthened Partnerships for Sustainable Water Resource Management at the Mediterranean Basin Scale – Palestine – Morocco – Occitanie."* Led by the Occitanie coopération multi-stakeholder regional network (RRMA), with technical support from the association Experts Solidaires, the project was selected in 2024 under the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE) "clé en main" programme and received co-funding from the Rhône-Méditerranée-Corse Water Agency in 2025. The project promotes exchanges of knowledge and expertise on sustainable water management between these Occitanie local and regional authorities and their respective cooperation partners in Morocco and Palestine. Activities are implemented across all three territories, following a mutual-benefit approach. In Morocco, the project involves the Casablanca-Settat Region and the Arghen Basin Intermunicipal Cooperation Establishment.

In addition, **as every year, numerous projects were initiated by French international solidarity organizations** (particularly Eau Soleil and À l'Eau Gemeau solidarité) in partnership with rural municipalities and village water management associations, with co-funding from French local authorities and Water Agencies.

In 2025, the Rhône Méditerranée Corse Water Agency renewed its institutional cooperation agreements with the Souss Massa Hydraulic Basin Agency (ABHSM) and the Draa and Oued Noun Hydraulic Basin Agency (ABHDON).



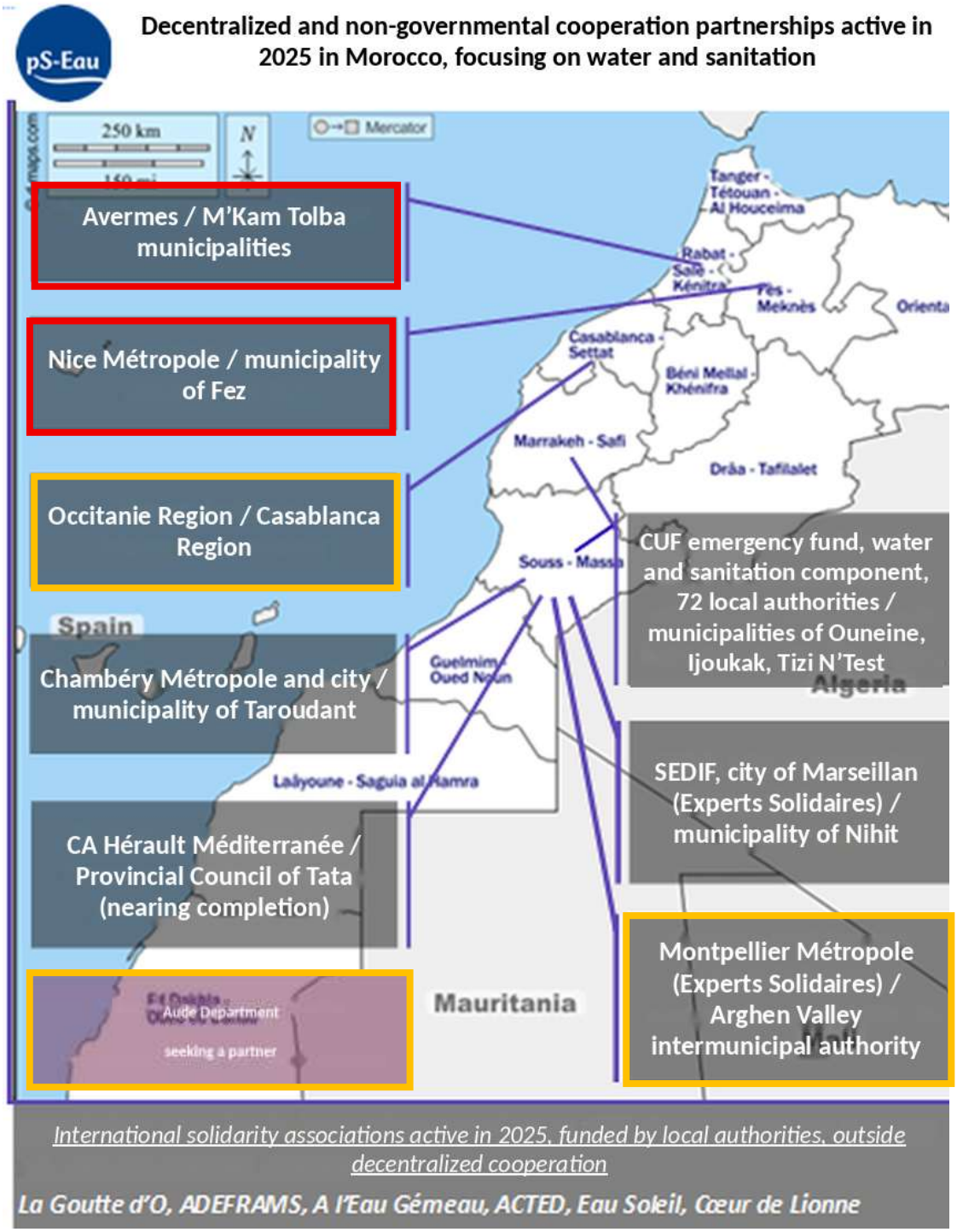
Since 2020, 58 projects have received a total commitment of €10.8 million.

The majority are association-led projects, with budgets of less than €100,000, targeting rural douars (villages) and co-funded by French local authorities and Water Agencies. Decentralized cooperation partnerships are nevertheless on the rise.

The following map shows the Franco-Moroccan decentralized cooperation partnerships active in 2025, focusing on water, sanitation, and integrated water resources management.

New partnerships, as well as partnerships that received new funding in 2025, are outlined in red. The partners of the project "Strengthened partnerships for sustainable water resource management at the Mediterranean basin scale – Palestine – Morocco – Occitanie", which also received funding in 2025, are outlined in yellow.

Only decentralized cooperation partnerships are shown on the map. There are numerous projects implemented by international solidarity organizations, for which French local authorities act as funders; these projects are not shown on the map. The associations active in 2025 are listed at the bottom of the map.



PALESTINE

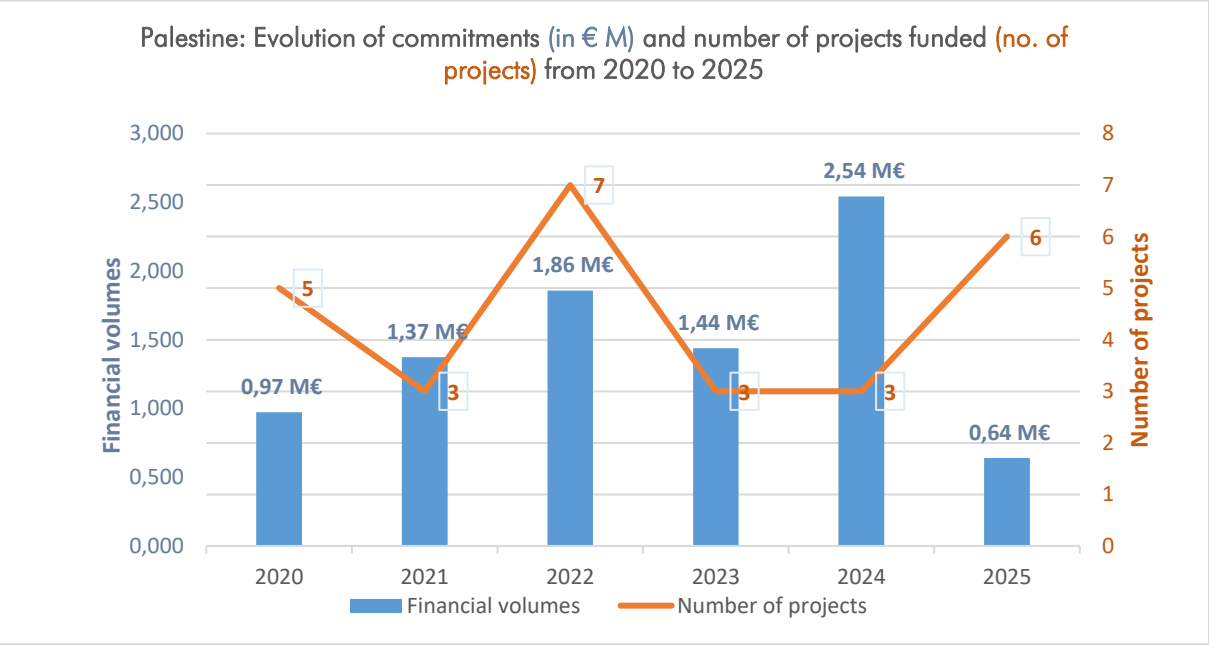
In 2025, **6 decentralized and non-governmental cooperation initiatives** in Palestine received new funding from French local authorities and/or French Water Agencies, representing a total amount of **€0.64 million**.

As in Lebanon, **the deterioration of the security situation has not discouraged French local authorities from engaging in partnerships with Palestinian municipalities in the West Bank**, in order to support the development of water and sanitation services, through a particularly strong approach based on technical and political reciprocity.

These initiatives involve amounts of less than €200,000 and aim either to complement existing activities (a one-off sanitation project as part of the cooperation between the City of Bordeaux / Bordeaux Métropole and Ramallah) or to lay the groundwork for larger-scale initiatives (cooperation between the City of Cergy and the Municipality of Saffa, and between the City of Roubaix and the Municipality of Qabatiya).

The numerous decentralized cooperation partnerships already underway remain active, despite implementation difficulties linked to the expansion of settlements and violence committed by settlers.

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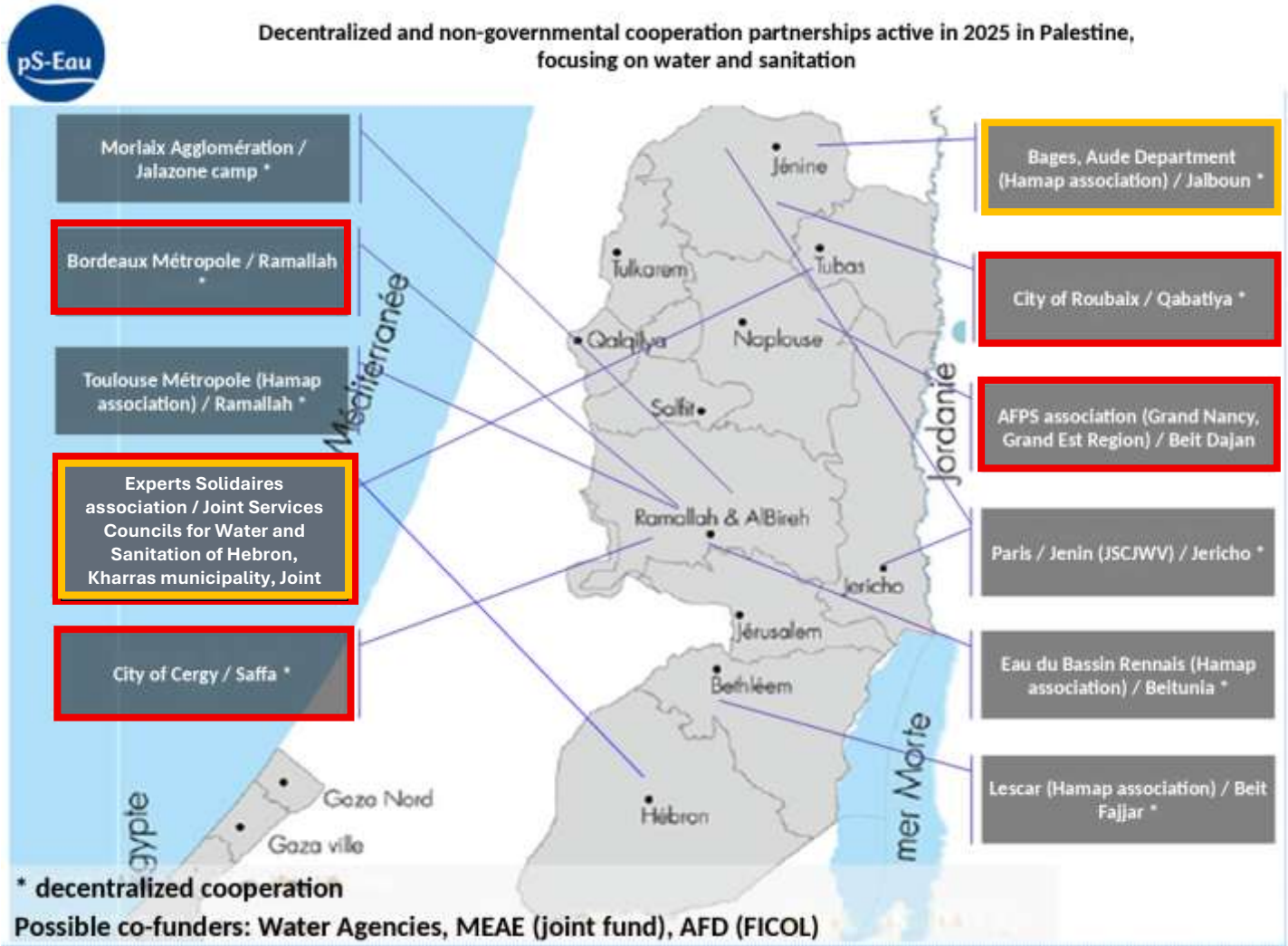


Since 2020, 27 projects have received a total of €8.8 million.

Most of these are substantial multi-year projects carried out in the framework of decentralized cooperation partnerships.

The following map presents the French-Palestinian decentralized and non-governmental cooperation partnerships active in 2025, focusing on water, sanitation, and integrated water resources management. All projects are implemented in the West Bank.

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TUNISIA

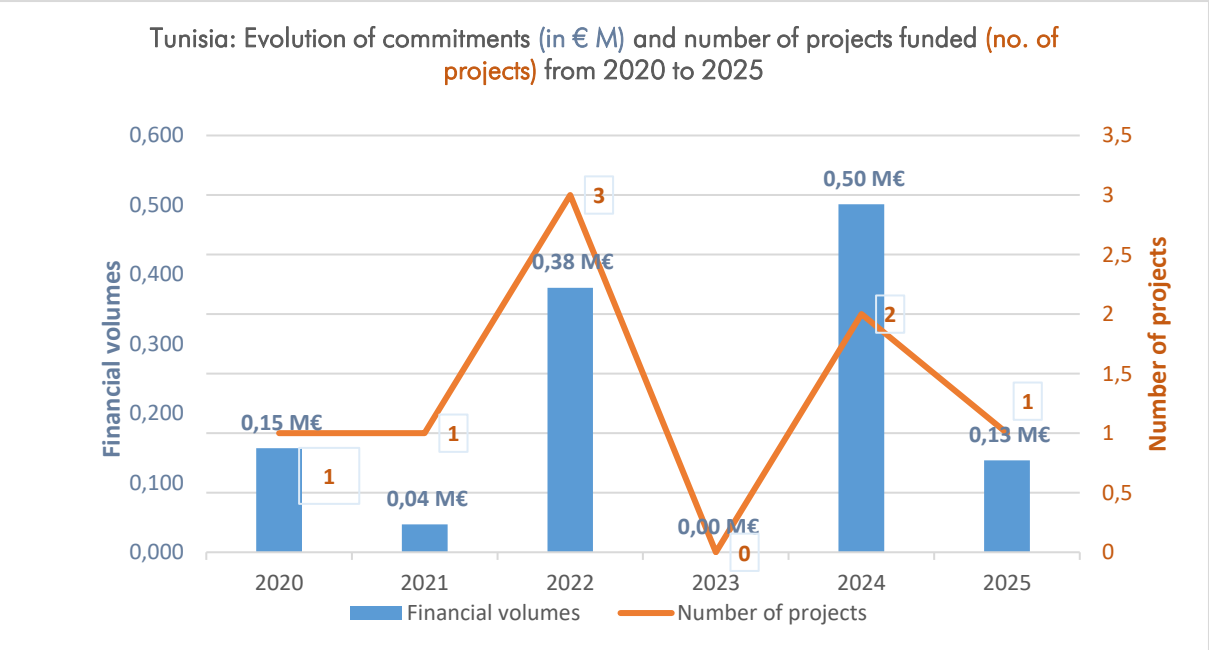
In 2025, 1 decentralized and non-governmental cooperation initiative in Tunisia received new funding from French local and regional authorities and/or water agencies, totaling €0.13 million.

Indeed, **the context of centralized governance, particularly with regard to water and sanitation responsibilities** - managed by two national operators, ONAS for sanitation and SONEDE for drinking water, and SECADENORD for water storage and transfers - **is not particularly conducive to decentralized cooperation in these sectors.**

However, there remains significant potential for improving safely managed water and sanitation services in rural areas not served by these national operators. Community-based organizations, known as Agricultural Development Groups (*Groupements de Développement Agricole*), are responsible for these services and can serve as cooperation partners, alongside the governorates.

The context is, however, more conducive to cooperation with these major operators through institutional cooperation. Thus, in 2025, cooperation was initiated between the Rhône-Méditerranée-Corse Water Agency and ONAS, involving the Mediterranean Water Institute, to study the organizational and financial arrangements for implementing the reuse of treated wastewater at several wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs). This initiative could subsequently lead to decentralized cooperation projects to operationalize these recommendations.

In 2023, the Société du Canal de Provence also initiated a project with SECADENORD, supported by the Rhône-Méditerranée-Corse Water Agency (AERMC).



The following map presents the French-Tunisian decentralized and non-governmental cooperation partnerships active in 2025, focusing on water, sanitation, and integrated water resources management.

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LIST OF PROJECTS FUNDED IN 2025

Click on a project title to access its online project sheet.

Projects implemented within decentralized cooperation

Action title	Country	Location	Type of action	Total cost (€)	Type of locality	Project lead and financial partners
Access to safe water for Sareein, North Bekaa, Lebanon	**Lebanon**	**Sareein** [Bekaa / Baalbek]	Drinking water	125,000	Rural	**Medair Association**; Grenoble Alpes Métropole Rhône-Méditerranée-Corse Water Agency
Access to water and sanitation at Beit Mery Public School and in the low-income neighborhoods of Bourj Hammoud – Alissar 2025 Project	**Lebanon**	**Beit Meri** [Beirut / Beirut]	Sanitation; drinking water	30,627	Peri-urban	**Alissar Association**; Toulouse Métropole Adour-Garonne Water Agency
Improving access to water, sanitation and hygiene in the municipalities of Kobayat and Andaket (Lebanon)	**Lebanon**	**Aandqet** [North / Akkar]	Sanitation; drinking water	162,000	Small towns	**HAMAP Humanitarian Association** City of Ramonville Saint-Agne Adour-Garonne Water Agency
Vendée Eau – Hammana Municipality Cooperation for Strengthening Drinking Water Supply Services	**Lebanon**	**Hammana** [Mount Lebanon / Baabda]	Drinking water	707,376	Small towns	**Vendée Eau Water Authority** Pays de la Loire Region French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE)
Establishment of a non-collective sanitation service in the municipality of Antoura – Three-year project, Year 1: Hydreaulys, Bailly, Noisy-le-Roi / Antoura cooperation	**Lebanon**	**Aintoura** [Mount Lebanon / Jbeil]	Sanitation	177,585	Peri-urban	**Hydreaulys Water Authority** City of Bailly City of Noisy-le-Roi HAMAP Humanitarian Association Seine-Normandie Water Agency
Water protection and governance in the Berdaouni watershed – Decentralized cooperation between Grand Pic Saint-Loup Community of Municipalities and Zahlé	**Lebanon**	**Zahle** [Bekaa / Baalbek]	Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)	660,100	Small center, rural	**Grand Pic Saint-Loup Community of Municipalities**; Saint-Clément-de-Rivière Municipality; Occitanie Region French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE) Rhône-Méditerranée-Corse Water Agency

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Rehabilitation of the Jorf Sud water network, Municipality of Arazane (Arghen Valley intermunicipal association)	Morocco	Oued Arghene [Souss-Massa / Taroudant]	Drinking water	330,000	Rural	Experts Solidaires Association; Île-de-France Water Authority / Syndicat des Eaux d'Île-de-France (SEDIF)
Access to drinking water for the rural municipality of El Maader El Kabir	Morocco	El Maader [Souss-Massa / Tiznit]	Drinking water	501,730	Rural	Association for Developing Exchanges between France, Morocco and Senegal (ADEFRAMS) Greater Lyon Metropolitan Area Rhône-Méditerranée-Corse Water Agency
Access to drinking water and electrification of two schools in the municipalities of Tizounte and Bent-Tafou, Morocco	Morocco	Ai Gass, Tizounte, Bent-Tafou [Souss-Massa / Taroudant]	Drinking water	23,837	Rural	Intermunicipal Socio-Cultural Development Association; Grand Est Region
Access to drinking water, Municipality of Aguelmam Azegza, Jnan Imass village	Morocco	Aguelmam Azegza [Béni Mellal-Khénifra / Khénifra]	Drinking water	82,296	Rural	Eau Soleil Association; Eau du Morbihan Water Authority; Brittany Region Loire-Bretagne Water Agency
Access to water and sanitation, Municipality of Sidi Lamine, Ait Iazza II village	Morocco	Oued Sidi Lamine [Béni Mellal-Khénifra / Khénifra]	Sanitation; drinking water	59,035	Rural	Eau Soleil Association; Eau du Morbihan Water Authority; Brittany Region Loire-Bretagne Water Agency
Drinking water supply for 4 villages: Ambdoul, Ighira, Takhfakht and Tirst	Morocco	Irhira [Souss-Massa / Taroudant]	Drinking water	130,534	Rural	ACTED Greater Lyon Metropolitan Area Rhône-Méditerranée-Corse Water Agency
Water supply for the village of Tawzahert – Morocco	Morocco	Sidi Rachid [Fès-Meknès / Taza]	Sanitation; drinking water	49,350	Rural	Coeur de Lionne Association; Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole; Rhône-Méditerranée-Corse Water Agency
Access to water and communal toilets in the douars of Anzour and Tizgui and at the DAR TALIB boarding school	Morocco	Agadir Melloul [Souss-Massa / Taroudant]	Sanitation; drinking water	104,979	Rural	Eau Soleil Association; Water Authority of the Ambérieu Region; Chambéry Métropole EDF Foundation Rhône-Méditerranée-Corse Water Agency

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Resilience of green spaces to water stress for the well-being of populations: establishment of a pilot garden in Fez – Nice Metropolitan Area / Fez decentralized cooperation	**Morocco**	Province of Fez, Fez-Meknès Region	Sanitation	80,000	Urban	**Nice Côte d'Azur Metropolitan Area;** technical partner: Euro-Mediterranean Information System on Know-how in the Water Sector (SEMIDE) DAECT
Improving access to water in 2 douars in the Municipality of Tissaf, Morocco	**Morocco**	**Ahl Tissaf** [Fès-Meknès / Meknès]	Drinking water	173,530	Rural	**A l'eau Gemeau solidarité Association** Alsace-Moselle Water and Sanitation Authority (SDEA) Grand Est Region Rhin-Meuse Water Agency
AERMC 2025 support to the MEAE 2024 turnkey project: Strengthened partnerships for sustainable water resource management at the Mediterranean basin scale – Palestine – Morocco – Occitanie	**Morocco**	Casablanca-Settat Region, Arghen Basin Intermunicipal Cooperation Establishment	Sanitation; drinking water; IWRM	4,500	Rural, Small town, Urban	Occitanie Region, Aude Department, Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole; Experts Solidaires Association; Rhône-Méditerranée-Corse Water Agency
	Palestine	Joint Services Councils for Water and Sanitation (JSC-WS) of Hebron and Tubas, Kharras municipality, Jalboun municipality				

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"Mizan Al-Maa" ("Perfect Water Balance"): Design of an educational role-playing game to improve local "Water" management in the West Bank	**Palestine**	**Kharras, Tubas**	IWRM	132,980	Rural	**Eau Agriculture et Territoires (EAT)** **Experts Solidaires Association** Municipality of Barjac Occitanie Region French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE)
Construction of 20 rainwater harvesting cisterns in the village of Beit Dajan (West Bank) – Phase 4	**Palestine**	Bayt Dajan	Drinking water	159,340	Small towns	**France Palestine Solidarité – Grand Est (AFPS)** Greater Nancy; Grand Est Region Meurthe-et-Moselle Departmental Council (CD 54) Rhin-Meuse Water Agency
Main sewer line on Rue de Paris in Ramallah, West Bank	**Palestine**	**Ram Allah** [Ramallah and Al-Bireh]	Sanitation	125,750	Urban	**City of Bordeaux / Bordeaux Métropole**
Renovation of the main pipelines of the Saffa drinking water network	**Palestine**	**Saffa** [Ramallah and Al-Bireh]	Drinking water	28,000	Rural	**City of Cergy**
Roubaix/Qabatiya decentralized cooperation	**Palestine**	**Qabatiya [Jenin]**	Sanitation	191,500	Small towns	**City of Roubaix**
Contribution to sanitation in the Gabès Oasis	**Tunisia**	**Gabès**	Sanitation	132,346	Small towns	**Horizons Solidarités Association** Marana Golo Lucciana Community of Municipalities; French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE) Rhône-Méditerranée-Corse Water Agency

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