

What's happened @ CMO



SDG6: Bringing water to our communities

Access to clean water is a fundamental human right and a key focus of our sustainability efforts this year. Across our regions, teams are driving meaningful, on the ground initiatives that bring water to the communities that need it most. Two recent projects in Tunisia and Zambia illustrate how simple, community centred actions can create lasting impact.

At Cheninni Primary School in Tunisia, construction has begun on a new drinking water fountain. Every aspect of construction is being carried out in compliance with strict safety and quality standards suitable for a school environment, ensuring that the fountain will serve the community for years to come.



In Matutu Village, Zambia, access to clean water remains a pressing challenge. Today, more than 25 households rely on a single shallow well, making daily water collection difficult and increasing exposure to contamination.



Our team conducted a community engagement session to better understand local realities, hear directly from residents. This dialogue is the first step toward interventions that not only improve water access but also strengthen community leadership and ownership of future water initiatives.

More water initiatives will be rolled out throughout the year as we continue championing SDG 6 across all regions.



Sébastien with some of the CMO team at Mining Indaba

Empowering communities & protecting forests



In Senegal, a simple innovation is making a powerful difference. Our ongoing initiative to distribute cooking stoves is helping households reduce their reliance on firewood, easing pressure on local forests, and making life a bit easier for women in the community.

Over the past three years, the team has distributed 123 stoves, and the results speak for themselves:

- **Reduction in wood cutting**, lightening the workload for women and helping preserve surrounding forests.
- **100% community ownership**, demonstrated by the full recovery of funds originally allocated to finance the first stoves.
- **Peer-to-peer learning**, with early beneficiaries becoming ambassadors, sharing the benefits and encouraging neighbours to adopt the technology.
- **Financial sustainability**, with recovered funds reinvested to finance 30 additional stoves.