

Newsletter n°1

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RECAP 2023

- Contacts with 115 associations.
- **25 projects monitored** over the 3 axes, including 3 carried out by employees in France and Africa.
- (3 Moments of solidarity in the branch.
- (3) Meetings with <u>new associations</u>.
- (3) In addition to the Foundation's actions, Géotec.

RENEWED PARTNERSHIPS



In France



ZICOMATIC

#disability #culture

Since 2006, **Zicomatic has** been using culture to combat the isolation of children and adults with disabilities. It offers cultural projects, raises public awareness and promotes the image of disability.

In 2020 and 2023, the Géotec Foundation was a partner in the "Tous en scène" music festival organised each year to break down barriers. In 2023, the festival was held at the Phare in Chambéry, and Géotec employees were present.

Project presented and monitored by Jean-Yves Lacombe (Géotec Rhône-Alpes)

GRANDIR

#insertion

The GRANDIR association informs, helps and advises parents of children with growth problems, as well as anyone suffering from a rare growth disorder and/or being treated with growth hormone. In 2022 and 2023, Fondation Géotec supported the association in organising family reunions, which take place over a weekend to break the isolation of families, children and parents.

Project presented by Magali Serré (Géotec Reims)







ANTS

#disability #sport

The ANTS SPORT association offers sports facilities, one in Lyon and the other in Grenoble, for adults with neuromotor disabilities (spinal cord or brain injury, neurodegenerative diseases such as multiple sclerosis, etc.).

In 2021 and 2023, Fondation Géotec has made **a financial contribution to the purchase of equipment** for the two gyms, including body-building equipment, an electrostimulation bike, a walking workshop and cross-training.

Institut de l'Engagement

#insertion #engagement

This association, supported in 2022 and 2023 by the Fondation Géotec, helps young people with less than academic backgrounds to resume their education or to set up a business or association.

Twice a year (two registration sessions), hundreds of volunteers get involved to give these young people the chance to **benefit from a** year's **support** or 6 months' mentoring.





Amélie La Vie #inclusion #disability

This association works with people with cerebral palsy and their families to help them become more independent.

The funding provided by Fondation Géotec is being used to **build** Les Colibris, **an inclusive home** in Sathonay. This inclusive and secure environment will enable everyone to fulfil their potential and live life to the full, and will be inaugurated in the summer of 2024.

Project presented by Fabien Lordez (Géotec Rhône-Alpes)

BASKIN

#disability #sport

Since 2021, Fondation Géotec has contributed to the development of BASKIN in the Nantes region and in France, by helping to **purchase new equipment** needed to play the sport, to open new club sections and to finance team travel costs.

This **inclusive activity**, which accompanies players (with or without disabilities) well beyond the sports field, has continued to grow ever since.

In June 2023, the French team finished 2nd in the European Championship, a very fine performance.





In West Africa



ECIAT

#water #hygiene #sanitation

This family association runs one project a year in Togo. It has twice been supported by the Géotec Foundation, and in 2023 is running a project to **improve the material and sanitary conditions** of the Aglébo public primary school and build 6 Ecosan latrine blocks.





CIELO

#accèseau # assainissement

This association (Coopération Internationale pour les Equilibres Locaux), which has now been known for several years by the Géotec Foundation and by employees in Bordeaux who have met its president, carries out **development projects in 5 areas and 7 countries, including Benin and Togo.** The Géotec Foundation is supporting it in these two countries in its projects to provide **access to** improved **water** and **sanitation** in schools and in education through the **construction of** primary and secondary **classrooms**.

Des Jeunes pour la Terre

#population aids

This association has been working for more than 10 years in **Burkina Faso** to **combat the rural exodus of young people during the dry season**. In 2023, Fondation Géotec financed **the creation of a** multipurpose **farm-school** to help young people in rural areas of Diosso to become self-sufficient in food, and the 3,000 banana plantations have produced a promising harvest.





Safe Water Cube

#accèseau

The aim of the Agir Ensemble - Safe watercube association is to provide access to drinking water in a safe and sustainable way, thanks to a water purification fountain. For the past 2 years, the Géotec Foundation has been working alongside the association to equip schools in Rufisque, Senegal.

Eau Z'enfants

#insertion #engagement

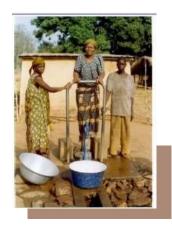
The association helps orphans, destitute children and disadvantaged villagers, mainly in Togo and Guinea.

The project involves the **construction of 3 boreholes** in Guinea in remote villages with no water supply: Seguya Cacia, Razagouya and Kouria.

"The wells you have made possible are not simply concrete structures, but symbols of hope, connection and progress for our community. Your generosity will remain etched in our hearts, and we pledge to make good use of this precious resource you have offered."

Project presented by Lotfi Hadj-Arab, former collaborator





ACSO

#insertion #engagement

Since 2017, ACSO has been involved in WATER programmes in a disaster-stricken commune in Benin, the Zou department. This is the second time Fondation Géotec has been involved in these projects. While the project supported in 2021 was completed very quickly, the one supported in 2023 has been delayed because the government plans to connect 2 localities targeted in the project to the water network. In addition to the drilling work, the community has started to cultivate chilli pepper plots so that it can generate annual profits to fund social initiatives (schooling, healthcare, etc.).



Women of Africa

#insertion #engagement

This association, which works in **Benin** and **Togo**, is supported in 2 of its projects by the Géotec Foundation. It is committed to building on the dynamism of local communities to create **self-sufficient**, **self-managed living structures**.

"My name is Abra Kokou, I'm 35 years old (well, I don't think I have a birth certificate), and I'm a beneficiary of the microcredit programme in the village of Agamahé supported by your Foundation. Before I was selected for this programme, my family and I were living in very difficult conditions. We struggled to meet our most basic needs. The Covid crisis has had a very negative impact on the village and on our sales. [...] We are facing difficulties due to the increase in the price of soya, oil and fuel [...].

Thanks to microcredit, my life has changed in recent months. I was able to get a loan to finance my soya cheese production with 7 other women. With the money I borrowed, I was able to buy seeds, utensils and materials, improve my technique and start selling at the Agbélouvè market [...] The microcredit programme has helped us to get out of poverty and take control of our future".



MOMENTS OF SOLIDARITY IN THE BRANCH



8 vies pour la planète

#environment #biodiversity

8 Vies pour la planète is a technical innovation association serving the environment. Its "L'Etang de s'y mettre" project has been supported since 2021 by the Géotec Foundation and aims to reintroduce extinct and emblematic species into the Etang de Berre (13).

Employees in the South-East met them during Géotec's 50th anniversary celebrations.

<u>Café Joyeux</u>

#integration #disability

Café Joyeux offers an innovative solution for the inclusion of people with mental and cognitive disabilities.

Since 2017, thanks to **the creation of café-restaurants**, this not-for-profit company has enabled more than 168 people with disabilities to benefit from recognised training, have a permanent contract and work in an ordinary environment. **Fondation Géotec has supported the creation of two cafés**, one in Versailles in 2020 and the other in Dijon in 2025.





MEETINGS WITH NEW ASSOCIATIONS



AMD - Aide Médicale et Développement

#access to electricity

AMD's aim is to support those who have no access to healthcare in developing countries.

In 2023, Fondation Géotec will be working alongside the company to finance the installation and supply of a photovoltaic electrification system for 3 buildings at the Bantaco health post in **Senegal**.

The Compagnie des Corps Bruts

#disability #culture

The members of this company are developing a web repertoire of Chansignes interpreting songs in Sign Language. This repertoire, accessible to all, facilitates access to culture for the deaf and introduces hearing audiences to the richness of Sign Language. Meeting with the artists in November 2023 as part of the Paris festival "Monte le son" during a participatory performance of the Impromptus de SIGNES A L'ŒIL.





PC Coup de pouce

#accèseau

The Benin Water Project is a PC Coup d'Pouce (PCCP) association project aimed at improving access to drinking water for the village of Agolèdji in southern Benin. Fondation Géotec's contribution involved rehabilitating two boreholes, building a water tower and connecting the primary school to the water supply.

ACTIONS WITH GEOTEC, BEYOND THE FOUNDATION

The **Clubhouse** association, supported by the Foundation in 2024, ran an **awareness-raising** session **on mental health** (webinar) for Géotec employees.

The HR department met with the Apprentis d'Auteuil to discuss potential actions.



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