



WATER COOPERATION IN FRANCE AND IN PARIS

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There is no need to make the promotion of tap water for those who don't have access to it:

Their water is generally:

- Less available
- More expensive
- Of lower quality



People use to understand the real value of things when they are deprived of them, **or when they see others in this situation.**



THE OUDIN ACT

IN FRANCE

How to make citizens aware of the real value of tap water through cooperation ?

Genesis and content of the text

- Operators and public bodies working in the field of water were involved in actions of international solidarity in the absence of any legal context.
- Proposition of new law presented in November 2003 by Senator Jacques Oudin – Adopted and validated on **February 9, 2005**.
- Authorizes water agencies to undertake international cooperation activities.
- Enables municipalities and public institutions to finance their actions on their water and sanitation budget in the limit of **1%** of this budget.

In 2009, financial commitments from the Oudin law amounted to **€ 13.2 million** which represents between 10% and 20% of the theoretical potential (according to the interpretation of the law).

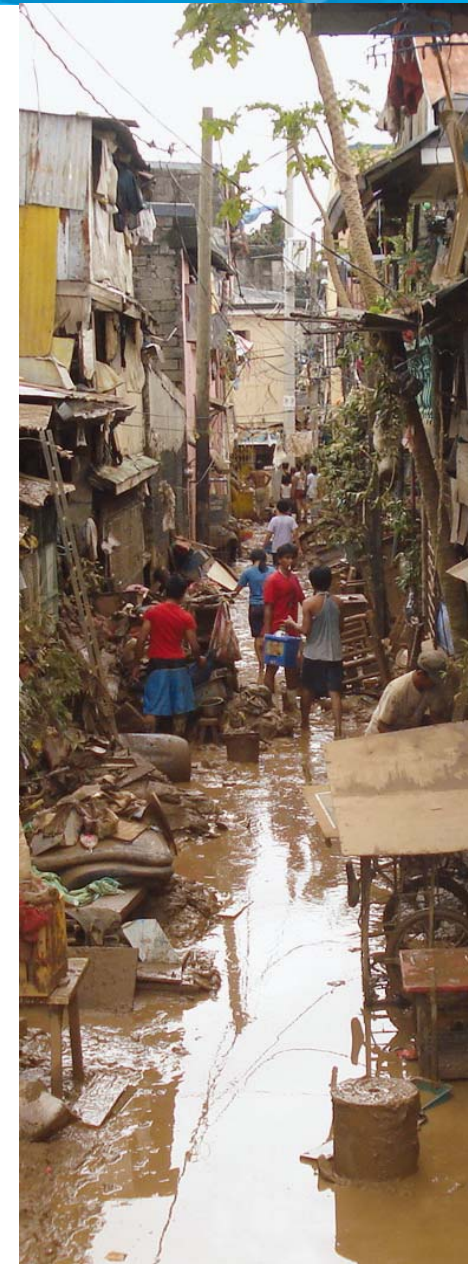
Application of the Oudin Act

- ➔ Gives strong recognition to the skills of the devolved services in the areas of public water and sanitation.
- ➔ Is an authorization and not an obligation: the leaders of those communities and institutions voluntarily decide to allocate a share of their budget on water and sanitation for such actions.
- ➔ One hundred communities were applying the Oudin act by the end of 2009, representing about **16.5 million** users of water services and sanitation.



Application of the Oudin Act in Paris

- ⇒ Creation of the International Solidarity System during the Paris Council on November 14 and 15, 2005.
- ⇒ Financial base: water bills paid by users. Since 2006: allocation of € 1 million / year.
- ⇒ Targeted geographic areas: Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa (including French speaking), Asia and Latin America
- ⇒ Priority action area: major cities.
- ⇒ Several modes of action:
 - assistance in the form of grants (NGOs).
 - cooperation with local communities in developing countries.
 - a fund of 100 k € reserved for emergencies.



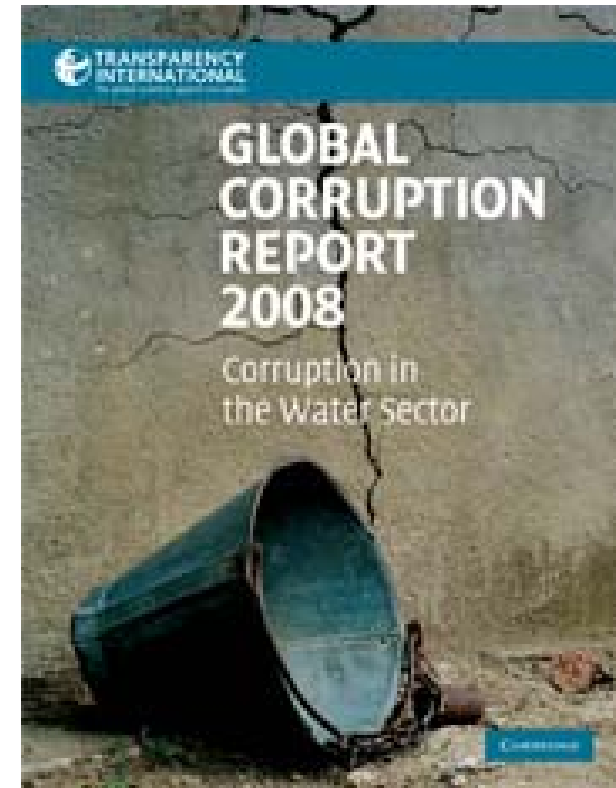
Advantages of the Oudin Act

Relevance of the local level in international solidarity actions for Water and Sanitation:

- Strong experience in organization and management of public water service.
- Less levels = less money losses... less corruption.
- Involvement of the citizens through the commitment of their city council.

Decentralized Cooperation:

- Exchange of experiences and know-how between water services.
- Can support or reinforce existing twinning between cities from different countries with technical perspectives in the water related activities.
- Strengthening of the role and place of civil society in local development process.



Main Topics treated

- Master Planning
- Inefficiency Assessments
- Water Quality and Treatments
- Post Catastrophes Assessments
- Risk Analysis, Crisis Management
- Protection of the resource
- ...



Assessment of Well's Salinity Indonesia



Risk Analysis & Crisis Management Training in Vietnam



At the beginning of this new Millennium, two major events among others have struck the world with a great shock:



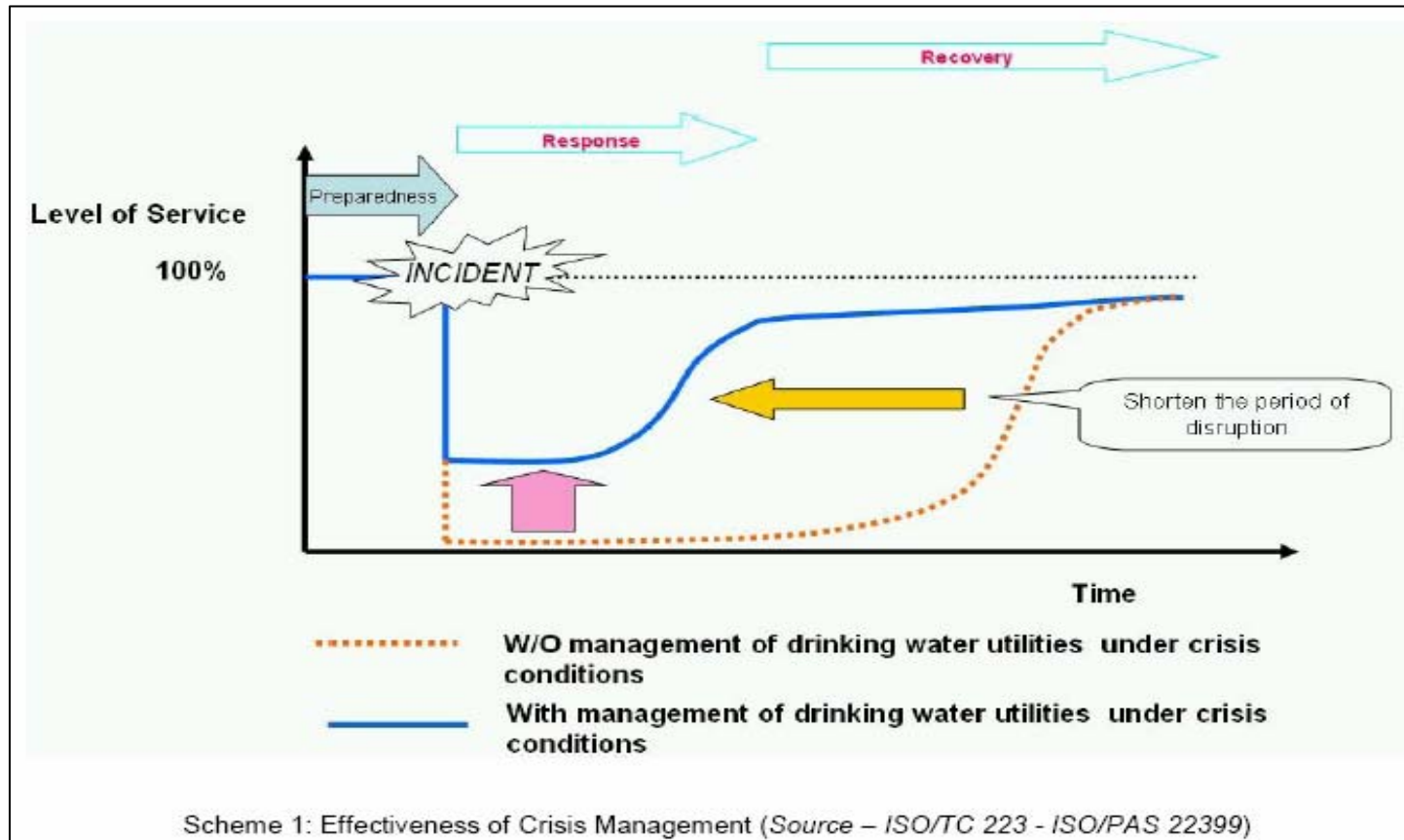
New-York
September 11, 2001



Sumatra
Indonesia
December 26, 2004

The professionals are more aware of the possibility of being confronted to a severe interruption of the water supply.

Achieving consumer's confidence in tap water is a long time work that can be ruined with a single event.



The area gained between the two curves could have an effect not only for the water service but also in terms of image of tap water.

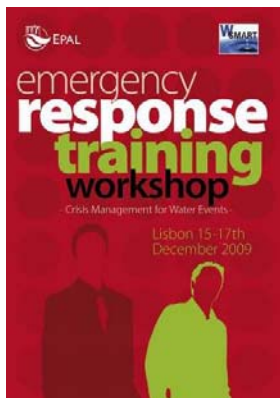


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Training in EPAL

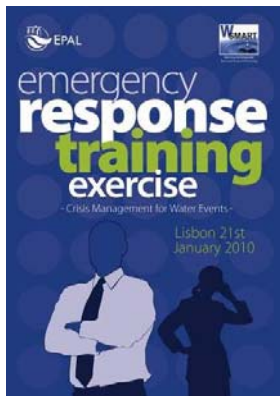
15-17th December 2009

- 36 technicians participated
- Water Supply Events
- Maintenance Events



21st January 2010

- 55 technicians participated
- Water Quality Events
- Water Supply Events
- Maintenance Events



Water Supply Maintenance Water Quality



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Maintenance Water Quality



So far, security exercises with the participation of foreign observers have been conducted in Cincinnati, Paris, Geneva, Tel-Aviv and Lisbon. Next one at Vitens (Netherlands) May 2011.

With the support and help of the IWA, W-Smart also responds to specific solicitations. Here for a water supply project in Haïti.





Pour tout savoir sur l'eau potable à Paris ?

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Thank you for your attention

