

Oilfield Community Development

A community development program funded by the World Bank has completed its first round of projects in southern Chad, part of a broad capacity building effort being operated by the Bank in parallel to the Project.

The Fonds d'Actions Concertees d'Initiatives Locales (FACIL) program grants loans to local communities for a wide range of projects, including schools and water supply improvements. The German government development service, Deutscher Entwicklungsdienst (DED), provides management and counsel to the World Bank-funded program.

One of the most visible of the FACIL projects is a new potable water system for the town of Bebédjia. The water tower adds a striking dimension to the skyline of thatched and metal roofed mud brick homes. The system includes an automated chlorination system, almost unheard of in the towns of southern Chad.





This woman draws safe drinking water for her family from one of the 17 new water points in the town of Bebedjia. For only 15 FCFA she can obtain 20 liters of water with no fears that the water will sicken her family with severe diarrhea, one of the leading killers of babies and young children in Chad.



The mayor of Bebedjia, Betolngar Netoloum, stands in front of the new town hall funded by FACIL, built to help build up the capacity of the local government. The project has been aimed at helping the local government plan for and administer the economic growth that has been taking place in the area due to the Project.



This upper level school (top), a kind of community college, has been constructed through a FACIL grant to the community of Miandoum. The six room school, very large for a school in southern Chad, offers the students advanced classes like this one in trigonometry (bottom).