



What are the key elements for establishing liveable and inclusive cities?

2015 has been a year full of global challenges: especially the surge in the number of refugees who fled their homes to escape protracted crises, humanitarian or natural disasters – 60 millions worldwide, a million of them with us here in Germany – has once more unveiled the urgency to act. Every human life has equal value. To help people become independent, stand on their own two feet and reach their potential wherever they live remains the undisputed purpose of development.



But this year has also been a year full of exciting and forward looking developments: on international level, important and long-term decisions have been achieved with the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by the 193 countries of the UN General Assembly on September 25th in New York, USA, following a multi-year participatory process. Despite its complexity of 169 - partly contradicting - targets, it is the only international agenda so far with the ambition to shape globalization in a way that promotes the four main dimensions of human development: social, environmental, economic and political. Remarkably, the international community has been able to achieve this in times characterized by considerable power shifts, increasing domestic inequality and the spread of violent conflict. BORDA has taken active part through practical work with partners on site as well as on international political level advocating for the adoption of SDG 6, a global goal on water.

Project Overview



The Municipality of Leon collected the first harvest of vegetables at the Municipal slaughterhouse under its comprehensive sustainable sanitation project in partnership with BORDA. The work focuses on the implementation of a decentralised sanitation system and the creation of an area for agricultural production to develop urban organic agriculture.

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BORDA South Africa is very happy to welcome Niklas Tschuden and Robert Hofmann as two new students who support our development of Anaerobic Membrane Reactors in eThekweni, South Africa. These new modules are developed in collaboration with the Pollution Research Group of the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

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CENTRAL ASIA

»This year my apple crop was almost 50% more, I think this is due to the use of the bioslurry from my biogas« experienced Mr. Azimi, who is the owner of a biogas plant in the Bamyan region, Afghanistan. BORDA supports the Biogas Consortium, a partnership between likeminded organisations that wish to contribute and learn about the sustainable development of biogas in Afghanistan.

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SOUTH ASIA

In November, the Devanahalli Town Municipal Council (TMC) in Bengaluru, Karnataka, India, commissioned the country's first Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant (FSTP). It's the first of its kind plant in India for safe treatment and disposal of sludge collected in septic tanks and pit latrines, and has been launched on the United Nations' World Toilet Day.

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SOUTHEAST ASIA

How to protect the environment in everyday life? To celebrate World Environment Day and raise awareness, BORDA Indonesia and the partners organized an interactive learning event with local elementary school children.

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