

## Media Release

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### **GF and Caritas Switzerland act together to bring access to clean water**

**GF and Caritas Switzerland extend their partnership for improving access to clean drinking water by another four years. The Clean Water Foundation of GF will provide a further CHF 1 million for this purpose.**

For the tenth anniversary of its Clean Water Foundation in 2012, GF concluded an agreement with Caritas Switzerland to provide access to clean drinking water. Thanks to this partnership, more than 40 000 people worldwide have benefited from a sustainably improved supply of drinking water. This successful partnership will be pursued. GF is funding another CHF 1 million for realizing drinking water projects with Caritas.

"The supply of clean, potable water is one of the major global challenges. As a specialist of water networks, we understand well its importance and are happy to contribute together with Caritas to making this valuable resource available to those who need it most. Caritas is a reliable partner which guarantees the sustainability of our projects as well as the efficient deployment of the resources. This is a collaboration we very much appreciate", says Yves Serra, CEO of GF.

Hugo Fasel, Director of Caritas Switzerland, calls the renewal of the close partnership with GF a milestone: "Access to clean drinking water continues to be a key area in the fight against global poverty. This is why we are so pleased that this partnership will be extended. As a company, GF is sending out an important signal for sustainable development aid cooperation."

Within the framework of the partnership, GF and Caritas Switzerland will continue their regular exchange of information between the partners' technical specialists. The GF Piping Systems division, which operates in more than 100 countries, will continue to advise Caritas with its know-how and expertise in water treatment and supply. The primary aim is to bring about tangible improvements to drinking water access through the use of innovative methods combined with locally available technologies. In total, GF has invested close to CHF 9 million in the Clean Water Foundation, which was founded in 2002, and has thereby sustainably improved access to drinking water for more than 250 000 people.

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#### **Corporate Profile**

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