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Xylem's Waterdrop program provides clean water to 3,000 people in Cambodia *Volunteers built three water towers for communities in need*

Xylem, a global water technology leader, recently took 14 customers and employees from the U.K., Germany and France to Cambodia on the inaugural volunteer trip of its [Waterdrop](#) initiative – a first-of-its-kind loyalty program that enables consulting engineers to bring safe, clean water to communities in need by learning about, selecting or specifying Xylem products and services. For every drop, or loyalty point, Xylem donates \$1 (USD) to build water towers for people who lack access to safe drinking water. Each drop also serves as an entry in a drawing to win the experience of a lifetime – a volunteer trip to construct and install these water towers at various locations around the world.

Francois Audo, Regional Director, South Europe at Xylem said: “The most important thing we can do as a water technology company is to use our capabilities to help others. At Xylem, we do this through our [Watermark](#) program. Waterdrop gives us the opportunity to extend this support to our valued customers. The experience is a departure from the typical loyalty program offerings others in today's marketplace provide; however, it's infinitely more rewarding with both the impact on those communities and the memories the volunteers take away, which last a lifetime.”

The nine winners that joined the inaugural Waterdrop trip are:

- Caroline Oun, Application Engineer HVAC at Agotherm, France
- Laurent Henneton, General Manager at LH Conseil, France
- Mevin Mootosamy, General Manager at M.C.H. Building Engineering, France
- David Everington, Senior Mechanical Engineer at Cundall, UK
- Kevin Sloyan, owner of Aish Electro-Mechanical Services, UK
- Martyn Dunne, Principal Mechanical Engineer at Hydrock, UK
- Matthias Hinz, Planning and Project Management at Wolff + Partner, Germany
- Guido Kierdorf, Managing Director at Haustechnik Kierdorf, Germany
- Karsten Krebs, Managing Director at Karsten Krebs Sanitär – Heizung – Kundendienst, Germany

The winners, along with five Xylem employees, embarked on the 15-hour trip to Siem Reap, Cambodia on November 5. In the following two days, the volunteers built three water towers at the elementary schools of Roka Village and Chhouk Sar Village, in partnership with [Planet Water Foundation](#), a US based, non-profit organization.

The towers are designed for quick construction, one-day installation and easy manual maintenance. They operate without power, last up to 10 years, and use an ultra-filtration

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filter system to produce 10,000 liters of water each day – enough to provide 1,000 people with sustainable access to clean water both for drinking and hand-washing purposes.

In total, 3,000 Cambodian youth, their families and communities now have access to clean water through the Waterdrop effort. The team also worked closely with nearly six hundred pupils of the two schools, educating them on the importance of proper hygiene and water use: according to Water.org, every year an estimated 842,000 people globally – approximately 2,300 people per day – die of diseases caused by inadequate sanitation and drinking water.

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About Xylem

Xylem (XYL) is a leading global water technology company committed to developing innovative technology solutions to the world's water challenges. The Company's products and services move, treat, analyze, monitor and return water to the environment in public utility, industrial, residential and commercial building services, and agricultural settings. With its October 2016 acquisition of Sensus, Xylem added smart metering, network technologies and advanced data analytics for water, gas and electric utilities to its portfolio of solutions. The combined Company's nearly 16,000 employees bring broad applications expertise with a strong focus on identifying comprehensive, sustainable solutions. Headquartered in Rye Brook, New York with 2015 revenue of \$3.7 billion, Xylem does business in more than 150 countries through a number of market-leading product brands.

The name Xylem is derived from classical Greek and is the tissue that transports water in plants, highlighting the engineering efficiency of our water-centric business by linking it with the best water transportation of all – that which occurs in nature. For more information, please visit us at www.xylem.com.