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Letter from our CEO

IK Investment Partners (IK) has been a signatory to the UN Global Compact initative since 2013. This second Communication on Progress (COP) report highlights activities undertaken between 11 December 2015 and 8 December 2016

I am pleased to confirm that IK reaffirms its support for the Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption.

IK views the COP as an important tool to demonstrate to our stakeholders our commitment to transparency and accountability by sharing information on sustainability performance. In this report, we describe our actions to support the Global Compact and its principles. We also commit to share this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

At IK, responsible investing lies at the heart of who we are and what we do. Since we were founded in 1989, our aim has been both simple and consistent: to build better businesses through active value creation. We believe that this begins with responsible investing (RI).

In recent years, we have strengthened our commitment to this area and to environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues more broadly.

In 2015, we said that we would be introducing an Audit & ESG committee for each portfolio company, responsible for monitoring ESG issues and ensuring that robust procedures are in place. We have now completed that exercise and these committees report directly to the Board of Directors, further improving the governance of portfolio companies under our stewardship.

We are also strengthening our internal processes in a number of ways to ensure that our commitment to responsible investing is both recognised and properly implemented across the firm.

As part of this initiative, we have updated our RI policy to better reflect our enhanced commitment and we have included ESG in the financial reporting system that we use to monitor portfolio companies. As such, companies will be regularly assessed from an ESG perspective so that we are informed of their approach and can provide support and guidance where needed.

We are creating a new tool kit as well, to help investment professionals assess sector-specific environmental and social risks during the due diligence phase of our investment process. Taking the form of an information chart, this will alert our investment professionals to inherent risks and potential problem areas at the very start of our investment journey.

We are ensuring that our investment professionals keep abreast of ESG developments too, with regular training sessions, including a dedicated RI



training session for IK directors in Paris last September. This will be an area of increased focus in future.

Looking ahead, we will be forming an ESG steering committee over the coming months, to reinforce the important role that RI plays at IK. Involving several partners, this will provide overarching guidance and strategic direction for IK and our portfolio companies.

As part of this determination to provide advice and support, we are building a database of ESG consultants as a resource for all our investment professionals and a knowledge base of information around ESG-related policies for our portfolio companies.

The RI landscape is constantly evolving but the essential values within that landscape remain the same: a belief that building better businesses is intrinsically linked to responsible investment and that sustainable growth is best achieved by implementing the right approach to ESG. IK has long adhered to these values and we remain determined to be at the forefront of best practice next year and beyond.

Christopher Masek Managing Partner, IK

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Owners of >100 companies since 1989

>€12.2 billion of capital realised

Integrity

Code of Ethics

ESG is at the heart of IK's investment strategy

Accountability

Leading
Pan-European
private equity firm

Professionalism

Partnering with management teams and investors

>€9 billion of capital raised

Governance

Growing businesses

Creating
sustainable value
for all
IK stakeholders

Responsible investment (RI) policy

The IK perspective on ESG

IK Investment Partners is a European private equity advisory group, operating across Northern Continental Europe. Founded in 1989, we have helped over 100 companies expand and develop sustainably

Focused on investing in companies with strong underlying potential, we are proud to support the IK Funds as they partner with management teams and investors to grow businesses, improve performance and create sustainable value for all our stakeholders.

Deeply committed to fostering growth, we apply an active approach to our investments and aim to create robust, well positioned companies with solidlong-term prospects. Our current portfolio companies represent more than 19,000 employees across the globe and revenues of €2.9bn.

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Creating value through active ownership

During IK's ownership, we encourage companies to act responsibly, because we recognise that effective environmental, social and governance (ESG) policies can contribute to value creation and enrich society more broadly.

As a part of IK's strategy, we work closely with the management teams of our portfolio companies. By devoting time and resources, in-depth experience and expertise, we generate lasting value through strategic and operational improvements. We are proud of our portfolio companies which, under IK's stewardship, have provided domestic and international employment opportunities, enhanced economic growth and contributed to local communities.

Majority control, board representation and active ownership put IK in a strong position to influence portfolio companies' management teams to be mindful of their responsibility to society.

Since 1989, IK has raised

8 funds

and over

€9 billion

in capital.

€7.3 billion

invested in

106 companies

€12.2 billion

realised
through 77 exits.*

* to 8 December 2016.

Definition of ESG





- Climate change
- Pollution and contamination of land, air and water
- Eco-efficiency and resource efficiency
- Waste management
- Natural resource scarcity
- Biodiversity



- Labour rights and labour conditions
- Health and safety
- Treatment of customers and communities
- Human rights
- Supply chain management
- Data privacy



- Regulation
- Anti-bribery and corruption measures
- Business ethics
- Transparency and accountability
- Board composition and independence
- Shareholder rights

What is private equity?

Private equity is an ownership model in private, non-listed companies, designed to help such companies grow and develop in a sustainable way. Private equity investments entail not only access to capital but also an active ownership approach, including access to financial and industrial competence, networks and advisors

Private equity as an ownership model has developed into an asset class for institutional investors, such as banks, pension funds and insurance companies. Over several decades, it has typically yielded better returns than investments in the public markets. There are, however, significant differences between different types of private equity models, different geographical markets and different private equity funds. The returns also vary over different time periods and vintages.

As private equity investors typically commit their capital for around ten years, this gives private equity managers time to deliver transformational change in a sustainable way, working closely with the management teams of the portfolio companies.

PRIVATE EQUITY AS AN OWNERSHIP MODEL

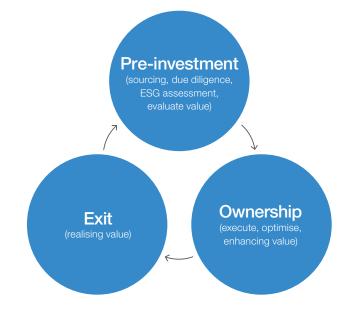
A private equity investment in a company typically involves a transformational, value-added, active management strategy. In general, a private equity investment has three stages: the initial transaction, the development of the portfolio company and the sale of the company.

Once a private equity fund has acquired a portfolio company, the firm applies its management expertise to drive the company's corporate strategy, accelerating growth organically, through strategic acquisitions or by restructuring - in each case improving efficiency and profitability. As private equity fund managers invest their own money alongside their fund investors, they have a direct stake in the company's success.

When the private equity fund, together with the management team, have carried out the strategies and plans identified at the time of the investment, the private equity firm will look to divest the portfolio company via a number of

routes, such as a trade sale, when the company is sold to an industrial buyer, a secondary sale, in which the company is sold to another private equity fund which can continue to develop the company, or an IPO, when the private equity fund often stays on as an owner for a period of time.

According to data from Invest Europe, €47.4bn was invested in European companies in 2015, and the number of private equity-backed companies remained stable at almost 5,000 European companies.



Private equity

- Investing alongside management in non-public companies with the intention of taking them private.
- Majority or significant minority owner with direct interaction with management.
- Clearly articulated five- to seven-year vision and plan for each company.
- Possibility of attracting skilled managers through equity participation and ownership stake.

Public equity

- Investing in companies which are traded on public stock markets.
- Broad public ownership.
- Quarterly earnings focus and constant need to sell strategy to new potential shareholders.
- Traditional incentive structures (options, restricted stock grants).



Sustainability at IK

As the owner of more than 100 companies since 1989, IK Investment Partners and IK Funds are deeply aware of their responsibility towards those businesses and society at large. We strive constantly to institute and maintain high standards of governance and business ethics within IK and our portfolio companies. Working with management teams, we help them recognise and manage the opportunities and risks associated with ESG issues

To ensure a structured approach to investment, we have created a toolkit, the IK Way, which guides our methodology from the moment that we consider a potential investment to the point at which we divest the company.

Pre-investment

Investing responsibly is in line with IK's core values, in particular in its ambition to institute and maintain high standards of governance and business ethics within the firm and its portfolio companies.

As part of the due diligence process, IK reviews every potential new investment for inherent, strategic, environmental and social sector risks through a purpose-built model. This exercise also allows IK investment professionals to determine the amount of due diligence they are required to undertake. IK thoroughly assesses the risks and opportunities associated with each investment before presenting the Investment Committee and Fund Board with an investment proposal. Within that process, ESG is seen both as a value creation opportunity and a way to mitigate risks relating to individual investments.

Depending on the materiality of the ESG risks identified, IK may either choose not to pursue an investment opportunity or embed corrective actions in the post-acquisition 100-day plan. As part of the value creation strategy, ESG-related opportunities may also be factored into the 100-day plan or IK's base case for the potential investment.

If it transpires during the due diligence phase that a potential investment does not conform to IK's responsible investment policy, the investment opportunity will not be pursued.

Investing responsibly is in line with IK's core values, in particular in its ambition to institute and maintain high standards of governance and business ethics within the firm and its portfolio companies.



Active ownership

Majority control, board representation and active ownership put IK in a strong position to encourage portfolio company management teams to work constructively on ESG issues. We aim to maintain high standards of governance and business ethics within IK and we expect all our portfolio companies to act responsibly.

ESG reviews

For every new investment, IK commissions an independent ESG review, launched during the first 100 days of the investment. Currently, these reviews are conducted by PwC London and include an analysis of strengths and weaknesses, as well as advice on delivering change.

The objectives of these reviews are:

- To understand current attitudes and consequent actions of portfolio company boards and management teams related to ESG issues
- To understand the position of current IK portfolio companies, versus their peers, in relation to public reporting on the management of ESG issues
- To identify high-level ESG risks and opportunities in IK portfolio companies
- To make high-level recommendations for portfolio company actions, from quick wins, through tactical activities to strategic actions, with the aim of protecting and/or creating additional shareholder value
- To make recommendations to IK, including identifying those portfolio companies most likely to need IK's support in managing ESG issues
- To raise awareness of the importance of ESG issues in IK portfolio companies, and their potential to affect shareholder value
- To demonstrate through engagement, internally and externally, that responsible investing is an important part of the IK Way of investing.

In order to produce a final report, PwC interviews IK investment professionals and members of the senior management team of each portfolio company.

When completed, the ESG review is sent to the Board of Directors of the portfolio company, to be addressed. When appropriate, IK investment professionals with support from specialists help portfolio companies to introduce new guidelines for ESG-related topics.

Monitoring ESG performance

Assessment of ESG performance is included in the monitoring process for each portfolio company, both through continuous informal interaction with portfolio company management and through the portfolio company's Board of Directors.

Identified ESG issues are also part of the annual reviews undertaken by the IK team. These reviews can determine if the IK portfolio is at risk, for example, having a concentration of environmental exposure. The annual review also provides an opportunity to share best practice among portfolio companies.

Strong governance

For each portfolio company, an Audit & ESG Committee has been formed, which reports to the Board of Directors. This committee is charged with ensuring that the portfolio company has a robust ESG plan. The committee also monitors the implementation of that plan on an annual basis, reviews the portfolio company's key activities and its ESG achievements. Ultimately, the Board must ratify and approve a company's work on responsible investment and ESG.

Adhering to the ten principles of the UNGC

IK is committed to adhering to the UNGC principles and ensuring that its portfolio companies adhere to these principles as well

Our principles

IK's responsible investment commitments, as found in our RI policy, are based on the following principles:

- Respect for the internationally proclaimed human rights principles (Principles 1-2)
- Freedom of association and the right to bargain collectively (Principle 3)
- Working conditions that surpass basic health and safety standards (Principles 4-5)
- Equal opportunity independent of gender, race or religion (Principle 6)
- Environmental responsibility (Principles 7-9)
- The conduct of good governance practices, in particular with relation to bribery and conflicts of interest (Principle 10)

Over the last year, IK's RI policy has been downloaded from our homepage more than 400 times.

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Human rights

- Principle 1: Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights
- Principle 2: Make sure they are not complicit in human rights abuses

Support for individual and collective human rights is a fundamental part of the culture at IK Investment Partners. We support the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and we will never carry out business with countries and regimes where flagrant human rights abuses are known, such as torture, politically motivated disappearance, etc. As part of our Responsible Investment policy, we will not invest in companies which do not respect internationally proclaimed human rights principles.

As owners of companies with operations across the globe, we are deeply aware of our human rights responsibilities. We encourage our portfolio companies to support human rights and we are committed to continued progress both within IK Investment Partners and among our portfolio companies.

Labour

- Principle 3: Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining
- Principle 4: The elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour
- Principle 5: The effective abolition of child labour
- Principle 6: The elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation

IK Investment Partners believes that a good working environment and equal opportunities for all are a fundamental right for every employee.

As part of our Responsible Investment policy, we will not invest in a company that shows a pattern of engaging in child labour or forced labour. Both within our firm and among our portfolio companies, we support diversity and we actively encourage employee engagement, development and promotion.

We believe that, as owners, we have a responsibility to lead by example. As such, our Human Resources Policy supports best practice in terms of labour and employment, including equal opportunities and diversity. We also have a Health and Safety Policy.

Our portfolio companies employ more than 19,000 people and we stress that employees' rights and working conditions must be respected. For many of our management teams, this is a priority. In 2016, 75% of our mid cap



portfolio companies had a Human Resources policy or Code of Conduct (covering HR topics) in place.

We are committed to continued progress both within IK Investment Partners and among our portfolio companies, with regard to fair, equal and effective labour conditions.

Environment

- Principle 7: Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental changes
- Principle 8: Undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility
- Principle 9: Encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies

IK Investment Partners supports the UNGC's environmental principles and we endeavour to uphold them within our firm and across our portfolio companies.

We believe in the promotion of greater environmental responsibility and we encourage our portfolio companies, where relevant, to develop sustainable products, services and solutions.

We actively encourage our portfolio companies to be mindful of their environment and we monitor their progress throughout our holding period. External consultants provide initial input and the Board of Directors of every portfolio company ensures that environmental policies are regularly reviewed and assessed. Each portfolio company also has an Audit & ESG committee, responsible for monitoring environmental policies and reporting directly to the Board of Directors.

Among our mid cap portfolio companies, 52% now have an environmental and/or waste management policy. Environment and climate change was the chosen ESG theme of IK News 38, published winter 2015/16, with a circulation of more than 1,600.

We are committed to delivering continued progress on environmental issues both within IK Investment Partners and among our portfolio companies.

Anti-corruption

 Principle 10: Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery

IK Investment Partners does not condone corruption, extortion or bribery in any form.

As an owner of companies with operations around the world, robust anti-corruption policies and regulatory compliance play an essential role in our ability to do business ethically and with integrity.

We understand the damage caused by bribery and corruption and we work hard to guard our employees and those of our portfolio firms against their corrosive influence.

IK Investment Partners is compliant with the Bribery Act and does not participate in corruption, bribery or extortion. Our Compliance Officer is responsible for anti-corruption within IK Investment Partners and our Anti-Corruption policy sets out what could be considered bribery in terms of business operations and relations. The policy covers the receiving of hospitality and gifts as well, and IK Investment Partners provides staff with regular training and updates. We also have a Whistleblowing policy and Conflicts of Interest policy.

In 2016, we introduced a Code of Ethics. This is not intended as a standalone policy, but rather one element of a broader effort to create sustainable value for all IK stakeholders, by instituting and maintaining high standards of governance and business ethics within IK and our portfolio companies.

Among our mid cap portfolio companies, 33% have an ABC policy. Anti-bribery and corruption was also the chosen ESG theme of IK News 39, published summer 2016, with a circulation of more than 1,600.

Portfolio companies ESG stories

ENVIRONMENTAL (PRINCIPLES 7-9)



Evac

Fund: IK VII Acquisition date: Dec-14 Status: Unrealised

Evac is the world's leading provider of integrated waste, wastewater, and water management systems for the marine, offshore, and building industries. The company's products have contributed to cleaner seas and a better environment for almost four decades. Specialising in vacuum collection, wastewater treatment, dry- and wet waste treatment, freshwater generation, and systems automation, Evac has carried out over 20,000 marine, 1,500 offshore and 2,000 building projects around the world since 1979. These have resulted in significant natural resources savings.

Saving water and energy are megatrends which affect businesses internationally, linked to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Goals 6, 12 and 14. Evac systems save both water and energy, purifying wastewater to 99 percent clean effluent for discharge or reuse. Evac vacuum toilets save over 13 billion litres of water each year – the amount of water that flows through the River Thames in London in 55 hours.

IK supports Evac's sustainable operations and its development of energy-efficient systems that either meet or exceed related environmental regulations.

SOCIAL (PRINCIPLES 1-6)



Netel

Fund: IK VII Acquisition date: Jun-16 Status: Unrealised

Sweden-based Netel is a leading Nordic provider of infranet services to telecom operators, utilities and local authorities. Renowned for the quality of its work, the company's most valuable asset is its employees. Netel's dedicated workers have completed over 150,000 broadband installations in flats and houses and 188,000 urban network connections.

In recent years, Netel has increased its focus on sustainable development. The company has a code of conduct for employees, which lays out the basis for everyday decisions made at the company, that affect the environment, and society at large. The code is based on the UN Charter for Human Rights and supports the International Labour Organisation's objective of social justice and sustainable working conditions.

In addition, as part of offering its employees a safe workplace, Netel collects information on work-related accidents and 'near-accidents'. Thus far, only minor accidents have been reported.

Netel's work relates to Goal 8 and 9 of the the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. During its ownership, IK will support Netel's continued investment in its people and encourage its commitment to sustainable business practices.

GOVERNANCE (PRINCIPLE 10)



Trigo

Fund: IK 2007 Acquisition date: Aug-11 Status: Realised (Jun-16)

Trigo is a world-leading provider of quality support and conformity assessment services. Founded in 1997, Trigo has become a globally renowned company and a trademark of innovation, leadership and performance in the quality management sector. Supporting critical phases in its customers' supply chains, Trigo controls, inspects and reworks over 750 million components and products per year.

During IK's ownership, Trigo implemented a Code of Ethics ('Ethic Charter'), which includes zero-tolerance with respect to bribery and corruption. Under this Charter, whatever the commercial or financial interests at stake, no employee seeking to convince a third party to contract a Trigo entity can engage in any act of corruption, whether active or passive.

In 2015, the company ran an internal risk and compliance assessment process in its major subsidiaries. This resulted in a revision of the company values and Code of Ethics, as well as an updated process for deployment and associated communication, to ensure the Code's content was properly known, understood and applied across the group.

Trigo's work with anti-corruption and bribery can be linked to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Goal 16: Promote just, peaceful and inclusive societies.

Practical actions during 2016

Thought
leadership
through ESG
focused articles in
IK News

New Code of Ethics

RI questionnaire for assessing portfolio companies' ESG performance updated

Environmental and Social sector risk assessment tool developed

ESG module implemented into IK's internal reporting toolkit

Updated RI policy

ESG training conducted for IK investment professionals

Audit & ESG committee implemented for each portfolio company 16 ESG reviews commissioned



Our extended commitment: IKARE

IK Aid and Relief Enterprise (IKARE) is the venture philanthropy arm of IK Investment Partners. Founded and supported by IK Investment Partners, IKARE uses venture philanthropy principles to make a positive long-term impact

Engaging in philanthropy has been an integral part of IK's culture since the firm was founded in 1989. But, as IK developed, the partners wanted to adopt a more structured approach to charitable donations and link them more closely to their core business. They wanted to make a difference, federate staff and leave something sustainable behind. That is why IKARE was set up as an independent charity, imbued with the principles of venture philanthropy. As such, IKARE aims to overlay private equity investment techniques, and other business expertise and practices, into causes or 'investees', thereby contributing more than just funding.

Launched in 2006, IKARE initially focused on combating Rhodesiense sleeping sickness in Uganda, an initiative known as 'Stamp Out Sleeping Sickness' (or SOS). Working with local and international stakeholders, IKARE helped to avert more than 1,000 cases of the disease. IKARE has also opened up private sector animal care in Northern Uganda, via a project known as the 3 V Vet initiative, which helps vets to set up independent rural practices and

provides farmers with local access to advice and treatment for their cattle. Along the way, IKARE has created new jobs and taken hundreds of people out of poverty.

Following the success of the SOS initiative, where cattle serve as 'live bait' for tsetse flies, researchers from Liverpool University and the London School of Hygiene wanted to test whether cattle sprayed with insecticide might also affect the number of malaria-carrying mosquitoes in an area of Kenya bordering Lake Victoria. The idea was particularly appealing as there is a strong overlap between malaria prevalence and cattle-rearing regions in rural parts of sub-Saharan Africa.

IKARE together with former portfolio company Ceva, decided to sponsor this study, which began in the autumn of 2013. Children in the test villages were screened for malaria before and after the study and those infected with the disease received treatment. After some unforeseen delays, the study has now been successfully completed and a paper setting out its findings, conclusions and recommendations has been sent for publishing.





Shifo/MyChild Card

More than 5 million children a year still die of readily preventable or curable diseases such as pneumonia, diarrhoea, sepsis/meningitis, malaria and measles. Many also suffer from undernutrition due to lack of access to medical services. Sub-Saharan Africa has 25% of the global burden of disease but only 4% of the health workers

Dokolo, one of the districts in Northern Uganda, where IKARE has been engaged in the control of sleeping sickness through the roll-out of veterinary services, is home to approximately 182,600 people, including about 37,000 children under the age of five. Only 30% of the population is literate, the second lowest percentage in Uganda.

Human resources are scarce in the 17 health facilities that provide vaccination services: only a few have enrolled nurses and many rely on nursing assistants. Only one health centre has access to reliable electricity, while the rest rely on gas containers to keep vaccine refrigerators at an optimal temperature. The incidence of vaccine preventable diseases is high, with 1,949 cases of pneumonia and 1,917 of diarrhoea reported between January and October in 2015.

Through its previous engagement on the veterinary side, IKARE is keenly aware that it is almost impossible to improve community health, raise awareness, measure progress or make informed decisions about the future without basic health infrastructure.

Against this background, IKARE partnered with Shifo Foundation in late 2015 to look at whether its digitalised 'MyChild' system could be adapted to a low-resource setting like Dokolo to improve the quality of child health services.

MyChild Card is an innovative child health card combining conventional paper and digital technology. Health workers capture information relating to each child on paper-based MyChild Cards. Specifically designed vouchers, which are part of MyChild Cards, are subsequently scanned and the data is uploaded onto a secure server where an electronic medical record is created for each child, detailing all the vaccines and preventive health services they received. Parents also receive text messages to remind them about

forthcoming appointments for their children. Aggregated reports are automatically generated as well, and shared with key stakeholders.

In September 2016, Shifo and Dokolo District Local Government, supported by IKARE, embarked on the first-ever district wide implementation of the MyChild Card system. IKARE will fund the implementation and carry the operational and maintenance costs during year one, while Local Government will cover an increasing share of these costs from year two, with a view to gaining full ownership after five years. During this time, the aim is to register between 70,000 and 100,000 children under five.

Py streamlining administration and reporting in Dokolo, the MyChild Card system is expected to double the time health workers can spend with families and children.

By streamlining administration and reporting in Dokolo, the MyChild Card system is expected to double the time health workers can spend with families and children – disseminating basic child care information as well as ensuring vaccinations are given within the required time-frame.

The system has already attracted the attention of the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation (Gavi), a Switzerland-based public private partnership, whose supporters include the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the World Bank, Unicef and the World Health Organisation.



EUNISCA/Kampala Slums WASH initiative

As part of a review undertaken in 2013/14 on how to improve the sustainability of the 3 V vet veterinary shops, IKARE looked at non-veterinary products that could be supplied through the 3 V distribution network to improve farmers' livelihoods. One of the products was the Solvatten unit – a jerrycan which both purifies and heats water through use of solar energy. Not only does it reduce water-borne diseases like cholera, diarrhoea and typhoid; it also lowers household spend on charcoal and kerosene; reduces respiratory, skin and eye diseases, cuts CO2 emissions and eliminates burns caused by kerosene-related accidents.

Tover the last two years, this initially small initiative has grown significantly and more than 600 students across Uganda have become involved with EUNISCA.

After piloting the unit through the 3 V vet network, IKARE gave a number of Solvatten units to a scheme initiated by EUNISCA, the Student for Health co-ordinating council, working with the Student Support Philanthropy Programme (SSPP).

Funded by IKARE, EUNISCA/SSPP embarked on a project to improve WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) among a few communities in the Kikoni slum of Kampala. Working closely with Community Based Organizations (CBOs), a number of wells and water collection points were cleaned and repaired, during

which time the communities not only took increased responsibility for their upkeep but also instituted by-laws, imposing fines on those found littering them. Solvatten units were distributed to a number of particularly vulnerable families selected by the CBOs, and used in schools and other locations to demonstrate the importance of clean and warm water, to reduce water-borne diseases, improve hygiene, and enhance the success of small businesses, such as food kiosks, fruit-juice stands and hairdressers.

Over the last two years, this initially small initiative has grown significantly and more than 600 students across Uganda have become involved with EUNISCA. The positive outcomes in Kikoni have also generated interest at Kampala City Council Authority and the Ministry of Lands, Department of Urban Development, which have asked EUNISCA to pilot a similar scheme in the Bwaise slum, home to an estimated 90,000 people, more than 80% of whom are estimated to be surviving on less than 2 USD per day.

While approximately a quarter of the Ugandan population live in cities, over 40% of the 1.8 million estimated to live in Kampala live in slums like Kikoni and Bwaise, enduring deplorable conditions when it comes to WASH. DCT (Diarrhoea, Cholera and Typhoid) and other water-borne diseases are frequent and a majority of households are thought to be continuously suffering from ill health.

In early October 2016 the piloted WASH initiative in Bwaise was launched by EUNISCA in co-operation with the targeted communities and their CBOs. IKARE is proud to be providing both financial as well as non-financial support to these dedicated students.