People. Innovating. Sanitation.
Why we must act

Clean water and safe sanitation for all—by 2030. This is the commitment the global community has made with the adoption of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Together we can bring about a more just and stable world.

Contaminated water, lack of hygiene, poor sanitation:
Every day around 2,300 people die as a result.

Nearly 1 billion people practice open defecation.

2.4 billion people... use a smartphone. 7.5 billion people live on our planet. Do not have basic sanitation.

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An additional 2.1 billion people go without safely managed sanitation

BORDA, founded in 1977, is a civil society expert organisation focused on the provision of essential public services. BORDA cooperates with more than 100 partner organisations worldwide.

More than 40 years of fighting poverty and improving living conditions

We design and implement urban sanitation systems.

We develop and disseminate know-how for integrated management of water and waste.

We implement decentralised, sustainable technologies and operating models.

We work together with local partners – as transparent and trusted long-term capacity builders.
People. We create liveable cities and communities.

BORDA participated in the drafting of an action-oriented blueprint for the future development of cities—the New Urban Agenda—adopted by the UN Human Settlements Programme at the HABITAT III Conference in 2016. Working with partners around the world, BORDA shapes the management of urban water and sanitation services as well as the associated structural and legal frameworks—in an efficient, participatory and quality-assured way.

Innovating. We develop customised and sustainable solutions.

Sludge-Go is a successful business connecting pits, tanks and treatment in Tanzania’s largest city, Dar es Salaam. In the city’s tightly packed neighborhoods, workers arrive “on demand” at homes to pump empty the pit latrines and tanks. The treated sludge is sold as fertilizer; the treated water is used to irrigate a banana plantation. Making all this possible: Sludge-Go’s small tractors that can navigate the narrow streets to reach people where they live—a technologically adaptive approach for a fast-growing East African city.

Sanitation. We’re set on realising a human right.

7,670,000 liters of faecal sludge is safely processed and sanitised annually at the FSM facility in Devanahalli.

3,500 BORDA decentralised wastewater treatment solutions (DEWATS) are in operation worldwide serving more than 1 million people.
With a network of local partner organisations, we work in 25 countries around the world. The global water sector is facing a fundamental transformation—we see ourselves as one of the driving forces of this change.