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Canal Plus unveils doc duo It will partner with Gallic press agency Capa

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LA ROCHELLE, France -- Canal Plus has partnered with French press agency Capa on two large-scale documentaries: "Kindia Horizon 2015," chronicling humanitarian work in Kindia, a small town in Lower Guinea, and "Global gachis" (Global Waste), based on British author Tristram Stuart's "Waste: Uncovering the Global Food Scandal."

For "Kindia," Canal Plus joined forces with various non-profit orgs, notably UNICEF, to raise funds to help locals faced with poverty, health problems, water shortages plus environmental and social issues.

"Kindia," helmed by Francois Bergeron and Anthony Orliange, will comprise four 90-minute docs, each budgeted at €500,000, which will be broadcast every year to track the humanitarian work.

"Waste" (working title), helmed by Olivier Lemaire, follows Stuart on a crusade to shed light on the global food crisis. The doc shows how farmers, industrialists and consumers in the world's richest countries throw out nearly half their food for the wrong reasons.

On both docs, the paybox is involved beyond its commissioning role.

On "Kindia," Canal Plus launched a charity support fund and will donate matching funds for whatever it receives.

The goal, said Christine Cauquelin, head of documentary at Canal Plus, is to raise \$5 million. Meanwhile, for "Waste," the paybox is organizing a giant charity dinner for 5,000 people in front of Paris' City Hall, using over a ton of vegetables.

The pay TV's documentary division has ramped up its budget for 2012 to approximately \$18.6 million, about \$2.24 more than in 2011, said Cauquelin.

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