

Foreword

This year marks 30 years of Money for Madagascar (MfM) tackling poverty and environmental fragility in Madagascar. Ranking amongst the ten poorest countries in the world, the need in Madagascar remains acute. More than half Madagascar's unique forests have disappeared in the past 50 years. 50% of the population suffer from hunger and malnutrition. 1 in 9 Malagasy children don't live to celebrate their 5th birthday. Unique wildlife is threatened by loss of habitat and human life is threatened by the changing climate and food-insecurity.

This year we have redoubled our efforts in supporting the initiatives of Malagasy people to tackle poverty and protect the environment. Thanks to increased income and increased capacity of MfM we have been able to improve the quality of our work as well as reaching out to benefit thousands more people in centres, schools and villages.

In this Annual Report you will find an overview of each of the MfM programmes: Protecting & Enabling Vulnerable Children; Forests and Livelihoods; and Education for Life. A case story from each programme has been included to illustrate how your donations help people to transform their own lives. If you can't see a story from your favourite project this time, don't worry! News and stories from our projects can be found on the MfM blog or can be requested from the MfM office.

Running for 30 years....



Bradt Guide author

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Running for Madagascar

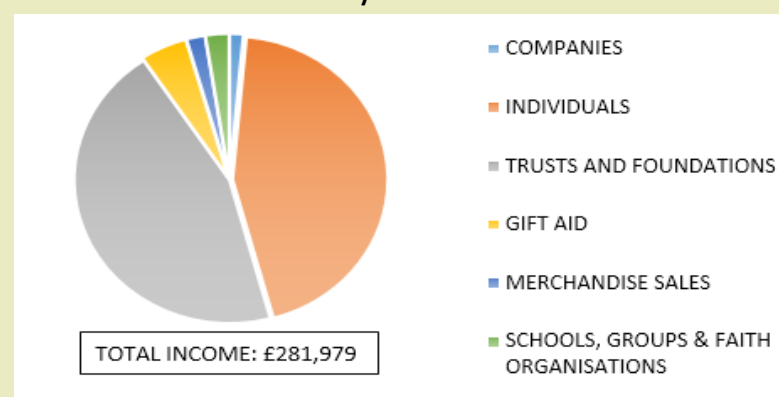
Not everyone is a runner! But our work in Madagascar would not be possible without YOUR amazing generosity and ingenious fundraising efforts.

This year's fundraising highlights by MfM supporters included bike rides and benefit concerts, Lenten and Harvest Appeals, wedding and birthday gifts, mountain hikes and craft stalls. Your fundraising efforts enabled us to reach hundreds of new families and replant hectares of new forest.

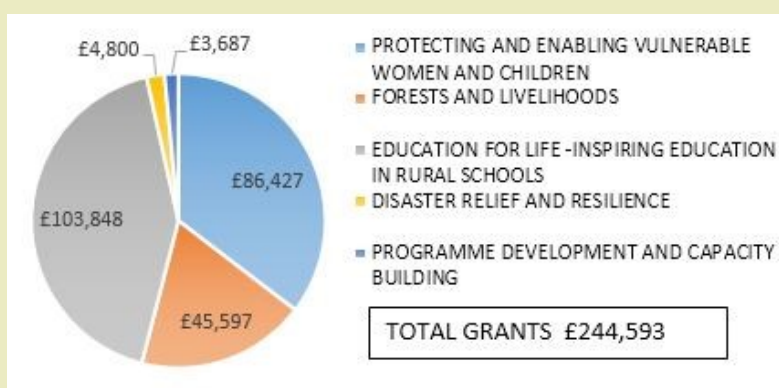
If you can raise a special gift for us this year, we can dedicate it to your favourite project or use it to fund a new initiative just waiting for an injection of funds. Thank you!

Finance Report 2015-16

Where our money came from 2015-2016



Grants to Madagascar 2015-16



Unrestricted grants and legacy funds have enabled us to make significant progress in strengthening our organization, improving quality and increasing the scale of our work to reach more beneficiaries. The income of MfM increased from £222K in 2014-15 to £283K in 2015-16. Increased income is primarily due to an increase in restricted grants for the Education for Life Programme. Unrestricted income has fallen slightly and this is something the charity needs to address. Grants to Madagascar increased from £123K to £244K. As per our strategy, we have invested in strengthening and growing all three of our programmes: Protecting and Enabling Vulnerable Children, Regenerating Forests and Livelihoods, and Education for Life. The Education for Life programme has had the biggest injection of funds with £112K being spent on 34 schools this year. This important increase indicates MfM is on track to grow our programmes and increase our positive impact in Madagascar. The charity ended the year with £248K, of which £55K was restricted funds. Trustees plan to continue spending reserves in 2016/17 to supplement spend and reduce the levels of reserves held. Our main sources of income this year were grant-making trusts and individual donors. We are also happy to be supported by a number of committed community and faith groups.

Irenee Rajaona-Horne, Director

Amanda O'Garrow, Honorary Treasurer

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Money for Madagascar

30th Annual Report

2015 – 2016

Money for Madagascar ...

"Enables Malagasy people to reduce poverty and protect the environment through sustainable, community-led initiatives."

Protecting & Enabling Vulnerable Children

This programme aims to transform the lives of vulnerable children in and around the capital. Orphaned, abandoned, abused and homeless children are given shelter, food, healthcare, education, water and sanitation and loving care. Children and their families receive long-term support to help them overcome the root-causes of their destitution. Children on remand and in custody are also given training and support to re-start their lives.

In this programme MfM currently supports 4 residential centres, 3 day centres and a juvenile prison wing. Namely - Akany Avoko Ambohidratrimo (AAA), Akany Avoko Faravohitra (AAF) Akany Zaza Vavy (AKZV) at Behoririka, Andavamamba-Isotry day-centre, Centre Gilpin, Sisters of the Good Shepherd - Centre Fihavanana, Akany Hasina and Toamasina Juvenile Prison. One Thousand children benefit from this programme every year.

Akany Avoko Graduate Rescues Centre for Vulnerable Girls



Mme Hanta was once a destitute child. Rescued by Akany Avoko children’s centre in Ambohidratrimo (AAA), she is living proof that destitution does not have to be your destiny. Thanks to the loving care of AAA staff and her own hard graft, Hanta excelled at school and qualified from university as a social worker. With 10 years social work experience under her belt she was asked to rescue the girls centre Akany Avoko Faravohitra (AAF), which had fallen to rack and ruin. After 2 hard years the centre is now a thriving home to 55 girls. MfM is happy to support this courageous project with grants and appeals. Please consider sponsoring a child or an activity to help Hanta provide long-term security to this centre and the girls who desperately need its refuge.

MfM believes in investing in children to help them reach their potential. We also invest in the carers so they can be skilled, motivated and caring . Staff training workshops this year have addressed: child protection, child development, multi-sector approaches, and ecological and income generating activities. Participants included children’s centres, gov’t agencies and INGOs.

Forests and Livelihoods

MfM has long recognised the interdependence of people and their environment. Through education, training and practical support we enable farmers and forest people to provide for their families, whilst protecting and restoring their fragile environment. This programme currently supports projects in 3 areas of Madagascar:

In Betampona we fund reforestation, food security and environmental education in 100 villages surround the Special Reserve. These activities protect precious wildlife habitats while enabling local communities to improve food security, developing livelihoods in agriculture and arboriculture.

In Maintirano and the Melaky Region we support women’s cooperatives with reforestation and income-generating activities. For example one group called FIVEMI plants and maintains 8,000 saplings each year. Mature trees are already providing animal habitats and much needed coppice wood for fuel and timber for the cooperative members.

In Andasibe-Mantadia we are restoring the decimated forest that used to surround the famous Andasibe National Park. Sir David Attenborough recently recognised this vital work of MfM with Association Mitsinjo. By planting wildlife corridors of indigenous trees, endemic wildlife like the Indri Indri lemur will be able to reach fresh pockets of forest to find new breeding partners.

Restoring Rainforest in Andasibe-Mantadia



When a keen conservationist left a legacy to MfM, we wanted her gift to make a lasting difference. So we decided to back a local organisation with a vision to restore the unique rain-forest of their ancestors. The compelling need and great potential of this project has inspired individuals to add their support, enabling us to double the rate of tree planting to 10,000 trees per year. The legacy funding will end in one year. To help us to extend this vital reforestation project please consider a regular donation to plant the Andasibe-Mantadia forest corridors.

Deforestation and food-insecurity are on the increase in Madagascar. Both of these are linked to climate change. Facing this challenge requires us to learn and collaborate. It’s time to step-up activities with forest and farming communities to help them improve their resilience to climate change and improve their food security, whilst restoring their environment.

Education for Life

In Madagascar children dream of the chance to get an education. But for most the obstacles are too great. Remote rural schools lack everything from classrooms, water and toilets to teachers and books. The children themselves are often too hungry or sick to study and the parents can barely afford the fees.

MfM aims to bring hope and prosperity to Madagascar's forgotten children through an integrated programme for schools, working with communities to provide: classrooms, water, toilets, books, teacher training, environmental education, kitchen gardens, school canteens and solar power.

To date over 10,000 children from 54 schools have benefitted from this programme. 34 schools across 3 regions of Madagascar are participating in the current programme. New schools are queuing up to join.

Students are inspired by new resources and teaching methods



Concentration in class is improving as meals from school kitchen gardens start to combat hunger. Now students are being invited to plant a high-yielding fruit tree at home as an investment in their education. Only 1/3 of Malagasy kids currently continue on to secondary education. A fruit tree planted whilst a child is in primary school can bear fruit to finance their secondary education.

Education for Life is a programme with ambition, with plans to learn, improve and reach out to new schools. For example, parents and teachers are still struggling financially, so we would like to add more income-generating activities. We’d like to respond to the ‘appetite’ for school canteens by building bespoke kitchens. Could you sponsor a school kitchen?