

## Foreword

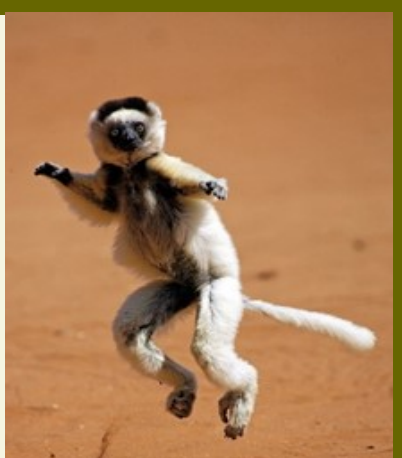
Madagascar has been identified as one of the 20 most vulnerable countries to climate change. In 2017 the El Nino drought followed by cyclone Enawo decimated the rice crop in the central highlands and brought the South of Madagascar to the brink of famine. MfM supporters responded swiftly and generously to our appeal, enabling MfM to fund 2 food-security projects to deal with immediate hunger and work with afflicted farming communities to rebuild their lives. In the light of the suffering caused by climate events this year we are working with our partners to reduce the vulnerability and increase the resilience of the Malagasy communities they serve. Farmers who took part in the Analamanga 'Early Recovery' project inspired MfM with WTDM to develop a longer-term 'Resilient Livelihoods' project which will aim to address the growing threats of food-insecurity and climate change.



Whilst stepping up to respond to the emergency food shortages of 2017 we did not overlook our long-term programme activities. The MfM Country Rep has been busy this year supporting our projects, helping them to develop their work and share new learning. This Annual Report gives a brief overview of MfM's work with featured highlights from each programme. For more news please visit the MfM blog or contact us at the MfM office.

## Leaping Lemurs!

Your ingenious fundraising brings hope to vital Madagascar projects.

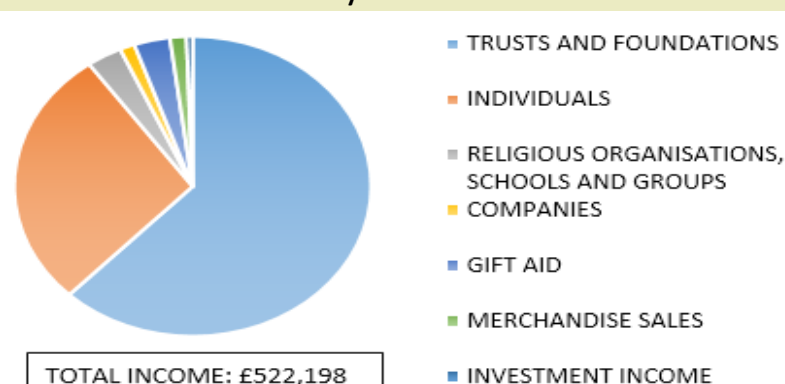


Whilst studying about rainforests at school Ben became worried about deforestation and climate change, so he decided to take action! He persuaded his class to hold a sponsored 'Lemur Bounce' to help replant the lemurs' forest habitat. Students were sponsored to 'bounce like a Sifaka lemur' for 30 minutes. Dressing up was optional! As well as raising their fitness, they raised over £1000 to restore lemur habitat around Andasibe.

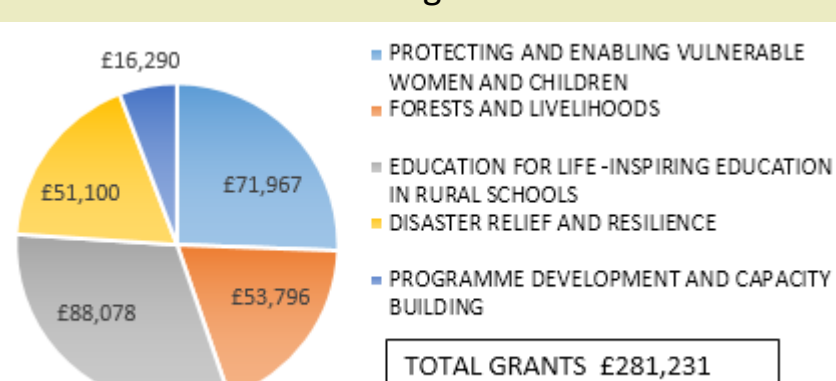
**Could you organise a 'Lemur Bounce' or another fun event for MfM?**

## Finance Report 2016-17

### Where our money came from 2016-2017



### Grants to Madagascar 2016-17



Income increased significantly this year thanks to the generous response to our disaster appeal which raised £37,600, as well as a large donation from the Sedgwick Trust. Our main sources of income this year were grant-making trusts and individual donors, with a significant number of community and faith groups holding special collections for our disaster appeal. We were happy to increase our grants sent to Madagascar again this year with spend on grants increasing from £244K to £265K.

The charity ended the year with £233,000 reserves in the bank. We also now hold £182,000 in investments gifted by the Sedgwick Trust. Trustees plan to spend £45K of reserves in 2017-18 in order to develop programme activity in Madagascar. Year on year we are committed to helping more Malagasy people to reduce poverty and protect the environment through sustainable, community-led initiatives.

Ireneee Rajaona-Horne, Director

Amanda O'Garraw, Honorary Treasurer

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# Money for Madagascar 31st Annual Report

2016 – 2017

Money for Madagascar ...


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



This programme transforms the lives of vulnerable children in and around the capital. Orphaned, abandoned, abused and homeless children receive shelter, food, healthcare, education, water and sanitation and loving care. Children receive long-term support to help them overcome the causes of their destitution. In this programme MfM supports 8 children’s projects: Akany Avoko Am-bohidratrimo (AAA), Bevalala AAA, Akany Avoko Faravohitra (AAF) Akany Zaza Vavy (AKZV) at Behoririka, Andavamamba-Isotry 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.

Success at the Sisters’ Centre Fihavanana


This loving refuge provides 2 meals a day, medical & dental care, education, vocational training and support to 150 vulnerable kids aged 5 to 18.



We are delighted by every life transformed. Thank you for helping these children to turn their lives around. Here are 2 highlights from this year:

One of our sporty students (left) won a wrestling medal when she was invited to compete in Nigeria.

Malala, (right) a graduate from our vocational training programme, is now working as an English teacher.





**Celebrating a successful school year with a special outing: A chance for our street kids to enjoy wildlife and fresh air!**


This year concluded a successful 3-year project to train and support boys in Toamasina Prison. As a result of our project the boys now have renovated quarters, a basket ball court, a classroom and social-work support. We finally won the ‘war on rats’, meaning sleeping boys and ripening vegetables can finally grow in peace. New prison work might address prevention or social reintegration.

This programme stretches from the isolated, dry West of Madagascar through to the highly endangered rainforests in the East. Through education, training and practical support we enable farmers and forest people to provide for their families, whilst protecting and restoring their fragile environment. MfM currently supports four projects in this programme:

**In Andasibe-Mantadia** 8.5 hectares of indigenous trees were planted to connect isolated islands of primary forest. Conservation was strengthened through an environmental education programme with 9 local primary schools and patrol teams who protect reforestation areas. Extra funding would enable us to add sustainable livelihoods activities to this project.

**In Toamasina**, food-security, and livelihoods of hundreds of malnourished and landless citizens were improved through training workshops such as learning to grow food in containers using worm compost.

**In Betampona** families living on the edge of the Reserve received agricultural and horticultural training to generate income and conserve endangered primary forest. Farmers who had diversified into arboriculture, fish farming & livestock proved more resilient than those dependent on a single crop like rice. We are currently reviewing the Betampona project, taking the opportunity to learn from 30 years of experience: sharing the best lessons with other projects as well as reaching out to new beneficiaries, creating new collaborations and adapting techniques to address new challenges like climate change or threats from mining.



**In Maintirano / Melaky Region** 15,000 trees were planted by women's co-operatives to provide scarce fuel and timber resources and counter deforestation. Through FIVEMI’s revolving fund women fund their own micro-enterprises to support their families.



Vololona’s successful fish stall means she can now provide well for her family. Her children now eat 3 decent meals a day their school grades are improving too.



Deforestation and food-insecurity are on the increase in Madagascar. We need to scale up the rate of reforestation and develop livelihoods activities and eco-tourism, to push against the tide of deforestation. **Could your community group or business help this project to grow by off-setting your carbon or sponsoring trees through our ‘tree-twinning’ scheme?**

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

To date over 10,700 children from 54 schools have benefitted from this programme. 34 schools across 3 regions of Madagascar are participating in the current programme. Teachers and students hugely value their improved facilities and access to resources. We are keen to collaborate with others to roll out this Education for Life (E4L) programme to benefit more schools.

**New initiatives start to bear fruit in the second year of this programme**

As hand-washing becomes a habit and school canteens start to serve meals using fresh garden produce, the students’ health and school attendance improve.

Solar panels brighten up lessons with light and music and ‘radio scolaire’. In remote schools the arrival of electricity means parents boost school coffers by charging their phones at school, instead of walking 25km to the nearest town.







Are you interested in helping a school? E4L has inspired schools to strive. Income-generation remains key as most teachers receive no salary from the state. If you could help a school to purchase a TV and CD player they could show films for education & income generation. Likewise a revolving canteen fund could help parents start a grain store for the lean season.