

THE AAA NEWSLETTER

Love, take care and protect children

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT



It's been an exciting year at Akany Avoko Ambohidratrimo (AAA). As we move towards greater sustainability and care for the environment. Highlights to achieve this include: the opening of the boys centre in Bevalala, 450.000 litres rain-water water collection project. Sharing our expertise and joy with **3500 visitors** to our open door days that we organised first since more than 50 years and a former AAA young woman graduating from university.



AKANY AVOKO BEVALALA - AAB

Boys center

Open and put into service this year, the centre take actually care of 21 boys. After renovation of the dormitories and all facilities, we will be able in the future to welcome up to 50 children.

EDUCATION

All of the young boys attend now school and some of them study in the university. Schools and university are located close to the centre. For their physical education, the boys practice different types of sports, especially basketball which they excel by winning various competitions. For their spiritual education, the young boys attend the Protestant Church (FJKM Malaho Bevalala).

DEVELOPMENT

Akany Avoko Bevalala is in the process to develop a self-sufficiency program. As the area is not very large and with our many years of experiences, the challenge was taken up. Our technical staff began the work in September 2017 and after only two months, the centre can start working properly. Thank you for the financial support from **Money for Madagascar** and the **Scouts of Lower Saxon, Germany**.



RENOVATIONS LISTS

1. Dormitories (incl. doors and windows) / 2. Floor has been resurfaced /
3. Bathrooms and toilets / 4. Kitchen and the dining room / 5. The well has been cleaned

DONATIONS

1. Curtains, screens, kitchen equipment, cutlery, crockery and bicycles offer from Spanish donors **FUTURO CON SONRISAS**
2. New beds and mattresses provided by the company **VITAFOAM**
3. Cooking methane fuel producer donated by the company the **MINISTRY OF ENERGY**
4. 2 water tanks with a capacity of 2,5m3 each from **VITAFOAM** will decrease the cost of water supply to 0 Ariary

OTHERS

1. Solar panels who cover the roof will bring a decrease in electricity cost to 0 Ariary,
2. Land has been rented and the milking cows transferred from AAA to AAB (Moona),
3. The youths practiced farming by planting vegetables and by breeding hens.
4. To protect the environment, the boys produced and used their own charcoal.

AAB received an donation from the Embassy of France to buy more solar panels. Surplus electricity can be sold producing a long-term financial gain. We are investigating how local families can access our excess power. As our goal push us always to have an impact to the local where we are planted, our relationship with the local government are in good term and we are looking forward for more forthcoming associated project.

AKANY AVOKO AMBOHIDRATRIMO - AAA

10 young people were confirmed at Ambatovinaky. Confirmation classes happen every Saturday in order to ensure everyone receives confirmation instruction. Children also attend the Lutheran Church (FLM) and the Protestant Church (FJKM).



EDUCATION



A young AAA woman completed her studies in nursing and was graduated on April 2018 (Miora). One young woman is employed as project managers at the Larrondimada company (Hery Mananjary). Smartone Company recruited four youth people from the center (Anita, Valisoa, Felana and Fabia). And there were also young people with excellent education results include: Lalaina, Fenosoa, Hermann, Avo, Mariah, Sarindra and Dominique.

Certificate of dressmaking recipients include: Nathalie, Mialisoa, Fanja and Vola. On their graduation they received a sewing machine. These young women also completed their hairdressing qualification. On being awarded their certificate they receive equipment to establish their own hairdressing salon.

When young women reach 18 years of age they are no longer able to attend the centre. AAA provides 3 local houses for these young women to stay close by if they are unable to return home.

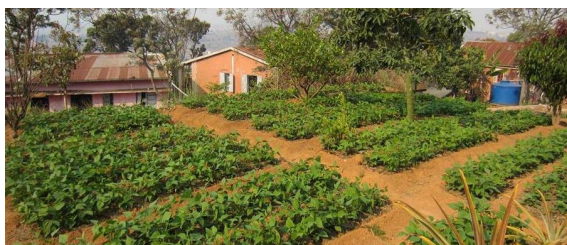
DEVELOPMENT

Akany Avoko Ambohidratrimo is continuing to move towards our aim of self sufficiency. Our goal is to decrease our expenditure.

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

When the harvest is good we do not have to buy any vegetables, we can even sell our surplus, Since last year we have planted **250 fruit trees**.

Regarding the livestock, AAA can now daily produce 16 litres of milk. We started with two cows to milk and now we have four animals with a male and female about to be sold. The breeding of 100 hens has started. The eggs are added to the children's diet. And add to that, we have rabbits and kept 50 ducks until they are ready for sale.



SAVING

In the rainy season we can use our stored water and do not have to use water from the water supplier JIRAMA,

The construction of three large concrete water tanks collector of up to **450 m3** has recently been completed.

There is a plan to construct **solar panels** on the roof of a nearby shed of **200 m2**. Our sponsor works closely with the technicians. The water will be used during the dry season.



TRANSFORMATION AND RECYCLING

We all know that Antananarivo (Tana) is totally polluted, as well as Madagascar. Gradually Madagascar will be able to change; we can start by teaching 150 children at the AAA to look after the environment. They will be able to support the government in implementing changes in how people look after their country. That's why teaching the children to respect the environment is incredibly important,

RENEWABLE ENERGIES

We have been given free land, air, sun, rain ... to benefit everyone. We are able to find solutions to use resources to save money.

- We will soon repair the wind turbine to create more power.
- The solar hot water units are still functioning as are the solar cookers,
- The roof of the new shed will hold solar panels to supplement our power supply.
- Since 1994, AAA established a reservoir that creates the production of biofuel from the children's human waste. Our goal is to protect the forest, reducing the use of wood for cooking.
- The production of environmentally friendly charcoal from waste has evolved. Today we have orders for this product as well as providing sufficient charcoal for our own use. An embassy provides shredded paper for our charcoal production.

INTERNAL WORK

The most important objective is to protect the children; we respect and implement the "Child Protection Policy". AAA is also under the protection of the Ministry of Justice through the Children's Court Judges.

We cooperate with travel agencies, including showing visitors around some who choose to stay in our accommodation. Over the years this has proved most beneficial,

The "Akany Avoko Ambohidratrimo" restaurant has been officially opened 28 May 2018. The girls who cook and serve have developed their hospitality skills,

The dress salon also opened its door to the public on 29 May 2018, providing the girls with practical experience.

NEW RELATIONSHIP

Representative of the UN visited AAA, and said if all the centres were like us Malagasy people would no longer need the UN here. So they advised us to organise open days to share our knowledge with others and especially young people. We held an exceptionally successful series of open days during June with 3,500 people attending, many were local school children.

From plastic bottles, girls manufacture poufs covered in colourful material. Many items are created by recycling paper including greeting cards, albums, bracelets, necklaces and carry bags. AAA has also been chosen on the basis of its dedication to recycling to produce reusable sanitary napkins for sale to **UNICEF**. We provide 40,000 napkins at 2,500 Ariary a piece; this allows AAA to pay employees salaries for more than a month. The **CRS, WASH WATER PROJECT, USAID** has a new partnership with AAA, concerning a sewing training program for rural women by teaching them to sew reusable sanitary napkins"

ENHANCEMENTS

All our buildings have been refurbished. There are new tiles laid in the dining room. The flower garden is also ready to plant; the girls receive gardening instruction useful for later in their lives.

It's been a busy year sourcing supporters and funding for establishing the boys centre. Sharing our recycling and self sustaining philosophy was invigorating and created great hope. As always a heartfelt thank you to all our many supporters who rallied to make new ventures viable and ensure our existing projects successfully continue.



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