

## Proposal to improve health and hygiene at the Habitat 2 village for AAA graduates and their children



15 years ago Akany Avoko Ambohidratrimo AAA set up 'Habitat' sites where graduates of AAA who had no home, could build their own home and repay it over 5 years. These sites were called Habitat 1 and Habitat 2. At the time the sites were set up with some basic infrastructure : a communal well, toilets, sinks and shower block were built. Over time the graduates for AAA have started their own families. So there are now over 100 people (mostly children) living on both sites. Like most places in Madagascar, they are not served by mains electricity, water or sewage treatment. Habitat 1 is currently in good shape, thanks in large part to a scout project which installed a water tap and improved facilities. But the communal facilities at Habitat 2 are now totally inadequate for the number of people living there and this risks the health and hygiene of the families living there.



It is now urgent to improve the water and sanitation facilities to improve the health of the children.

The land and houses belong to the individual graduates from AAA along with their families. Most of these families have very modest means and could not afford to pay more than a tiny contribution (say £2-£5 per family) towards building new infrastructure. Many of the children living there are quite vulnerable, (For example one family whose children, Aina aged 10 (see photo) and Victor aged 6 have sickle cell anemia, which means their immune systems are very vulnerable and they should drink the cleanest possible water.)

Currently there is only one inadequate water pump on site , whose water is often muddy because it is scraped to the bottom. All other water has to be carried from rice fields or the next public tap some distance away.

Although AAA does not own the site, they are happy to do their part to try to help too. So they have offered to provide labour for construction, if money can be found for the building materials and the paperwork for the water point. AAA and the residents of Habitat 2 have formed a committee to improve the communal life at Habitat 2 and to manage the new infrastructure project. If money can be raised then the residents committee will ensure the work gets done. Since the Habitat 2 residents' committee doesn't currently have their own bank account, Ony at Ankizy Gasy is willing to manage a grant for this project.

The items needed, in order of urgency, are as follows:

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| 1. A mains water tap                          | £2000 |
| 2. A block of pit latrines                    | £250  |
| 3. Wash basins                                | £250  |
| 4. A shower block (2 cubicles and buckets)    | £150  |
| 5. A safe communal play area for the children | £250  |
| 6. Fruit trees in communal areas £5 x 10 =    | £50.  |
7. Drainage ditches and paths between houses (labour free. Needs a quote drains are to be covered.)
  8. Fence around the site for improved security (AAA in charge of this)
  9. Solar security lighting (AAA to try to get a grant for this.)

## **TOTAL funds sought £3000**

**If we can raise £3000 then the residents of Habitat 2 are ready to work hard to build healthy, hygienic facilities to improve the health of their children. Any contribution is welcome!**