

Akany Hasina

Preserving Madagascar's Cultural and Environmental Heritage
with the Children of Today for the Children of Tomorrow



Summary Report September 2019

INTRODUCTION:

The Akany HASINA centre, founded in 2003, is located in Kelifaritra village, about 25km north of Antananarivo in the region of Analamanga.

The main activities of Akany Hasina are as follows:

1. To promote Malagasy culture by teaching Malagasy traditional dance and music to people in countryside, especially children, who would not otherwise have a chance to access lessons.
2. To preserve environmental heritage by getting involved in reforestation, and teaching Malagasy children about ecology or biodiversity.
3. To teach foreign languages, mainly English.
4. To support children with their studies in mainstream school.

The activities at Akany Hasina are open to children and young people aged from 5 to 21 years old. They run throughout the year from October to October

1. FIELD TRIP 2019

In June 2019, the children of Akany Hasina were taken on an exciting field trip to Moramanga and Andasibe. The trip provided them with a rare chance to travel to another area of the country and to learn about Malagasy history and ecology. It also provided them with an opportunity to revisit the trees that they had planted near Andasibe as part of Mitsinjo's reforestation project.

At the start of the trip, the children visited the museum in Moramanga. They learned about the history of Madagascar. After coming back home, the children reported to their parents that they had really enjoyed this visit. The parents were happy and grateful that their children had been given this opportunity, which would normally be beyond their reach.



Figure 1 Museum visit in Moramanga



Figure 2 waiting lunch

2. REFORESTATION 16th June 2019

This year, 32 children participated in reforestation and planted more than 40 trees. They also had the chance to visit the Analamazoatra reserve and see the lemurs.

The children were very excited to be able to return to Andasibe and revisit the trees that they had planted last year with the help of Mitsinjo's reforestation expert, Yousseff. They were happy to see that many of the trees that they had planted were now taller than they were. They were sad to see that some of the trees had died. Luckily, they were able to plant more than 40 new trees, which more than made up for any losses. Each child was allowed to choose the species of tree he/she wanted to plant and was taught a bit about that tree, including its common name. The tree planting activity was so popular that Akany Hasina plans to do it every year.



☒ 1checking the trees planted in 2018



☒ 2 Children Choosing trees



☒ 3Souvenir photo with tourists at the park



☒4 Group photo at the entrance to Mitsinjo's Analamazaotra Reserve 2019

◆ EDUCATION

1. TRADITIONAL DANCE

Mr Bruno the dancing teacher continues to teach a range of traditional dances to the children who then get the opportunity to perform in local village and school events. Class attendance varies from 30-35(girls around 18,boy around17). In August children showed their talent in front of elementary school teachers and parents. Participating in such events is one of the ways that Akany Hasina supports the local teachers' association (FRAM)



☒ 1 Learning Betsileo traditional dance





图2 Showing off their talent at a School event (31st August 2019)



◆ VALIHA AND SODINA (FLUTE LESSONS)

Mr Moda, the valiha and flute teacher at Akany Hasina, continues with his popular classes which are now attended by 15 students. This year he has divided the children into smaller groups in order to give them more individual support. The approach is proving a success and the girls are progressing well. It is amazing to see the pleasure that they now get from playing the valiha at Akany Hasina. The children would like to spend more time learning valiha and flute, so Mr Moda will try to arrange more lessons.



☒ 1 Girls learning valiha



图2 Learning valiha without assistance of teacher

◆ ENGLISH LESSONS

English lessons are continuing for all interested children and young people from the ages of 6 to 21. Thanks to the many books received from The Glass House Trust, pupils were able to support their lessons with reading practice. The pupils have also enjoyed listening to the new CDs and watching the DVDs , which help bring English classes to life. Pupils are divided into two groups, basic and intermediate. The basic class is for children from 6 to 13 years old. It offers them the chance to learn the basics of English. The intermediate group is for children of 14 and above who have completed the basic course. It helps them to develop their knowledge of the language.

No teacher training was held this year so the budget for this has been carried forwards

◆ UNIFORM

We added uniform for traditional dance next year we would like to buy different types of uniform according to the region.

◆ MEETING with PARENTS

To improve education offered at Akany Hasina, a meeting was held with parents on 31st August 2019 to learn their views and hear any suggestions for improvements to the school. Parents were all pleased with the educational activities offered to their children and felt that they were helping to them to develop and learn about their traditional culture.

◆ 'KIT SCOLAIRE'

Akany Haina bought spent some funds on providing basic school equipment such as notebooks, pens and rulers. However, some of the budget can be carried over to next year.

◆ LIBRARY

Akany Hasina has created a small library of bought and donated books. Most children read books at Akany on Saturdays. Children are also allowed bring books home so long as they return the borrowed item within 2 weeks.



Figure Books from Sainsbury's

◆ SALARIES & OTHER COSTS

Akany Hasina has been able to pay all the items below:

- Salaries for its staff ,4 teachers,1 guardian,
- Transportation especially fuel for motorbikes, meals.
- Guest to visit our center (No guest this year)
- Electricity fee ,mobile phone credit for Pascal's mobile phone

◆ SNACKS FOR CHILDREN

Akany Hasina continues to share biscuits for children after school.

◆ BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Building maintenance works are carried out as the need arises. There are plans to repaint the hall before October 2020, as the walls are becoming dirty.

Since 2017 the center has developed a WASH FACILITY according to the advice of MfM.



Children washing their hands



Restored classroom (archive 2018)

◆ CAPACITY BUILDING

Staff from Akany Hasina have attended all capacity building , workshops and meetings organized by the MFM Country Representative.