



Money for Madagascar

34th Annual Report

2019 – 2020

*“Enabling Malagasy people to reduce poverty
and protect the environment through
sustainable, community-led initiatives.”*

Foreword

This was the year that Covid-19 turned everything upside-down! Donors, Staff, Malagasy Partners & Beneficiary Communities all faced huge challenges. Standing in solidarity with our partners and beneficiaries, the family of MfM delivered more support in Madagascar than ever.

With support from MfM UK, our Partners quickly pivoted to adapt their work plans. Where possible regular programme activities continued with Covid secure adaptations. Where this was impossible, activities were put on hold and specific Covid relief projects were launched to help shield as many as possible of MfM's 16,000 beneficiaries from the worst impact of the pandemic.

RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES & BUILDING LONG-TERM RESILIENCE

For 35 years MfM has supported individuals and communities to build their long-term resilience. This year Madagascar has felt under siege from Covid, Famine, as well as climate & biodiversity emergencies. Thanks to your generous donations, MfM has funded 12 emergency response projects this year. We also continued our commitment to our longer-term development work.

In the peak of Covid lockdown, we witnessed the tangible benefits of our long-term investments in building resilient communities in children's centres, schools & farming communities. MfM investments in WASH facilities meant that over 16,000 people could reduce their risk from Covid by accessing clean water. Likewise, when Covid travel restrictions created food shortages and inflation, children & families in MfM programmes, who had invested in their own local food growing were shielded from the most extreme malnutrition and hardship.

Thank you to our donors who enable us to save lives in emergencies and to invest in building resilient communities to withstand the challenges ahead. The feature below shows how an investment in WASH facilities helped withstand the Covid crisis and support the long-term health of vulnerable girls

Thanks to timely grants from the UWI and others

Akany Avoko Faravohitra now benefits from new bio-gas toilets & WASH facilities which are helping keep 100 vulnerable girls healthy, as well as improving self-sufficiency by producing fertiliser and cooking gas.



This Annual Report gives a brief overview of MfM's work in 2019-20. Please follow our website www.moneyformadagascar.org and social media for latest news from Madagascar as well as fundraising events and volunteering opportunities.

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Protecting & enabling vulnerable children

This programme transforms the lives of vulnerable children in and around the capital. Orphaned, abandoned, abused, sick and homeless children receive shelter, food, healthcare, education, water, sanitation and loving care. Children receive long-term support to help them overcome the causes of their destitution.

This year MfM supported 10 children's projects. These are: Akany Avoko Ambohitrarimo mixed residential centre (AAA), Akany Bevalala boys residential refuge, Akany Avoko Faravohitra girls residential refuge (AAF), Akany Hasina extra-curricular club, Ankizy Gasy Safety-Net Scheme, Gilpin residential medical support centre for ex-street kids, SOGS Fihavanana Day Centre & school for street kids, and Toamasina Juvenile Prison Wing.

Through our new partnership with the United Welsh Independents (UWI) churches we started supporting Topaza children's centre and branched out into paediatrics with the purchase of ultrasound equipment & services for the SAF-FJKM Analakely Dispensary.

It was a frightening challenge this year to keep our vulnerable children safe during the ravages of the Covid pandemic. Strict staffing protocols successfully kept Covid out of our residential children's centres. Inside the centres, nutrition supplements & increased hygiene helped keep children healthy, whilst extra tuition and social activities provided inside the centres supported the children's development & morale during months of lockdown.

Meanwhile food rations, soap, masks and emergency grants were distributed to support children & families who use our non-residential centres.

Children at our centres were cushioned from the worst of the pandemic by prior investment in WASH infrastructure, kitchen gardens & practical skills like sewing which were used to make 1000s of washable masks for use & sale.

Harvesting milk at Topaza's new children's farm project



By participating in this project the children living at Topaza Orphanage are enjoying improved health & nutrition, learning new farming skills and building their resilience. This is one of four projects flourishing thanks to funding from the UWI Madagascar Appeal.

Over 50% of Malagasy have no access to clean water & suffer from malnutrition

MfM helps over 16,000 people in 80+ communities to access clean water, nutrition & food-security

Forests & Livelihoods

This programme reaches from the dry West of Madagascar to the highly endangered rainforests in the East. Education, training and practical support enable farmers and forest people to provide for their families whilst protecting and restoring their fragile environment. Urgent attention is now focussed on Food Security and Resilience to Climate Change as well as increased support to enable vulnerable communities to protect Madagascar's unique biodiversity. We are currently co-designing a larger-scale, integrated Forest & Livelihoods Programme, in consultation with forest communities, Malagasy NGO partners, researchers, government agencies and the wider conservation community.

MfM's established livelihoods projects in **Betampona & Alasora** this year showed that investment in resilient, sustainable, diverse agriculture can help vulnerable communities build food security to better withstand scourges like climate disruption & Covid. Self-sufficient families avoided the acute malnutrition suffered by many, as they could feed their children during months of lockdown. A Covid campaign in Alasoara distributed masks, soap, disinfectant, medicines and advice to help keep families strong in the face of the infection.

In Andasibe-Mantadia, with Association Mitsinjo



Anticipating that cancellation of tourism in Madagascar would cause major hardship and conservation challenges in eco-tourism hotspots like Andasibe-Mantadia, MfM made Covid-Conservation grants to Association Mitsinjo to combat poverty & boost conservation by creating additional jobs in tree planting & maintenance. Poverty & Covid spread were reduced through public health broadcasts and hand-outs of masks, soap & rice. 20 hectares of forest were planted in addition to maintaining our farming livelihoods project.



In **Melaky** SAF with FIVEMI women's co-op teamed with local authorities to deliver major public health campaigns at 3 market towns. Awareness raising via TV, radio & market stands was reinforced by distribution of hand-washing stations, soap, gel & masks.

Only 10% of Madagascar's forests remain

33 species of lemur are 'critically endangered'

250,000 trees planted to date by MfM community projects. 30,000+ trees planted & maintained annually. 2 Rainforest Reserves protected through community conservation & sustainable agriculture projects

Education for Life (E4L)

MfM works in partnership with the Adsum Foundation to bring hope and prosperity to Madagascar's rural children. Children in remote schools now have a chance to succeed, thanks to our Education for Life Programme that provides: new classrooms, water, toilets, books, teacher training, environmental education, kitchen gardens, school canteens and solar power. 53 schools across 4 regions of Madagascar participated in the programme in 2019-20. 15 schools joined the programme this year and a further 10 are preparing to join next year. We seek collaborations to further extend this programme.

Supporting Schools & Students

When schools closed due to Covid lockdown, our E4L teams pivoted immediately to help our school communities. Grants, food, soap, masks and public health information were distributed to our school students and their families, especially the most vulnerable who had relied on the school canteens to feed their children. When lock-down was lifted, E4L schools were supported to re-open in a Covid-secure way with additional equipment and health & hygiene training. Teachers laid off during lockdown were given financial support to help feed their families. In exchange teachers were encouraged to assist students to continue their studies in lock down through access to the E4L school libraries and homework. In some cases, it was also possible to mobilise older students to support the on-going learning of younger ones.



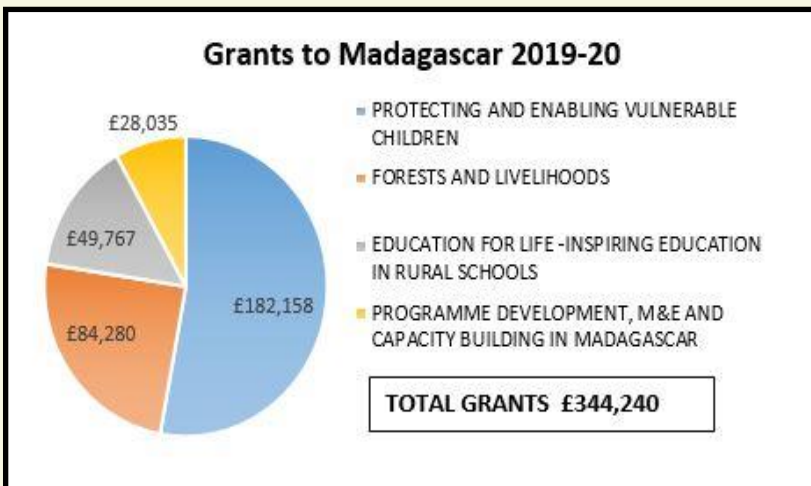
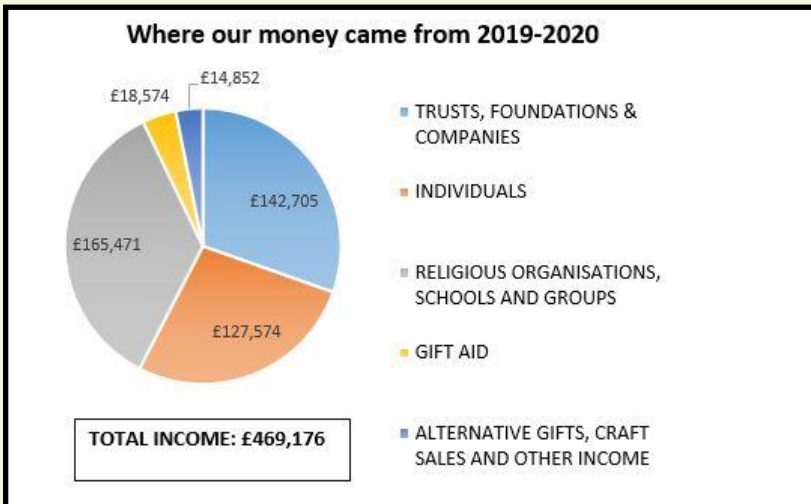
Combating Covid with new handwashing stations at E4L schools

MfM's E4L partners visited school sites to teach parents, teachers and students about Covid and how to combat it. Schools received soap, washing stations and disinfectant. The washable masks distributed to E4L students had been sewn by young women at AAF and graduates from AAA children's home, to help them earn vital income during the pandemic.

Only 1 in 3 children in Madagascar completes primary education

15,000 children from 79 schools access improved teaching & education facilities in MfM's Education for Life Programme

Finance Report 2019-20



Despite the pandemic, grants to Madagascar **increased** by 28%, from £268,000 in 2018-29 to **£344,240** in 2019-20.

Income increased by 29% to £469,176. This is mainly as a result of a new partnership with Undeb Yr Annibynwyr Cymraeg (UWI) with a donation of £157,000 to fund 4 new projects over 3 years.

Donations from individual supporters and Trusts to our COVID 19 appeal raised £42,000, which enabled us to make emergency grants to help our partners and beneficiaries survive the pandemic.

Unrestricted Reserves fell by £50,145, due to Covid-disruption to our fund-raising and a decision to release reserves to sustain our programmes and partners through the turmoil of Covid.

Our reserves are calculated taking into account our unrestricted net current assets plus investments. As at 30th September 2020 this stood at £266K, of which £202K is held in ethical investments.

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