

FIOMBONAN'NY FIANGONANA PROTESTANTA ETO MADAGASIKARA

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Agrément arrêté N° 28528/11-MPAS

«Fa na dia kely aza no niandohanao dia ho lehibe indrindra no hiafaranao » *Joba 8:7*

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AAA-B News

1. Highlights of the year: Prizes for “the Fair Play Team” and the Happiest Player during the football world cup for orphanages in Poland 2023.

In February 2023, we were invited to go to Poland and represent two Malagasy orphanages in a football world cup tournament for orphanages. Up to ten kids between 10 and 12, boys and girls could participate, and 2 adults would accompany them. Initially, it seemed impossible to achieve, but we saw it as an incredible opportunity for the kids. It took work to get the necessary paperwork, such as the exit permits from the judge, passports, visas, and tickets. We nearly gave up, but eventually, we could go. Seeing our eight boys and girls walk onto the plane and watching their smiley faces as they looked for their seats was such a great feeling. In the end, we won the prize for the Fair-play Team and the Happiest Player. We're forever grateful to those who supported us, including the Polish foundation for football for care homes, who funded some of the costs.



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2. Success stories: 4 teenage mothers passed their state exams

We convinced four of our teenage mothers to carry on with their schooling. They share the same room so that they can support each other. They understand each other, and this has worked well. They have all achieved excellent results:

- Onja, who is 15 and has a 3-year-old boy, passed her state exam CEP.
- Mamisoa, who is 18 and has a 2 year-old girl, passed her state exam BEPC.
- Tiavina, 18 and the mother of a 6-year old boy, and Vanessa, also 18 years and the mother of 9-month old boy, passed their baccalaureate.

All will continue studying, and Tiavina will start as a social worker.

3. School results:

For Academic Year 2022-2023

| Level | Ambohidratrimo | Bevalala |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Primary | 68 | 34 |
| College | 25 | 07 |
| High school | 20 | 04 |
| University* | 06 | 00 |
| Vocational training | 05 | 03 |
| Total | 124 | 48 |

*University courses: Communication (1), Nurse (1), Tourism (1), Management (3).
3 students are writing their thesis.

4. Academic year 2023 – 2024:

The new academic year is from September 2023 to July 2024.

| Level | Ambohidratrimo | Bevalala |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Primary | 62 | 25 |
| College | 22 | 14 |
| High school | 18 | 06 |
| University* | 08 | 01 |
| Vocational training | 04 | 00 |
| Total | 114 | 46 |

We have fewer students than last year as some have went back to their families.

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5. We celebrated our 65th anniversary:

8th February marks the anniversary of the centre of Ambohidratrimo. This year, we celebrated our 65th anniversary. We gathered all our supporters and everyone who has been with us all along. We organized some fundraising to carry on with the chapel building and for school materials for the children. We hope to finish the work by the end of this year.

6. Dream of a seaside holiday:

This last year has been challenging as we set up a new management team and leadership. We also set out to find new ways of raising income. Everyone works so hard, and there has been no time for rest and well-being, which is vital for recharge. Our dream after the new academic year (August 2024) is to arrange a trip to the seaside.

7. Reflections after my first year of management:

I have now been in my new role for a year: July 2022 – July 2023. In my first year as director at AAA-B, I have experienced a wide range of feelings that come with a new job, including anxiety, stress, and ambiguity. The role felt right initially, but I found my true happiness during the year. With my wonderful team's help, we overcame all the obstacles we faced. Yes, together, we still stand. We are strong and ready to face this coming year and the one after, and the one after that. I have forged a great relationship with the children: I can listen and lead them.

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8. Management plan:

Our main objective is to achieve a sustainable income. The whole team works hard to become more self-sufficient, but we still rely on overseas funds for 80% of our budget. We have developed a business plan to reduce this to 50 % in 3 years and 25% in 6 years. We have a young team full of potential to explore land, knowledge, experience, and relationships with a clear vision. Funds and local income cover 38 % of our budget; the remaining 62 % is a big challenge.

9. Thank You to our Sponsors

On behalf of all our staff and children, I would like to express my deepest thanks to all the individuals and associations, local or from abroad, who have supported us in so many different ways, especially our prominent supporters: Money For Madagascar, Small Steps for Africa, Padem (Projet d'Appui pour le Développement de l'Enfance à Madagascar), Ny Ankizy Gasy, et Gama Textil Madagascar.

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