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Akany Avoko Ambohidratrimo-Bevalala Newsletter

1. Highlights of the year :

In 2025, we supported 135 children: 105 in Ambohidratrimo and 30 in Bevalala. These young people have had a safe, caring, inspiring environment where they can grow, learn, and thrive.

- A new chapter for Bevalala

In September 2024, a fire devastated the boys' dormitory in Bevalala, leaving many children facing great uncertainty. Yet, thanks to the extraordinary mobilisation of our partners and friends, a new dormitory was completed and inaugurated in June 2025. This building is far more than just a roof – it has become a true home, a symbol of resilience and hope.

We are also delighted to share the joyful news of the official inauguration of the Bevalala Centre, marking a major milestone in the development of Akany Avoko. From now on, children will be welcomed into a safe, caring environment that offers them both security and a vision for the future.

Akany Avoko Bevalala is also reaching a new stage in its structuring: the application for official accreditation is currently underway. The team is fully committed to finalising the necessary documents, ensuring compliance, and upholding Akany's values throughout this process.

Finally, the centre begins a new era with the appointment of its new Director, Ratsimanirimanana Tiana Tsanta. He was one of the staff members under Hanta's direct supervision. We extend our warmest congratulations and wish him, along with his dedicated team, every success as they take on this noble and demanding mission.



the new boys' dormitory in Bevalala



New director of Akany Avoko Bevalala

- Strengthening Roots at Ambohidratrimo

At Ambohidratrimo, children now sleep in new beds, with clean mattresses and sheets. These simple yet meaningful improvements bring comfort, dignity, and a renewed sense of belonging.

The poultry project (aim: 500 laying hens) is helping to provide nutritious food for the children while generating income. Building on this, we are launching Income-Generating Activities – a strategic step towards greater self-reliance for Akany.

The first initiatives include projects in agriculture, crafts, and community services, led by the young people themselves under the guidance of professionals. These efforts pave the way for a sustainable future where children are empowered to become active participants in their own development.

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In July, Akany Avoko Ambohidratrimo had the honour of welcoming a group of scouts from the UK, a true moment of solidarity, discovery, and cultural exchange with our children. This encounter opened a window to the world: the children discovered new cultures, practised English, explored new ways of cooperating and expressing themselves. Through shared activities, they built confidence and sowed the seeds of lasting international friendship. Above all, they experienced the joy of being listened to, valued, and recognised – a memory that will remain with them for years to come.



The group of scouts from the United Kingdom with the children at Ambohidratrimo

On Saturday, 14 June 2025, the AAA Centre hosted the third edition of the Careers Fair, which has



become a key moment for opening new horizons to young people. This initiative brought together professionals from a wide range of fields, carefully selected based on the aspirations expressed by the students during preparatory one-to-one interviews. The goal was to give the young participants a concrete encounter with the world of work, to fuel their dreams, and to provide them with practical guidance for building their future. The event included presentations of career paths,

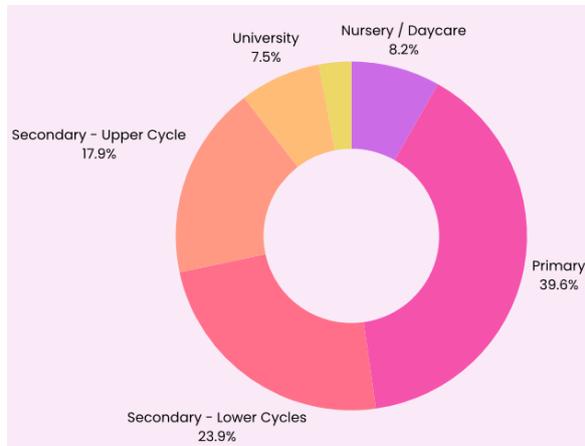
insights into different professions, and practical advice on steps required to pursue them. The speakers included a special needs educator, a chef, a pastor, a mechanic, a doctor, a civil administrator, a teacher, a pilot, an entrepreneur, a juvenile judge, an astronomer, an architect, an agroecologist, a restaurant manager, a producer, and a journalist. Sixty-eight students, from Year 7 to Year 13 took part: 55 from AAA and 13 from the AAB Centre. It was a truly inspiring day, planting in the hearts of the young people the conviction that their dreams can become reality.

2. School results 2024-2025

- The largest proportion concerns primary pupils (39.6%), reflecting basic education lies at the heart of Akany's mission
- Lower secondary (23.9%) and upper secondary (17.9%) represent more than 40%: support continues well beyond primary education
- Nursery/Daycare (8.2%) highlights our commitment to early childhood care, ensuring support from the very first years
- Though university students (7.5%), are fewer in number, their progress shows that some young people reach higher education despite their vulnerable backgrounds
- The highest success rate came at the CEPE (100% at Bevalala and 78% at Ambohidratrimo), reflecting encouraging progress in basic education and exam preparation at the primary level
- BEPC (28%) and the BACC (34%) show lower success rates, underlining the challenges students face as they advance through secondary education and high school

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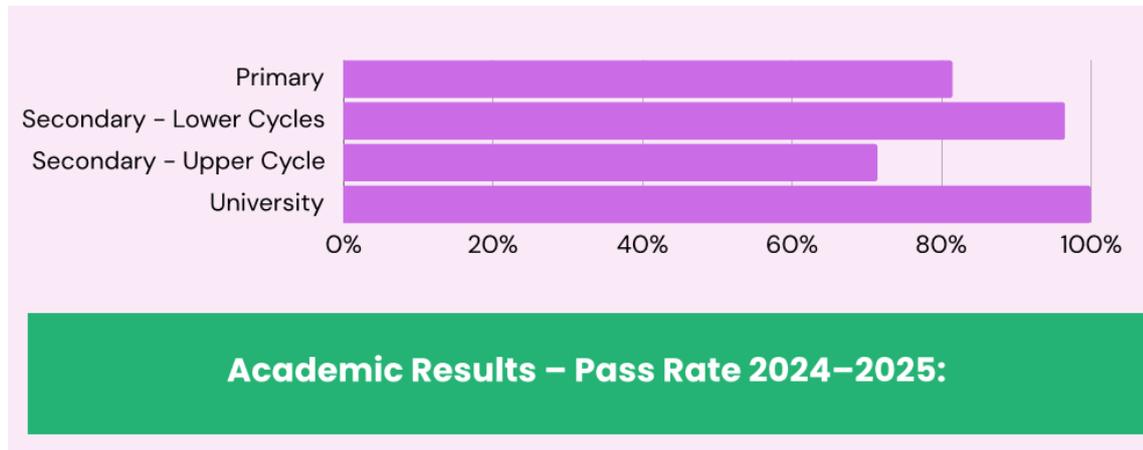
- These results highlight the need to strengthen academic support, through targeted tutoring, mentoring, and closer follow-up



School enrollment 2025-2026

Overall, the chart demonstrates strong academic performance across all levels.

- University students achieved the highest performance, with a 100% pass rate
- Lower secondary pupils achieved a 95% pass rate, a very strong result that highlights the commitment of both educators and students
- Primary pupils recorded a pass rate of 82%, a positive outcome reflecting steady progress
- Upper secondary pupils achieved a 72% pass rate, the lowest of all levels



Academic Results – Pass Rate 2024–2025:

3. Success stories



It is with immense pride and joy that we share the achievement of Safidy, a young resident of Akany, who this year obtained her Baccalaureate, Series D. Her success is the result of perseverance, discipline, and determination, combined with the unwavering support of our dedicated educational team. Safidy's journey is a powerful reminder that, with encouragement and opportunity, every child has the potential to shine brightly. Today, she looks to the future with ambition and hope, and dreams of pursuing higher education in Agronomy or Accounting, fields that are meaningful to her and essential for the sustainable development of her community. Her story embodies the mission of the Akany: nurturing children's potential and helping them build a future of promise and purpose. Safidy's success is hers, and a victory for all those who believe in the transformative power of education.

'It was here at the AAA Centre that I truly began to learn. At home, I lacked motivation and guidance; I knew very little about life. Today, thanks to the centre, I feel fulfilled. I have learned to express myself in French, and even in English. The Careers Fair was a turning point for me. Although it is held every year, it was especially during this third edition that I found my path and took my studies very seriously.'



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'The profession of journalist has deeply inspired me. I have learned that a good journalist must be curious and available at all times, even on weekends and public holidays. I used to fear this profession, particularly because of the risks during strikes. But I discovered that journalists receive a certain level of protection, which reassured me and motivated me to pursue this dream with confidence.'

4. Our targets

Looking ahead, our vision for the future of Akany Avoko is guided by ambition, care, and resilience. In 2026 and beyond, we are committed to:

- Providing daily meals and healthcare for all children, ensuring their well-being even in crises
- Strengthening academic support, particularly for secondary school students, so every child can thrive and reach their full potential
- Progressively achieving self-sufficiency through IGAs, empowering the centres' sustainability
- Intensifying family reintegration efforts, including home visits and the "School for Parents", to foster strong and supportive family environments
- Expanding partnerships, technical and financial, to secure resources and expertise for the children's development
- Increasing our centres' visibility, sharing the stories, achievements, and impact of our work with a wider audience
- Separating the management of AAB and AAA centres while maintaining collaboration, mutual support, and a spirit of fraternity across all our activities

Thank You to Our Sponsors

On behalf of all our staff and children, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone – local and international – who has supported us in so many meaningful ways. Your generosity, dedication, and belief in our mission make a real difference in the lives of our children every day.



We would like to give special recognition to our main supporters, whose unwavering commitment continues to sustain and inspire the work of Akany Avoko. Thank you for helping us turn challenges into opportunities and dreams into reality.

Akany Avoko Ambohidratrimo-Bevalala, August 2025

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