

# MIVOATSA PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Education is a key sector to improve life, and is the foundation for development. Parents and pupils are key target groups. Over the past year, this project has supported 133 pupils to go to school & to have school kits, as well as 3 vulnerable families and the centre for the handicapped in Fianarantsoa. This report covers details of achievements over the past school year.

## II. ACHIEVEMENTS

### II.1. Support for 26 existing pupils re-integrated into normal schools since 2017.

Enrolment fees were paid and school kits provided to the 26 beneficiary children over the school year 2019-2020. These children studied in 6 school establishments:

- Tsianolondroa Primary School: 16 pupils
- Joel Rakotomalala Secondary School: 1 pupil
- Rakotozafy Alphonse Secondary School: 5 pupils, one of whom (Patrick) succeed in passing his BEPC exam.
- Ezaka Primary School: 2 pupils
- Tanambao Primary School: 1 pupil
- Ambatoharanana Primary School: 1 pupil



*The pupils at Tsianolondroa Primary School*



*16 blouses were given to pupils in January 2020 to distinguish them from other children; beige for primary & pink for nursery school.*



*Donation of clothes for the children.*

Provision of different books for the children on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020, that helped them to do well with their studies. The books given depended on pupils' level; nursery school different to primary school.



### ***Provision of food***

When school was suspended as from 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 due to COVID-19, the snack budget was converted to the provision of food (out-of-school) for each of the 26 pupils to help them during lockdown. Provision of food parcels was carried out three times so as to lessen the temptation of families to sell food (that they might have if given a large quantity in one go). The first distribution was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> May, with each person provided with 3kg of rice, ½ litre of cooking oil, 1kg of sugar, 4 packets of porridge (“Koba Aina”), 1 face mask and 1 bar of soap. The second distribution was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> July with the provision of 1kg of rice, 3 cups of beans, 1 litre of cooking oil, 4 packets of porridge (“Koba Aina”) and 2 bars of soap. The last distribution was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> August and comprised 1 tracksuit (particularly appreciate as it coincided with winter), 1 French exercise book to help pupils revise during confinement, milk powder and ½ kg sugar to strengthen their antibodies.

The parents were responsible for collecting these parcels for their children during the two distributions, so as to respect the COVID-19 protocol. However, we requested pupils' presence at the third and final distribution so that they could write the thank-you letters.



*Patricia 2<sup>nd</sup> in RAKOTOZAFY Alphonse secondary school picking up her 1<sup>st</sup> parcel.*



*Kevin's mother collecting the second food parcel.*



*After picking up his third donation, Kevin wrote a thank-you letter.*



## II.2. Support to the “Lapan’ny Ankizy” School Ambalapaiso

100 pupils eat lunch every school day at Lapan’ny Ankizy. 47 of these children are schooled at the centre and 53 are vulnerable children from other schools. TASC contributed to funding this school canteen.



*Pupils eating lunch at Lapan'ny Ankizy.*



*Pupils weekly excursion to a library in Fianarantsoa.*

### II.2.1. Schooling of specific vulnerable primary school children from Lapan’ny Ankizy in Fianarantsoa.

- Anido, in his 5<sup>th</sup> year of primary school, sat and passed the CEPE exam this year. The project paid his enrolment fees and for his school kit. This school year 2020-2021, he studies at St Joseph School in Ambozontany Fianarantsoa.
- Larissa passed to the next year (3<sup>rd</sup> year of secondary school); her last average mark was 14.33 out of 20 and she was 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 33 children.

### II.2.2. Schooling of 5 children from Lapan’ny ankizy in Ambatofinandrahana.

- Valérie continues to board and thrive at school. Her last average mark was 15.5 out of 20 and she was 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 25 children. She succeeded in passing her BEPC exam.
- Philippine’s average marks were 17 out of 20; she was 15<sup>th</sup> out of 78 children. She continues to board and thrive at school. She passed the CEPE exam.
- Angela passed the CEPE exam. Her last average marks were 14 out of 20 and she was 13<sup>th</sup> out of 78 children.
- Despite her average marks being just 6.46 out of 20, Prisca passed to the next year (5<sup>th</sup> year of primary school). However, the teacher will her extra lessons.
- Françoise also had low marks, 9.2 out of 20. Nonetheless, she passed to the next year, the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of primary school.



*Françoise and Prisca*



*Valérie and Philippine*

The 5 girls stayed at the nuns' community in Lapan'ny Ankizy during confinement and the holiday period. Prisca and Françoise's mother did not show up and did not see her during the holidays.

### **II.3. Support for 10 university students from vulnerable backgrounds.**

Meetings continued to be held every month at the Feedback/Ny Tanintsika office, during which stipends were paid and different topics were shared with students – for example on technical research, French lessons, sexual education and the environment, ...



*Student  
meeting led  
by  
Anjarasoa.*

The 9 students received a stipend of 100,000Ar every month from April 2019 until March 2020. Whilst Vonjy's course started and finished earlier, his first (L1) year ran from January until August 2019, and his second year (L2) ran from October 2019 until July 2020.

7 of the students passed to the next year (L2); these are: Elysée (Law); Rijasoa (Mathematics); Mamitiana Saunia (Physics ENS); Esther and Eliane (Social Sciences); Jean Robert and Noeline (Life Sciences). 3 of them did not meet grades during the first year.

*Students receiving  
waterproofs*





### *Provision of computers to students*



*Training of students in use of the computers.*

## **II.4. Individual support**

### **II.4.1. Felana, Prisca's mother**

Felana received help from this project: 5 months of house rent and funds to start a business for income-generation. However, she decided to abandon her house to rejoin her mother in Manakara. The reason she gave was that she didn't like the rumours started by her neighbours who said that she had sold her children to foreigners when her two daughters (Prisca and Françoise) went to study in Ambatofinandrahana.



*Finding a new home for Felana.*



*Felana arrives in her new home with new furniture.*



*She left her house leaving rubbish behind.*

#### II.4.2. Noro in Andaobato centre

Noro studied with other handicapped children in the Andaobato Centre. The project covered the cost of her medical treatment “Phenorbarbital” (0-0-2) and “Carbamazepine” (2-0-2), which was required continually throughout the year.



*Noro at school*



*Noro having a break after school*



*During confinement Noro received food such as oil, sugar, rice & porridge*



*Starting on the 14<sup>th</sup> August, Noro followed reeducation to improve her health condition. This continued over 4 months until she passed away on the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020.*

#### II.4.3. Benjamin

Benjamin followed tuberculosis treatment in Tanjomoha Vohipeno together with his two children (Christina and Anido). The children studied there but did not finish the school year.

They return to Fianarantsoa to start a new life. Help was provided to rent a house, and Benjamin started selling soup and rice as a business. However, after one month he stopped because of low sales.





*Benjamin and his family before leaving for treatment in Vohipeno.*



*Benjamin's family during the treatment in Tanjomoha Vohipeno*

#### II.4.4. Livelihoods support

Training on entrepreneurship was provided to parents



And support for the start of parents' businesses.



## II.5. Centre for the handicapped: Andaobato



*Andaobato centre*

The project rebuilt the centre's sanitation block after it collapsed following heavy rains.



*Sanitation block destroyed*



*New sanitation block.*