



PAW MADAGASCAR

2018 NEWSLETTER



TONGA SOA! WELCOME!

To all our friends, colleagues, supporters and volunteers.

Thank you all so much for your continued support that we cannot do without.

PRIMARY SCHOOL PRIZES 2018

We were delighted to continue the 2017 student incentive project giving all students who attend and complete the school year a stationery prize chosen to meet their needs at school.

We gave prizes to all students at the 7 primary schools in the commune. This is now an annual event.



CLEAN WATER PROJECT NEW WATER WELL 2018/2019

We were fortunate enough to receive a donation from the Sisters of Charity of Australia to dig a new water well for the village of Antaolambiby in the Community. Clean water for washing, cooking, drinking and stock. This project started late in December 2018 and will take approximately 3 months to complete. At the moment, the villagers have a 3 kilometre walk to collect water that is both exhausting, time consuming and dangerous for women.



Current water collection walk



Water well construction underway

REFORESTATION PROJECT 2018

Continuation of the reforestation project. Setting up seedling nurseries in the 7 primary schools in the Community. The plan is for the primary school children to be involved in the growing of their tree seedlings under the supervision their teachers. Madagascar National Parks has advised on what species to grow and the first choice has been Moringa. A tree that can cope with dry conditions, grows very quickly and when mature has medicinal and nutritive properties. We will also be looking to add other species to this list in the future.

Monitoring and evaluation of the 2017 and 2018 reforestation programmes is planned for April 2019.



ERADICATION OF RABIES 2018

PAW's National representative attended a National Rabies workshop in Antananarivo, subject "Eradication of Rabies on the Island" under the guidance of the Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC). The Department of Veterinary Services and Veterinarians and NGOs attended. The plan is to start the vaccination program in Antananarivo and then move out to the rural areas where PAW will be involved.



See their report here: <https://rabiesalliance.org/news/boehringer-ingelheim-donate-75000-doses-rabies-vaccine-garc-through-shots-good-initiative>

PAW MADAGASCAR REPRESENTATIVES ANOTHER EXCELLENT YEAR 2018

- We would like to highlight again the excellent reporting of our team in the Betioky area. They are Monsieur Ny Andry Ratsimbazafy and Monsieur Realy. As a team they have produced excellent reports in 2018. Their reports are informative and timely and always accompanied by well thought out photographs. Congratulations to them.
- In Antananarivo Mme Rakotomanga continues her wonderful job co-ordinating our work in the south west and keeping Australia and Madagascar in step together. She fulfils the roll of Madagascar representative with distinction.

PLANS FOR 2019

We shall continue with all the programmes from 2018.

Additionally:

- We would like to assess whether a commercial tree plantation, for cooking fuel and building purposes might be a way of reducing the pressure on existing forest.
- Consideration of renewable energy sources.
- Sustainable intensification of local agriculture.

MISAOTRA! THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

