



NEWSLETTER 2014

1st Report and Pictures from Madagascar

Our aim in building these schools is to empower future generations with the education and skills to support the village and to protect and preserve their environment and wildlife.

Background and Rationale

Towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in 2015 and especially in the context of the promotion of Education for All in disadvantaged areas, the Government of Madagascar by the Ministry of National Education and donors and national/ international NGOs have worked closely with the local population to promote the access of children to school. One of the financial partners for Betioky South is PAW Madagascar an association based in Sydney, Australia contributing to this educational project by the support for the construction of schools in the bush.

Miary village is the beneficiary of this support by PAWM in the Rural Municipality of the District of Beavoha Betioky South and South West Region, specifically around the National Park Beza Mahafaly. The Miary school project involves construction of the two room school plus school furniture (desks etc). This project is underway and scheduled to be completed at the end of September 2014.



Monsieur Emiada Notable of the Village Miary



Future Pupils

Running of the mission

Selected as a service provider that will ensure the reporting of field activities, Ms. Olga MASY conducted talks with the village community and took pictures. The visit was on 13 June and photo processing in Tulear 7 July.

During the visit, it was found that there was a delay of one month compared to the forecast. The delay is due to the selection of the construction site for in the neighbour-hood Miary is four hamlets with some hundreds of people in each. For more transparency in the selection and to avoid favouritism between a hamlet to another, the park officials and the Mayor of Beavoaha made animations from all hamlets by performing site preparation and collection of local materials (rubble and sand) to witness to the dynamism and motivation of the people on the construction project. This step animation and selection lasted a month (May-June) and after finding on the ground, Mr. EMIADA hamlet in the eastern part of Miary with 234 people was selected as the construction site for this sup-port in 2014.



Site for the new Miary School



School is to be built from local stone and cement

Status of the Construction

In general, I arrived at Miary following long identification of the construction site for a whole month, the actual construction has not yet begun; but materials were already on site.

Contribution of the villagers is as follows:

- Cleaning the construction site with 120m x 88m surface
- The lack of warehouse, a building was constructed of a piece of 4mx3m roof thatch for temporary store and it will be used as housing for teachers at the end of construction.
- Purchase, collection and transportation of building materials to the site.
- Distribution of tasks among the great families in the village and appoint a group leader for each family

- Recruitment and contracting with a qualified construction in the person of Mr. Randrianantenaina Jean Noel and his team builder; these staff are there already arrived and settled in Miary.



Warehouse for the supplies

Follow Up and Outlook

- Completion of the warehouse construction
- Transportation of construction materials from Betioky to Site in Miary
- Finishing the wall (currently 45% complete) - Completion of the School (estimated September 2014)
- Reports delivered by Ms Olga MASY