

My last letter of November 2019 told you about two days of celebration. And we once again do praise all the work that our friends from NSAM do. Their work is essential and your commitment encourages them.



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Dear friends,

But ... we have three concerns



1. Bakoly, president of NSAM, must undergo an open heart operation which cannot be performed in the hospitals of Antananarivo. A cardiologist of Geneva will try to get treatment from the Geneva University Hospitals. But the Covid 19 pandemic is currently giving priority to intensive care.

2. Toly is going to retire: her availability for the sick in her neighborhood is recognized by all. We need to find a replacement for her.



3. Our last circular requesting reinforcements to strengthen our committee awaits your response: do not hesitate, talk about it around you!



⇒ The AFEM committee thanks you for your faithful support ⇐

Christian Grosclaude

Naman'ny Sekoly sy ny Ankohonana eto Madagasikara (NSAM), that is to say the Friends of Schools and Families in Madagascar continue their excellent work in Anosizato Andrefana, in the suburbs of Antananarivo.

SEKOLY

Antandronkomby public primary school is the second school in the Anosizato Andrefana district in which NSAM has been active since the 2018-2019 school year. Our **services for all accompanied students** are as follows: payment of school fees and registration fees, school materials adapted to the level and training of each student, medical and dental fees, support courses and an annual excursion.



For the two primary schools, thirty-eight out of fifty accompanied students went to the next level, two of them at CGE. Three CGE students out of seventeen did fail. Among the fourteen received, two passed to technical and vocational high school. Finally, four out of six high school students passed their school year with honors. These are the results of our scholarship recipients for the year 2018-2019. The number of scholarship holders is now divided between two primary schools (twice 25 students), the College of General Education (17 students at the CGE), the lycée (6 scholarship holders) and the professional technical lycée (2 scholarship holders), i.e.

75 students supported for the 2019-2020 school year.



The morning snack
- Koba Tsinjo -
 is distributed twice a week to all students of the Antandromby PSE and three times a week to all students of the Anosizato Andrefana PPE.

ANKOHONANA

Climate change is also affecting the Red Island. The south, crossed by the Tropic of Capricorn, suffers from recurrent drought. The center and the north are often affected by torrential rains and all the regions of the island are threatened each year by cyclones, which too often devastate entire villages as well as food and export crops such as vanilla, coffee, cloves and cocoa.



⇐ Ripe vanilla

Vanilla ready for export ⇒



The population of Anosizato Andrefana suffers from malnutrition because it is very directly affected by the cost of basic necessity products, especially rice, cassava, sugar and oil. This is why **the children of the two schools are delighted with the snack** which has been distributed since 2008 during morning recess.

Many adults do not know in the morning if they will have enough to feed their family. Malnutrition has, as you can imagine, an impact on health.

The Anosizato district is a red zone for tuberculosis.



Advertising on the National 7 which links Antananarivo to Tulear

A large number of patients treated by NSAM benefit every two weeks, for the duration of their treatment, from a **packet of food** (10 kg of rice, 1 kg of sugar, 1 liter of oil and a bar of soap) and the following dairy products: yogurt and a can of cheese.

TB patients are all entitled to this food supplement during throughout the duration of their treatment (seven to eight months).



Zefiarison tuberculosis is hospitalized, his sister brings him his meals every morning and evening



Alain broke his leg, NSAM lent him English canes

38 patients have been taken care of since september 2019

Other patients treated for medical care, or even hospitalization, only benefit from this aid after the NSAM manager has assessed the applicant's economic situation during his visit to the patient's home. It is important to emphasize that it is NSAM which pays the medical costs and ensures the purchase of food and dairy products.

No money is ever given directly to the sick.