

Dear Friends of Hassocks Infant School,

I am pleased to tell you that work is well advanced on the safe, clean water project you worked so hard to raise funds for - at Sahatsio near Antsirabe - and is expected to be completed by the end of February. I am sending you with this and my next e-mail just a few of the photographs taken during the installation.

As explained in the Madagascar Development Fund's Evaluation Report the new water installation is based on a reliable natural spring located in the hills above the village. A concrete capture tank has been built to collect and protect water from the spring, and pipes have been laid from there to a reservoir, which is in the process of being built, and on to three standpipes located in strategic positions around the village.

Needless to say the villagers are thrilled that safe, clean water will soon be accessible to them, and that women and children will be relieved of the arduous, daily task of collecting (usually polluted) water from distant, unprotected sources

We at MDF are proud, not just of our valuable partnership with FOHIS, but also of what has been achieved with your support in changing and improving the harsh daily lives of desperately poor communities living in difficult circumstances, and giving people hope, encouragement and the opportunity of a better and more healthy future.

MDF will be aiming to inaugurate this project in April after the end of the rainy season.

With renewed thanks and warmest good wishes,

Brian (Donaldson)

Patron
Madagascar Development Fund