

« Education is the most powerful weapon which can be use to change the worlf »

Nelson Mandela



On the path to knowledge



Gino Mamy High School

20 years of commitment to education in Madagascar





New abc domino Junior High School

• Who are we?

abc domino is a non profit association under France's 1901 Association law. Its purpose is to carry out humanitarian actions to improve the well being of populations in difficulty, particularly in the sector of education. Its founding in 2004 was initiated by the top management of the EUROPEAN HOMES Group which has been specialized for the past 45 years in the development and construction of housing in France's major urban areas. The Group has more than three hundred and fifty employees, all with a very strong corporate culture.

The development and day-to-day activities of the Association are performed on a volunteer basis, by now retired managers of EUROPEAN HOMES who have been joined over the years by volunteers from many other backgrounds.

abc domino also involves the Group's employees. They participate occasionally or on a more regular basis, bringing their hands-on experience.

• Where do we work?

abc domino operates in a remote area in southwestern Madagascar, south of the city of Tuléar, a region which remains outside of the regular reach of humanitarian actions.



Our area on intervention

The creation and management of bush schools

abc domino's mission is to develop schools in the bush in order to afford disenfranchised communities access to education, the foundation of all development. After more than 20 years of action, abc domino has consolidated its intiatives into a global concrete approach including bringing access to clean drinking water, good hygiene promotion and the teaching of agricultural techniques.

What we have achieved

Thanks to abc domino's schools, some 3 690 children benefit from proper schooling from Elementary School through High School in 6 Elementary Schools, 2 Junior High Schools, 1 High School and a Higher Institute of Computer Science set in 7 bush villages. This is made possible by rigorous management, the quality of the teaching staff and the training they receive. The commitment of the Association and the volunteers is longterm. The excellent academic results obtained by our pupils in the last school year, along with the incredible motivation of the children's parents, are a source of inspiration and can only encourage us to continue our commitment:

- 90% success rate at the CEPE (School Certificate) 5th grade level
- 100% success rate at the Junior High School Certificate 9th grade level
- 91% % success rate at the baccalaureat (High School Diploma) level 5th graduating class

The patronage and charitable donations from professionals as well as individuals, all convinced of the ambition and efficiency of the actions led by abc domino, has been vital to this success.

2004 2014

2006 : launch of the first Elementary School in Ambola 2009 : launch of the first Junior High School in Beheloka

2010 : 2nd Elementary School in Ankilibory 2011 : 3rd Elementary School in Ankilimivony 2013 : 4th Elementary School in Belitsaka

2014: 5th Elementary School in Andranotohoky









2015 2024

2015 : start of construction of a Junior High/High School in Efoetse

2016: launch of the Junior High/High School Gino Mamy in Efoetse

2017: 6th Elementary School in Beheloka

2018: Extension of the High School in Efoetse

2022: Launch of the Higher Institute of Computer Science in Efoetse

2023: Extension the Junior High School in Beheloka

2024 : Construction of a new Junior High School in Ankilitelo









Six Elementary schools















abc domino's Elementary Schools (Andranotohoky; Ankilimivony; Beheloka; Ambola; Ankilibory; Belitsaka) now welcome 2373 children.

Each school is equipped with a canteen which is crucial for access to education. The canteen encourages parents to send their children to school, participates in the fight against malnutrition and fosters greater listening aptitude as well as attention and concentration during class.

Thanks to a partnership with the WFP (World Food Programme), the MERCI Endowment Fund, which has been by our side for 13 years, and to WWF Madagascar, the canteens have provided a meal per day for all of the students.





Andranotohoky

6 houses for teachers and sanitary facilities

caretaker's lodge



Ankilimivony

canteen and kitchen

caretaker's lodge

15 houses for teachers and sanitary facilities

manual workshops

building with 4 classrooms

4 independent classerooms

water fountains

covered courtyard

Future projects:

vegetable garden

4 classrooms ; sanitary facilities ; multi-sport field

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Beheloka



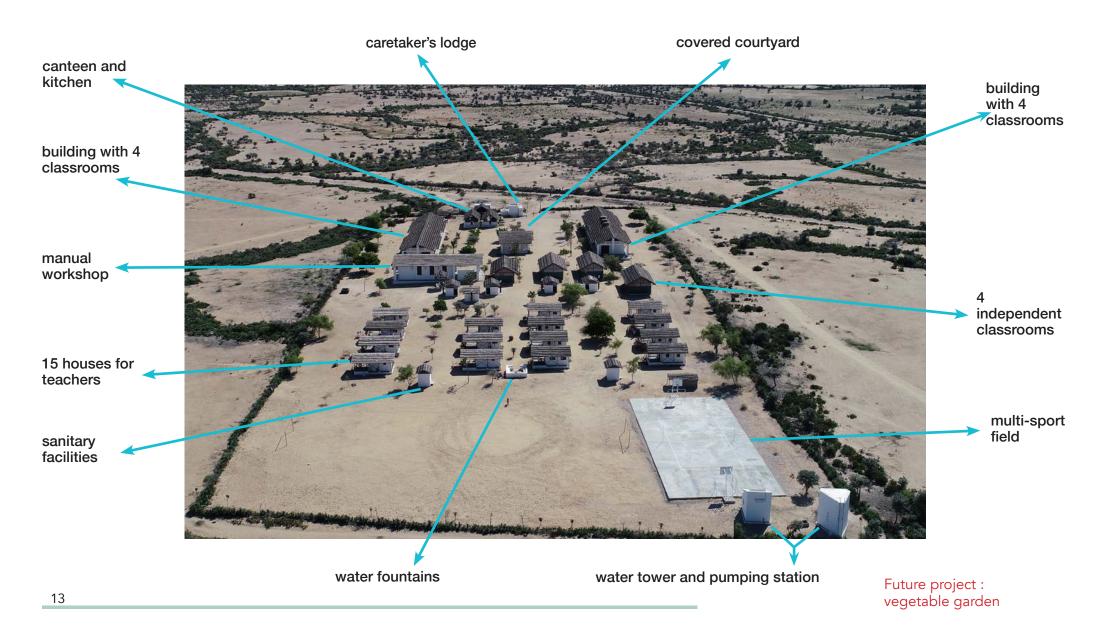
Future projects: 2 to 4 classrooms; manual workshops

Ambola

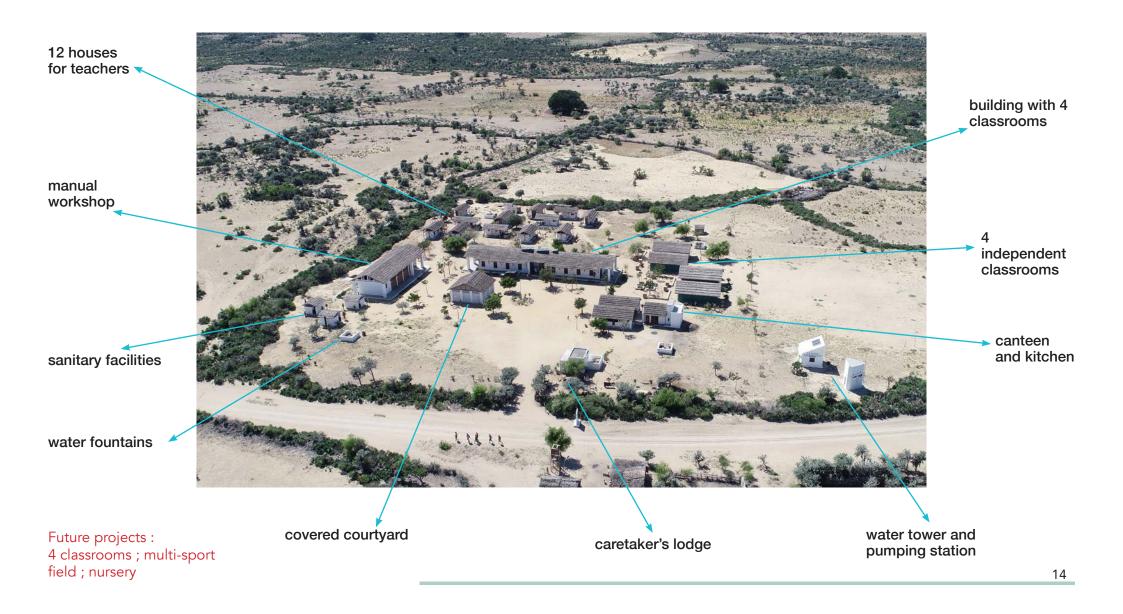


Future projects : multi-sport field

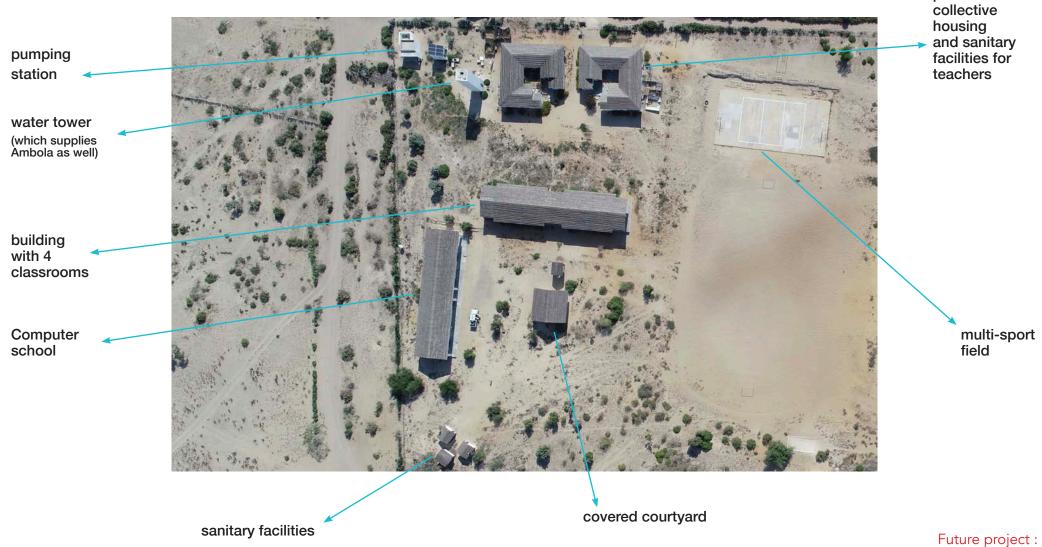
Ankilibory



Belitsaka



Efoetse



patios:



abc domino's Junior High Schools, located in Beheloka and Efoetse, currently allow 1028 students to pursue their schooling after Elementary School.

Each year, the 100% success rate at the Junior High School Certificate, offers the opportunity for the students to attend bush High School. A 3rd Junior High School is now necessary to be able to welcome all of abc domino's Elementary School graduates.





Two Junior Highs

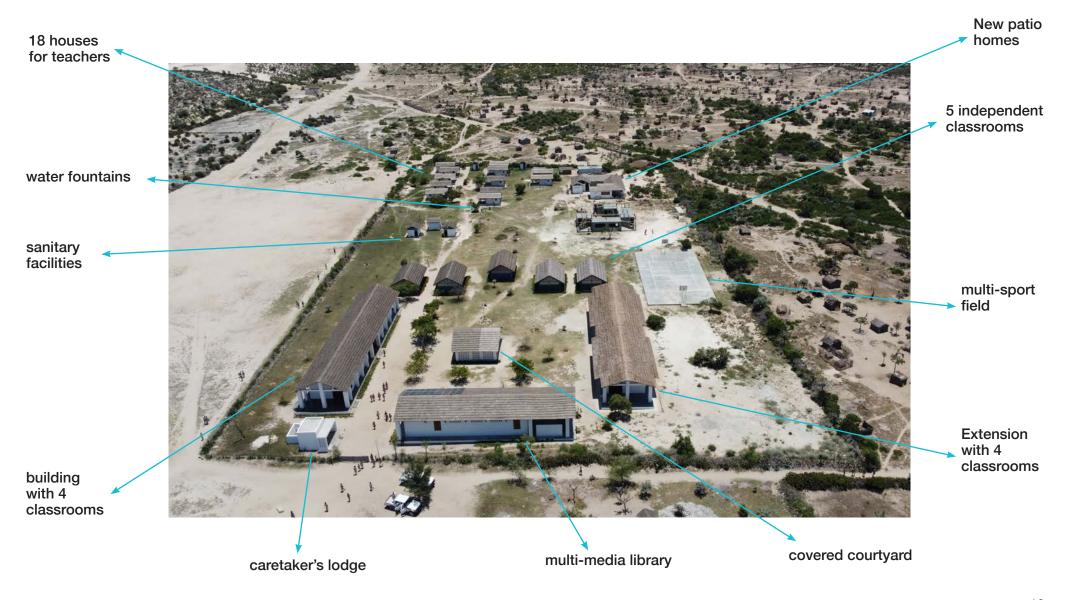








Beheloka



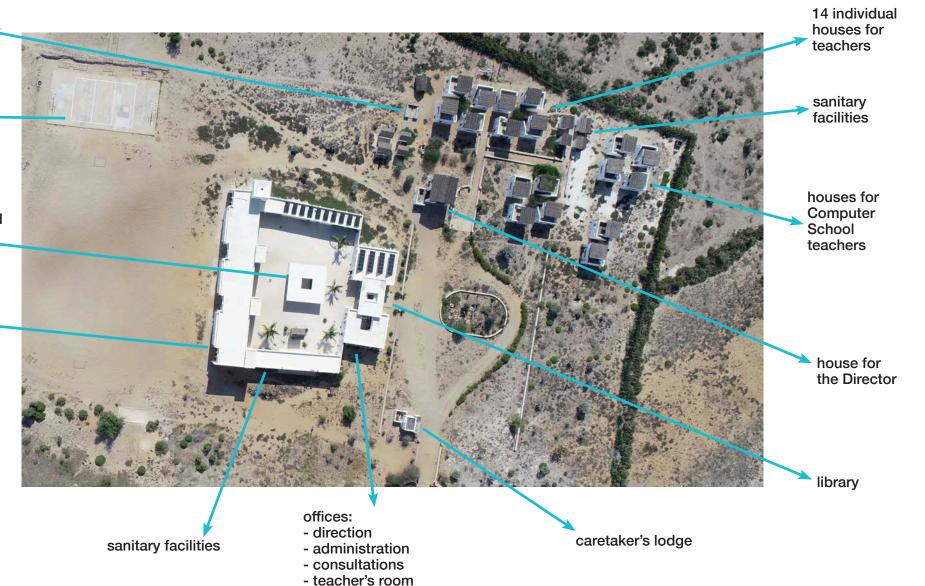
Efoetse

water fountains

multi-sport | field

covered courtyard

building with 8 classrooms



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The apprenticeship of agricultural techniques and practices which respect the environment in a specific contexte (lack of fresh water, not very fertile ground) is a major axis of education in our schools.

The three vegetable gardens are an excellent support for environmental education. We have launched the project « 1 student=1 tree » in our 1st grade classes whereby each student is responsible for a tree throughout their Elementary School years.

The two nurseries produce almost 7000 plants for the planting of fruit trees within the schools and the adjoining orchards.







Ankilimivony









Efoetse

Fruit tree nursery entrance **Efoetse High** School track to Junior and High School shaded study areas seed trays fountain plant shade storage shed



Water is a precious resource in a semi-arid climate.

Our goal is to allow all of the schools and beyond that the families to benefit from access to quality water. Drinking brackish water is the cause of physical problems for many children and is a handicap for their schooling.

We must improve the quality of water and make it more accessible. We intend to install **new desalinators** - 5 to 6 - in order to make brackish water drinkable without sanitary risks.

Water fontains are installed in all of abc domino's establishments. Some schools are equipped with a pumping station and a water tower.

We have to pursue the reinforcement of supplying water to all of our sites and, in particular, to the vegetable gardens and nurseries.

We are seeking financing targetted at meeting the challenge of « water for all ».















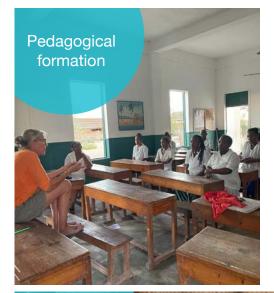


Volunteers go to abc domino's schools throughout the year. They ensure the follow-up of the local teams as well as medical visits and run workshops, competitions and training for the students and teachers.



















The **Higher Institute** of Computer Science in Tulear, open to students and companies, is being set up. We will lease a building situated near the city center and the port area. We are looking for financing so we can begin installation work in the Fall and open in **2025**.

A new Junior High School is being built in Ankilitelo in the south, near the two Elementary Schools in Ankilibory and Belitsaka. This will be abc domino's 3rd Junior High School. Students of the schools in the south will have easier access to secondary schooling.



In 2024, a new vegetable garden will be implemented in Belitsaka. This will be the 4th equipment of this type. It will allow us to reinforce the environmental education program, the students' discovery of vegetables and the apprenticeship of vegetable garden culture.





Antonni Razafimandimby, Coordinator of environmental projects

- Please present yourself

My name is Antonni and I was born on the 27th of March 1991. I am from the southern coast, more precisely from Saint-Augustin (Vezo ethnicity). My father was a marine mechanic and my mother looked after the children. I have a university degree in Biodiversity and Environment. I live in Efoetse with my wife and children, a girl and a boy.

- In a few words, what is your function within abc domino?

I am the coordinator of environmental education. More specifically, I am responsible for everything that concerns the education of the environment.

- What are your main daily missions?

I ensure the upkeep of the nurseries, the functioning of the vegetable gardens and the care of the young plants that grow in all of abc domino's sites.

- What are you most proud of?

My greatest pride in my work comes is when things grow, when I see a see that seeds sprout! Also the work of my teams and the membres of environmental clubs (like the Vintsy Club)

- What are your greatest success and your greatest difficulties ?

My greatest success is to have been able to grow different varieties of plants.

Difficulties, there are many: fight against the parasites that destroy the plantings and ensure regular watering. This is very important since we lack rain and the water we use is often not adapted to the plants since it is very brackish. In addition, the travel between abc domino's site is not always easy.

- What do you like most about abc domino?

I like to work where abc domino is located and to give the children of the school the taste for beautiful plants and the desire to watch them grow and then to have the pleasure of eating beautiful fruits and vegetables. Also, this work corresponds to my university studies.

- And finally, what is your favorite plant?

My favorite plant is the Maroserana (Moringa H), an endemic plant in Madagascar that grows quickly.





The Association in Paris:

Run by about twenty volunteers who mainly come from the real estate group EUROPEAN HOMES, from the world of education and from the environment sector.

abc domino has low operating costs. The association therefore devotes most of its resources to direct investment in the field.

The Local office (headquarters agreement, association approved by the Malagasy government):



Rachel Rakotoson
President of the association
abc domino Madagascar (headquarters agreement)



Tahina Raharijaona Project manager of Tuléar / site locations



Nathalie Andrianarisoa Administrative and accounting officer



Ignace DireitoAdministrative assistant

In the villages:

At the local level, no projects are launched without the unanimous agreement of the local authorities (Mayor, village elders, Presidents of villages). The "FRAM"s, (Parent's associations created for each school, are actively associated with the management of the budget coming from the school fees.



Financial means

Our financial resources are 100% from sponsors and charitable donations.

The EUROPEAN HOMES Group has been giving an annual subsidy to support the Association since the outset.

A loyal group of sponsors has supported abc domino's actions for many years:

The MERCI Endowment Fund - The restauration goupe SLJ Aeroport de Paris Foundation - The BEL Group Foundation The Société Générale Solidarité Foundation - Next Decision The Obélisque Foundation - The Brajeac Foundation - EDF The City of Paris – WWF (World Wildlife Fund) –
The Cécile Barbier de la Serre Foundation

In 2023, we have received support from new donors:

Le Relais de Venise - AFIHMAD - GALALO - Société Générale Madagasikara

We need to mobilise additional resources to reach our objectives

Your support alone can breathe life into these projects. For these children and their families, it is their future.

By your donations, share the ambition that has been guiding us for more than 20 years and consolidate the commitment of the volunteers who ensure the sustainability of our action.

In 2024, let's continue our commitment. Everyone's generosity will help.



Your donation is deductible from French taxes (for other countries please refer to applicable laws):

- for individuals, 66% within the limit of 20% of taxable income

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