

FF00430/027 Ambatofotsy Lycée

PROGRESS REPORT 15-8-2018

Progress to date on the construction of one school building with 3 furnished classrooms, accompanied by a sanitation block, rainwater catchment system and hand-washing unit up to May 2018:

Steps carried out to date:

No.	Activities	Timing	Results
1	Information provided to the community in Ambatofotsy concerning the project funding agreement. Ordering materials.	December 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Letter delivered to all stakeholders including details of community contributions to the project.- Materials ordered.
1	Initial meetings and preparations with local authorities and community regarding the project to build a school building for Ambatofotsy Lycée.	24 - 27/01/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Construction site identified.- Measurements checked.- Action plan drafted.
2	Official project launch with the community – the association of parents of pupils, the district-level education authorities and the municipality authorities in Ambatofotsy.	05/02/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Contract signed between Ny Tanintsika and Ambatofotsy Lycée.
3	Contracting with the transporter of materials and the storekeeper.	20/02/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Contract signed with transporter.
4	Further meetings with the association of parents of pupils in Ambatofotsy. Training of the COST committee to oversee work locally. Contracting with the stone provider, etc.	12 - 14/02/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Action plan validated.- Committee members trained and capable of fulfilling their role.- Contract signed with stone provider.
5	Contracting with the breeze-block maker.	23/02/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Contract signed.
6	Contracting with the builders. Installation of builders and laying the building's foundations.	18/03/18 - 23/03/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Contract signed.- Builders installed at site.- Foundations laid.
7	Building the walls, sanitation block and rainwater catchment tank.	23/03/18 – 31/05/2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Laying the roofing.- Sanitation block built.- Rainwater catchment tank built.

Throughout the project monitoring trips were carried out and materials were delivered to site as required. Difficulties encountered include the poor state of the road, some delays to supplies of materials and insufficient labourers on certain days. However, despite these difficulties, the project is now in its final stage with completion expected on the 22nd June 2018.

Unfortunately, after feasibility studies conducted by our water engineers, this site is not feasible for the installation of a borehole due to the rocky soil structure. However, as an alternative in order to provide clean drinking water to the school, we propose extending the existing gravity-fed water catchment system in Ambatofotsy so that it serves both this high school (lycée) and also the secondary school. This would include the construction of an additional water reservoir to ensure sufficient water supplies year-round.

Photos taken during work:



Meeting before the laying of the foundations.



Traditional ceremony for the laying of foundations.



Preparatory work by the builders before laying the foundations.



Digging the foundations of the school building.



Monitoring meeting with the builders and local committee to oversee work.



Progress with building the walls.



Local labourers at work on the 18/04/18



Elders from a surrounding village bringing their contributions to building stones.

Building progress on the 4th May 2018:

