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**Construction of the Mamolifoly Health Centre in  
Madagascar  
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# **Progress Report**

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**Feedback Madagascar/Ny Tanintsika (FBM/NT) –  
The Eagle Foundation**

# MAMOLIFOLY HEALTH CENTRE PROGRESS REPORT 11-04-2019

## Introduction

The Eagle Foundation agreed to provide £37,882 to fund this project to build a Health Centre in Mamolifoly, in the Antodinga rural municipality of Ikongo district, Vatovavy Fitovinany region of SE Madagascar. The contract of acceptance was dated the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The expected period of the project was from September 2018 to January 2019.

This report presents progress up to February 2019 on the construction of a new health centre building comprising 7 rooms, equipped with furniture and equipment, 2 showers, 5 toilets, a rainwater catchment system, hand-washing unit and two gazebos as waiting areas.

## Steps carried out to date:

No.	Activities	Timing	Results
1	Letter delivered to all stakeholders announcing the project's acceptance.	September 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stakeholders (including local authorities, district &amp; regional-level health directorates) informed of the project, including details of community contributions.</li> </ul>
2	Initial meeting and preparations with local authorities and community in Mamolifoly concerning the project funding agreement, explanation of each stakeholder's role in the project.	September 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contract signed between FBM-Ny Tanintsika and the community of Mamolifoly (represented by the neighbourhood chief and the King of the area).</li> <li>- Action plan developed with the community (storeroom, local materials supply and transport of other materials from Ambohimahasina). The community split into groups for the transporting of materials on foot.</li> <li>- Construction site identified.</li> <li>- Mine (to source building stones) identified.</li> <li>- Builders' accommodation identified.</li> <li>- Designation of members of the local Committee to organisation and monitor works ("COST").</li> </ul>
3	Feasibility study for the installation of a borehole at the Mamolifoly Health Centre site.	September 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Feasibility study concluded that the site would be very challenging with a high chance of drilling failure due to the rocky soil structure. However, due to a lack of other options (e.g. spring that could be used for a gravity-fed system), it is considered worthwhile to try drilling a borehole.</li> </ul>
4	Training of the COST committee to oversee work locally.	September 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Committee members trained and capable of fulfilling their role.</li> </ul>
5	Identification and strengthening of half-way storeroom in Ambohimahasina (last point accessible by truck).	September – October 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Storeroom identified at the Ambohimahasina Youth Centre.</li> <li>- Repairs made to strengthen doors and windows to ensure the security of the storeroom.</li> </ul>

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6	Tender process for procurement of project materials and transporter.	September 2018 – February 2019	- Suppliers identified. - Contracts established. - Materials ordered.
7	Transport of cement to site.	September – October 2018	- 180 sacks of cement transported for initial breezeblock-making requirements.
8	Contracting with the stone and gravel provider, etc.	September 2018	- Contract signed with stone provider.
9	Contracting with the cement breeze-block maker.	September 2018	- Contract signed with breezeblock maker. - 4,981 breezeblocks made between 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2018.
10	Contracting with the transporter of materials.	September 2018	- Contract signed with transporter and delivery plan established.
11	Contracting with the storekeepers.	September 2018	- Contract signed with one storekeeper for Ambohimahasina and one storekeeper and community mobilisation agent for Mamolifoly.
12	Monitoring of community contributions to the project and preparatory activities.	Since September 2018	- Supplies of local materials and transport of materials to site monitored.
13	Meetings with community and local authorities to resolve issue of delays to community materials.	Frequent	- Action plan accelerated for to ensure the full participation of surrounding neighbourhoods particularly in the transporting of materials (not just Mamolifoly village).
14	Transporting of materials	Since October 2018	- Materials delivered from Fianarantsoa to Ambohimahasina according to delivery plan.
15	Signature of builders' contract	November 2018	- Contract signed with builders (a team of 14 builders).
16	Foundations ceremony with the community of Mamolifoly.	27 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	- Builders arrived at site. - Foundations laid. - Important messages relayed concerning the project and its intended impact.
17	Building works.	Since 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	- Building work underway.

Throughout the project monitoring trips have been carried out and materials delivered to site as required.

### **Next steps**

- 1- Completion of finishing touches to building work (rainwater catchment system, sanitation block, etc.)
- 2- Technical reception of works.
- 3- Delivering the hospital beds and accessories (curtains, bedding, etc.).
- 4- Training of the school's maintenance and repairs committee members.

### **Conclusion**

This project has been progressing extremely well despite the highly challenging nature of the building site, involving a 34km walk from Ambohimahasina across the rainforest and down the falaise to Mamolifoly. The community have shown proof of determination and courage in transporting materials by foot over this distance, and the FBM-NT team have also been highly active in resolving problems encountered throughout. The project is due to be completed in April and the district health authorities have already got staff ready to be placed at the new Mamolifoly Health Centre.

**Photos taken during work**



*The neighbourhood chief reading out details of community contributions to the project at a village meeting in Mamolifoly.*



*Beneficiaries raise their hands to show their agreement with their contributions to the project.*



*Xavier (storekeeper & community mobilisation agent) facilitates the drafting of the action plan.*



*The building site already levelled and ready for building.*



*Signing the project agreement between the community and FBM-NT.*



*Crossing the rainforest to reach Mamolifoly.*



*Community members preparing cement & other materials to be carried on foot for 34km to Mamolifoly, & (below right) community meal before departure.*





*Weighing cement on arrival having split a sack to make transport easier (top left) & the start of the shower block (top right). Below: the situation of work in January 2019.*





*Progress with building work in February 2019*