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**Construction of the Akondromainty Health
Centre in Madagascar**

Progress Report

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

AKONDROMAINTY HEALTH CENTRE PROGRESS REPORT 29-11-2019

Introduction

The Eagle Foundation agreed to provide £47,024 to fund this project to build a Health Centre in Akondromainty, in the Kalafotsy rural municipality of Ikongo district, Vatovavy Fitovinany region of southeast Madagascar. The contract of acceptance was dated the 14th June 2019. The expected period of the project was from May to September 2019.

This report presents progress on the construction of a new health centre building measuring 18.2m x 10.3m x 4.8m size, comprising 7 rooms, equipped with furniture, a shower of 5 compartments, a latrine of 5 compartments with urinal, a rainwater catchment system, hand-washing unit and two gazebos as waiting areas.

Steps carried out to date

| No. | Activities | Timing | Results |
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| 1 | Letter delivered to all stakeholders announcing the project's acceptance. | July 2019 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stakeholders (including local authorities, district & regional-level health directorates, the target municipality & beneficiaries) informed of the project, including details of community contributions. |
| 2 | Initial meeting and preparations with local authorities and community in Akondromainty concerning the project funding agreement, explanation of each stakeholder's role in the project. | September 2019 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contract signed between FBM-Ny Tanintsika and the community of Akondromainty (represented by the neighbourhood chief and the King of the area). - Action plan developed with the community (storeroom, local materials supply, quarry site for stones and transport of materials from Ifanirea to Akondromainty on foot). - Construction site identified. - Builders' accommodation identified. - Designation of members of the local Committee to organisation and monitor works ("COST"). |
| 3 | Training of the COST committee to oversee work locally. | September 2019 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Committee members trained and capable of fulfilling their role. |
| 4 | Identification and strengthening of half-way storeroom in Ifanirea (last point accessible by truck). | September 2019 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Storeroom identified in Ifanirea. - Repair needs identified to strengthen doors and windows to ensure the security of the storeroom. |
| 5 | Tender process for the first delivery of cement for the breezeblock-making and transporter. | September 2019 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suppliers identified. - Contracts established. - Materials ordered. - Transporter identified. |

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| 6 | Recruitment of 2 storekeepers/community mobilisation agent for Ifanirea and Akondromainty. | September 2019 | - Contract signed with one storekeeper for Ifanirea and one storekeeper for Akondromainty. |
| 7 | Transport of cement from Manakara to Ifanirea. | September 2019 | - 188 sacks of cement transported by truck to Ifanirera for the breezeblock-making. |
| 8 | Transporting of cement from Ifanirea to Akondromainty on foot. | September – October 2019 | - 188 sacks of cement transported to Akondromainty. |
| 9 | Contracting with the stone and gravel provider, etc. | September 2019 | - Contract signed with stone provider. |
| 10 | Contracting with the cement breeze-block maker. | September 2019 | - Contract signed with breezeblock maker. - 4,720 breezeblocks made over 20 days. |
| 11 | Drawing-up of a transport plan for the delivery of materials. | September 2019 | - Transport and delivery plan established. |
| 12 | Identification of materials suppliers (cement, iron and other accessories). | October 2019 | - Suppliers identified. |
| 13 | Monitoring of community contributions to the project and preparatory activities. | September 2019 | - Grading and levelling of land carried out. - Supplies of local materials and transport of materials to site monitored. |

Next steps

- 1- Elaboration of the builders' contract;
- 2- Delivery of the remaining materials;
- 3- Monitoring the delivery of materials for the actual construction;
- 4- Start of building work.

Conclusion

This project has been late starting, particularly due to the difficulty of accessing the project site, as well as difficulties in carrying out work during the mayoral electoral period from October – November when there was a lot of campaigning going on, and large meetings were prohibited. Travel to Akondromainty requires crossing the Manambondro River by canoe and is a 17km walk or 34km round trip (Akondromainty - Ifanirea - Akondromainty) to carry the materials on foot from the last accessible point by road.

A provisional date for the start of building work will be identified by the FBM-NT team at the start of December 2019. Preparations as well as the delivery of materials for construction are underway.

Photos:



Figure 1 : The existing health centre in Akondromainty.



Figure 2 : The building site already levelled and ready for building.



Figure 3 : The neighbourhood chief reading out details of community contributions to the project at a village meeting in Akondromainty.



Figure 4 : Beneficiaries raise their hands to show their agreement with their contributions to the project.



Figure 5 : Signing the project agreement between the community and FBM-NT.



Figure 6 : The quarry site for stones.