

Newsletter April-September 2021

GROWING OUR IMPACT ONE SCHOOL AT A TIME!

Two further schools join Boky Mamiko

As the network of schools supported by Boky Mamiko keeps growing, our impact on education quality in rural Madagascar reaches out to more communities. In the past six months we provided books, scholarships, and financial support for teachers' salaries to another two schools in remote rural areas of North Madagascar: **St. Joseph school in Maherivaratra** (450 students from pre-school to high school) and **St. Laurent school in Beandrarezona** (330 students from pre-school to secondary school). This brings up to five the total number of schools who received support by Boky Mamiko in the region.

Saint Joseph school in Maherivaratra



Saint Laurent school in Beandrarezona



ANOTHER 300 BOOKS DISTRIBUTED

In the last six months we provided **more than 300 textbooks** to schools in remote areas of North Madagascar, bringing the total number of books donated since 2018 to over 1100. Books are a rarity in Malagasy schools. Especially in rural areas, most teachers have very limited access to often outdated textbooks and students have none. Since mobile phones and Internet connection are also out of reach for the rural population, teaching and learning are a real challenge in rural Madagascar.

Teachers of the Mamiko school in Djangoa happily received their new textbooks last June!

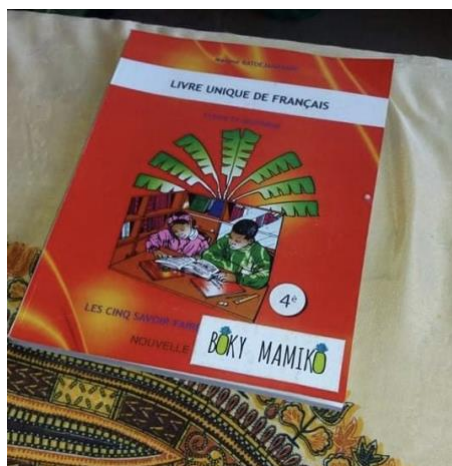


We buy local

Boky Mamiko engages to support Malagasy authors, the local books and publishing industry and the local economy more generally. Therefore, we select and buy books that are produced and printed in Madagascar.

We reach the most remote schools

Providing books to remote areas of rural Madagascar is not an easy task! Most books can be bought only in Antananarivo, the capital city. From there, our parcels travel by bus, moto-taxi and sometimes pirogue to reach their destination.



MEET OUR 2021 HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Salima, Teddy and Sahanda from Mamiko school in Djangoa



Esmeralda, Judio Caël and Romelin from Docenda school in Anjanjano



Delicia, Larissa and Ismael from Saint Laurent school in Beandrazona

This year **9 students received a Boky Mamiko scholarship to attend high school** for the next three years, bringing the total number of our high school bursary students to **17**. The scholarships include tuition fees, school uniform and appliances, transport costs, medical care, and for the 10 students coming from the most remote villages also room and board.

All our bursary students come from rural areas of North Madagascar and were selected based on their academic results. None of them could attend high school without financial help. For instance, Esmeralda (15) wrote us in her motivation letter that she is the only child in her family to have completed secondary school and her parents cannot afford the continuation of her studies. She is ready to take the challenge of studying in high school and hopes to become a nurse.

As school started in September, our nine new bursary students joined the more senior Boky Mamiko scholars, who, by the way, were all promoted to second year of high school!



Promotion day at the Lycée SEVEMA (Ambanja) in June 2020

THE FIRST BOKY MAMIKO TEACHER GRADUATES FROM UNIVERSITY!

In 2018, Lucia was the first recipient of a Boky Mamiko scholarship to attend a three-years teacher training university course at I.S.P.A. (Institut Supérieur Pédagogique d'Antananarivo).

After three years of studies – and despite the long and difficult period of lockdown and distance learning – **Lucia graduated in Education Sciences** with a specialization in Natural Sciences on September, 24th 2021. After graduation, she will teach at the Mamiko secondary school in Djangoa.

We are very proud of Lucia. Our special thanks go to the members of Boky Mamiko who supported Lucia's studies throughout these three years!



TWO UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PROSPECTIVE TEACHERS ASSIGNED IN 2021

As the lack of qualified teachers is one of the root causes of poor education quality in rural Madagascar, university scholarships for prospective teachers lie at the heart of Boky Mamiko's mission.

We are happy to introduce you to our **two new bursary students**, who will start their studies at I.S.P.A. (Institut Supérieur Pédagogique d'Antananarivo) in October 2021 **to attend a three-years teacher training university course!**

Warda (20) is a single mother of two children, aged 4 and 1. She lives with her mother. She got her high school diploma in 2019 and is very happy to go back to her studies and to have a prospective job as teacher.

Angelisca is 18 and she just graduated from high school with good grades. She lives with her father, who is a construction worker. She would like to continue her studies to become a teacher, but her father cannot support her.

Warda and Angelisca were selected in collaboration with Saint Joseph school in Maherivaratra. They both wrote a motivation letter stating that after their studies they will go back to Maherivaratra and teach at Saint Joseph school.



Warda and Angelisca, Boky Mamiko's university bursary students 2021

TEACHERS' TRAINING RESUMES AT THE MAMIKO SCHOOL

Started in December 2019 at the Mamiko school in Djangoa, the **teachers' training course held by Professor Rex** (Professor of Pedagogy at the Institute Supérieur de Pédagogie d'Antananarivo) could not continue in 2020 due to the lockdown.

With great joy the Mamiko teachers welcomed back Professor Rex in Djangoa for the second and last part of the teachers' training course, which is taking place in September-October 2021.



The Mamiko teachers with Professor Rex in September 2021

IMPROVED COOKSTOVES: SAVING TREES, IMPROVING LIVELIHOODS

As part of our environment protection program, Boky Mamiko bought **6 energy efficient cookstoves for our two new affiliated schools** (Saint Joseph and Saint Laurent) in June 2021. These stoves are produced in Madagascar by the Swiss NGO ADES and allow to reduce up to 70% of firewood and 50% of charcoal used for cooking.

For families (and schools) this means a direct saving of time and money. For the environment, it means a reduction in deforestation, especially of the mangroves, which are used to produce charcoal in coastal areas. Protecting the mangroves, in turn, allows to preserve a whole ecosystem, which is not only rich in biodiversity, but provides essential food and economic resources for local families.

From both schools we received enthusiastic feedback of how efficient, quick, and cost-effective the stoves are. Sure enough, these stoves allow to fill two needs with one deed: saving trees and improving livelihoods.



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