

Dear Members of the Rotary Club Tricastin France

ReefDoctor will be continuing and implementing new education and social development projects for 2008 and 2009, and after the ReefDoctor Rotary meeting on the 1st August 2008 we are delighted to hear of the members continued interest in our work and to help with existing and new projects. Outlined below is a rundown to these projects and funding requests, we feel are most applicable for collaborative funding.

Projects for 2008 through to 2009

ReefDoctor Kids Club (Scouts)

The kids club has been a great success as an extra curricula activity for children from Ifaty village for those in school and outside school since its inception in early 2007. To date there are a total of 40-50 children now taking part every Sunday in educational activities, games, general reading, writing skills and art with a focus on the environment of the area.

There are 3 areas we would like to collaborate with Rotary to raise funds;

- 1) Kids club competitions - competitions in art and environmental education are held every 3 months and for the winners and runners we are looking for funds to provide art materials, school materials and general reading books to help motivate them to continuing to attend the club and school.
- 2) Excursions - kids who regularly attend, to be taken on excursions to the reef, forest, other villages, national parks, every 3 months
- 3) Uniforms – provide 25 regular attendees with a ReefDoctor Rotary kids club uniform a ReefDoctor/Rotary t-shirt (with the addition of Kids Club), matching shorts and sandals.



Art competition winner 'Leonne'

Budget; at present exchange rate of 2,250MGA per Euro



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| Competition prizes | 400,000MGA 180euros |
| Kids Club Uniform | 400,000MGA 178 Euros |
| Kids club Excursions | 1,000,000MGA 445 Euros |

Some of the kids of ReefDoctor Kids club

Target budget for the ReefDoctor / Rotary Kids Club 2008-2009 - 803Euros

U18 Ifaty Sports Association

In the middle of 2007 we helped one of the local villagers Mr. Elias (also in charge of the solar panels), to set up an U18 sports association to combat the problems of the young children in the village turning to alcohol, smoking and sexual activities at a young age between 11-13 with 70% of girls reaching 16 having their first child. The village already had an adult rugby and football club which ReefDoctor and the Hotels Nautilus and Lakana Vezo sponsored and in August 2006 the senior team came 3rd in the National Rugby Tournament of Madagascar.

The U18 Sports Association of Ifaty was then established to continue the motivation and involvement of the younger generation in these sports activities of rugby and football but also volleyball. ReefDoctor has so far sponsored;

- the U18 boys rugby club with shoes, socks, transport, food and accommodation for National Rugby tournament for Madagascar late 2007



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- the U18 girls rugby club with shirts, socks, shoes, transport and food for National Rugby Tournament for Madagascar June 2008
- Volleyball teams (5 in Ifaty) 3 professional volleyballs and prize money for inter-village tournament late 2007 held every 3 months.



This has resulted in for a village of only 3000 people;

- U18 boys rugby winning 2008 Regional championship (Going to National Tournament in September)
- U18 boys rugby winning 2007 National Rugby Tournament Madagascar
- U18 girls rugby placing 3rd National Rugby Tournament Madagascar
- Village volleyball team winning inter-village **Ifaty girls (in purple) play Tulear away** competition
- 280 children signed up to be in the club and 5 local villagers as trainers willing to give their time to train the teams

We would like to continue and improve upon the Ifaty Sports Association by providing more team kits with ReefDoctor/Rotary logos, shorts, socks, and proper good quality boots for the football and rugby teams, wages for 5 coaches to train the teams 2 times a week, medical supplies and sports equipment and field equipment for the rugby, football and volleyball. In return the members will help keep the village clean by doing bi-weekly village and beach cleans.

| Items / Transport | Year cost MGA | Year cost Euros |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|
| Uniforms | 3,917,000 | 1,740 |
| Game Equipment | 1,660,000 | 651 |
| Field equipment | 1,695,000 | 754 |
| Away games 2 tournaments per season and 1 national tournament | 1,460,000 | 649 |
| Adult trainers x5 per season | 500,000 | 223 |
| Life skills training and 1 st Aid – materials/trainers | 710,000 | 315 |
| Total | 9,942,000MGA | 4,418Euros |

Target budget for U18 sports association 08-09 4,418Euros

Teacher Training Classes

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The biggest issue within the school system for teaching our marine curriculum and in general the national curriculum is the lack of training for these teachers and motivation with only 6 teachers for 320 pupils. They need training in;



Ifaty school teachers plus RD manager Shawn
reflector meets with ifaty teachers

- lesson planning creation and implementation
- addition of information outside the created lesson theme
- pupil teacher interactions during lessons
- course/exam feedback to improve pupil or course material
- reading, writing and speaking French, which 90% of the teacher and pupil material is in!

We would like to address this issue in three ways.

1) Extra French lessons for teachers and pupils which we already started in late 2007. Funding to continue to cover one Malagasy French teacher's wage, food and materials to conduct 2 hour twice weekly lessons.

2) Bring in a teacher trainer from the schools ministry CISCO, to conduct extra courses on a weekend or evening specifically going through the issues of lesson plans and pupil teacher interactions. One teacher trainer to come in on a monthly basis from the start of the new school year September 2008 till June 2009. Classes will not be restricted to Ifaty school and we will invite teachers from all schools in the Bay area to attend.

3) Increase teachers' motivation for teaching and being teachers. This can be done by increasing their monthly wages from 25 to 45 euros a month, that's just a 20 euro a month sponsorship per teacher. And to provide end of term excursions to the reef, forests, other schools and villages, national parks etc for the 6 teachers.





| | Total school year 08-09 MGA | Total school year 08-09 Euros |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| French lessons | 2,500,000 | 1,111 |
| Teacher trainer CISCO | 320,000 | 142 |
| Wage increase | 3,375,000 | 1,500 |
| teacher excursions | What ever can be raised | Ideally 500euros |

In addition as previously discussed with Rotary members, we are still keen to bring in external French school teachers (retired or on leave) for 3-6 months to work with us and the school teachers conducting more regular in depth training in the areas mentioned. The teacher would also be involved in daily lessons to assess the teachers' status and their progress for the standard curriculums (reporting to the ministry) and also to help further expand upon our marine and environmental curriculum. For all teachers interested please do contact ReefDoctor at info@reefdoctor.org

Preliminary Target 3,253 euros for the school and teachers, year Sept 08 to June 09

Alternative Livelihoods program – women's Association

Since its inception in May 2007 by ReefDoctor, we have been working with 80 women of the Ifaty women's association 'FIVEITAMI' to help them set up alternative incoming generating projects away from using the marine resources. E.g.

- Solar ovens and efficient wood stoves (as [Women learn how to use their solar ovens](#) pictured opposite), less cooking fuel costs, less charcoal saves forests, less CO2
- Forest honey and its sale to tourists
- Solar-oven cakes and bread for sale in the village each morning
- Embroidery, arts and crafts training
- Starting set up tourist boutique to sell artisanal crafts made by women and locals to tourists

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In addition, we provide educational classes on;

- general health and hygiene, cookery
- water purification (solar treatment)
- simple First aid
- family planning
- animal husbandry
- vegetable gardening, growing medicinal plants
- Children's diet



Women learn cookery with solar ovens

We are looking for funding to continue our Education Officers' (a Malagasy, Christine Tsimba) work for another year, through provision of wages, food, accommodations, (staff stays on site during week) transport (on weekends between Tulear and Ifaty) and materials (printing of in-house posters, guides, blackboards, chalk, notebooks, pens) and the addition of another Malagasy Education Officer to help Christine. This new staff member will also have more medical training and work with the women and the new medical clinic of Ifaty opened just this year.



| | Cost per year + materials MGA | Cost per year Euros |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| X2 education officers | 12,920,000 | 5,742 |

Target for alternatives women's health and education program 5,742Euros

Expansion of Solar Panels

With the installation of the first solar panels for a public primary school anywhere in SW Madagascar, providing lighting for 4 classrooms of the Ifaty school, will for the first time bring in accessible electricity via a cheap and sustainable method. This new era will open doors for the Ifaty community and its school allowing it to;



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- Expand the school day which is restricted to day light hours Meetings usually held in day light hours
- Improve education as teachers have more time per class and per student
- Creation of extra classes for students after school
- Opening of the evening hours to classes for adults who only have the nights free from work and children
- Creation of evening classes for adults in French, English, reading writing and arithmetic
- Area where village meetings and presentations can be held in the evenings allowing more people to attend
- Refocus attention of village towards the school

The activities enabled by the solar panels will motivate teachers, students, and villagers alike to take a more assertive and responsible role in protecting and managing the fragile marine resources on which they depend. It is envisaged that the solar panels will transform each school into a community development center where all villagers can go to gain access to improved education and community organization. The Ifaty EPP is currently serving as the pilot for this project. If it is successful, it is hoped that the remaining 12 villages in the Bay will be receive solar panels for their school.

| Solar panels No. | Total cost Euros |
|------------------|------------------|
| 12 | 35,100 |

Target budget for solar panels expansion 35-40,000 Euros (potential extra for transport)

Further information to the above projects will be sent to members upon request to create a funding action plan.

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