

Presentation



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« Education is the most powerful weapon
which you can use to change the world »

Nelson Mandela



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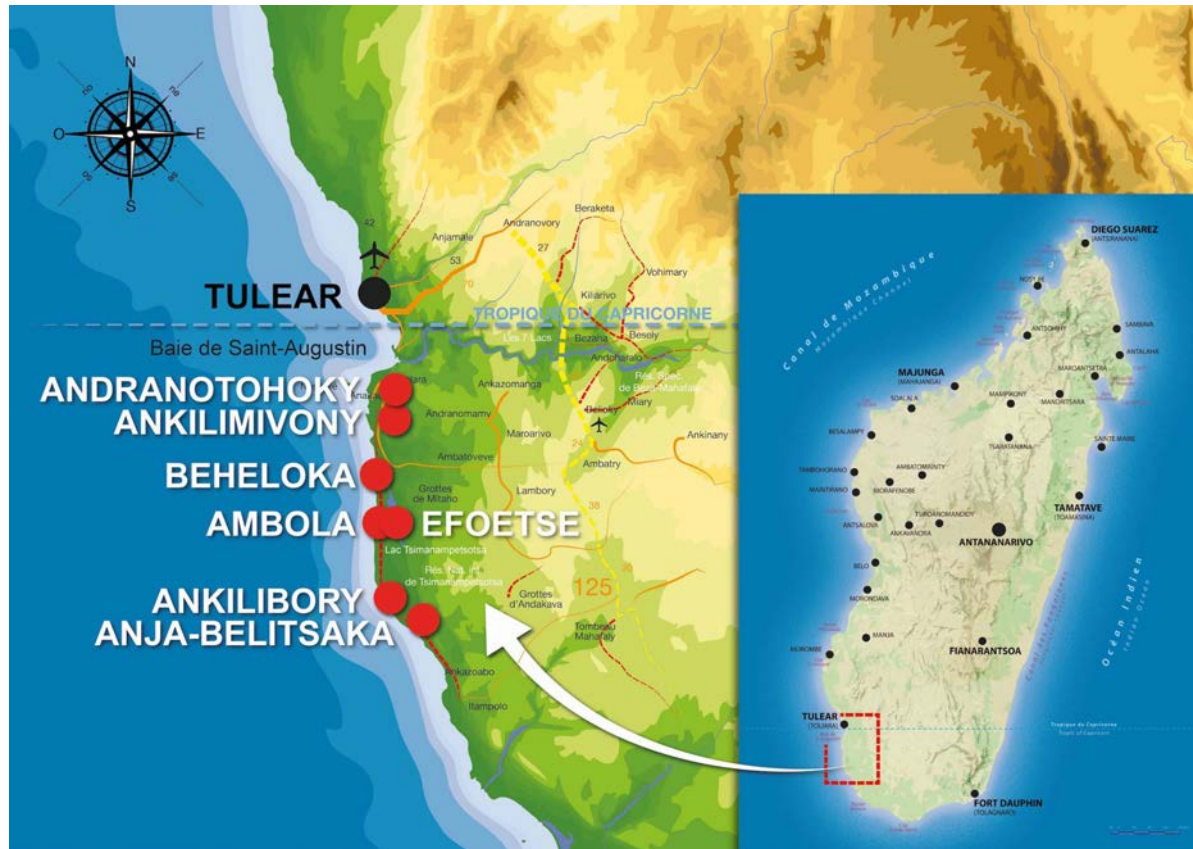
On the path to knowledge



The Gino Mamy High School

I. The Association

The Association



Who are we?

abc domino is a non profit association under France's 1901 association law.

Its purpose is to carry out humanitarian actions to improve the well being of populations in difficulty, particularly in the sector of education.

Its founding in 2004 was initiated by the top management of the EUROPEAN HOMES Group which has been specialized for the past 45 years in the development and construction of housing in France's major urban areas. The Group has more than three hundred and fifty employees, all with a very strong corporate culture.

The development and day-to-day activities of the Association are performed, on a volunteer basis, by seven now retired managers of EUROPEAN HOMES, who have been joined over the years by volunteers from many other backgrounds.

abc domino also involves the Group's employees. They participate occasionally or on a more regular basis, bringing their hands-on experience to the Association's actions.

Where do we work?

abc domino works in a remote area in southwestern Madagascar, south of the city of Tuléar, a region which remains outside of the regular reach of humanitarian actions.

The Association

Our area of intervention

The creation and management of bush schools

abc domino's mission is to develop schools in the bush in order to afford disenfranchised communities access to education, the foundation of all development.

After more than 18 years of action, **abc domino** has consolidated its initiatives into a global concrete approach including bringing access to clean drinking water, good hygiene promotion and the teaching of agricultural techniques.

What we have achieved

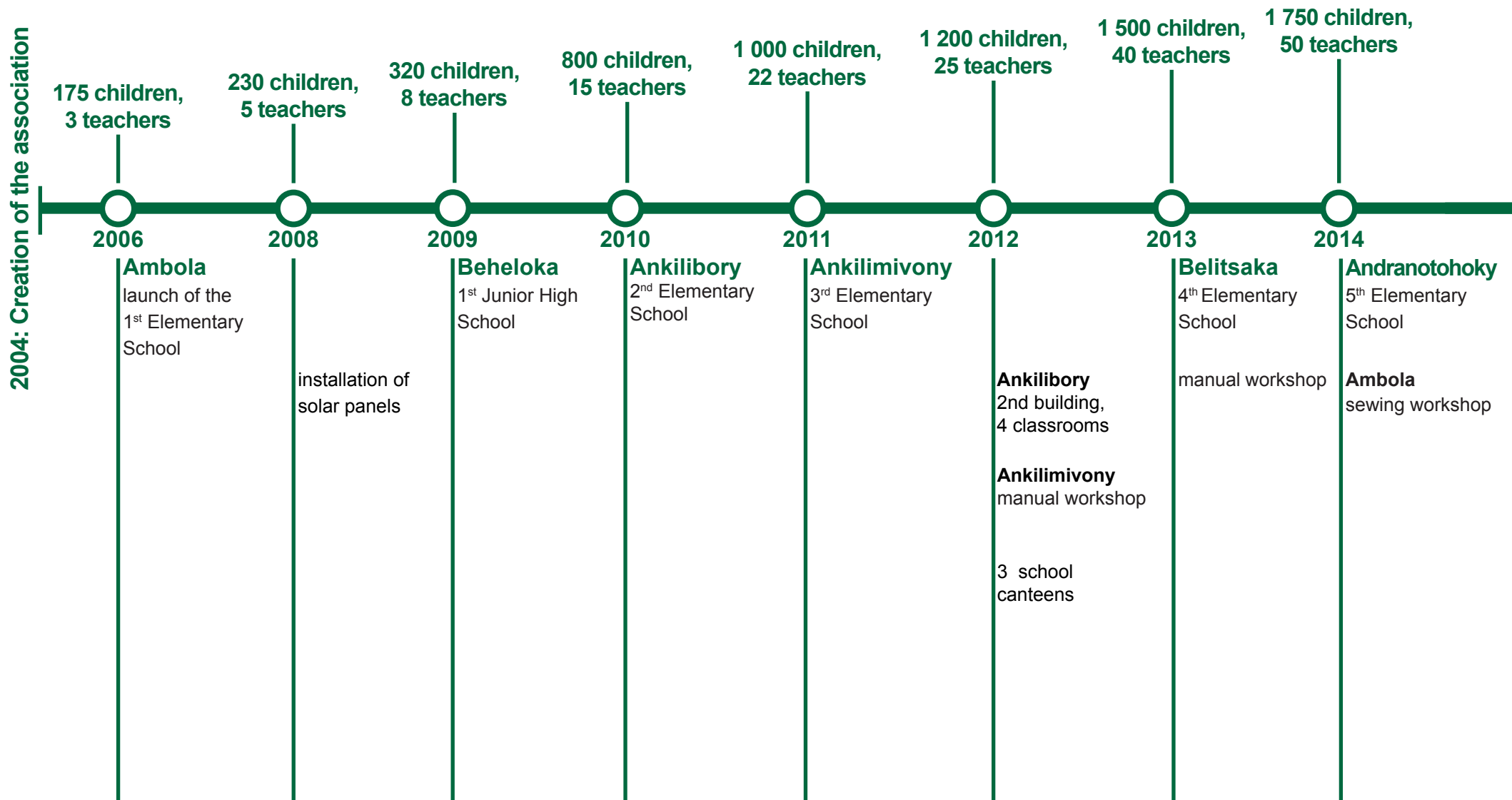
Thanks to **abc domino**'s schools, some 3 500 children benefit from proper schooling from Elementary School through High School in 9 schools (6 Elementary, 2 Junior High Schools and 1 High School) set in 7 bush villages. This is made possible by rigorous management, the quality of the teaching staff and the training they receive. The commitment of the Association and the volunteers is longterm. The excellent academic results obtained by our pupils in the last school year, along with the incredible motivation of the children's parents, are a source of inspiration and can only encourage us to continue our commitment:

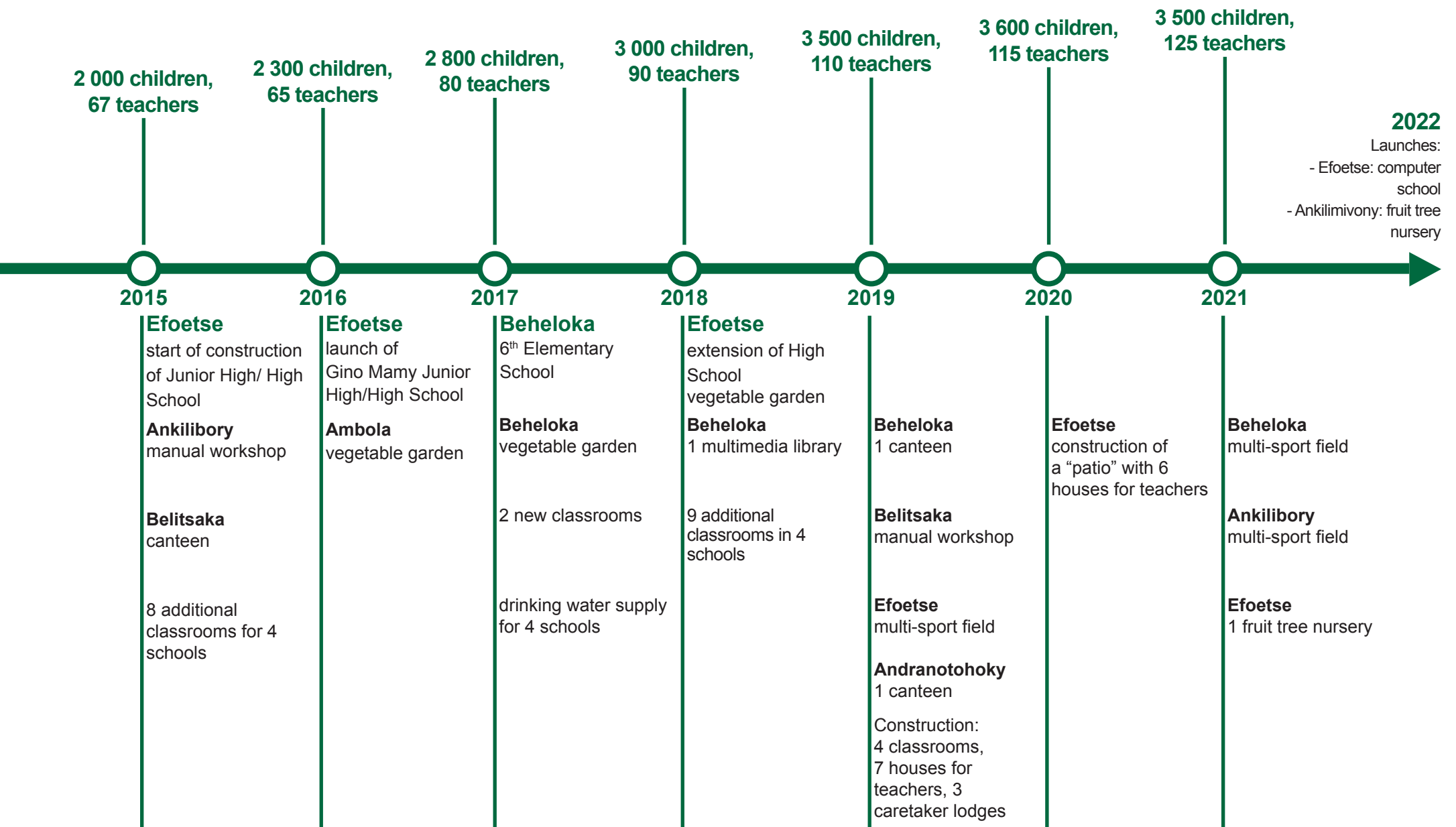
- 100% success rate at the CEPE (School Certificate) 5th grade level
- 100% success rate at the Junior School Certificate 9th grade level
- 96% success rate at the baccalaureat (High School Diploma) level

The patronage and charitable donations from professionals as well as individuals, all convinced of the ambition and efficiency of the actions led by **abc domino** has been vital to this success.



Un projet en marche







II. Achievements



Elementary School

2021: **576 children** welcomed by **12 teachers**, **2 dressmakers** and **1 gardener**.

covered courtyard

caretaker's lodge

water fountains

15 houses for teachers

sanitary facilities



2 buildings with 4 classrooms each and 4 independent classrooms

manual workshop

canteen and kitchen

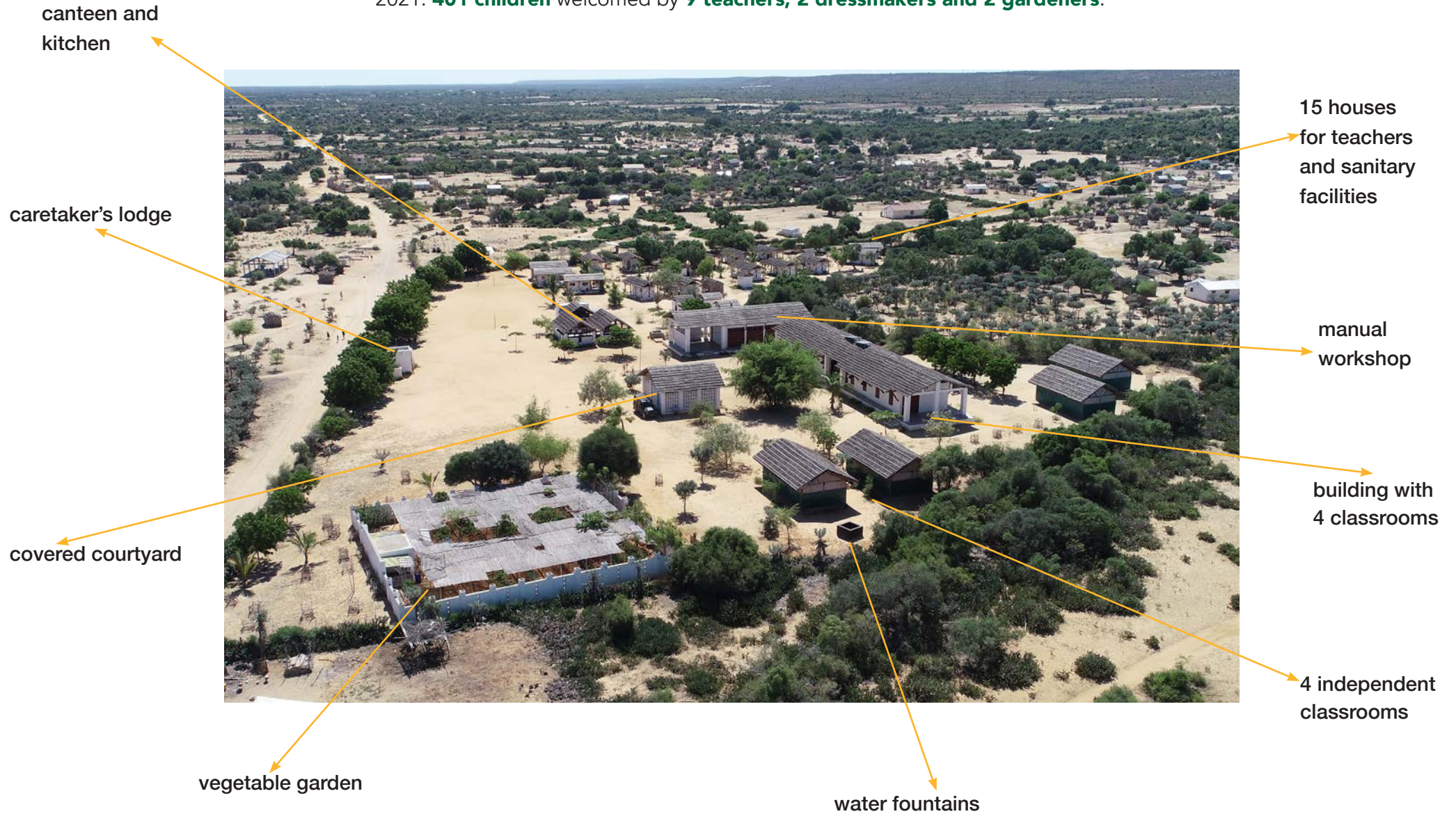
housing for the Director of Operations

vegetable garden

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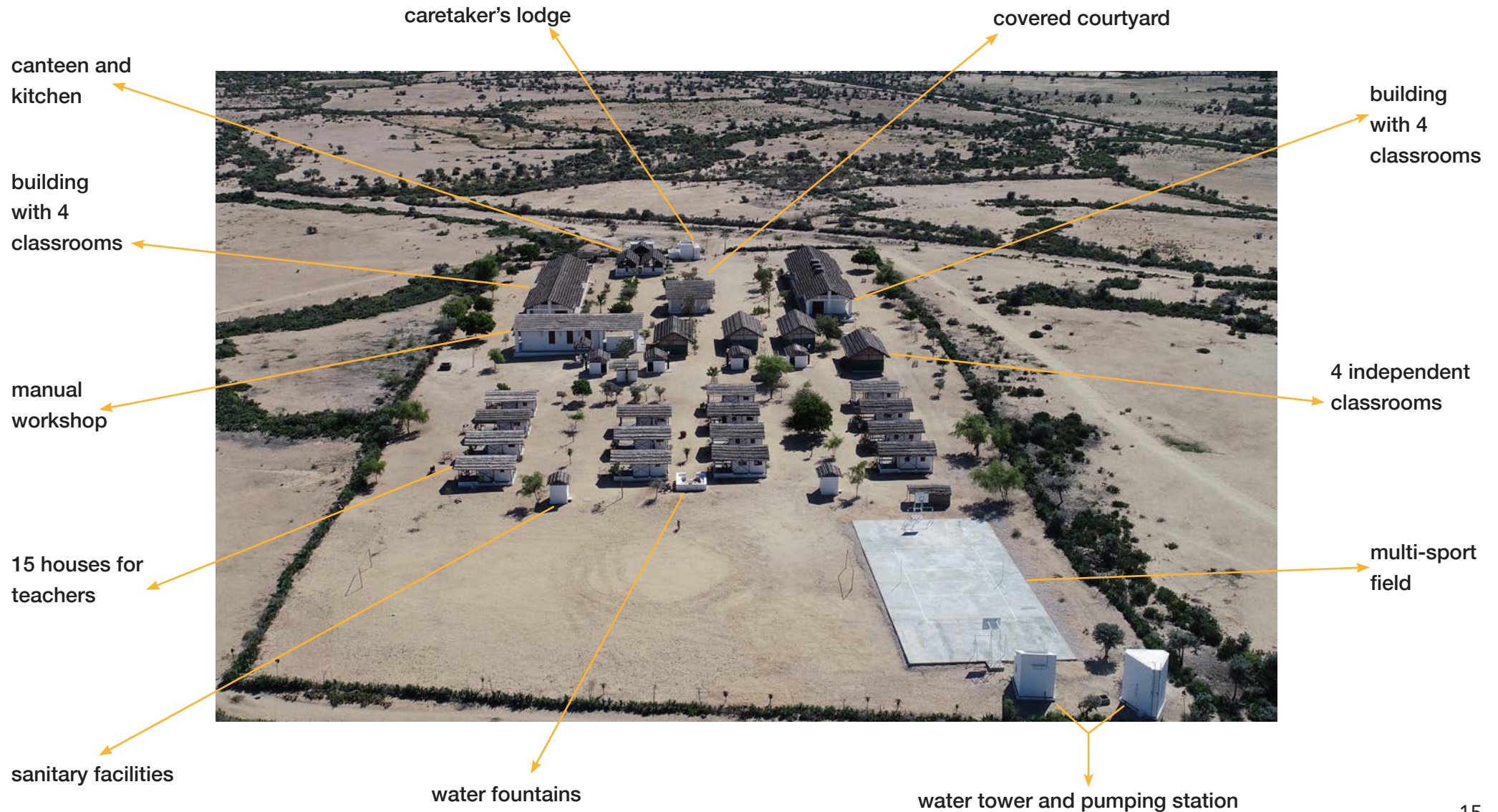
Elementary School

2021: **401 children** welcomed by **9 teachers, 2 dressmakers and 2 gardeners.**



Elementary School

2021: **465 children** welcomed by **11 teachers** and **2 dressmakers**.



Elementary School

2021: **396 children** welcomed by **8 teachers** and **2 dressmakers**.

12 houses for
teachers

manual
workshop

sanitary
facilities

water fountains

building with 4
classrooms

4 independent
classrooms

canteen
and kitchen

covered courtyard

caretaker's lodge

water tower and
pumping station



Elementary School

2021: **112** childrens welcomed by **5** teachers.

6 for teachers
and sanitary
facilities

caretaker's
lodging



building
with 4
classrooms

covered
courtyard

canteen
and
kitchen

Elementary school

2021: **553 children** welcomed by **11 teachers** et **1 gardener**.

11 houses for
teachers

sanitary
facilities

caretaker's
lodge

canteen
and
kitchen

vegetable
garden



water
fountains



5 independent
classrooms

building
with 4
classrooms

covered
courtyard

Junior High School

2021: **343 children** welcomed by **15 teachers** et **1 librarian**.

12 houses for
teachers

water fountains

sanitary
facilities

building
with 4
classrooms

caretaker's lodge

multi-sport
field

5 independent
classrooms

covered
courtyard

multi-media
library



Junior High School

2021: **439 children** welcomed **20 teachers** and **1 librarian**.



High School

2021: **179** childrens welcomed by **21** teachers et **1** librarian.





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III. 2021/2022

In 2021

Computer School

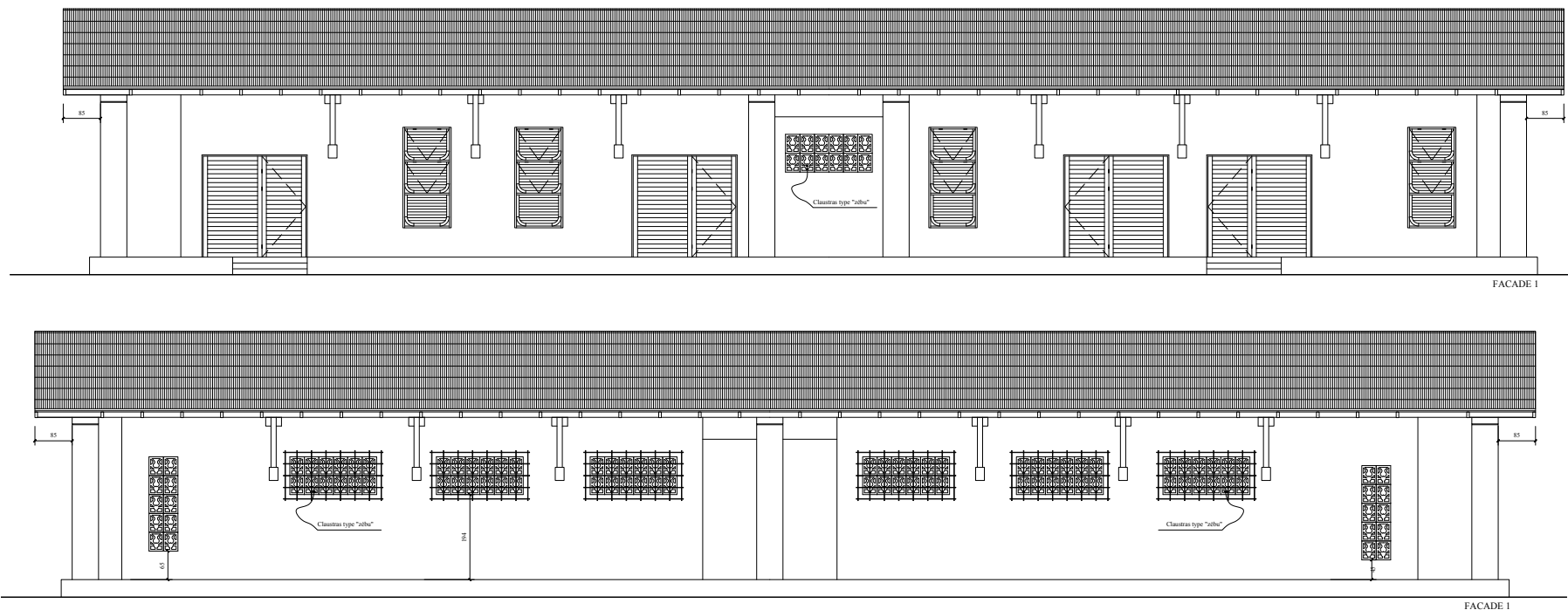
This project was made possible thanks to the company, **Next Decision**'s engagement by our side, and the crucial support of the **Aéroport de Paris** et **Société Générale Solidarité Foundations**. New donors have given us financial support since then.

The objective is to give post-baccalaureat/High School training (bachelor's level) with the broadest possible access to computer jobs. This is in line with official "initiation to computers" taught in Malagasy High Schools.

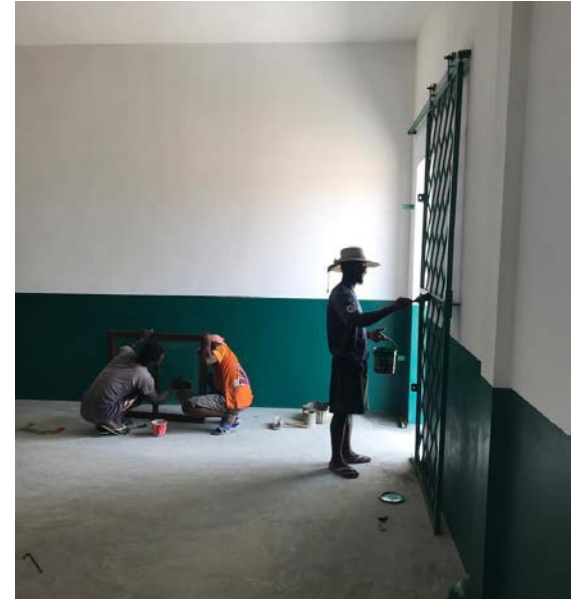
The building, made up of 4 classrooms with 80 training positions, will be finished in 2022 on the **Efoetse** site.

The solar powered electrical system and the computer equipment will be operational for the school year beginning in Fall 2022. Housing for the teachers (recruitment underway) is currently being built.

This training will enable students to overcome the difficulties caused by the lack of support for the region and to succeed in their professional integration thanks to the new skills they have acquired.



In 2022



In 2021

The fruit tree nurseries

Environmental education:

To help meet the critical challenges of fighting against deforestation and confronting climate change, environmental education participates in the preservation of local flora and building awareness amongst parents and children of new agricultural techniques.

In Efoeste:

A first nursery was created near the High School thanks to the support of the **Bel Foundation** and the **City of Paris**.

In the summer of 2021, 4000 plants and 500 trees were planted.

Junior High School and High School students participate in cultivation and local reforestation as part of the workshops and the "nature club".

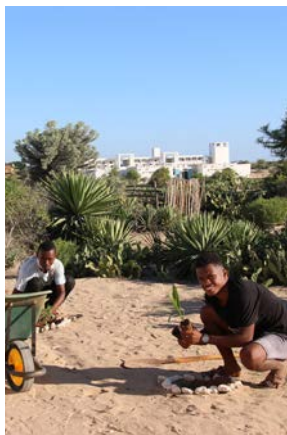


In 2022



In Ankilimivony:

With the support for the **Bel Foundation**, we are creating a second nursery associated with a plantation area on a 20 000m² terrain. In the long run, this will enable the production of thousands of plants and fruit trees.



In 2021

Housing for teachers

Each educational facility has housing for the personnel and teachers.

- Individual houses for Elementary School teachers
- A "patio" building composed of 6 houses for Junior High School teachers
- A village of two level houses for High School and future post-High School Computer School teachers

All of the houses have access to water, sanitary facilities, solar energy and a collective garden where teachers enjoy getting together after class hours.



In 2022



Build:

We have programmed the construction of a “patio” building with 6 houses on the site of the Beheloka Junior High School to meet the needs of a growing number of teachers.

Improve and maintain:

We will continue building additional structures on our different sites (showers, toilets, water fountains, incinerators, etc) and carry out the annual general maintenance programme to ensure the integrity of all of our structures.



In 2021

Multi-sport fields

Sports within the **abc domino** schools reinforces the ties between students and teachers, promoting a sense of effort, team spirit and the respect for rules which are instilled in the students during sports activities.

In 2021, we built two new multi-sport fields in **Beheloka** (Junior High School) and **Ankilibory** (Elementary School) with the support of the **Société Générale Solidarité Foundation**.



"Energy and knowledge"

In 2022

Thanks to the support of **EDF**, we will be installing the electrical system for the Computer School and be improving the existing installations which function on solar energy. These projects launched within the "Energy and knowledge" initiative will concern, in particular, the Junior High School in **Beheloka** and the two of our Elementary Schools.



The canteens

The canteen is a vital element of access to education. It encourages school enrollment, participates in the fight against malnutrition and fosters better listening, attention and concentration in class.

Meals, based on rice and food supplements rich in vitamins, are prepared daily by the parents of students.

Financing the canteens:

Canteens continue to operate on all of our sites thanks to the supply made possible by the partnership with the WFP (World Food Programme) signed in 2019 for a 3 year period. Financing is ensured by the **Grazie Endowment Fund** which has been by our side for 10 years and is committed to offering one meal per day to Elementary School children.



Human Resources

Financing the educational team:

In addition to funding the different projects, we have to finance the salaries and overhead of our 125 local employees, teachers and operational support staff (project managers, accountants, caretakers).

Training:

Every year, training sessions are held in partnership with local NGOs in order to improve the skills of all of our teachers and environmental instructors.

abc domino is also committed to financing health missions and medical visits for all of the students (hygiene, opthamology, dentistry, screening and awareness of STD/HIV, contraception...).

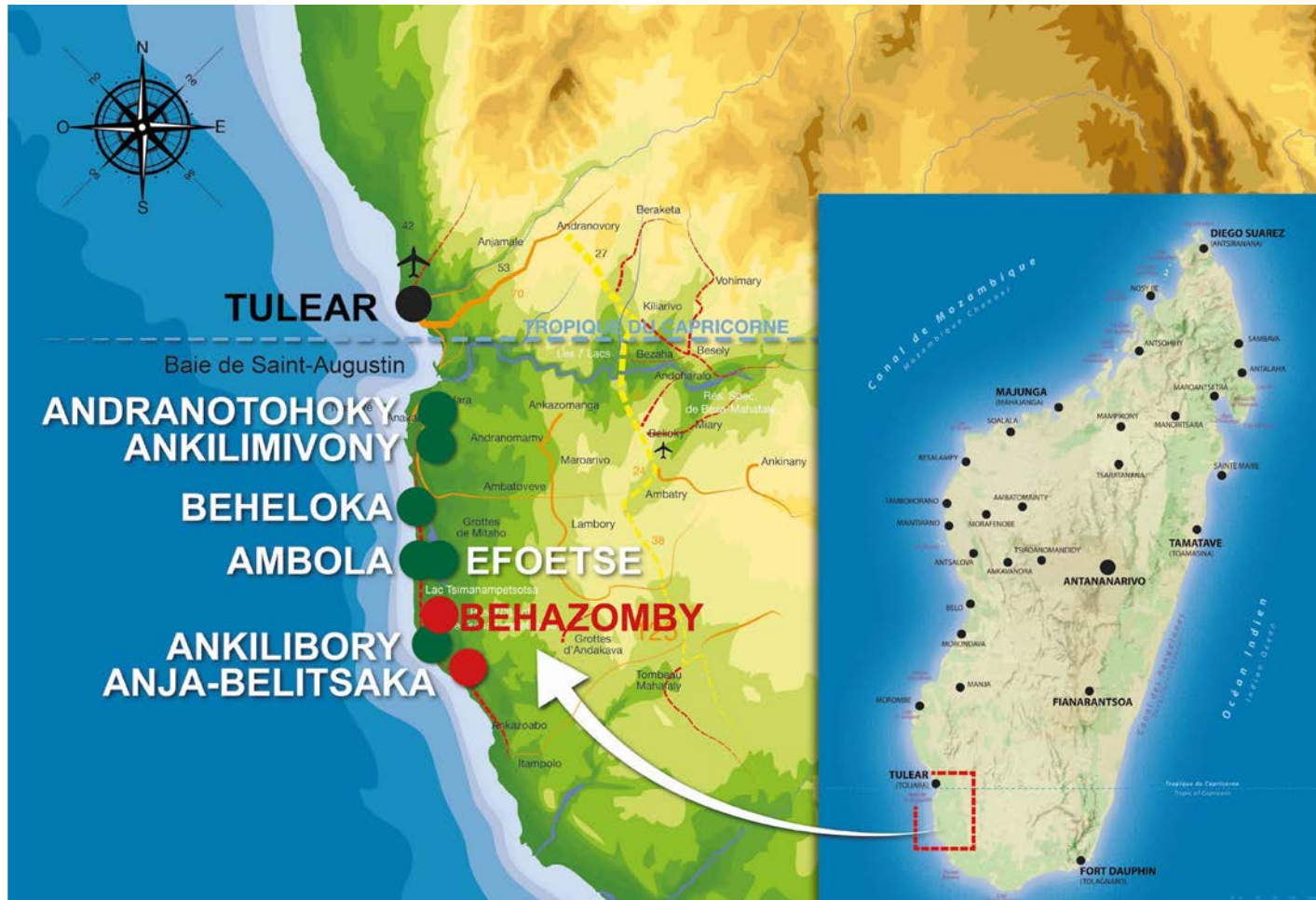




IV. And tomorrow...

And tomorrow...

New sites



Besamata and **Behazomby**: creation of two schools in two large villages situated between Efoetse and Ankilibory

Anja-Belitsaka: creation of a third Junior High School

2021 – 2032

Tomorrow presents several challenges:

Create, at the request of villages too far from our current establishments, new sites while respecting a fair distribution of the installations and a balance between student populations.

Respond to the request for additional equipment on our current sites, to welcome an ever growing population of students and to provide extra-scholastic equipment (multi-sport fields, vegetable gardens, nurseries...), extending a place of learning into a place of public utility and support for community life.

Anticipate the arrival of a growing number of students post-High School by offering a curriculum so they can continue their training without having to leave their region.

Several potential solutions are envisaged:

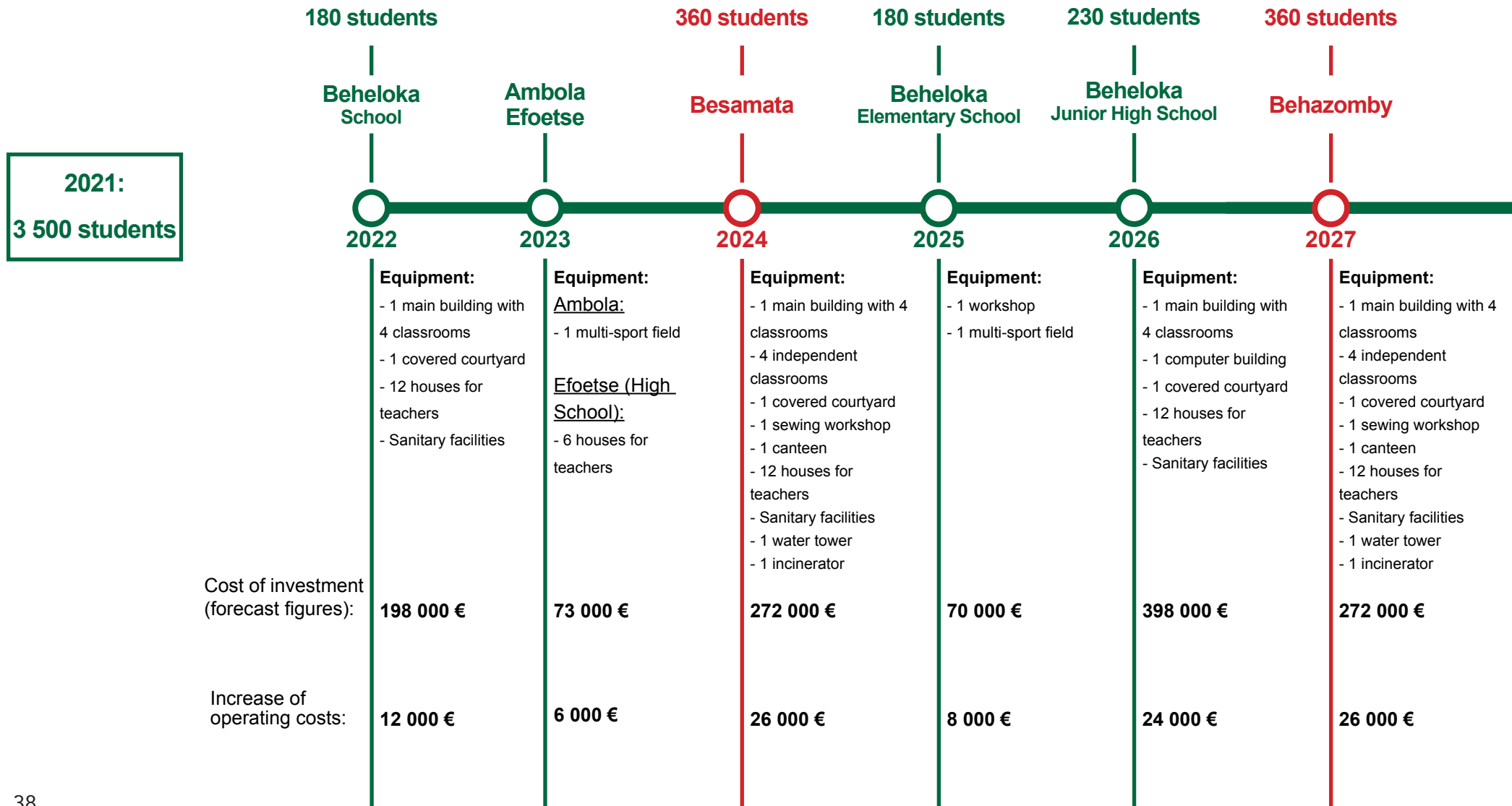
- Training in Computer sciences which is still far too limited in the region (1 Computer School for 80 students)
- Training in automobile mechanics adapted to the demands of dirt tracks
- Training for jobs in the growing tourist industry in the region, which opens a broad range of possible careers (cooks, chamber maids, stewards, managers...). We are looking for a partnership with a hotel group which could provide the curriculum.

Ensure reasoned expansion by prioritizing investments that have a limited impact on the cost of operations. Sustainable resources are key to sustainable action.

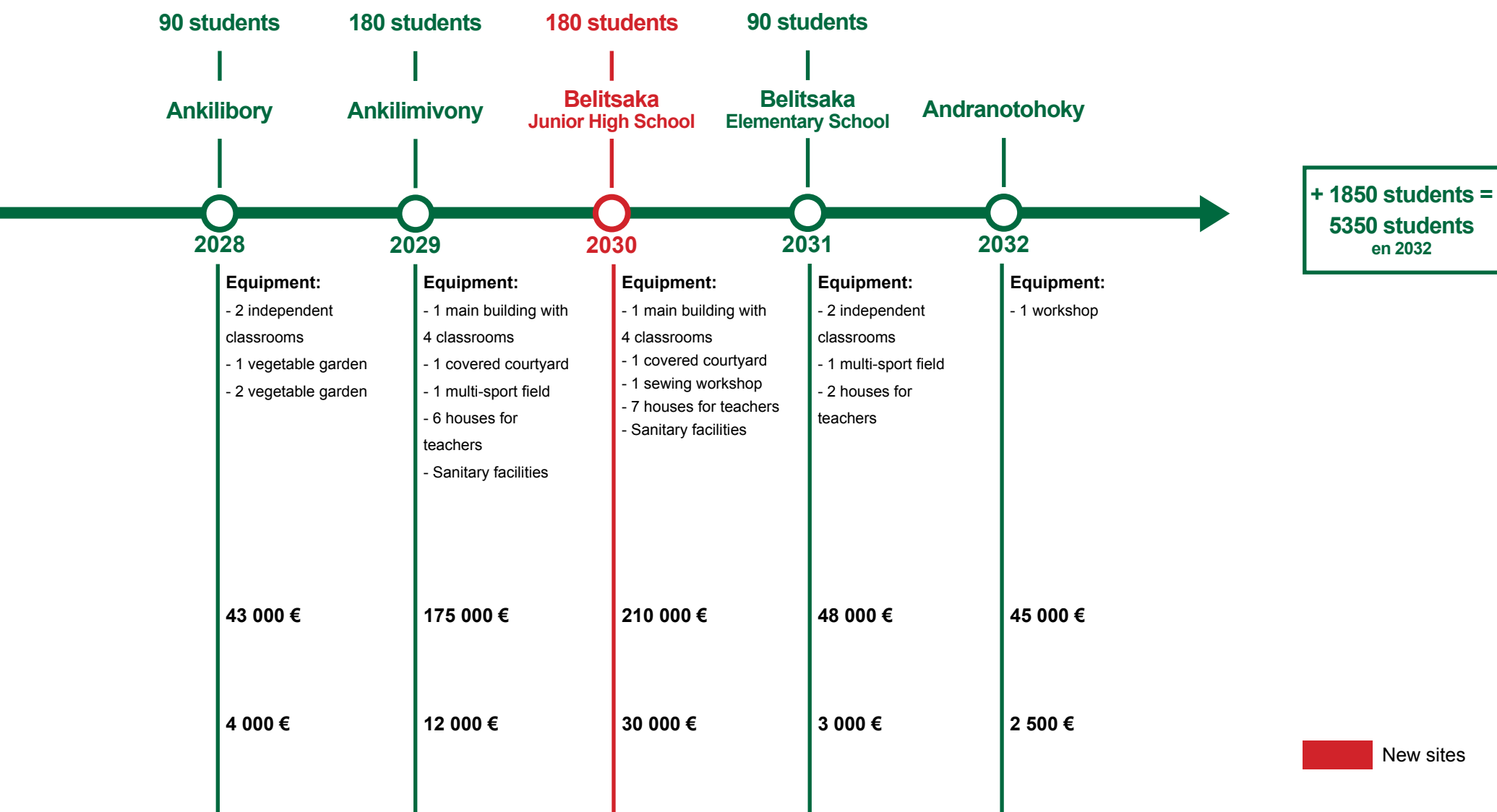
The development plan 2021-2032 corresponds to these principles and cautiousness:

- 3 new sites created (2 Elementary Schools and 1 Junior High School) in order to increase the density of our presence and welcome 900 additional students
- 8 current sites reinforced by additional equipment (school buildings, multi-sport fields, canteens, sewing workshops, vegetable gardens) and so we can welcome 870 additional students
- 1 Computer School for 80 students

And tomorrow...



And tomorrow...





v. Our means of action

Our means of action

Volunteer members of the Association

About 15 volunteers who, for the most part, come from the real estate group European Homes, run the Association.

Thanks to regular visits, they directly ensure the progress of the projects and the proper use of funds. They also carry out the administration of the Association thanks to the volunteer help offered by employees of the European Homes group who want to take part in the actions.

In addition, several volunteers, with a long experience in the field of education, contribute to the training of our teachers during regular in the field missions.

Thanks to our volunteers, *abc domino* has low operating costs. The Association consecrates the bulk of its resources to direct investments in projects in the field.

Our local relays

Before even considering any involvement in Madagascar, the team clearly saw that no project could succeed without a trustworthy, long-lasting and efficient local relay.

In Tulear, the regional capital:

- Rachel Rakotoson, Junior High School teacher, is the Association's representative in Tulear
- Tahina Raharijaona, our project manager, ensures the coordination of operations between visits of our volunteers in conjunction with the Association.
- Nathalie Andrianarisoa, our accountant, manages spending under our supervision and in conjunction with the local administration

The head of the Region, the DREN and the CISCO (Department of Education) and the relevant authorities are regularly informed of the progress of the projects which they fully support.

In the villages:

At the local level, no projects are launched without the unanimous agreement of the local authorities (Mayor, village elders, Presidents of villages). The "FRAM"s, Parent's associations created for each school, are actively associated with the management of the budget coming from the school fees.

Lastly, *abc domino* received a "headquarters agreement" from the Malagasy Ministry of Foreign Affairs which gives us the status of an Association certified by the Malagasy state. This allows us to have free visas, to import products (material, supplies, etc.) without customs duties and facilitates contacts with the different administrations.



Rachel Rakotoson



Tahina Raharijaona



Nathalie Andrianarisoa

Our means of action

Financial means

Our financial resources are 100% from sponsors and charitable donations.

The European Homes Group has been giving an annual subsidy to support the Association from the outset.

A loyal group of sponsors has supported **abc domino**'s actions for many years:

The Grazie Endowment Fund - The restauration goupe SLJ -
The Obélisque Foundation - The BEL Group Fondation -
The Société Générale Solidarité Foundation

In 2021, we have received support from new donors:

Next Decision - Aéroport de Paris Foundation -
Brageac Foundation - EDF - City of Paris

We need to mobilise additional resources to reach our objectives.

Your support alone can breathe life into these projects. For these children and their families, it is their future.

By your donations, share the ambition that has been guiding us for more than 18 years and underpin the commitment of the volunteers who ensure the sustainability of our action.

**In 2022, we will pursue our actions.
Everyone's generosity will contribute to our success.**



Your donation is deductible from French taxes (for other countries please refer to applicable laws):
- for individuals, 66% within the limit of 20% of taxable income
- for businesses, within the limit of your choice of 0.5% of you turnover or 10.000 euros (for small businesses)

Testimony



Solange Basile Sendrasoa
Headmaster of Efoetse High School

- What makes you passionate about your job?

The first thing that made me passionate was the organisation that abc domino put into place in each establishment. It motivates the teachers, in particular those who arrive from the bush for the first time. I would like to mention as well the exchanges and sharing that we have with the experienced retired French teacher volunteers from abc domino.

The community life of the teachers is not limited to work. We regularly organize little parties and outings to the sea for fun. We are both colleagues and neighbors. This creates a special and very pleasant atmosphere that is rarely found in schools.

All of this contributes to our students being more successful.

- Are there difficult moments?

Yes, of course. The region is isolated. We lack fresh products like fruits and vegetables, prices for essential items are very high and there is little basic medical care. Entertainment isn't very varied in the bush. There are only outings and small parties and sometimes sports competitions that the High School organizes. We all have access to laptop computers so we can watch films and listen to music. There is a television available for the personnel in the meeting room...but everyone has to agree on what to watch.

- How do you see the future of abc domino?

I don't think that abc domino will limit itself to secondary education. A case in point is the the Computer School which is almost finished and will be ready to open in 2022. It will offer higher level post-High School. I'm sure that the Association will keep moving forward.

I also think that abc domino will eventually find a way to improve the travel possibilities for teachers during vacations.

I would like abc domino to reinforce sex education even more. This has already helped change the mentality of many children and their parents especially as concerns pushing back the age when women have their first child.

This change in mentality has an impact on the improvement of the life of each family and young girls will have a better quality of life.





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