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**FEDERATION OF THE DEAF DEAF IN MADAGASCAR
ACTIVITIES REPORT (2005)**

I PREPARING

15 February 2005

FMM (Federation of the Deaf in Madagascar) has sent 4 projects to the Norwegian Association of the Deaf and the Atlas Alliansen: Education, Sign Language dictionary, Interpreter training for Deaf, Visit of deaf clubs in all regions. Total budget about those projects reaches 300 millions Ariary.

19 – 24 April 2005.

3 delegations of the Norwegian Deaf Association arrived in Madagascar to discuss about the project. They had meetings with the FMM committee and decided that the education project will wait for next year 2006 but the 3 other projects will go and half of the total budget will be provided.

6 – 8 June 2005

Official meeting organized by the ministry of population and the UNDP held in Mantsoa with the National Decade of Handicapped Person Committee.

II TASKS ACCOMPLISHED

2. 1 VISIT PROJECT

(By the President of FMM, the General Secretary and one Interpreter)

Antsirabe: 17 – 22 May 2005

Morondava: 07 – 13 June 2005

Antsiranana: 06 – 12 July 2005

Nosy Be: 13 – 18 July 2005

Mahajanga: 19 – 24 July 2005

Toliara: 17 – 23 August 2005
Ambositra: 15 – 18 September 2005
Toamasina: 11 – 17 October 2005
Fianarantsoa – Manakara – Farafangana: 07 – 17 November 2005
Antananarivo: December 2005

In general the persons or entities to be visited for each region are listed below:

- State Authorities (PDS, chief of the region, mayor, Director or ministry of population representative, DIRESEB, CISCO, TV or regional radios)
- Responsible for churches
- The regional Deaf Clubs (if exists)

Goals of the visit are:

- To inform about FMM and its projects.
- To sensitize all entities for taking care of the Deaf in the region.
- To bring awareness about Deaf Rights.

We are pleased to see that all regional authorities are ready to support the Deaf.

However, the FMM had to face problems because we did not have the opportunity to communicate with Deaf children of several schools. The principal of the Institute of Deaf in Madagascar prevent us to visit them. She does not want to co-operate with FMM.

2.2 MALAGASY SIGN LANGUAGE DICTIONARY

- All the way, they travel together with the visit project team at the same time.
- They collected Sign Language vocabularies used in different regions (photos and movies)
- They aim to collect 3000 vocabularies to print.

2.3 INTERPRETERS FOR DEAF

- They looked for 2 persons for each region who already used to communicate with the Deaf and who would be ready to follow 2 years trainings for being interpreters.
- 20 persons have been chosen.
- One month preliminary training have been organized for them in Antananarivo on August 2005.

2.4 EDUCATION PROJECT

It is not yet a 2005 project; however, there were some preparations which have been done.

- Preliminary discussion with the MENRS Director of Cabinet about “inclusion” of deaf children in Basic Study of Public School.
- To deposit the preliminary files in E.F.
- Preliminary discussion with the Ministry of Population General Secretary about “literacy” for Deaf.

OTHER PROJECTS

04 February 2005

First production of FMM magazine, published for Deaf all over Madagascar. The magazine is printed every 3 months.

21 – 25 March 2005.

Sign Language training for two representatives for each regional Deaf club, held in Akanin'ny Marenina 67ha.

Afterward they will train Sign Language to hearing parents that have deaf children and to other hearing persons in the society.

July 2005

FMM has put a demand about to translate the TV news at TVM in Sign Language for Deaf people. We have asked to do it three times (3 days) a week. Up till now, we have no satisfied response.

29 August – 03 Sept 2005

2 delegations from Norway came to Antananarivo (Mrs Hannes Kivtvear and Mr Stig Krarup) to bring explanation about Deaf Rights to the regional Deaf clubs representatives all over Madagascar. (place: Aka.Ma 67 Ha)

07 – 09 December 2005

Confédérations Nationales des Plates Formes pour le Droit de l'Homme. It is a seminary about Human Rights organized by the UNDP at Aparthotel Ambatoroka.

There are about 60 organizations that attend the seminary. (FMM representative: Raberanto Dimby)

2006 PROJECT

Regional Deaf Clubs had no project in the previous period. Now they are preparing projects:

- They will set up little carpentry firm for Deaf
- They will set up places for growing pigs, hens, bees.
- They will set up centre for sewing
- They will organize training about management and accounting...