



Antananarivo 16 January 2012.

Dear colleagues,

Now, it is the time to send the FMM about the general report for 2011. We, Federation of the Deaf in Madagascar, knew that the year 2011 was very difficult because the political it is still hard here Madagascar from 2009 to now. We still work at FMM office and visit outside in Madagascar. Several NGOs called FMM for meet and workshop about inclusion education in Madagascar. FMM made some lobbying about Malagasy sign language for Deaf people in Madagascar. Two new Deaf Associations (Toliara Toamasina) were created because they like activities. The education CBR existed again in Toliara, Antsirabe and Antananarivo. On 2010, FMM education CBR, some deaf children from FMM Tana remove to Deaf school in Antsirabe, Lutheran education inclusion with hearing pupils in Toliara because it is the Provert and Lutheran's project from Norwegian. But FMM okay because Deaf children from FMM CBR sent to Lutheran education inclusion and Deaf school but should use more Malagasy sign language. Increase the accessibility about Malagasy sign language from NGO's, Mayor etc in Antananarivo on 2011 than 2010, still continue in other regions.

As active the projects:

The Education, Associations, Sign Language, Accessibility, International news.

### **The Education:**

#### **REPORT OF Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR)**

Subject: To give knowledge for the Deaf illiterate 10 years up.

Objective: Deaf knowing to sign language and vocabularies.

Deaf knowing write their name.

1)

Place	Number of puplis	Teachers
Antananarivo: FMM office	08	Mandimby and Feno
Antsirabe: Primary Public School	09	Fara and Nirina
Toliara: In the Ministry of National Education	10	Vazo and Rolland

## 2) The work

- The study began on September 06<sup>th</sup> 2011 to Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011
- Antsirabe and Toliara have good collaboration with the State for example the state gave a room for the deaf, to visit different places and to assist at the closing of the study.
- Antananarivo, Toliara and Antsirabe made effort to finish all programs: sign language, calcul, visiting different places.

## 3) Results:

- The pupils know sign language and can communicate.
- Many pupils know writing
- In general, the pupils have open minds

## 4) The Deaf Parents wish that CBR will be continued.

The state in Toliara and Antsirabe were ready to give classroom for the Deaf

To extend the CBR is important for the Deaf in different region. A training of simple handwork is good on the future.

### PHOTO IN CBR

#### Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) in Antananarivo



### PHOTO CBR IN ANT SIRABE



## PHOTO CBR IN TOLIARA



## Handicap International:

International Handicap takes care of the education inclusive for the hard of hearing and half blind with hearing school in some regions in Madagascar. European Union funded 600 663 € for 2011 – 2014. Handicap International prepares it but not more use sign language.

## Unicef:

Unicef is active concerning the education inclusion with the Disability people in Diana (North Madagascar), Vakinankaratra Antsirabe, and Analanjanorofo (East) Toamasina, they bring President of Federation of the Deaf in Madagascar (FMM) and Federation of the Blind in Madagascar to show how to communicate thirty pupils to teach in hearing schools. And vice President of the FMM meet with some teachers from hearing schools in Antsirabe.

## PHOTO EDUCATION WORKSHOP IN DIANA



This man is the leader of the education in region Diana, north of Madagascar, he would like to collect deaf children in school in the future.



They were happy and like Learning Malagasy sign language again.

## Unesco

Unesco organized a conference about note **“Contribution to the promotion of Education for Sustainable Development in Madagascar”** for 2012 – 2014, invite FMM and I was the representative



from Plate Form of the Federations Disabled in Madagascar. Many people took speech during the different conference.

Five goals:

- 1) Education
- 2) Environment
- 3) Sustainable Human Development,
- 4) Parternariat
- 5) Governance



## Associations:

### New Association in Toliara (FIMAMITO)

The FMM Board visited the Deaf Association in Toliary. It has a problem since many months. The Board tried to arrange. Now the problem is resolved because a new association is built and many Deaf people are happy to attend the meeting. The Name is Developed Deaf Association in Toliary (Fikambanan'ny Marenina Mivoatra Toliara) FIMAMITO. 16 deaf people came. And the members of FIMAMITO have voluntary to teach sign language for hearing.



General Assembly of FIMAMITO



New FIMAMITO board in Toliara

## Association of the Deaf in Toamasina (Fikambanan'ny Marenina Betsimisaraka)



New members Fikambanan'ny Marenina Betsimisaraka



New FIMABE Board :from right the 3rd Mrs Adeline president of FIMABE.

## Association of the Deaf women in Madagascar

### (Vondrona Vehivavy Marenina eto Madagasikara)

VVMM General Assembly in Antsirabe Members: 52

To discuss about the VVMM Statute and the interior rule after the committee 2011 – 2015 (see picture below)

**Goal project: Make print on tee shirt for 4 years.**



Association of the Deaf in Mahajanga:

**Mayor in Mahajanga wants to cooperate with the TV M3 on sign language every Sunday midday. Many hearing know sign language and know sign language in Hospital and church in Mahajanga,**



## Accessibility

Mr Dimby Raberanto president of the Plate Form of the Federation of the Handicapped Person financed by Water Aid organized a lobbying for the health, Sanitary and accessibility for the Handicapped Person, UN convention human right of the disabled persons and Malagasy sign language in law. The General Secretary of the Ministry of the Water was the good father and the representative of different Ministry came. Different Medias, journalists, radio, National and Private TV.

14 persons who finished the Sign language training about communication with the Deaf received certificates. They are from different offices like Military, Mayor, Hospital, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Population, private. 6 people absent! See on photo below.



General Secretary of the Ministry of the Water give certificates about Sign Language for the 8 hearing students.



8 persons are from the Ministry education, Population, Military, Hospital, mayor etc but 6 were absents.





The 6 people hearing training sign language from WaterAid in Office at Antananarivo.



They song on sign language about environnement water..

## International

Federation of the Deaf in Madagascar representative from Madagascar are Mr Raberanto Dimby Sombiniaina and Ms Razafimalala Vololoniaina. They assist to the World Federation of the Deaf General Assembly in Durban (South Africa). Mr Rivo Andriamampianina assist to the World Association Sign Language International in Durban.



To prepare the departure of Two deaf young from Madagascar is selected to follow a trining in Norway from August 18, 2011 to May 20 , 2012 : Mr Herman ( Tanà) and Mss Léocadie (Toamasina) . They training about active different arts, sports, computers, sign language, leadership etc. Al Norway paying food, materials for them. The Ministry of the Population represented by the Director General Mr Andriamboahangy Ramandasoa Jaona (Ministry of the Population) helped them for the payment of their air tickets, giving them some advices. (See [www.al.fhs.no](http://www.al.fhs.no))



Ministry of Population sent me to the World Disability Union

Mr Dimby Raberanto Sombiniaina President of Plate form of the Federation of the Person with Disabilities in Madagascar is the delegate to meet the new World Disability Union General Assembly in Hotel Wow in Istanbul Turkey. Different delegations from 65 countries come at the meeting. The Theme: "We know no barriers"



Left President WDU Mr Metin Senturk and vice Mr Necdet Osturk, they are Turkey



They are Deaf from right Kosovo, Iran, Ethiopia, Turkey and Madagascar



## The Africa Contact Group for Mental Health and Deafness

### THEME

**Working together for a better future for D/deaf people on the African continent**

**3rd Africa Workshop of the Africa Contact Group for Mental and Deafness meeting in Ezulwini, Szaziland from 7 to 11 February 2011, attended by 130 delegates (79 Deaf and 51 hearing) representing 34 Africain countries agreed to the following declaration**



**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Africa Workshop (herein after Workshop) wishes to inform** all relevant role players and stakeholders in the public and private sector that the delegates vigorously participate in discussions and resolutions regarding working together for a better future for Deaf people and their families in Africa. The Workshop invites all entities of society to join efforts to give effect to the theme “Working together for a better future for Deaf people and their families in Africa” of the Workshop.

**The Workshop urges governments, that have not done so yet,** to put laws and regulations in place to ensure that Sign Language takes its rightful place alongside other official languages in countries – specifically in schools and other education and training settings to give equal access to Deaf people in school and tertiary education. The Workshop urges governments to put in place criteria, rules and regulations to require that teachers of the Deaf are proficient in Sign Language before entering Deaf education. /The Workshop encourages teachers of the Deaf to become proficient in Sign Language within two years entering Deaf education and urges governments to put rules and regulations into place to support teachers to reach the required proficient.

**The Workshop expresses concern** that Deaf children of hearing parents are not exposed to Sign Language in their early childhood and urges relevant government departments; NGO’s and schools to put into place support programmes for parents to learn Sign Language soon after the birth of the Deaf child.

**The Workshop requests** that all relevant parties in society include Deaf people in decision making processes.

**The Workshop demands that the** United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities be adhered to specifically where it refers to Deaf people. The Workshop calls on African countries to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and ensure that legislation is aligned there with.

**The Workshop sensitizes** health and mental health services to the fact that Deaf people are faced with enormous communication barriers and discrimination when they need to access services. The Workshop brings under the government’s attention the risk of misdiagnosis and inappropriate treatment due to communication inefficiencies of health and mental health professionals. This also applies to judicial services and their professionals.

**The Workshop strongly believes that more can be done** by authorities to ensure equal access to information for Deaf people.

**The Workshop strongly emphasizes that accessible** communication in the Deaf person’s own language is essential, which include mandatory requirements for appropriate and effective communication support to be provided at no expense to the Deaf person when a Deaf person is admitted to a psychiatric setting, informed of treatment procedures, arrested by police, appear in court or should there be any action against a Deaf person by the state



Meeting in Valley Hotel in Ezulwini, Swaziland