



**Federationan'ny Marenina
eto Madagasikara
Federation of the Deaf
in Madagascar**

- **FMM is an independent association but welcomes all cooperation with governmental or NGO. FMM does no faith, political nor ethnical segregation.**
- **170 000 Deaf people in Madagascar by WHO, but 1% Deaf people know official sign language. 7 Lutheran Deaf Schools, 2 private Deaf schools, 1500 students.**

FMM VISION

Deaf people live in full human right as all people and sign language is recognised

- In 2004, 4 Deaf clubs, 120 members
Now, 16 Deaf clubs and 400 members.
Association of the Deaf women in M/car
- 5 Women Deaf clubs
- On Sept 2010: 3 regions, 30 faight against illeteracy.
- In 2009: 3 Social helper for deaf
35 interpreters, 20 staff, hospital, etc know sign language

FMM visits deaf clubs, encourages members and gives info about Deaf people rights..



FMM Plan for 4 next years

DAM 2

Deaf Action in Madagascar
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Main objective

Life of deaf people in Madagascar improved

There are 5 domains of action that FMM implements projects:

- Health
- Education
- Livelihood
- Social
- Empowerment

1- Health

- **Purpose:**
 - There are more than 170.000 in Madagascar. But most of them are still hidden because of culture or ignorance.
 - The deaf ignore how to prevent getting popular diseases like aids, malaria... because of limited communication
- **Objectives**
 - Hidden deaf to be detected
 - Deaf people aware to prevent against popular diseases.

Actions

Actions	Place to implement the actions
Screening	Collaboration with centre of health (hospital...), ORL/Audiology Clinic, Churches, Local authorities
Sensitization: Give information and knowledge to the deaf: how to prevent them getting those popular diseases.	Farafangana Manakara Ambositra Ste Marie

2- Education

– Purpose:

- 2% - 4% of deaf children go to special schools.
- There are also many young deaf, older than 10 years old who did not go to school.
- Deaf who does not go to school does not have a language for communicating. That is the source of isolation

•Objective

- Young deaf older than 10 years old and deaf adult have sign language for communicating, and have basic knowledge for their life
- Young deaf are registered as members and can communicate to their peers.



Actions

Actions	Priority regions to implement the actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Educate the deaf in sign language- Literate the deaf who did not have access to school.-After the intervention, FMM will send the younger to the school if accessible. And FMM will send the older to the job project (see the livelihood action).-Deaf adults visit and teach sign language at home, classroom, the parents of the Deaf.	<p>Ambositra Fandriana Manakara Ambatondrazaka Toliara Antananarivo Antsirabe Ste Marie Antalaha</p>

3- Livelihood

– Purpose:

- Less than 10% of the deaf who have finished their study from the school for deaf get employment.
- The deaf adult have to be trained for getting income to survive.
- The communication is a barrier for them to ask for job, to behave in the place they work, to sustain working in a company...
- The deaf is easy to work among them.

- **Objective**

The deaf get job

Actions

Actions	Priority regions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Coach the deaf who get their academic diploma from schools for deaf in vocational training. •Create jobs for them •Give tools to run their work •Follow up the works and ensure the IGR system (Income Generator Resources) 	<p style="text-align: center;">Antananarivo Antsirabe</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Train young/adult deaf with low education level for job - Create job for them, give tools and help them to run their works. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Ambositra Farafangana TanaAntsirabe Ambilobe Toliara</p>

4- Social

– Purpose:

- 10% of members do not have birth certificate and 12% of the deaf adult do not have the citizen card ID.
- 37% of deaf women use the contraceptive method. That is to say that it is difficult for the deaf to access the hospital or centre for health care. The communication is a barrier.
- Deaf people have their own culture but even they underestimate it.

•Objective

Accessibility of social service and involvement in society life by the deaf improved

Actions

Actions	Priority regions
Help the deaf to get birth certificate and citizen card ID	National level (all deaf clubs)
Train staff of hospitals in sign language	National level (places where there are deaf clubs)
Train staff of commune office (town hall) in sign language	National level (places where there are deaf clubs)
Train new interpreters for the region where there are many deaf people	Antsirabe
Organize a deaf culture day	In Toliara 2012

5- Empowerment

– Purpose:

- Some deaf clubs do not have yet official status. They have difficulties because of low leadership.
- The status of sign language is still in low level.

- **Objectives**

- All deaf clubs are lawful
- Communication between all deaf clubs and FMM is improved
- Malagasy Sign Language is promoted

Actions

Actions	Place to implement the actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Help the deaf clubs to get official status- Strengthen the leadership within deaf clubs- Intervene when there are conflict inside one deaf club	Toliara Toamasina Mahajanga Ambolobe Ambositra Ambatondrazaka Manakara Ste Marie Antsiranana
Promote the Sign Language	National level

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