



Madagascar Disabilities, Education & Support Project 2020/2021

Nosy Be – Madagascar

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Organisation Profile – Learn Achieve Become

Since our registration with the UK charity commission in September 2017, Learn Achieve Become have been dedicated to providing free education, sports & community development projects across the world. Our slogan 'education without boundaries' is reflective of our services – We work with everybody, regardless of their age, race, gender, religion, social status or ability.

Having already delivered 2 short projects in Nosy Be, Madagascar, Learn Achieve Become have decided to focus most of our attention towards this particular region. In May 2019, Learn Achieve Become received official confirmation & recognition from the government of Madagascar by registering an official partner NGO (Non-Governmental Organisation) under the name of *Sunrise Madagascar*.

Sunrise Madagascar shares the aims, values & structure as Learn Achieve Become, yet receives direct input from local Malagasy people, ensuring that all projects can be delivered with maximum effect.



Project Introduction

The island of Nosy Be lies 3KM off of Madagascar's North-West coast. Around the same size as the Isle of Wight, Nosy Be is home to approximately 70,000 people, the majority of whom belong to the Sakalava Malagasy ethnic group. Nosy Be is Madagascar's most visited tourist destination, yet, much like the rest of the country, many of the local people live in cases of extreme poverty. Madagascar is consistently ranked as one of the poorest nations in the world, with around 77% of the population living on less than \$2 per day. A lack of enrolment in education & minimal employment opportunities are some of the factors which keep Malagasy people trapped in a cycle of poverty.

The needs of which we aim to meet through the *Madagascar Disability Education & Support Project* (MDESP) were first identified by staff members of Learn Achieve Become during a project in 2017. Since then, it has been our top priority to create an ongoing project, combatting the lack of educational & employment opportunities for people in Nosy Be.

Learn Achieve Become / Sunrise Madagascar shall implement 4 programs throughout the course of MDESP:

- 1 - Creating & running the first disability education centre on the island (The Sunrise Centre)
- 2 - Providing various educational courses across a range of subjects
- 3 - Increasing overall sports participation & opportunities
- 4 - Running various community development schemes



Project Overview

Through the implementation of MDESP, all organisations involved shall work collectively within the parameters of education, sports & community development, both alone & with partner organisations, to improve the quality

of life for as many people as possible around Nosy Be. Upon receiving final-phase funding, it's aimed for MDESP to become a sustainable & permanent project, operating on the island of Nosy Be for many years to come.

To deliver all aspects of MDESP, Learn Achieve Become & Sunrise Madagascar will employ 3 full-time staff members, 2 part-time staff members & recruit several professional & adequately trained volunteers. All staff members involved in MDESP have previous experience in teaching, disability work, sports coaching and/or social/charitable work, ensuring that the project shall be delivered to the highest standard.

In August 2018, both Learn Achieve Become & Sunrise Madagascar received permission from various local authorities to implement the MDESP (document attached). As a country, Madagascar is wholly committed to improving the education of its population. The Malagasy constitution stipulates that every child has the right to free primary education & this is reflected in the government's commitment to achieve the *International Education for All* (EFA) targets. The government of Madagascar welcomes the support of international NGO's, who aim to fulfil their commitment, particularly those with a local influence.

Unfortunately, not everybody in Madagascar receives an education, and for those that do, there are numerous limitations which prevent them from achieving their full potential. There is an overall lack of resources in Malagasy schools, with 40% of pupils not having a seat meeting the required standard. Around 20% of children are without desks, only 23% of school's have libraries & there is an average of three computers per 10 schools. Economics & poverty also play a large part in the education of Madagascar's youth. In poorer, rural communities, the school enrolment rate is estimated to be as low as 55%, compared to around 95% in the wealthiest regions of Madagascar.

Among those not receiving an education in Madagascar are people with disabilities. Throughout the nation, there are only a handful of facilities that provide care & education for people with disabilities. Over the years, the Malagasy government have made various commitments upholding the rights of people with disabilities. Law no. 97-044 (1997) laid the ground for other legal texts in the rights of people with disabilities, Outlining the rights of people with disabilities to health, education, training, jobs & social protection. Decree no.2001-162 relating to that law was adopted in February 2001, which gave children & young people with disabilities the right to education.

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– UNICEF 2015

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M.D.E.S.P shall be implemented through 4 programs:

Program 1 – The Sunrise Centre Nosy Be

On Nosy Be, there are currently no facilities for people with disabilities – leaving those born with a disability in the constant care of their family members. This has a knock-on effect, as family members are unable to find work, therefore falling further into the poverty cycle.

By creating the first facility on the island, *The Sunrise Centre*, Learn Achieve Become / Sunrise Madagascar shall be fulfilling the right to an education whilst providing daily care & support for up-to 40 young people with various physical & intellectual difficulties. The Sunrise Centre shall also help to lift local adults with disabilities & the family members of students out of poverty by providing employment initiatives & respite.



Staff & parents on our newly purchased land

The centre shall follow a life-skills based curriculum, specially designed by Learn Achieve Become, which focuses on helping individuals with disabilities to achieve their maximum potential. All education shall be delivered in a non-formal setting, in accordance with the relevant child protection & safeguarding policies of Learn Achieve Become.

Alongside the facilities for youth education, the centre shall also contain a workshop for adults with disabilities & parents/carers of our students. The workshop shall focus on small-scale employment initiatives, such as making traditional Malagasy crafts, which can be sold to tourists around the island.

Located upon 800m² of fertile land in the outskirts of Ambonara village *The Sunrise Centre* shall be entirely professionally designed & constructed, with inclusivity & accessibility being the top priorities. One of our partner organisations, *MRCI*, have committed to fully purchasing the land, building the centre & recruiting future volunteers all in the name of Learn Achieve Become / Sunrise Madagascar.

Every aspect of The Sunrise Centre shall meet with the key recommendations laid out by UNICEF in their 2015 report: *A study on children with disabilities and their right to education: Madagascar*

Key recommendation A: Creating an inclusive culture

Key recommendation B: Developing inclusive practices

Key recommendation C: Ensuring an inclusive environment

Key recommendation D: Delivering quality, inclusive education

This program shall remain as the priority-program throughout the duration of MDESP

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Program 2 – Various Educational Courses

In Madagascar, education is a commodity in short supply. The combination of large schooling fees, transportation & uniform costs often leads to young people dropping out of education altogether. Throughout the duration of MDESP, Learn Achieve Become / Sunrise Madagascar will provide free & accessible educational courses across the following:

English as a foreign Language – With growing tourism rates across Madagascar, learning English as a foreign language is becoming increasingly essential. On a weekly basis, Learn Achieve Become shall provide X2 English classes, targeting both beginner & intermediate level speakers of the English language.

Literacy – Madagascar's adult literacy rate is 71.5% & the majority of the illiterate population reside in rural communities. Throughout MDESP, Learn Achieve Become/Sunrise Madagascar shall work closely with community leaders to deliver our reading & writing course, helping to raise literacy rates in rural communities across Nosy Be.

Environmental Education – It's a little-known fact that Madagascar has lost around 80% of its natural forest cover & that many of the country's marine species are in rapid decline. On the island of Nosy Be, where fishing & tourism are the main industries, losing the abundance of local aquatic species & the natural forest cover of the island would have devastating results on the tourism industry, local wildlife & rural lifestyles. By providing environmental education in areas where it's needed the most, we help to reduce man-made impact on the forest & ocean surrounding Nosy Be.

Program 3 – Equal Sports Opportunities

Participation in sports is known to have multiple benefits, from improving physical/mental health, to heightening social skills & academic performance. During MDESP, Learn Achieve Become / Sunrise Madagascar shall improve sporting access & opportunities for people across Nosy Be, with a particular focus on female inclusivity.

Among our free sporting opportunities, we shall include:

- Youth / Adult Football Club
- Youth / Adult Basketball Club
- Extreme Sports Club
- Female-only Sports clubs
- Various sports events & competitions



A student learning to skateboard in 2017

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Program 4 – Developing Communities

Throughout the vast island of Madagascar, community spirit & cohesion is vital for the large percentage of the population who live in rural & semi-rural communities.

Throughout the duration of MDESP, Learn Achieve Become / Sunrise Madagascar aim to strengthen small communities in Nosy Be & nearby islands by working in partnership with a number of locally registered organisations to deliver small-scale development programs.

All community development programs are designed alongside community leaders, with input from the wider community. The aim of 'Program 4 – Developing communities' is to improve the quality of life / standard of living for residents among 4 different rural communities across Nosy Be.

Future examples of community development work throughout the duration of MDESP are likely to include:

- Small scale construction & reparations of public facilities
- Agricultural support networks & advice
- Clean-up operations
- Community events
- Business start-up opportunities
- Waste recycling & management solutions
- Clean water solutions

'Throughout the duration of MDESP it is the intention of Learn Achieve Become / Sunrise Madagascar to work within the parameters of education, sports & community development, both alone & with local partner organisations, to help improve the quality of life for as many people as possible across the island of Nosy Be'

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Project Budget

The delivery of MDESP is dependent upon receiving the final-phase funding as requested in this proposal. Once received, funds shall remain in Learn Achieve Become's UK bank account until the project is implemented & funds shall be transferred to Sunrise Madagascar's local bank account.

All funds received are to be used entirely in accordance with the described budget, with any surplus / remaining funds being used as continuation costs for the future of MDESP.

For Learn Achieve Become & Sunrise Madagascar, accountability, transparency & quality of service are among the top priorities for delivering MDESP. All accounts, income/outgoings & policies relating to finance are available from Learn Achieve Become are available upon request.

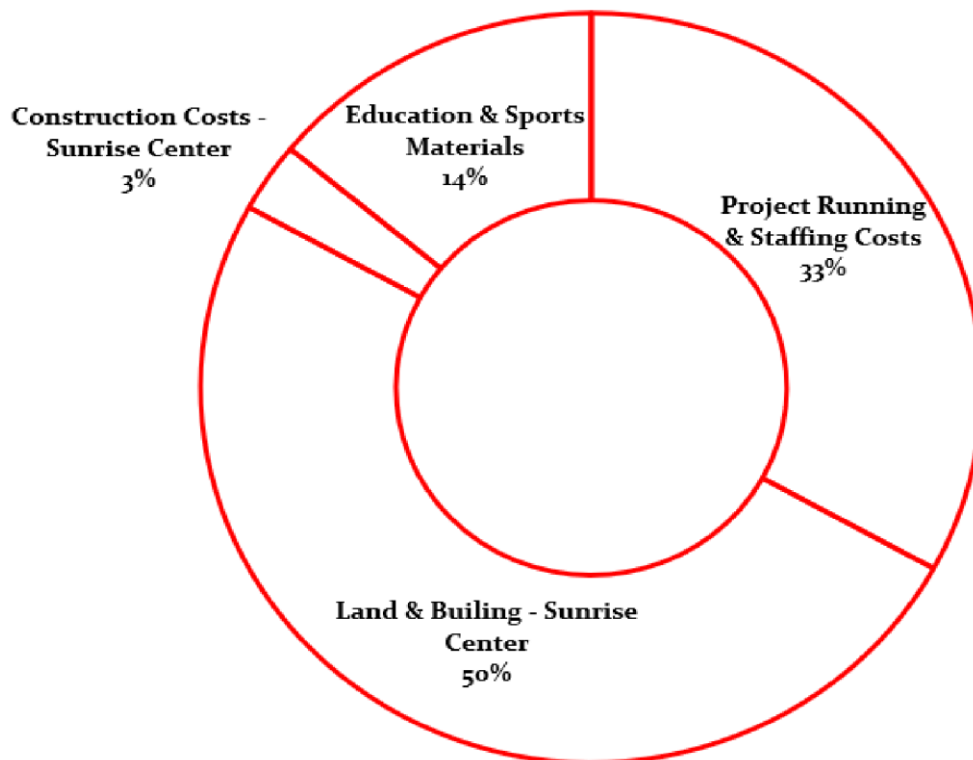
The total project budget for MDESP stands at £50,000 & is divided among 4 categories:

Land & Building – The Sunrise Centre - £25,000

Construction Costs – The Sunrise Centre - £1,500

Project Running & Staffing Costs - £16,500

Education & Sports Materials - £7000



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Land & Building – The Sunrise Centre / Construction Costs – The Sunrise Centre As of November 2019, Learn Achieve Become entered an informal partnership with the Malagasy registered NGO *Madagascar research & conservation institute* (MRCI). The partnership agreement stated that, as an act of goodwill, MRCI will purchase approximately 800m2 of land, within a highly accessible region of Nosy Be to be used for a purpose-built disability education centre. Then, MRCI will consult amongst their partners, staff & volunteers to design & construct the disability centre. Once finished, the centre shall be handed over to Learn Achieve Become / Sunrise Madagascar for the implementation of MDESP.

Approximate Costs:

Land – 800m2 - £20,000
 Architecture & design - £4,800
 Planning & legal fees - £200
 Labour Costs – Construction - £500
 Labour Costs – Plumbing - £500
 Labour Costs – Electricity - £500
Total – £26,500



Education & Sports Materials

As of September 2019, Learn Achieve Become entered an informal partnership with the UK registered charity *Jacob's Well Appeal*. *Jacob's Well Appeal* collects & sends various forms of aid to developing countries around the world, with the intention of improving livelihoods for disadvantaged groups. Through an informal partnership agreement, Jacob's Well appeal have agreed to equip Learn Achieve Become with all the necessary education, sports & disability equipment necessary for implementing MDESP. Jacob's Well Appeal will send a 40ft shipping container from the UK directly to Nosy Be, at no cost for Learn Achieve Become / Sunrise Madagascar.

Approximate Costs:

Shipping Container – 40ft - £2,500
 Education, sports & disability-friendly equipment - £1,000
 Shipping Costs – UK – Nosy Be, Madagascar - £3,500
Total - £7,000



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Project Running & Staffing Costs

As previously mentioned, throughout the duration of MDESP, Sunrise Madagascar shall employ X3 full-time staff & X2 part-time staff members, all of whom are experienced in the fields of either education, sports coaching, disability care or charitable work. Once the transfer of the *Sunrise Centre* has been initiated between MRCI & Learn Achieve Become / Sunrise Madagascar, they shall ensure adequate funds are in-place to maintain daily activities.

Approximate Costs:

X3 Full-time Staff - £4,000 P.A - £12,000

X2 Part-time Staff – (As & when) - £3,500

The Sunrise Centre – Annual Running Costs - £1,000

Total: £16,500

Requested Funding

Before implementing MDESP, Learn Achieve Become / Sunrise Madagascar require final-phase funding. Alongside the funds raised from Learn Achieve Become's regular fundraising activities & donor support network, the requested amount shall help to cover the **Project Running & Staffing Costs** for the initial year of MDESP.

Current Funds: £10,000

Requested amount – Up to £6,500

Grants & donations of **£1,000** + will feature on the donors 'wall of fame' in the Sunrise Centre.
£2,000 + will receive the above & a personalised thank you message from our staff & students
£3,000 + will receive the above + a free 7-day stay in Nosy Be (flights not included)

On behalf of all our future students, staff & beneficiaries, I would like to say thank you for taking the time to read this proposal. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me:

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Sincerely,

Nathan Stapley – Director – Learn Achieve Become / Sunrise Madagascar

LETTRE D'AUTORISATION

A Nosy-Be et aux îles de ses alentours nous avons un effectif de plus de vingt jeunes handicapés mentaux qui ont besoin d'aide en termes d'éducation, de loisirs,...pour être avec nous tous, comblés d'amour et de joie jusqu'à avoir la raison de vivre. Alors que vue l'absence d'un centre éducatif pour eux et à la demande de leurs parents, la communauté et tous les autres personnes inclus.

Nous soussignés, le Maire de la Commune Urbaine de Nosy-Be, le Préfet de la police de Nosy-Be, Le Responsable de la protection de l'enfant à Nosy-Be et le Chef CISCO de Nosy-Be, donnons l'autorisation pour la création d'un tel centre n'ayant pas un but lucratif à Nosy-Be.

Ceci est pour servir ce que de droit

Le Chef de la Circonscription
Scolaire

RAKOTONIRINA Sylvanot
1^{er} Adjoint au Maire

Fait à Nosy-Be, le 27 Août 2018



LETTRE OF AUTHORIZATION

In Nosy-Be and its surrounding isles, we have a team of staff ready to help more than 20 young people with learning difficulties. These children all need help in terms of day to day life skills, leisure and education. Our students need to be filled with love and joy and to have a reason to live. Considering of a lack of educational center for our students, and at the request of their parents, the local community and all other people considering.

We, the signers including the Maire of the Urbaine Commune of Nosy-Be, the Prefect of the Police of Nosy-Be, the Head of Child Protection in Nosy-Be and the CISCO Chief, the main authority of education in Nosy-Be give the authorization for the creation of such a center which shall stand without profit having in Nosy-Be.

This is to serve and stand up for what is right.

Zanako tsy hariako- I will not disregard my children no matter what

Done at Nosy-Be, August 27, 2018

