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# Blue Ventures Primary and Secondary School Scholarship Programme 2009-2010



2009/2010 BV scholarship recipients, 5me grade, Andavadoaka



## The School Scholarship Programme

In 2006 Blue Ventures launched a scholarship programme that provides bright children in the Velondriake region with funding so that they can attend the Catholic Mission's primary and secondary schools in Andavadoaka, Morombe, and Tulear. Without this source of funding, many of the chosen primary school students would be forced to attend the public school, which is free, but in comparison, is very limited in its resources and teaching capabilities. For secondary school students wishing to progress to higher levels of education, paying a fee and attending a private secondary school is mandatory, as there are no public secondary schools anywhere in the Velondriake region. The Mission, along with members of the Velondriake committee, chooses which children are eligible to receive the scholarship, based on financial need and academic achievement.

Each year since 2006, the number of students requesting sponsorship from Blue Ventures has grown, and every year more and more children are being given opportunities for education that would otherwise be impossible for them. In the school year from 2009-2010, a total of 101 children from across Velondriake received scholarship assistance to attend school and to purchase supplies necessary for their education. Of that total, 76 were from Andavadoaka and 25 from remote neighbouring villages (**Figure 1a**). Neighbouring villages include the communities of Lamboara, Ampasilava, Befandefa, Tampoleve, Bevato, Vatoavo, Antsatsamoroy, Ankindranoke, Ambaloroa, Ankilimalinike, Ambalarao and Belavenoke, and the remote island communities of Nosy Ve, Nosy Andragnombala and Nosy Be (**Figure 1b**). Many of these villages lack decent education programmes of their own, especially upper level classes, forcing students to attend school elsewhere if they wish to continue their learning.

#### **Your Contributions**

The Blue Ventures scholarship programme covers an annual school entrance fee for each student, monthly school fees for each student, as well as a monthly food stipend for those students coming from outside Andavadoaka or studying in Morombe and Tulear. In 2009-10, there were 33 students who studied away from their home villages, and received this food stipend. Each student also receives supplies such as pens, paper, books and other educational materials, as needed. Students request replacement materials directly from BV programme organisers, allowing programme organisers to verify each student's progress.

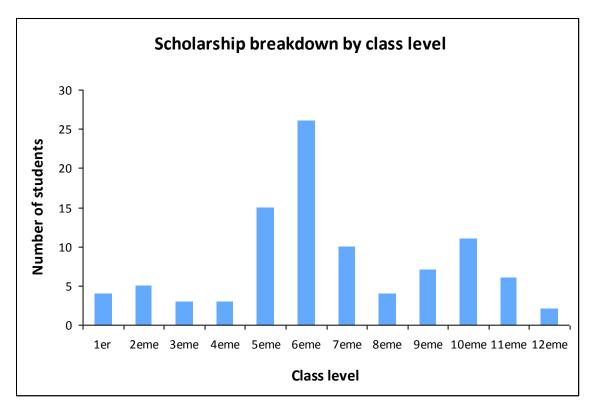
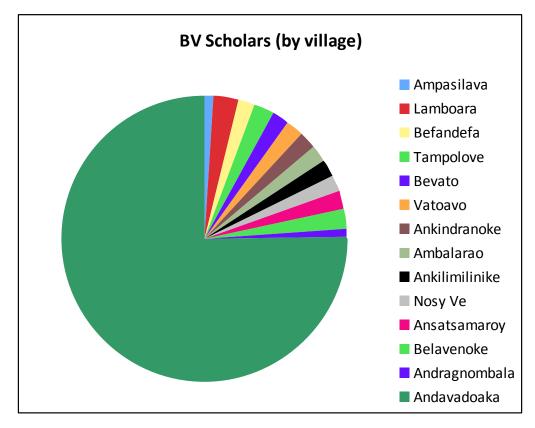
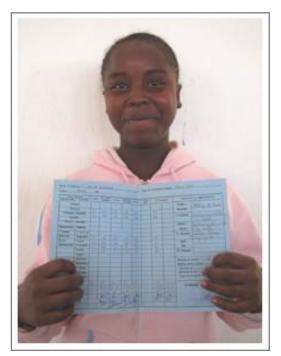


Figure 1a. Number of students sponsored by the BV Scholarship programme by grade.



**Figure 1b.** Number of students from each village sponsored by the BV Scholarship programme, shown as a percentage of the total number.

## The Impact of the Programme



Julienne Ella from Andavadoaka is proud to show off her scores at the end of school ceremony in July 2010; her good grades mean she graduates from class 7eme to 6eme.

Many of the 2009-10 scholarship recipients gather at the end-of-school ceremony, held in July 2010, where students receive report cards and prizes for the top three students in each class are distributed.





"We here at the school are very happy to have Blue Venture's help. The thing we have really noticed is the increased number of students in school since Blue Ventures started the program in 2006. I hope that BV volunteers can continue to support this program, and that it can continue for a long time."

- Sister Margueriete Marie Rasoa Vahiny – Director of the Catholic Mission



A mother picks up school supplies, provided by Blue Ventures, for her child.

Students leave class at the private primary school in Andavadoaka.





"It makes me happy to have this scholarship because it lets me study. My parents would not be able to pay, so thank you for helping."

– Valerio Huard Gaetan, class 5eme

"Thank you, Blue Ventures, for helping me with my studies. I may not have been able to study without this scholarship because there are a lot of children in my family." - Joindre Christophe, class 5eme





"Before, going to school didn't seem possible, but now, thanks to Blue Ventures, I can attend school." - Lucia Nengandrazany, classe 3eme

## The Future of the Programme

With the continued commitment of Blue Ventures staff, volunteers, and our valued donors and supporters of this cause, it is Blue Ventures' hope that we can continue to alleviate financial barriers within the local community, and by doing so, encourage promising students to continue their education, from primary school to secondary school and onwards. We strongly believe that education is the key to improving the lives of all community members and to fostering a greater awareness of environmental issues among all generations.

Thank you for your interest in the BV Scholarship programme. Please do not hesitate to contact Blue Ventures directly with any questions or comments regarding the programme.

#### School scholarship students 2009-2010

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