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Blue Ventures Primary and Secondary School Scholarship Programme 2010-2011



2010 - 2011 Blue Ventures' scholarship recipients, Andavadoaka



The School Scholarship Programme

In 2006 Blue Ventures launched a scholarship programme that provides bright children within the Velondriake Locally Managed Marine Area (LMMA), southwest Madagascar, with funding so that they can attend school in Andavadoaka, Morombe, and Tulear. Without this source of funding, the majority of these children simply would not have the opportunity to study. Even “free” public education is not free in Madagascar; there are entry fees at public school, and entry fees as well as monthly fees at private institutions. The quality of education tends to be superior at private institutions, in large part due to changes in the Malagasy government since 2009, thus many of our Blue Ventures’ scholars attend private school, especially at the primary level in Andavadoaka.

The Blue Ventures’ education programme works with members of the Velondriake Committee to select scholarship recipients, basing their choice on financial need and academic achievement. Blue Ventures’ staff and Velondriake Committee members work closely with school administrators, parents, teachers, and students to ensure the highest quality education, and the most robust support possible. This includes not only ensuring the essentials – school fees, notebooks, pens, pencils and other supplies – but also addressing individual issues that can jeopardise learning – like minor health problems, insufficient meals at home, and housing issues.

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 2010 – 2011 school year, a total of 108 children from across the Velondriake LMMA received scholarship assistance to attend school and to purchase supplies necessary for their education. Of that total, 63 were from the village of Andavadoaka and the remaining 45 from remote neighbouring villages

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. Each student also receives essential school supplies such as pens, paper, notebooks, and other educational materials, as determined by the school administration. A number of students receive extra help on a case-by-case basis, addressing easily-solved issues that are often major barriers to student success. Blue Ventures and the Velondriake Committee strive to maintain personal connections with each student, so as to identify and address individual challenges and improve everyone’s chances at academic success.

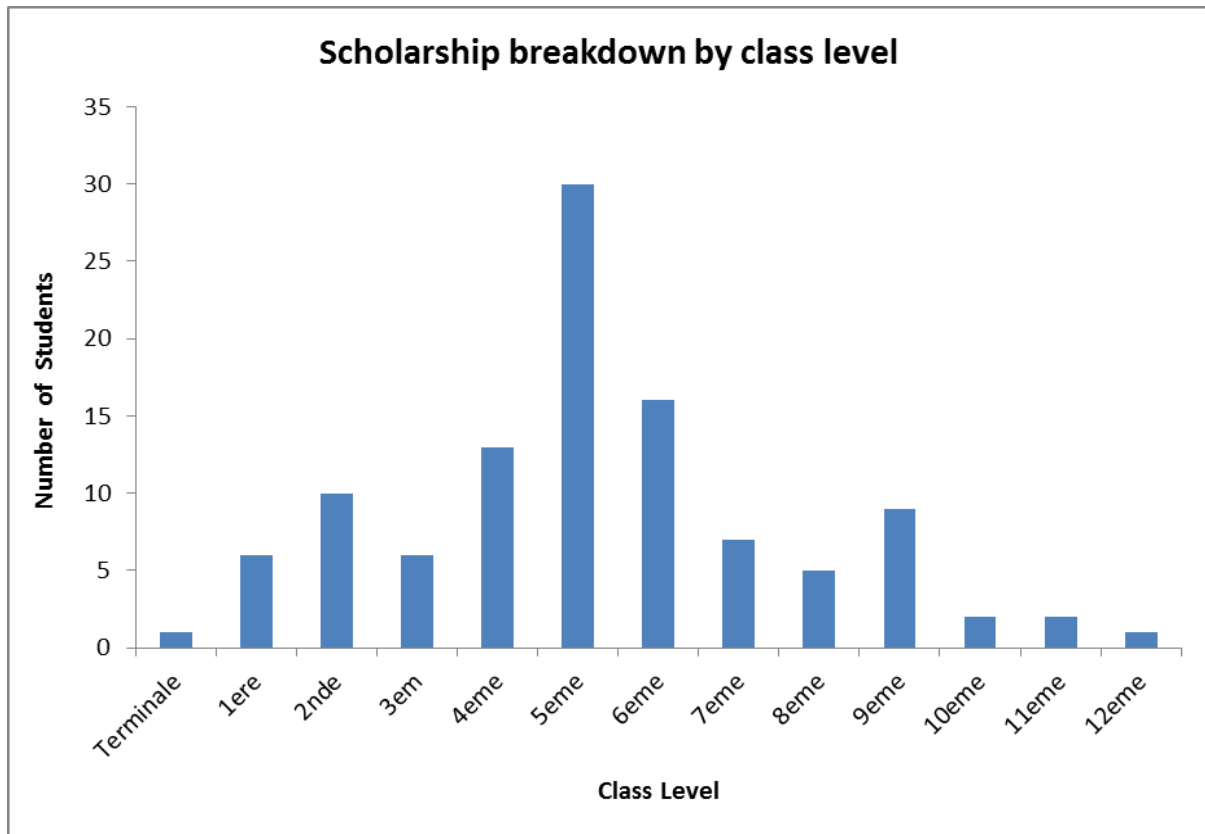


Figure 1. Number of students sponsored by the Blue Ventures' Scholarship programme by grade (2010 – 2011).

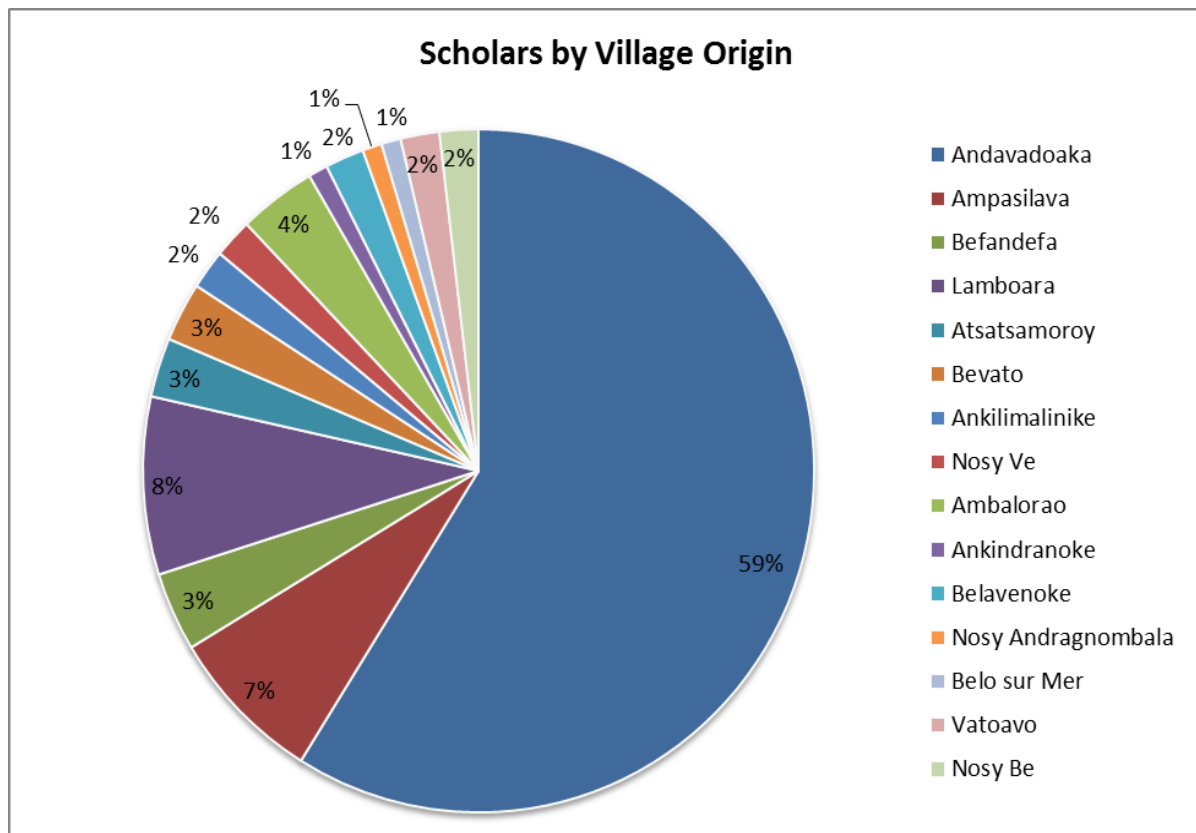


Figure 2. Number of students from each village sponsored by the Blue Ventures' Scholarship programme.

The Impact of the Programme



Class 11 and 10eme



The secondary school, College Sainte Famille, in Andavaoaka – where our older students attend classes.

“Having a sponsor is a really great opportunity for me to really push myself to reach my goals. Especially because as a girl as we really struggle to get ahead and be a part of our country’s future.”

Nirina, Blue Ventures’ scholar, class 2nde



Class 4eme 2010 - 2011

“My personal goal is to help my village to develop. There are not a lot of people who have the opportunity to study. I feel it is my duty to apply my education into helping to improve things here in my village - there is no better way for me to use my education. Thank you Blue Ventures for all the support you’ve given me.”

Odin Rily, Blue Ventures’ scholar, class 1ereD

The Future of the Programme

With the continued commitment of Blue Ventures’ staff, volunteers, and our valued donors and supporters, it is our hope that together we can continue to overcome financial barriers to education within the Velondriake community, and enable children to pursue their education, from primary school to secondary school and beyond. We strongly believe that education is the key to improving the lives of all community members, to fostering a greater awareness of environmental issues across generations, and to ensuring true long-term community-based natural resource management and conservation in coastal southwest Madagascar.

Thank you for your interest in the Blue Ventures’ Scholarship programme. To see a selection of videos featuring some of our scholarship students please visit our scholarship page at: <http://blueventures.org/school-scholarships/our-scholars.html> . If you would like to continue to be involved with our programme and would like to donate again please visit our Virgin Money Giving page [here](#).

School scholarship students 2010-2011

Viladmir Aime Damour	Term	Voafidy Moramiala	5em
Lahiniriko Francois	1ere A	Nolave Zafianake	5em
Odin Rily	1ere D	Andrienne	5em
Rodrique	1ere D	Perline Rosany	5em
Vavinirina Eleonord	1ere A	Velonirina Elouise	5em
Pascal Dieu Donne	1ere A	Voriavisoa Nivo	5em
Razafiniana Fabien	1ere D	Clemence Feleson B.	5em
Harinirina Solange Romain	2nde	Nambinisoa	5em
Nirina	2nde	Sambanazy Antoine	5em
Edguard	2nde	Winockly Lambert	5em
Jacque Paul Nantenaina	2nde	Dieu Donne Seraphin	5em
Odon Florent	2nde	Clemence Josiana	5em
Bozilahy Jean Narison	2nde	Marivavy Marie Brillantine	5em
Martin Marc Demour	2nde	Manantsoa Germain Odilon	5em
Tahindrazany Narison	2nde	Dieu Donne Romain	5em
Zafilahy Bino	2nde	Rufin Ranosy Ramarolahy	5em
Emile Elodie Rahantandrainirina	2nde	Ahy Nomenjanahary	6em
Augustin Jean Yves	3em	Ella Julienne	6em
Rosine	3em	Pascaline L. Rosalie	6em
Yvette Nirina Severy	3em	Finalison Kabia	6em
Max Aurelie Venance	3em	Raimana Elton	6em
Hortence Jean Baptiste	3em	Fricienne Felson Bezona	6em
Razanadrasoa Emilienne	3em	Emma	6em
Jean Marie Adolphe	4em	Pelagie	6em
Lahiniriko Buscotin	4em	Francoise Jacqueline	6em
Sambahita	4em	Celestin	6em
Raherimanana Camille	4em	Galbert Derason	6em
Vitaline Francoise	4em	Fulgence	6em
Jean Robuste Jupiter	4em	Angeline Francine	6em
Aprice Marie Toky	4em	Nomendramaro Sylvia	6em
Jean Herman	4em	Nomenitsoa Justine Eliane	6em
Anasthasie	4em	Ralalasoa Isabelle Felicia	6em
Angeltine Everine	4em	Razafitsimba J. Claude Durant	7em
Nambiny Nantenaina	4em	Lea Boniface	7em
Tovondrainy Angelo	4em	Dacise jean Tsimba	7em
Denis Davison	4em	Clarisse	7em
Alizantine	5em	Christine	7em
Aria Lorosa	5em	Adeline	7em
Errata Lorosa	5em	Mina Robertine	7em
Guillaume Jean Rigot	5em	Francisca Elisabeth	8em
Herline Melphine	5em	Mamilaina Zeneliny	8em
Romain Jean de la Croix	5em	Florette julienne	8em
Joindre Christophe	5em	Nircia Elouise	8em
Nantenaina Felicienne	5em	Soanilaina Raymonde	8em
Ngily Patrick Paul	5em	Pruma Jolie	9em
Per. Chantela Louise	5em	Francoise Romaine	9em
Ranaivoson Thierry	5em	Razanadraitiana Eliane	9em
Sambanomeny Ravoady	5em	Tsiriniaina Ahiko avao Jean de Dieu	9em
Solontena Raivosoa	5em	CornelleDos benefice	9em
Valerio Huillard Gaetan	5em	Ronaldo	9em
Randrianandrasana Bodia	9em	Thiefen Frid Jocelin	10em
Tafitasoa Eric Anthonio	9em	Menousy Evangelico Raphael	11em
Andrianirina I. Spencer	9em	Noria Veronique	11em
Theodore Marthin	10em	Sambazafy Joseph	12em