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Blue Ventures Primary and Secondary School Scholarship Programme 2011-2012

2011 - 2012 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. This year, the expanded Blue Ventures' education programme has even been able to offer support to teachers through training workshops and materials.

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 2011 - 2012 school year, a total of 190 children from across Velondriake received scholarship assistance to attend school and to purchase supplies necessary for their education. Of that total, 123 were from the village of Andavadoaka and the remaining 67 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 for those students studying in Morombe and Tulear, and a new "scholar canteen" project in Andavadoaka, providing reduced cost and free meals to scholars. 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, such as orphans needing basic personal hygiene supplies and housing placement or students who require eye exams and glasses. These relatively inexpensive, easily-solved issues 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.

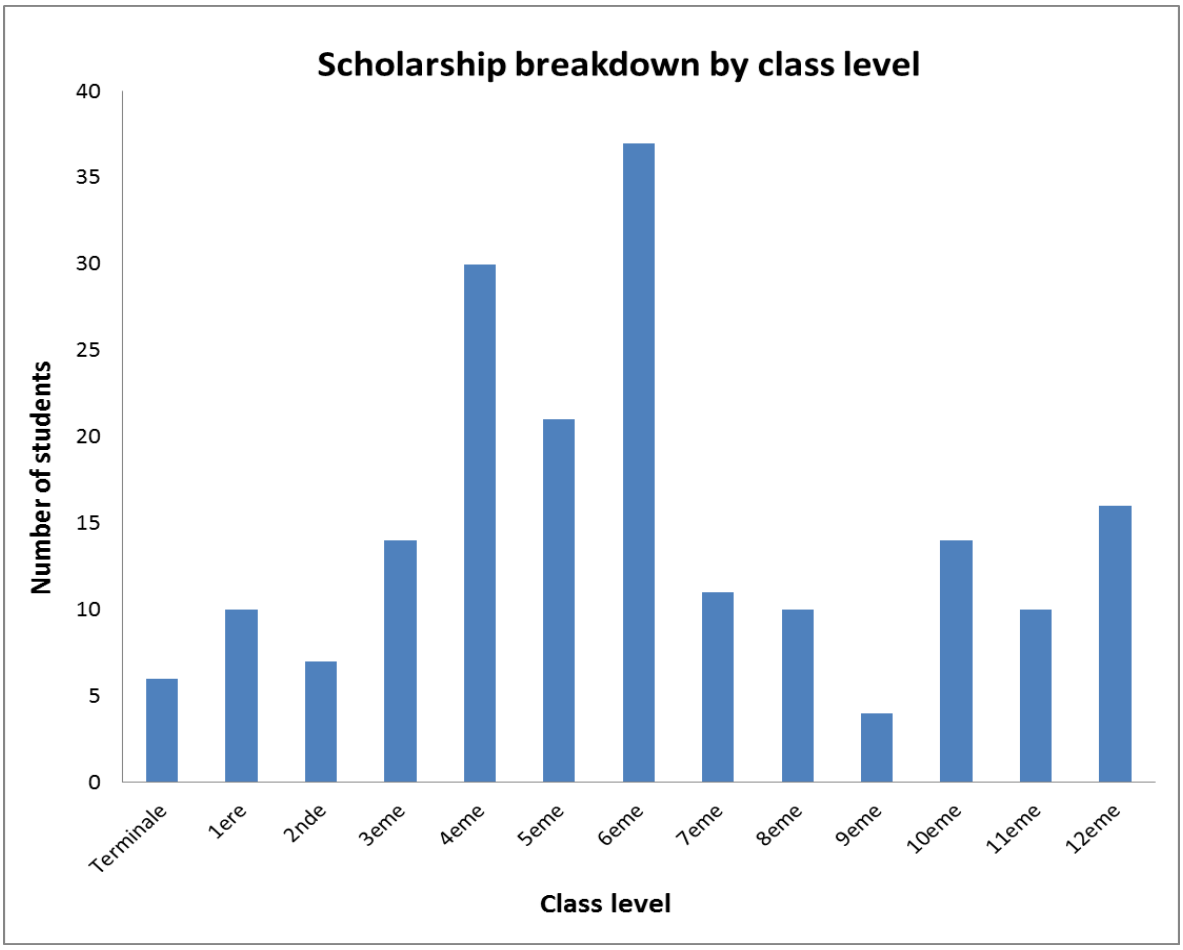

Figure 1. Number of students sponsored by the Blue Ventures' Scholarship programme by grade (2011 – 2012).

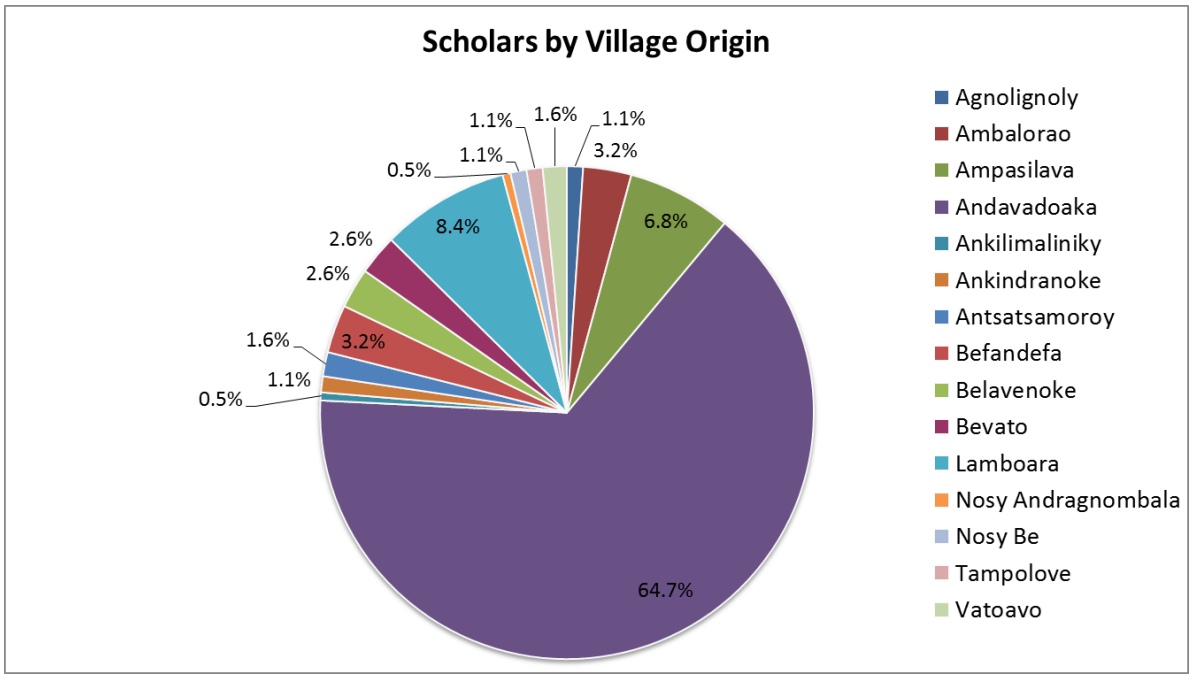

Figure 2. Number of students from each village sponsored by the Blue Ventures' Scholarship programme.

The Impact of the Programme

Sylvie, age 15, starts her first day at school at the 5eme class level, thanks to the scholarship.

The new Environmental Education Centre, which will act as a base for many of the extra-curricular activities run by Blue Ventures. It was officially opened in April 2012.

"I want to say how thankful I am to Blue Ventures for sponsoring our studies here in Andavadoaka… I want to have a positive influence on the next generation. That's my goal."
Patrick Ngily, scholarship student, class 4eme 2011 - 2012.

Getting ready to hand out the school materials to the new scholarship intake. These materials are provided to the students as part of the scholarship programme.

"Education is what will help to develop our village, and help people understand about sanitation and a clean environment. I want this to be passed onto my younger siblings, my family, my friends."

Valerio Huillard Gaetan, Blue Ventures scholar, class 4eme, 2011 – 2012

The scholarship students line up before class starts on the first day of term to listen to Roger Samba, president of the Velondriake Committee and winner of WWF's prestigious J. Paul Getty Award for community leadership..

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 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 2011-2012

Lahiniriko Francois	Term A	Joindre Christophe	4eme
Odin Rily	Term A	Manantsoa Germain Odilon	4eme
Pascal Dieu Donne	Term A	Marivavy Marie Brillantine	4eme
Razafiniaina Fabien	Term A	Ngily Patrick Paul	4eme
Tovondrazane Anselme Elson Anivo	Term A	Nolave Zafianake	4eme
Vavinirina Eleonord	Term A	Nomendraisoa Eric	4eme
Bozilahy Jean Narison	1ere A	Olivia Beatrice Mars	4eme
Embetant Edgar Boniface	1ere D	Per. Chantela Louise	4eme
Harinirina Solange Romain	1ere C	Perline Rosany	4eme
Martin Marc Damour	1ere A	Rajaonarisandry Emile Espritin	4eme
Miandry Nomenitompo	1ere D	Romain Jean de la Croix	4eme
Odon Florent	1ere A	Rufin Ranosy Ramarolahy	4eme
Rahantandrainirina Emile Elodie (Nirina)	1ere D	Sambanazy Antoine	4eme
Tahindrazany Narison	1ere A	Severine Vanesa	4eme
Zafilahy Bino	1ere A	Soataline	4eme
Jacques Paul Nantenaina	lycee tech.	Tovozondrozy Alphonse	4eme
Augustin Jean Yves	2nde	Valerio Huillard Gaetan	4eme
Hortence Jean Baptiste	2nde	Velonirina Elouise	4eme
Max Aurelie Venance	2nde	Voafidy Moramiala	4eme
Razanandrasoa Emilienne	2nde	Winockly Lambert	4eme
Rosine	2nde	Ahy Nomenjanahary	5eme
Williame Blandine Aimee	2nde	Angeline Francine	5eme
Yvette Nirina Severey	2nde	Angeline Razafinomenina Jean	5eme
Anasthasie	3eme	Ella Julienne	5eme
Angeltine Everine	3eme	Emma	5eme
Aprice Marie Toky	3eme	Finalison Kabia	5eme
Denis Davison	3eme	Francoise Jacqueline	5eme
Jean Herman	3eme	Fricienne Felson Bezona	5eme
Jean Marie Adolphe	3eme	Fulgence	5eme
Jean Robuste Jupiter	3eme	Jean Chrys Bruno	5eme
Lahiniriko Buscotin	3eme	Nomendramaro Sylvia	5eme
Nenganoraza Lucia	3eme	Nomenitsoa Justine Eliane	5eme
Raherimanana Camille	3eme	Pascaline L. Rosalie	5eme
Ramarolahy Bien Aime	3eme	Pelagie	5eme
Robertine	3eme	Raharimamy Ella	5eme
Sambahita	3eme	Raimana Elton Ndria	5eme
Vitaline Francoise	3eme	Rasoaniaina Josephine	5eme
Alizantine	4eme	Ravelomirindra Yannick Clovine	5eme
Andrienne	4eme	Rosine Haingo	5eme
Aria Lorosa	4eme	Soafiavy Sylvie	5eme
Clemence Feleson B.	4eme	Viviane Rasoa	5eme
Clemence Josiane	4eme	Adeline	6eme
Dieu Donne Romain	4eme	Adeline	6eme
Dieu Donne Seraphin	4eme	Anjarasoa Rigobert	6eme
Errata Lorosa	4eme	Celestin	6eme
Guillaume Jean Rigot	4eme	Christine	6eme
Herline Melphine	4eme	Christine Pacquerette	6eme

Clarisse	6eme
Dacise Jean Tsimba	6eme
Dange Velondrazana	6eme
Elegie	6eme
Eliasy	6eme
Fabiola Rolande	6eme
Fideline	6eme
Galbert Derason	6eme REP
Jacquelin	6eme
Joeline	6eme
Josianne	6eme
Lea Boniface	6eme
Mamitiana	6eme
Manirisoa Bernadette	6eme
Marcos	6eme
Mariotte Lalanirina Joceline	6eme
Masamie Cecile	6eme
Mina Robertine	6eme
Miria Edouard	6eme
Nina	6eme
Pascaline Marovavy	6eme
Paulette	6eme
Raelisa Njia	6eme
Raharimanitra Perline	6eme
Ralalasoa Isabelle Felicia	6eme REP
Razafitsimba Jean Claude Durant	6eme
Razanamamy Saela	6eme
Roline	6eme
Tenisoa Emilie	6eme
Tsifosae Edmond	6eme
Williame Boniface	6eme
Adeline Marie	7eme
Alverine	7eme
Florette Julienne	7eme
Francisca Elisabeth	7eme
Lucienne Eugenie	7eme
Mamery	7eme
Mamilaina Zeneliny	7eme
Meza	7eme
Nircia Elouise	7eme
Razanasoa Marie	7eme
Soanilaina Raymonde	7eme
Cornelle dos Benefice	8eme
Elouise Clotilde	8eme
Francoise Romaine	8eme
Pruma Jolie	8eme
Ronaldo	8eme
Rosaline	8eme
Tafitasoa Eric Antonio	8eme
Tsiriniaina Ahiko avao Jean de Voahita	8eme
Andrianirina I. Spencer	9eme
Nicola Johnson	9eme
Raharilalaina Justina	9eme
Vavy Nirina Melitiny	9eme
Badsoro	10eme
Cedaris Nicola	10eme
Christine	10eme
Claire	10eme
Damasy Flavien Boniface	10eme
Emereken	10eme
Jean de Dieu	10eme
Jean Felicien	10eme
Leontine Boniface	10eme
Menousy Evangelico Raphael	10eme
Noria Veronique	10eme
Patricia Rosanny (dit Nadine)	10eme
Sakina	10eme
Seychelle Tsimifindra	10eme
Ely Daniel	11eme
Felicien Sylvain	11eme
Francoise	11eme
Hanitra Nionina	11eme
Hosoa Maminiaiko Boniface	11eme
Lery Eleonore	11eme
Maherizina Finake	11eme
Marie Viany	11eme
Patricia Ericka	11eme
Sambazafy Joseph	11eme
Andritiana Takantera	12eme
Angelico	12eme
Celine	12eme
Dzamy	12eme
Herison Jerry	12eme
Jean Baptiste	12eme
Marri Goretti	12eme
Masitoky Nicola	12eme
Ramiandrisoa	12eme
Robiany Noel	12eme
Rosalice Arsentine Bienvenue	12eme
Rose Nathalie	12eme
Samba Justin Albert	12eme
Serafen	12eme
Tea Hermin	12eme
Tovondrazane Jacques Roland	12eme