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COVID-19 information about Madagascar

Date: 25th April

- 128 confirmed cases
- 0 deaths
- 92 recovered
- New cases the last 24 hours: 0
- Regions with cases: Antananarivo, Toamasina, Fianarantsoa

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Vakoka Vakiteny News

COVID-19 Special Issue, no. 3

Distribution has started, and never would we have imagined such an enthusiastic response! The national TV channel TV Plus went with Hanta from Antsirabe to Ambohimambola where Vakoka Vakiteny distributed water containers, face masks, posters and books.



The principal of Ambohimambola Secondary School, Mr. Ny Avana Andriamboavonjy thanks Vakoka Vakiteny on national TV



Ms Hanta is helping the students to fit the masks properly



Students in Antohobe

The mayor of Ambohimambola and the principal of the secondary school were interviewed lengthily on TV, thanking Vakoka Vakiteny for their support.

The exam classes are already going to school, and wearing face masks in public settings is mandatory all over Madagascar.

However, the government has not yet been able to distribute anything to Ambohimambola and surroundings. Therefore, the representatives of the government were extremely grateful to Vakoka Vakiteny.

TV Plus showed how Vakoka Vakiteny distributed face masks, water containers and posters to the schools, clinics and gendarmes/ police.

When interviewed on air, Hanta thanked all our supporters abroad for the readiness to donate for this important cause!

In Ambohimambola and the neighbouring municipality, Antohobe, the following was distributed:

- 301 books (Sedra-piainana, Mihisa and Madagasikara sy ny Voahariny)
- 302 face masks
- 93 water containers with soap

This is the link to TV Plus' special report on the Vakoka Vakiteny distribution: <https://www.facebook.com/108396337312786/videos/245962223424549/>

It is unfortunately only in Malagasy. The report on Vakoka Vakiteny



Ms Hanta together with the sub-district authorities and volunteers who have opened a small public library

In Antsirabe, the response was not less enthusiastic. The sub-district (fokontany) Mahafaly on the outskirts of Antsirabe has opened a small, public library. This is the place where Ms Hanta lives with her family, and she knows the effort of the leader of the fokontany.

Here, Vakoka Vakiteny distributed:

- One hand-washning station
- 4 face masks
- 25 books (Sedra-piainana, Fano sy ireo fako an-dranomasika, Tsingolangola, Hiverina aho, Dadabe and Madagascarsy ny Voahariny)

The District Education Office in Antsirabe had already previously expressed his appreciation for Vakoka Vakiteny.

When Ms. Hanta visited them, it was again covered by the TV Plus, the National Radio (RNM) and the Antsirabe Radio and Television Station (RTA). The district office had already got materials

from the government to distribute to the schools, but the number of face masks and other materials is by far not enough to cover all teachers and students in the district. The schools also don't have proper hand washing facilities.



These teachers have got materials from the district office, together with the newly printed second edition of the teacher's guide with games for children, Mihisa.

Vakoka Vakiteny has handed the following materials to the district office which will distribute it to the schools:

- 115 books (Mihisa, Madagasikara sy ny Voahariny and Sedra-piainana)
- 42 hand-washing stations
- 200 face masks

The leader of the District Education Office demonstrates the use of the handwashing station which has the logo of Vakoka Vakiteny



We have also distributed a water container to Rakoto, who made the pictures for our last book, Bonenitra. Rakoto is a street artist, and when he is working on the street, he is afraid of being infected by people coming and buying pictures from him. He will now ask everyone to wash their hands before touching his materials.

As you can see, Vakoka Vakiteny has done a lot of effort, but schools, government officials and school authorities ask Vakoka Vakiteny to do more. However, we also have obligations to cover the schools we cooperate with in Toliara. In Ambohi-manambola, there are still schools which need more materials, and the district office in Antsirabe will have to select only the 42 poorest school for the distribution of containers for hand washing. Hanta and her husband Grégoire, however, are ready to do more. Next week, they will go to Toliara.

We would therefore like to encourage all of our supporters to consider to give another small donation for this work.

15 € is enough to cover one container for hand washing together with all necessary equipment, soap and distribution.

Thank you very much!



Ms Hanta meets Rakoto in the park in Antsirabe where he is painting and selling his art