

La Petite Bibliotheque D'Ambohitrakely

MADAGASCAR

ADDRESS

RASATA Raveloson Niry
Lot III E 117
Bis D Manamasina Sud -101-
Antananarivo
Madagascar

CLOSEST BIGGEST TOWN:

Antananarivo, Mahitsy

HOW TO GET THERE

Every day there is number of buses leaving Tana for Mahitsy. This is the best way to get to our village. Ride takes around 1,5hrs and once you get off in Mahitsy you can just ask locals for 'Bibliotheque' or the village Soavinimerina. If you prefer walking! the distance is about 5km and you will pass by a village where many of the people will be your new neighbours and the kids will gladly show you around. Alternatively, you can get a taxi for about 10-15US dollars to take you down the main road to where the library is located.

LOCAL BOOKFEEDER

Main contact in Antananarivo:

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LANGUAGES

French, Malagasy, English

VOLUNTEERS

Madagascar is one of the poorest countries in the world. The local people in the village of our library are lovely, but you have to be prepared for the conditions you will be facing. Accommodation for volunteers is in the same building as the Bibliotheque.

Food in Madagascar is cheap and healthy, none of our volunteers has complaint! :)

There is no internet at the library, but you can buy a sim card with data that has coverage in the region. Electric devices can be charged at the nearby village or in Mahitsy. Volunteers will be expected to do some teaching at the local school as well as help improve the living conditions in the village. Also - teaching IT skills in the school in Mahitsy.



THE LIBRARY

Madagascar Bookfeeding project was the third of its kind. In March 2013, after a local lady offered her building for our project, we organized the first book and money collections for Madagascar. In July of that same year we finally opened the first Bookfeeding library in Africa. It has two rooms; one dedicated to bookshelves and books, and another that has been organised as a study room with tiny chairs and tables where children can learn how to read, draw and write. The library is open every day during the afternoon as kids are at school during the days, except for weekends. You can choose to volunteer at the library - after school is always library time, and even help with teaching at the school.

THE COMMUNITY

Madagascar used to be French colony and until now French is widely used (in TV, news, books), generally educated people would have good or at least basic knowledge of French, whilst English is not widely used.

EXTRA ACTIVITIES

Teaching English, teaching IT skills and French in order to help revert the literacy decline amongst children and adults.

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