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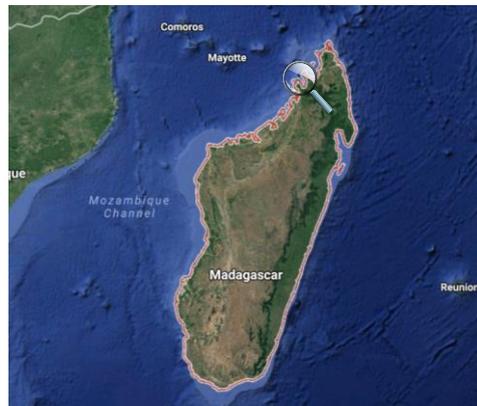


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1 Introduction

Nosy Komba is a small volcanic island of Madagascar located to the North West from the main island. **Madagascar is one of the poorest countries in the world** with 85% of the population living with less than 2€ per day.



Nosy Komba has 25 km² of area and about 4500 people concentrated in six main villages along the coast. The population of this remote

island used to live in life-threatening underdevelopment conditions, without access to healthcare or education, drinkable water or electricity networks and no sanitation. Since 1995, the village of Antintorona, today with more than 700 inhabitants, has become the focus of a **comprehensive program of assistance to development headed by the NGO “We Work It Works”**.

“We Work It Works” collaborates with a broad group of NGOs sharing a common goal: **build with the local population a model of self-sustainable development, where all the components of a dignifying life are considered and that works based on democracy and empowerment**. All the projects implemented by this group of NGOs aim at working together with the local population to identify the needs and to create accessible solutions rather than imposing them.

Sunshine in Nosy Komba is a foundation operating in coordination with the development program and philosophy of “We Work It Works”. This foundation, registered in the Netherlands, started in 2011 as an informal initiative of an international group of volunteers coming from many different backgrounds. It stems from the idea that **a comprehensive and long-term approach is the only way to promote sustainable development**.

Since then, Sunshine in Nosy Komba has implemented numerous projects aimed to improve **education and health care, as well as to promote sustainable development**.

Sunshine in Nosy Komba activities are entirely based on volunteer work. **All funds raised revert directly to the projects**.



2 Present context in Madagascar

2017 represented a very challenging year for the population of Madagascar, with the government replacing the elected local leaders in all regions by people of its own party, increasing its authoritarian power. **The situation did not improve in 2018 and has become even more unstable as we approached the national elections of this year, in November.** This instability also had a great impact on our work in Nosy Komba.

In 2017 the political situation had a strong impact on the local population. They felt their freedom regress and fear the reactions of their non-elected leader, who behaved in a repressive and violent way. Our principles are of course in opposition with the imposition of a non-elected leader. Nevertheless, we had to decide not to reply to any provocation and to keep doing our work carefully, avoiding as far as possible the direct confrontation to prevent any conflicts that might emerge from our presence in the region. It became clear soon enough that our approach, based on the long-term empowerment of the local population, was giving its fruits and putting into evidence how powerless the non-elected leader was when the fear faded. In the beginning of 2018, **the population had isolated by itself the non-elected local leader, demonstrating the democratic development of the village.** This resulted in one of the most harmonious and productive years so far.

At national level however, **with the presidential elections approaching, the political instability has spread to several public services.** The public education system has been particularly affected with a strike that has lasted for more than 5 months and closed all the public establishments for that period. This had an important impact on the students that enrolled in public high-schools and universities with the help of the Rise & Shine scholarships (see section 3.1.2), who could not attend classes for the whole second semester. In face of this situation, for the kids who failed the exam to apply for university this year, we have decided to give a second chance (with a reduced grant that will be given again in full if they pass the exam next year).

The national instability is threatening the correct functioning of public institutions at all levels. We hope that the situation will become more stable after the elections. Nevertheless, in this context **the continuity of our work is clearly helping the local population of Nosy Komba to empower and defend themselves, becoming even more relevant.**

3 Education projects

3.1 School for everybody!

Education, a lifelong process.

Every year we support basic education for almost 400 kids, scholarships for high-school and university and alphabetization classes for adults.

3.1.1 Keep the schools running

Context

In Madagascar and particularly in Nosy Komba the vast majority of the population has never attended school and the alphabetization rates are extremely low. Public schools are not fully functional, as demonstrated by the events of this year (see chapter 2). The teachers are generally badly paid and not properly followed up. On the other hand, private schools are either inexistent or not affordable to the majority of the population.

The school is one of the pillars of the “We Work It Works” project from the beginning. As a result of the continuous work done, today, the pedagogic team (made only of local teachers) manages the school autonomously and is very committed to provide the highest education standards to their pupils.

Past and current actions

Sunshine in Nosy Komba has a key role in the local education program with several initiatives and projects. Our aim is to establish a school that creates opportunities to the whole population of Nosy Komba.

Since 2013, through yearly fundraising events, such as a football tournament in Noordwijk (Netherlands), **Sunshine in Nosy Komba is the main contributor to keep all the school teachers and other functionaries working and covers the expenses of the canteen, the dormitories and the costs of didactic materials.** This



provides almost 400 kids with access to the best possible education, from kindergarten to the end of secondary school. Since 2017, it was decided to keep the kindergarten open also during the holiday periods, to keep the children in a stimulating environment and promote the learning the French language.

In order to keep the classes in a reasonable size we have now a team of 11 full-time and 3 part-time local teachers. This team is promoting several educational projects on top of the school classes.



Night classes for adults

Most of the adults in Nosy Komba have never attended school. Besides making them extremely vulnerable, this alienates them from the education of their children. Organising **classes for adults is seen as a way to involve the whole community in their children education but also as a way to foster the development of the village.** By the end of 2018, the school will start night classes of alphabetisation and of improvement of the French language. The registration will take place in November and a public awareness campaign is currently on-going.

Future actions

Carrying on the education projects is the cornerstone of our approach. In order to do so, we prepare yearly fundraising activities and events to collect the funds needed. **More and more families from different villages enrol their kids in our schools** resulting in a growth of the number of students. Some classes have more than 50 students. This may require an increase in the number of teachers in 2018.



Budget 2018 (Eur)

Activity	Sponsor	Y2018		
		Available Budget	Actual Expenses	Left over 2018
School Salaries Y2018-2019	ESTEC Football Tournament	13,200	13,200	-
<u>Actual expenses</u>				
Library				
1 Teacher part time (30%)		360		
Rise & Shine programme coordinator				
1 Teacher part time (30%)		360		
School				
Kindergarden				
2 Teachers full time		2,160		
Primary school				
4 Teachers full time		4,320		
Secondary school				
5 Teachers full time		5,400		
Night classes				
2 Teachers part time		600		
	Grand Total	13,200		

3.1.2 Rise & Shine scholarship

Context

After completion of the secondary school, **students need to have perspectives for their future**. This is essential to promote education as a valuable investment of effort for the children and their families. Since no high school or university exists in the island and **families cannot afford** accommodations and transport to other locations, along with the school fees, most of the kids will not continue their education.

Past and current actions

Starting from 2015, every year **the best students of the secondary school are granted a scholarship to attend high school and eventually university, provided that they keep having good results**. The high-school is located in the neighbour island of Nosy Be. Thus, besides the school costs (enrolment, books, etc.) the scholarships cover transport, board, food and accommodation costs. The programme is coordinated locally by the secondary school director, who reports regularly on the progress of the students. In addition, **these students can become part of their village's education and sustainable development programs**. They are offered opportunities to participate in

other projects (e.g. médiathèque, school maintenance, support to local companies, etc.) **in order to get a professional experience and to support the younger kids' education.** In 2018, 6 new students were awarded with Rise & Shine scholarships. So far, out of the 21 kids awarded with the scholarship, 18 kept having high grades and 2 of them have already made it to university! As we expected, this is proving that **if given the chance these kids will thrive and succeed.**



Future actions

We will keep assigning scholarships to the best students of the year to allow them to continue their studies. Because we want them to attend not only high school but also university, and because of the increasing number of students, we need **an increasing**



amount of resources every year. However, we consider education a fundamental investment for the local kids, their families and the local community. We believe this is only way to make the local development sustainable. Therefore, we plan to implement **new fundraising structures** to make this project affordable in the long term. Furthermore, next year we expect more kids to enrol in universities. The scholarships program will have to be adapted to this new reality and new reporting schemes will need to be found.



Budget 2018 (Eur)

Activity	Sponsor	Y2018		
		Available Budget	Actual Expenses	Left over 2018*
3 High School scholarships	Left over 2017 (HE Space & Private)	1,350	1,350	-
3 Half High School scholarships*	Left over 2017 (HE Space & Private)	750	750	-
6 High School scholarships	Private donations	2,700	2,700	-
4 High School scholarships	HE Space	3,000	1,800	1,200
2 University scholarship	HE Space	1,200	1,200	-
Bonus for kids collaboration in library activities over the weekend	HE Space	800	800	-
Total		9,800	8,600	1,200

Actual expenses	
High School scholarship x 16	6,600
University scholarship x 2	1,200
Bonus for kids collaboration in library activities over the weekend	800
Total	8,600

* Students who didn't pass the exam to access University this year will be given half scholarship. The idea is to give them a second chance as they prepare to repeat the exam next year.
 ** 2018 left over reserved for 2019 scholarship

3.2 Building a School Campus

A school at the heart of the village!

We are building a campus that guarantees access to complete education, proper meals, a clean sleeping place and balanced sport and cultural activities.

3.2.1 Improvement and maintenance of school campus

Context

The School Campus in Antintorona is crucial for the development of the whole island. Along the years, “We Work It Works” has built a kindergarten, a primary school and the only secondary school of the island. The Campus has been growing and it hosts each year an increasing number of children and teenagers. Therefore, there is a need to expand it and at the same time to improve the existing facilities.

Past and current actions

Since its genesis in 2011, Sunshine in Nosy Komba has been taking a very active role in the improvement of the education infrastructure, carrying out several projects. The aim

of these projects is to develop a school campus that guarantees its students a **complete education, balanced and stimulating sport and cultural activity, proper meals and a clean sleeping environment.**

Photovoltaic power



Being close to the Equator and having a clear sky for most of the year, Nosy Komba is the perfect place for power generation with solar panels. In 2011, we mounted a **photovoltaic installation with two panels of 220 W, providing electrical power to the school.** The electricity generated by these installations is mostly used for lighting and to

allow evening classes even during the dry season.

Sports field

We began the construction of the school sports field in 2014. It was designed as a **multi-purpose facility to be used for sports classes, but also for the organisation of cultural and sport events that engage the whole community.** The project continued in 2015 and 2016 with the construction of dressing rooms, benches and the guardian's house. In 2018 basketball hoops and volleyball nets were installed.



School dorms

The school dorms **required an urgent intervention.** They host more than **80 kids, mostly from far away villages, but also many orphans that stay in the school for the whole year.** Moreover, the situation becomes particularly difficult during the rainy seasons when they host more than 100 kids.

In 2016, we refurbished the girls' dorms and in 2017 the works were extended to the boys' dorms. With this, we made sure that the **kids live comfortably and in good hygiene conditions**: the floor and the doors were refurbished or replaced, the existing bed frames were fixed, mosquito nets were bought and installed on each bed, all the damaged mattresses were replaced and washable mattress covers were made in the local sewing cooperative (see section 5.1).



School Canteen

The old kitchen of the school canteen was needing an intervention in order to keep guaranteeing healthy meals to all the students studying and living in the Campus. The basic infrastructure was quite degraded. With the works done in 2018 we have not only refurbished the kitchen but also installed a proper smoke exhaust chimney, working tables and covered the wall with washable surfaces and paints.

A new school building

With the increasing number of students, new class rooms have become necessary. Additionally, the closure of the other secondary school in the island, due to the lack of maintenance, has increased even more the need for extra classes and teachers. In 2016 through a joint effort of the “We Work it Works” group a new **school building has been built with two floors and six classrooms. The works finished in 2017 and now, besides hosting several classes it has also become the new home of the school médiathèque** (see section 3.2.2).





Future actions

Thanks to the great effort put into this project in the past years, in 2019, there is no need of new infrastructure. However, there are always maintenance works to be done. Besides this, we expect that the classrooms and canteen restaurant room will need new furniture, which will be produced by the new village carpenter workshop (see section 5.1). The maintenance of the dorms is also done yearly to avoid returning to the previous degraded conditions. The renew of the covers, mattresses, mosquito nets and the refurbishment and construction of some beds is expected to be necessary.

Budget 2018 (Eur)

Activity	Sponsor	Y2017		
		Available Budget	Actual Expenses	Left over 2017*
Dormitories	ESTEC Football Tournament	310	310	-
Refurbishment of the school canteen's kitchen	ESTEC Football Tournament	2,840	2,840	-
Sport field improvements	ESTEC Football Tournament	536	536	-
Total		3,686	3,686	-

Actual expenses	
Dormitories	
5 mosquito nets	45
Boxes	20
Maintenance works	200
Others	45
Refurbishment of the school canteen's kitchen	
Material	1,300
Construction works	1,540
Sport field improvements	
Material	536
Grand Total	3,686

3.2.2 Médiathèque

Context

Given the scarcity of didactic materials, most of the times classes in Madagascar consist of the students copying from the blackboard texts in French that most of them do not even master completely. In Nosy Komba outside of school hours, there used to be no place where children and teenagers could study, read and play. **This significantly impacted their development and performance**, as it was perceived that their level would drop significantly during vacation periods.

Past and current actions

In 2013, we opened a library that with time has been equipped to be a médiathèque. Since then we have worked continuously to increase the activities offered by it. Now, **children have access to more 1000 books, dozens of didactic DVD's and games, scientific experiments and ten small laptops.** This equipment is **used both**



during classes and during extra-school time. This place is managed locally by a teacher of the secondary school with the assistance from students that are receiving a “Rise & Shine” scholarship (see section 2.4).



Together with the local teachers, we have put in place a comprehensive educational program for the médiathèque. The teachers organise thematic weekends, where they address topics and issues such as hygiene, languages, geography, etc. The aim is to **teach the children in a more relaxed but nevertheless structured environment,**

using games, books, videos and other didactic material.

In 2017, the médiathèque was moved into two distinct spaces with dedicated equipment: one for children up to 8-year-old and another for teenagers and adults. These rooms were equipped with projectors and educational videos are now projected there daily.

In 2018, with the support from the French Kermesse in The Hague, a sports club was created with the help of the local teachers, turning the médiathèque project more and more into a “school outside of the school”.

Besides, keeping improving the diversity of books, didactic videos and games, our Foundation has also decided to contribute to this initiative by providing equipment for the practice of several team and individual sports (such as volleyball, basketball, badminton or table tennis).



Future actions

The médiathèque project will continue to expand by increasing the variety of books and didactic games available. The long term goal is to turn the médiathèque into a cultural centre hosting and promoting associations, sport and cultural initiatives.

In 2019, we also plan to reinforce the available means to support the day-to-day classes, for instance with school books that can be borrowed by the teachers to bring to their classes, and books in specific domains that we see missing.

Budget 2018 (Eur)

Activity	Sponsor	Y2018		
		Available Budget	Actual Expenses	Left over 2018
Mediatheque Y2018	French Kermesse	2,000	2,000	-
Total		2,000	2,000	-

<u>Actual expenses</u>	
List of Items	
2 speakers	70
DVDs and books	859
Sport equipment	755
Didactic games, pencils etc.	245
Furnitures	71
Grand Total	2,000



4 Hygiene & Health Care projects

Only a healthy population can develop itself

We guarantee assistance in case of emergency, 2 maternities to tackle child mortality and promote personal hygiene through the construction of private bathrooms in the households.

4.1 Health Centre

4.1.1 Maternity

Context

Madagascar has **extremely high child mortality and maternal mortality rates**¹. The population of **Nosy Komba is particularly exposed** to this due to the distance from any medical centre and the total lack of trained personnel to support the families throughout pregnancy and during childbirth. As a result, not only there is a high risk that the child or the mother die during labour, but there is also a **high number of disabled children** due to the poor follow up of pregnancies.

Past and current actions

In 2016, we opened a maternity centre and adapted two buildings to host delivery rooms, one in Nosy Komba and one in the neighbour island of Nosy Faly. The initial plan was to have a single maternity centre in Nosy Komba. However, the interest and commitment of the local authorities in Nosy Faly created a unique opportunity to expand the project in a configuration that allowed reaching much more people.

¹ According to the World Bank, in 2014: 37 children die per each 1000 live-births, about 20 times more than in Europe, and 369 mothers per 100,000 live-births, about 50 times more than in Europe.



In 2016 both premises were refurbished, supplied with the basic furniture and equipment and were made fully functional. Since then around 50 babies were born in these delivery rooms. The project is supported by local nurses/midwives who manage the maternity centres

autonomously. We support their initiative by providing the facilities, equipment and support the acquisition of medical supplies. In the case of the Nosy Komba centre, we also provide some financial support. In exchange, the nurses commit to be at the service of the whole population, independently of their age, origin or income.

The maternity team shall **follow pregnancies, assists simple births and makes sure the new-borns grow up healthy. Complicated cases should be identified and redirected to larger medical facilities** in other islands. The delivery rooms are equipped with delivery chairs and resting beds and have been equipped with an echography machine.



Due to the absence of any medical support on the island, the nurses also provide primary medical care to the local population and manage a small pharmacy.

Finally, the midwives also support the education program by organising health and hygiene classes at the school.

In 2017, it was decided to expand the building that hosts the delivery room in Nosy Komba, to install a fully hermetic concrete roof and solar power to avoid power cuts. Moreover, these works allowed to enlarge the number of rooms available in the facility. This extra space will accommodate the midwives overnight and may also be used to host other medical services in the future. Further, in order to benefit from the costal location of the Nosy Komba maternity centre, a harbour has been constructed. This way the patients from other villages can easily access it by sea. These works were concluded in



2018 but unfortunately at the end of the season not allowing to start again the operation of the delivery room in Nosy Komba before our departure.

Future actions

Now that the works on the building have been concluded, the maternity centre in Nosy Komba shall be fully reactivated. For the next year, our team will keep monitoring the maternity centre and supporting it through its fundraising activities, as needed. This will allow to evaluate the expenses and analyse mechanisms to gradually switch the project towards a self-sustained activity.

In the medium term, it is also envisaged to enlarge the centre, involving health care specialists from other areas, e.g. a dentist and dental prosthetist. This will mainly depend on the outcomes of the first years and the sustainability of the maternity centres. Thus, this project may someday lead to the creation of a health centre covering the basic medical needs of the island.

Budget 2018 (Eur)

Activity	Sponsor	Y2018		
		Available Budget	Actual Expenses	Left over 2018
Recurrent costs Maternity (Consumables and building rent in Nosy Faly)	Left over Football Tournament 2017	1,500	398	1,102

* Left over from last year carried forward for continuing this activity in 2019.

4.1.2 Emergency fund

Context

As explained above, the population of Nosy Komba has extremely limited access to Health Care infrastructures. **Besides this, for the vast majority of the population there is a great lack of awareness and specially of means for people in emergency situations to be treated.** This often results in tragic situations and the local population requests our group's support frequently.

Past and current actions

In the past we have been providing financial support to small emergencies and surgeries whenever possible. However, with a growing population in the village what



started by being exceptional became a regular expense. In 2018, we have decided to start raising an emergency fund and have allocated for this 2000€ (about 5% of our budget). **This fund has allowed to assist in a more structured and consistent way people in urgent need.** Just this year, besides assisting people in several small emergencies (e.g. deep cuts, infected wounds, working accidents, etc.), we also supported financially 3 people in need of help for surgeries to treat life threatening situations.

Future actions

This fund is literally saving the lives of several people in the island. We want to keep raising a consistent amount of money yearly to make this fund available to support cases like the ones mentioned above. In 2019 we want to increase the available emergency fund in 25% to about 2500€. This amount, if deemed reasonable, shall be renewed every year. The funds remaining in the fund at the end of each year will systematically be transferred to the following year.

Budget (Eur)

Activity	Sponsor	Y2018		
		Available Budget	Actual Expenses	Left over 2018
Emergency Fund	Private donators	2,000	1,852	148
<u>Actual expenses</u>				
Emergency Fund				
Surgeries			737	
Small emergencies and medication			1115	
Grand Total			1,852	

* Left over from last year carried forward for continuing this activity in 2019.

4.2 Hygiene & Sanitation programme

Context

Except for the houses built by 'We Work It Works' projects, traditional **households in Nosy Komba do not have toilets nor bathrooms. Local people normally bath in the river and defecate either in the sea or in the river, which is the source of their everyday water.** Besides the lack of privacy, this raises **serious health issues** spreading diseases, such as cholera.

Past and current actions



The goal of this project is to **develop, produce and install bathrooms (including a toilet, a sink and a septic tank) at low cost in the local households of the interested families.** The design was conceived in 2013 to minimise cost and production complexity, allowing to increase the local know-how and **creating a new local company** capable of doing the whole bathroom production and installation.

By the end of **2014, the 10 first bathrooms were built in Antintorona and 3 other villages, following a co-funding approach** to make them affordable to all the local families. The bathrooms are built in concrete, include a tab and make possible the installation of running water. This has raised great interest in the local families and the project is stimulating the expansion of the households. In **2015, after the pilot phase, the project entered the full production phase** with the development of three new moulds allowing for parallel production and installation, hence increasing the capability to build also for other villages and islands of the region. **So far more than 30 new toilets have been built in Nosy Komba and neighbour islands, making this project a tremendous success.**

Future actions

The local team producing and installing the new toilets is now fully autonomous. We aim to keep supporting the expansion of this project in the coming years. Depending on the demand from the local population, more resources may have to be made available.



5 Sustainable development

Empower the population to build their own future!

By promoting local initiatives and knowledge transfer we are contributing to a self-sustained development with a long term perspective.

5.1 Supporting local companies

5.1.1 Business incubation

Context

A long-term sustainable development requires the establishment of a healthy **local economy**. This is essential for the adult population to have jobs and improve their economic situation but also for the kids in school to aspire for a possible future in their village. However, for the local population, it was extremely hard to start a business due to the lack of infrastructure and competences in the village, as well as the absence of financial leverage to start a business.

Past and current actions

In this context the “We Work it Works” group acts as a sort of “business incubator”. We work continuously to create new competences and give ownership to the local community. This must be achieved both by stimulating local initiatives, supporting new ideas and knowledge transfer. Furthermore, specific infrastructures are being created with this purpose.

Building and equipment of facilities



Along the years several infrastructures have been built and equipped in the village of Antintourne as a support to the development of local business, such as the community farm or the carpenter workshop.

In 2017, it was decided to adapt a building to become a “business incubator”. Through a shared effort of the “We Work it Works” organisations, the building was concluded in 2018, including 6 independent spaces to host different local businesses and a space for selling the items produced by these and other companies in the village. The building is a very important infrastructure for the village future. It is close to the village port and was equipped with running water and powered with a photovoltaic system, rendering this building fully autonomous and easily accessible. At the end of 2018’s mission this building was already hosting the production of tooth paste and disinfectant soap, the sewing company and the chocolate production.

Sewing company

In 2015, a group of two women from the village asked for **support to start a local sewing company to provide the students with uniforms**. To help this initiative, we have placed a **large order of 360 uniforms for students of the kindergarten and the secondary school**.

In 2016, based on the good results, we decided to increase the support to the cooperative by providing them with a facility and access to electric sewing machines. Finally, in 2017, we started a **training program for the sewers which was provided by a volunteer** who stayed in the island for 3 months. During the training she was helping with the design of new items and teaching new sewing techniques. Unfortunately, this activity could not be done in a regular way due to the lack of electricity in the dry season. This situation has been corrected in 2018 with the building of the business incubator with solar power.



Carpenter Workshop

For the past few years, the opening of a **carpenter workshop** has been considered as being of a great interest for the village. In 2017, in collaboration with “We Work It Works”, we have decided to support two local workers who came up with this initiative, by making available a facility and equipment and providing training.

This workshop will allow the **local community to acquire simple items such as tables, chairs, windows and other pieces of furniture** that are not easily available in the village. Thus, such products will stimulate the local market and have a high potential to increase the exportation capabilities of the village. Given the deforestation problems in Madagascar, a project structured from end-to-end must nevertheless be set up, **making sure that the forest is also exploited in a sustainable way** (see section 5.2).



Future actions

With the boost expected from the existence of the new business incubator building, in 2019, we will keep supporting the creation and development of local companies through **training and supporting them to acquire new equipment** (e.g. electric sewing machines). The goal is also to help the local businesses to **develop and produce quality products aimed at the local and regional market at a competitive price** to make them fully self-sustainable in the long run.

Besides this, the building of an important new infrastructure is being considered. We want to **support not only new business initiatives but also traditional economic activities such as fishing and vanilla plantation**. The aim is to create a space equipped to render these activities more organised, profitable and safe. For instance, every year several fishermen die in accidents related with the precarious means they use in their day-to-day activities. Moreover, they have limited means to store, preserve and transform what they produce. **We are discussing with the local community their interest in structuring these activities differently** to see how our help can serve them better.

Budget 2018 (Eur)

Activity	Sponsor	Y2018		
		Available Budget	Actual Expenses	Left over 2018*
Building of Incubator	Left over Football Tournament 2017	2,027	1,643	384
	HE Space	2,360	2,346	14
	Private donators	2,379	-	2,379
Total		6,766	3,989	2,777

Actual expenses	
Photovoltaic system equipment	
Batteries	852.95
Regulator	385
Inverter	405.25
Electric cables, lamps and	20
Roof building	
Materials	1786
Manpower	540
Grand Total	3,989

* 2018 left-over will be used for continuing this activity in 2019.

5.1.2 Vocational training

Context

There is an enormous gap between the education kids were getting in school and the jobs they could find in the village. Moreover, through a survey conducted by a researcher of the Leibnitz University in 2017, we have realised that most of the kids that were studying in Antintourne (the first generation has just completed secondary school) would leave the village after completing their studies due to the lack of opportunities. This was creating a **no-win situation that was penalising the local companies, the kids and their families.**

Past and current actions

In 2018 we have started of a vocational training program to bridge what was becoming a gap between two realities. This program offers students opportunity of having an internship in one of the local companies work. It is a **great opportunity for the students graduating from the secondary school who do not plan to go to university but wish to learn professional skills.** This year 10 internships were organised with the local companies: 2 interns at the community farm, helping the farmers but also taking care of the



accountability and sails; 4 interns at the tooth paste production, working in production, sails and hygiene campaigns around the island; 2 Interns in the sewing company, learning how to design and sew new products and 2 Interns at the chocolate production taking care of the production and sails.



This program has also proven to be very successful to support the local companies flourishing and to **make people with different levels of education work together promoting the social cohesion.** Thus, instead of offering these opportunities only to the students finishing secondary school we also offer summer internships to students who are currently in high-school and university through the Rise & Shine scholarship (see section 3.1.2). The goal is to keep their connection to the village and to use the skills they are learning at school to develop the local economy.

Future actions

This program will continue its consolidation. The goal is to promote the progressive integration between the school and the local economy. **We hope to have a growing number of interns that can then be employed in the village and at the same time that they stimulate the local companies to grow and reach another level, producing and selling more and better products.** We think that this program will be the key to revert the current situation and allow more of the kids studying to stay in the village.

Budget 2018 (Eur)

Activity	Sponsor	Y2018		
		Available Budget	Actual Expenses	Left over 2018
2 Interns at the farm	HE Space	750	750	-
4 Interns at the toothpaste company	HE Space	1,500	1,500	-
2 Interns at the chocolate company	HE Space	750	750	-
2 Interns at the sewing company	HE Space	750	750	-
Total *		3,750	3,750	-

* 1,110 Eur of which from the left over from last year's sponsorship

5.2 Reforestation

Context

In September 2016, **a fire has destroyed a big area of the forest close to the village.** This could have caused serious damage to the community, but thanks to the help of the other villages, it did not reach any households or public buildings. This fire is also a result of the unbalanced use of the forest that has almost led to the disappearance of autochthonous sorts of trees. The deforestation is a common problem in the whole island of Madagascar and is creating very serious economic issues. The cost of wood has raised significantly making simple goods like beds, tables or chairs unaffordable to the local population, not to mention the building of houses.

Past and current actions

With the support of the local community farm we have turned what could have been a tragedy into an opportunity. An organised reforestation project based on indigenous plants has started in 2017 with the financial support of European Space Agency Humanitarian Relief Fund. The aim is to prevent these events from happening again in the future and to **ensure the preservation and sustainable use of an extremely important renewable resource for the village.** Furthermore, this project will prevent the propagation of exogenous species, like bamboo, that are currently invading most of the island, not allowing the indigenous plants to grow. A tree nursery was built capable to germinate seeds up to the time when they can be planted.



Through this project a close collaboration with the National Forest Guard has also been established, who have provided training to the workers of the farm and are providing seeds yearly. **More than 2000 trees have already been planted in the first year of the project and the farmers have already started the germination of the second batch of seeds.**



Future actions

Together with the local farmers we will plant the trees in an organised way and promote the sustainable exploitation of the Nosy Komba forest. **The goal is to plant 10.000 new trees up to 2020.** Thanks to the facilities built, we plan to **increase the capability of the local farm and to turn it into a centre for tree production** that can support reforestation initiatives in the whole island and maybe even in other islands of the region. Furthermore, the cooperation with the National Forest Guard will be extended to improve the training of the farm workers.

Budget 2018 (Eur)

Activity	Sponsor	Y2018		
		Available Budget	Actual Expenses	Left over 2018
Reforestation	Left over 2017 (HRF ESTEC)	525	525	-
Reforestation	Private donators	950		950
Total		1,475	525	950
<u>Actual expenses</u>				
Material				
Seeds		150		
Pots		50		
Seeding bags		50		
Building materials		250		
Tools		175		
Transport		100		
Manpower				
Farm Team		700		
Grand Total		1,475		



6 Overall Budget

Activity	Sponsor	Y2018		
		Available Budget	Actual Expenses	Left over 2018 (1)
School Salaries Y2018-2019	ESTEC Football Tournament	13,200	13,200	-
Mediatheque Y2018	French Kermesse	2,000	2,000	-
School campus improvement	ESTEC Football Tournament	3,686	3,686	-
Rise & Shine Programme	HE Space & Private donations	9,800	8,600	1,200
Vocational Training	HE Space	3,750	3,750	
Health care	ESTEC Football Tournament & Private donators	3,500	2,250	1,250
Business Incubator building	HE Space, Private donations	6,766	3,989	2,777
Reforestation	Private donators	1,475	525	950
Total		44,177	38,000	6,177

We are allocating the left over to activities planned for 2019. In particular, these funds will ensure the correct function of the health centre and the continuation of the reforestation project. Furthermore, this is an important reserve fund to support the local population in case of emergency.



7 How can you help?

There are many ways in which you can help us:

- **Join in** - We are a small team of volunteers and we can always use extra **help with our projects, events and missions**. You can start by **sharing with us your thoughts, ideas**. You can find out about our activities in our website (www.sunshineinnosykomba.net), Facebook page or contact us directly.
- **Contribute** - Our volunteers pay their own expenses and there are no administrative costs, **every single Euro that you donate will be invested in Nosy Komba**. You can choose the project you wish to support. For example, **with 35€ per month you can bring a student up to the university**.

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- **Share** - Help us creating awareness and increasing the visibility of our activities. **Follow us on Facebook, share our posts and events, tell your friends** about us. Invite them as well be part of it!

We heartily appreciate your support and thank you for your generosity!

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