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MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC LAUNCHES 1ST CAMPAIGN!

The mobile clinic team and friends (l-r): Marta Meyer, Dr. Hoby Sanratra Radanielisoa, Tantely Velonambintsoa, Dr. Ramahefarivo Juliette Farah, Dr. Matt Hayden, Ronna Hayden, Anny Georget Solondrabefazy, Jean de Dieu, Mamitiana Solonirina Ranaivosoa, Jean Baptiste Tahianarijaona, Hanitriniaina Eva Sahondralalaina, and Ainamalala Oliva Raherilalao

Following the launch ceremony on Feb. 8 in Antananarivo, the Mobile Dental Clinic team, headed by Dr. Matt Hayden, held a successful first dental and campaign near Antsirabe, south central Madagascar.

The first stop for the clinic was in the commune of Soanindrany, which was 27 km east of Antsirabe. Due to the condition of the road, it took the mobile clinic more than five and a half hours to reach the commune from Antsirabe.

The mobile clinic team combined the skills of international volunteers, ADRA Madagascar staff, local health professionals and Adventist Youth volunteers. The group from the US included Dr. Matt Hayden, volunteer dentist with International Caring Hands and his wife, Ronna, and Randy Meyer, Executive Director of International Caring Hands, and his wife Marta. From ADRA Madagascar, Jean Baptiste Tahianarijaona (known as Jhon) maintained and drove the clinic, Anny Georget Solondrabefazy provided maintenance support, and Tantely Velonambintsoa managed logistics for the team. Dr. Hoby

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Profiles from the southern projects

Working in the south is challenging for many reasons, including poor access to communities, difficult living conditions, and an increasingly harsh climate. As ADRA increases its involvement in this region, we have hired some new and not-so-new staff to supervise and lead our projects ASARA, EAPROM, and ZINA.

Turn to page 3 to learn about the professionals who lead our three southern projects and our new regional coordinator in the south!

-Renee Cerovski



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Mobile Clinic Campaign



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Santratra Radanielisoa from the Adventist Dental Clinic, intern dentist Ainamalala Oliva Raherilalao, and nurse Sitraka Ravoninjatovo from Zucher Adventist University provided medical expertise; and AY volunteers Hanitriniaina Eva Sahondralalaina and Mमितiana Solonirina Ranaivosoa helped with registration, crowd direction, and education.

Dr. Matt trained the local dentists to use the clinic, while Randy, Ronna, and Marta assisted and trained the others to load syringes, use the sterilizer and assist the dentists. Everyone pitched in to help, taking turns working in the clinic, running the registration table, managing the crowd, and teaching the crowd about dental care.

After four days in Soanindrariny, the team took a well-earned Sabbath rest. On Sunday, Feb. 14, the clinic opened again in the commune of Ambohidranandriana, which was only 15 km from Antsirabe.

Regular dental care is difficult to access in these communes. The nearest dentist is in Antsirabe. For the 30,000 residents of Soanindrariny, this is a 2-hour, 5,000 Ar journey by bus. This is a great expense for the people, and does not even include the actual dentist fee.

As word spread about the mobile clinic that was providing free tooth extractions, the number of patients to the clinic increased. On the third day of the campaign, around 200 people were waiting by the time the clinic opened! Once people heard that there was no pain when the teeth were pulled because dentists were using anesthetic, they came in large numbers!

Tantely Velonambintsoa had many responsibilities during the campaign: logistics, assisting the dentists, sterilizing, translating, and assisting with the anesthetics. “[The dental campaign] was a very big adventure,” she said.

“But the good thing is that we had an exceptional team. If they hadn’t been willing to do the work well, we couldn’t have finished everything.”

In the end, the mobile clinic team was able to provide free tooth extractions to approximately 100 people per day. At the end of the six-day campaign, more than 750 people had been served. In addition to providing extractions, the team also taught the crowds how to care for their teeth while they waited for their turn in the clinic. The mayor of Ambohidranandriana was very grateful for what the team had done in his commune. He even requested that the clinic return and have a special program just for students.

ADRA plans to continue working in the rural communes around Antsirabe. We plan to hold regular one-week dental clinics run by local staff every six weeks. For the next campaigns, we hope to provide more dental care and fewer extractions, as the immediate needs will have already been treated. We will also hold educational programs in the markets and schools to teach people how to care for their teeth. We are currently seeking local sponsors to help cover the running costs of the clinic.

ADRA Madagascar’s mobile clinic was donated by International Caring Hands and transported to Madagascar with funds from ADRA International. International Caring Hands is a public non-profit organization dedicated to stopping dental disease all over the world by establishing mobile dental clinics and recruiting volunteer dentists to provide free dental services to those without access to them.

- Renee Cernowski





Profiles of the southern projects



Mamy Hary Tiana Razafindriaka
Regional Coordinator for the South

In order to better support and coordinate activities in the south, we recently hired Mamy Hary Tiana Razafindriaka as Regional Coordinator, based in Ampanihy. Mamy will facilitate the integration of our projects into the large community of interventions in the south. He will actively represent ADRA in the various committees of cluster groups and NGOs and provide technical support to our projects.

The biggest challenge faced by development workers in the south is finding a way to support agriculture and raise livestock without rain. In addition to the work of NGOs, Mamy believes the solution requires clear policies and radical solutions from the State, including infrastructure to address chronic drought. Mamy also believes that rural development requires adequate technologies, which would be introduced to small segments and gradually integrated into the daily lives of the whole population.

Mamy completed his graduate studies in Moldova with a degree in Rural Mechanical Engineering. Before joining ADRA, he worked in economic development and humanitarian development all over Madagascar, including Manja, Maroantsetra, Antananarivo, Mananjary, and Vangaindrano.

-Renee Ceroniski



Faly Alain Randranto
ASARA Project Assistant/Monitoring and Evaluation

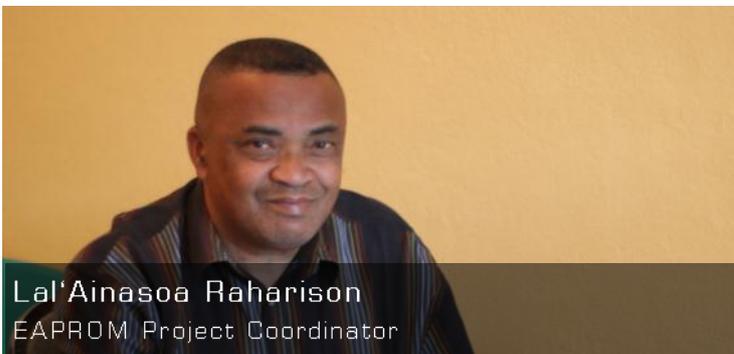
Faly Alain Randranto started working for ADRA in 2004 for the TANTSAHA project in Moramanga. Following TANTSAHA, Faly Alain managed agriculture in Amoron'i Mania for ADRA in the SALOHI project. Last year, he joined our ASARA project, funded by the European Union.

Faly Alain's main responsibilities are overseeing the implementation of ASARA activities and project monitoring and evaluation in Betroka. He also represents the project and coordinates activities with other partners.

Despite challenges of poor roads, insecurity, and periodic drought, Faly Alain is optimistic about the future of the south because of the soil, which is quite fertile in some areas. He explained that after the project completed an irrigation dam, farmers could produce rice three times a year without fertilizer. Even so, Faly Alain encourages people to contribute to help drought victims in the south.

Faly Alain is convinced that working in ASARA is not only a job, but also a Christian service. "Showing empathy toward vulnerable people is none other than the mission of Jesus Christ to save the world," he said.

- Renee Ceroniski

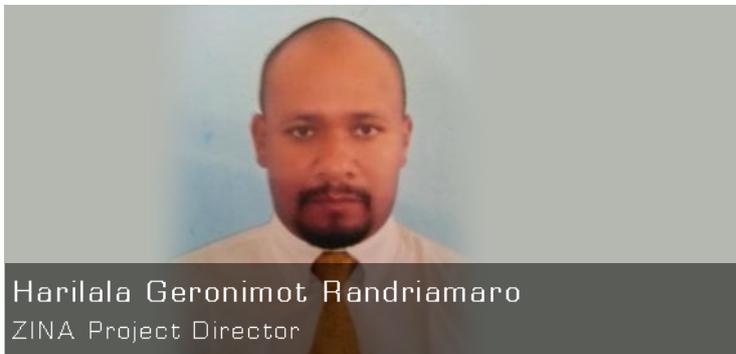


Lal'Ainasoa Raharison
EAPROM Project Coordinator

Lal'Ainasoa Raharison, or Aina, has been serving in ADRA as Project Coordinator of EAPROM since October 2015. Aina is an agricultural engineer who has worked in many development projects. Before joining ADRA, he was a technician in a World Bank project in the west of Madagascar.

Currently, he manages EAPROM, an OFDA-funded project in Bekily and Ampanihy which reduces the impact of the drought on food insecure households through agriculture activities. His responsibilities include coordination of all activities and making sure they are in line with the project proposal, development of quarterly work plans, supervision of the field staff, and monitoring and reporting. Aina's main motivation to work with ADRA is to serve the others. "Working with ADRA really interests me because its interventions directly reach the most vulnerable populations," he said. He believes that ADRA's EAPROM project can impact the drought-hit communities in the south. "This project represents the starting point of a real recovery of the farmers from the devastating effects of the drought," he said.

-Mireille Ravoninjatovo



Harilala Geronimot Randriamaro
ZINA Project Director

Harilala Geronimot Randriamaro, or Harilala, is the Project Director for ZINA, a food security project in the Ampanihy district. For many years, Harilala had been a consultant in project design for public infrastructure projects. He also worked as a consultant for ADRA's ASOTRY project for feasibility studies involving income generating activities.

Currently, as manager of the ZINA project, Harilala is in charge of ensuring that the implementation of the project is in compliance with the project proposal, ensuring a proper completion of work plans, managing field staff, managing the project budget, and maintaining relationships with local authorities and local government services.

Harilala finds this job challenging, but that motivates him even more. "I like challenges, and this project is a real challenge when it comes to the context where we intervene, and on top of that, the drought itself is a challenge we need to address," he said. Despite these challenges, Harilala believes that things will improve. "I think that in four years, we will start to see changes in behaviors, livelihoods, and access to water," he said.

-Mireille Ravoninjatovo



Senior Management Team Building

Who are we? Why are we here? What do we do? And how do we work? These were the questions that the senior management team of ADRA Madagascar explored and answered during a four-day team building program in Antsirabe. Pastor Hubert Rakotoarivony facilitated the discussions which centered around the purpose of ADRA Madagascar, how to improve our processes, and how we can live up to our core values.

Between the working group discussions, country director Peter Delhove led out in team building activities, which helped the staff to learn more about each other and work together. At the end of the program, the results of the discussions were consolidated into a document and given to each manager to sign and keep. This statement of personal engagement is our commitment to taking ownership of ADRA and its future.

- Renee Ceronski



ADVENTIST DEVELOPMENT
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Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Madagascar became an officially recognized NGO by the Government of Madagascar in 1992. Since then, we have implemented a diverse portfolio of food security, health, education, and relief projects, primarily in the central, eastern and southern regions of Madagascar. ADRA Madagascar currently maintains offices in Antananarivo, Fianarantsoa in the southern-central plateau, and Betroka in the south of the island.

"Maki" is the Malagasy word for a ring-tailed lemur. This month's background photo is the mobile clinic.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Project Name	Duration	Donors	Type	Location
ASARA	2014-2018	European Union	Food security	Betroka and Bekily
ASOTRY	2014-2019	USAID/FFP	Food security	Amoron'i Mania, Haute Matsiatra, and Atsimo Andrefana (implemented by ADRA's partners)
EAPROM	September 2015-September 2016	USAID/OFDA	Food security	Bekily and Ampanihy
ZINA	2015-2019	BMZ	Food security	Ampanihy
Education Project / Stop Hunger Now	December 2013-July 2016	Stop Hunger Now / ADRA International	Education	Analamanga
Education Project / TOMS Shoes	November 2013-December 2016	TOMS Shoes / ADRA International	Education	Analamanga, Haute Matsiatra, Atsinanana, Atsimo Andrefana, Alaotra Mangoro, and Vatovavy Fitovinany