

NEWSLETTER – November 2014

Dear members and friends,

We thank you very much for your enthusiasm in helping MAA to face its new obligations, meaning to satisfy the new requests from poor families to give more grants in Kenya children. After the last visit in the country, the grants number climbed to 320 from 250 before ! Fortunately you are here to help. We thank you all, from heart.

Do you remember the young girl, called Winnie, who wanted to suicide because it was impossible for her parents to pay school fees for her in Secondary school ? Now, MAA found a god-mother for her, and she has a grant and no more stress.



Do you remember Severin, the young boy, 12 years old from Matepes village, burnt badly with hot paraffin ?

He got surgery and graft at AIC Children Hospital in Kijabe and now he has his arm mobile again.

He says a big thank you !



Do you remember the nursery school at Oloyapasei, Rombo, Loitokitok district ? Drought and poverty drive parents impossible to pay school fees for their kids. They are 3 to 4 years old and go to nursery. We received almost 30 grant requests from needy families. However, the State do not provide State teacher there, so parents are paying for the education.



Here is the dam from where they drink water inhabitants at Enaramatishoreki village. The primary school has around 300 pupils and they lack also water.

Thanks to donations from "Fondation BNP-Paribas" and INSTITUT ROBIN DE BOIS, we could drill soon a borehole at 200 m depth to provide clean and abundant drinking water to the village. We are waiting for Ministry authorization to drill.

- We have submitted several new projects, that came to light during our last trip in the country, on last July, and currently they are for examination and funding approval in different municipalities of Geneva Canton. We present them as "Project for International solidarity".

Our projects : Build 3 new school classes at the following villages : Emurua Dikkir, Intumtum and Inkorienito, as well as, water supply to 2 other schools in arid areas : Oletukat and Lemongo. For this project we applied to the following institutional donors :

- La ville de Genève
- La Commune d'Onex et
- La Commune de Meyrin.

We are waiting for executive committees decision regarding our project.



Emurua Dikkir, south Narok country: Barac (hut) functioning as nursery school for 50 children ...



Intumtum, south-east of Narok : Iron sheet made school, working as nursery class for 30-40 children.



Inkorienito, in Transmara : Ruines of nursery class after downpour, last year. Probably demolished because dangerous to collapse.



Pupils from Lemongo primary, in Rombo area, Loitokitok. They wait from MAA to provide school with water. Photo from July visit there.

- We have also applied to the "*Service de Solidarité internationale du Canton de Genève*" (SSI) from another project, concerning the building of 5 new school classes in equivalent villages in South remote Kenya (Loitokitok district, border with Tanzania).

- **Rombo mixed primary** (8 degrees, from standard 1 to 8, and a total of 870 pupils). We would like to complete an unfinished classroom, from long time there. In this way, all the other classes would be a bit less crowded (usually 50 to 60 pupils/ class).

- **Oloyapasei and Njukini primary** 118 pupils, aged 3 to 6 years, for a unique school class, built 10 years ago by AMREF. And then nothing new ! Parents and community were waiting for MAA visit and they organised a small ceremony in the village, with songs and gifts(handcraft) from mothers, pleading for a new classroom and some school grants for the most needy families (parents pay private teachers, because the State contribution is far to be sufficient).

- **Matepes primary**

It's asking one more classroom. We know very well this village, where MAA is sponsoring already around 30 kids. Our local collaborator Nemayian, who is a well known lady among Maasai community has conducted many workshops against FGM (female genital mutilation), in the area.

- **Engasakinoi Naramatisho primary**

MAA has already built 3 classrooms here. Before our action they didn't have any school infrastructure in this area. As the population around is growing and the children become older, the need of a new school class becomes obvious. The community named the school as "Naramatisho" because Naramat, and nick-name Naramatisho, is in Maasai language the name given to Annie. The "Education Officer" present at the school ceremony when Annie arrived there in July, promised in front of the village that he (the government) will provide State teachers to the school, if MAA builds a new classroom. Usually the teachers-offer from Education Ministry is not enough, and parents pay private teachers in rural schools. It's a very common reality in Kenya.

- **Rombo Girls Secondary**

is a Secondary State school for girls 15 to 19 years old. (Form 1 to form 4). With a total of 250 young students, they lack a big bathroom. The Head-teacher, Sister Anastasia showed us the current situation, a small tiny room for the only available bathroom. She asked us to built a big collective bathroom, with separate showers, many taps and a complete system for water evacuation and recycling, and warming mechanism for bath water. Here are some photos :



Rombo girls Secondary: the bathroom...



Rombo mixed, the unfinished classroom.



Matepes primary : a hole between 2 classrooms, waiting for well-wishers to build the missing class.



Oloyapasei and Njukini nursery school. The only classroom for almost 100 children.



Engasakinoi Naramatisho primary.
Does MAA would be able to build the standard 3 classroom ?

For this last project we applied for fundraising to :

- La SSI du Canton de Genève
- La Commune de Thônex (don assuré), Veyrier (en cours) , Bernex (en cours).

- Your gifts !

All our donors have already received a small Maasai gift (handcraft from mamas), gifts given to me last July in Kenya, for you. If accidentally a donor received nothing, thank you for calling me (0792531939) so that I remedy this oversight.

- Birth giving at MAA

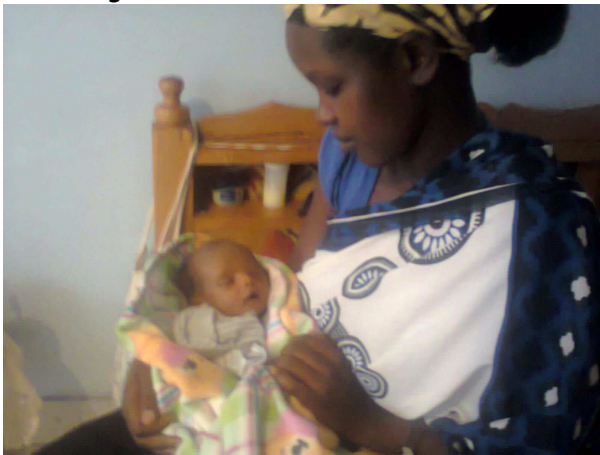
Several babies were born last months thanks to MAA intervention, which transported the moms from the villages to the nearest Maternity Hospital (Narok) to give birth safely.



Aisha, a girl



Gladys Kipaken



Josephine, a girl.



Lucie, a boy



Namanu, a girl



Rehema, a boy.

We thank you for your attention and interest,

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