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Ten years. Already. And yet, it feels as though everything is only just beginning.

For the past decade, Education For Madagascar UK has been building invisible yet enduring bridges from London: connecting people, cultures, and shared dreams of education for the children of Madagascar.

Today, this journey spans **4 countries, 6 sites, 15 projects, and 1,179 children and families**. It is a collective adventure made possible by the unwavering support of our donors, partners, members, volunteers, and loyal readers. Thank you, sincerely.

In these pages, you will discover what has inspired and driven us from **January to June 2026**. Not every moment, but the milestones that have helped us move forward, question, learn, and grow.

What comes next?

It is still being written.

Jackie Sutter

Founding President

Education For Madagascar NGO

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January 2026 - SILVA

Reforestation 2026, Hands in the soil, eyes on the future.

This year, our annual reforestation initiative took root in **Ankararana, Ambohimangakely**.

On **10 January**, children and young people aged 9 to 18 discovered the four pillars of reforestation alongside our partner **Graine de Vie Madagascar**: *Mamboly* (plant), *Mikarakara* (care), *Mikolokolo* (maintain), and *Miaro* (protect). Four simple words that turned a day into a powerful life lesson.

Together, they planted **243 young trees**: avocado, moringa, ravintsara, guava, and many others, understanding that planting is only the beginning. Each tree needs time, care, and patience to grow, just like a child.

One week later, on **17 January**, it was the turn of the youngest learners from **AKKA Montessori** (ages 3–7) to take part in the experience, accompanied by their families and members of the *École des Femmes*. While the children got their hands in the soil, parents attended a workshop on improved cassava cultivation, led by our permaculture project manager, **Harilala Randrianirina**.

In total, **501 young plants** were placed in the ground across these two days—along with just as many seeds planted in hearts.

We extend our sincere thanks to **Graine de Vie Madagascar** for providing the young plants and for their kind and dedicated support throughout these two days. It is also worth noting that throughout the year, as part of the school programme, we continue to care for and maintain the trees that have been planted.



February 2026 - Montessori Webinar (3-6) Responding to Madagascar's educational challenges?

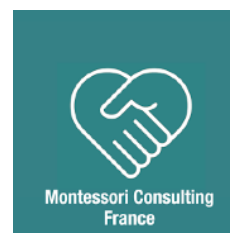
How can we prepare today's children to become the drivers of tomorrow's development?

It is around this question that Education For Madagascar organized a webinar dedicated to the relevance and impact of the Montessori pedagogy in a developing society.

The aim was to introduce the principles of this educational approach and to open a space for reflection on its potential to address Madagascar's educational challenges.

Led by Patricia Peterson-Fontenay and Jackie Sutter Randriantsoa, the session drew on concrete field experience, particularly from AKKA Montessori, our school for children aged 3 to 6.

It brought together 40 participants, including parents, teachers, and educators eager to reflect collectively on the challenges of education for the future.



La parentalité WEBINAIRE

« Pertinence et impact de la pédagogie Montessori dans notre société en développement »

Découvrir les principes clés de la pédagogie Montessori.
Développer son effet positif sur une société dans un pays en développement.
Partager notre vécu, nourri par des expériences concrètes de terrain.

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AKKA Montessori: Three Years Already, and a Growing Conviction

Since September 2023, AKKA Montessori has been welcoming children aged 3 to 7, free of charge, from disadvantaged families in the village of Ambohibe. We are now in our third school year, with 34 children, one lead educator, and four assistants.

Here, each child progresses at their own pace, learning by doing, by touching, and by exploring. The older children naturally support the younger ones. There is no competition—only trust in every child's potential.

After three years, the progress is real and visible. The children are growing in independence and confidence. Parents see it, experience it, and tell us about it. That is our greatest reward.

At the request of local residents, the school will be open to all, with parental financial participation, starting from the 2026 school year.



March-April 2026

TESMA Trilingual Elementary School of madagascar (ages 6 to 12)

The Round Table: when solidarity crosses borders

Some encounters mark a turning point. March was one of those moments.

Education For Madagascar signed a partnership agreement with **Round Table Madagascar**, an international association of young gentlemen committed to the values of friendship, solidarity, and social action.

This partnership goes beyond words: it provides tangible financial support for the launch of **TESMA - Trilingual Elementary Montessori School of Madagascar**, for children aged 6 to 12 coming from AKKA Montessori. The donation was notably used to purchase appropriate educational materials.



A few weeks later, our partners from **Round Table Austria** came to visit us in return, to see the progress of the project and meet the teams. Their presence deeply moved us.

We would like to thank **Round Table Austria** and **Round Table Madagascar** for their trust and generosity.

We are truly grateful to have them by our side.



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March 2026 - École des Femmes Listening, learning, moving forward

Every month, on our Ambohibe campus, women come together. Not for a ceremony. Not for speeches. But to learn, to share, and to build their path toward greater autonomy and confidence. This is the **École des Femmes**, led by Education For Madagascar under the mentorship of **Zara Sandra Jinah**.

This year, March was particularly rich in activity.

On **8 March 2026**, we marked International Women's Day with a moment of reflection focused on two themes close to our hearts: **"Education and Peace,"** led by Jackie Sutter, and **"My life is not a tradition. It is a choice."** presented by Henintsoa Moretti.

The session opened a space for listening and sincere dialogue, where each participant was able to freely express her thoughts and questions.

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The same period also gave us the opportunity to gather in **Morondava**, alongside the women of **Menabe**, a community that deeply inspires us. Open, curious, and determined despite often limited resources, they embody remarkable strength and dignity.

As in each of our visits, we chose to address topics that we consider essential to building a better future: the importance of education, as well as ethics and respect for the common good, values we uphold and wish to share, with humility, with the communities we support.

We also discussed our ongoing support for **EPP Andabatoara**, a school we have been accompanying since 2019 and whose development we continue to follow closely.



April 2026: Career Day Awareness

Artificial Intelligence: Understanding it to teach it better.

That day, 4 April 2026, our educators found themselves on the other side of the table—for once, as learners.

As part of the **Career Day Awareness** project, Michel Sutter, co-founder of Education For Madagascar and mentor of the CARE project (Coding Application Robotics Education), led an open and straightforward discussion on artificial intelligence. No technical jargon. No unrealistic promises. Just a simple truth: *“the world is changing, and we must learn to change with it.”*

Throughout the exchanges, one word kept coming up: **prompt**. How do we ask the right questions to an AI? How do we turn an idea into a solid result? Because using artificial intelligence is not only about understanding the technology, it is about learning how to engage in a dialogue with it.

The conversation explored emerging professions, opportunities, but also limitations, risks, and the importance of keeping **humans** at the heart of everything. Because no machine will ever replace an educator’s gaze on a child.

What marked this day most deeply was not the answers, but the realizations: fear giving way to curiosity, uncertainty turning into a desire to learn.

Our educators left with a strengthened conviction: preparing children for tomorrow’s world also means helping them understand it, question it, and find their place within it. We extend our thanks to **VISEO Group** for being throughout this meaningful day.

Last but not least, we are Grateful to **MWM Made With Madness** for their massive support since 2020.

Let there be light!



And that same month, another new development quite literally lit up our campus.

Thanks to the installation of solar panels across our entire site, the power cuts that used to interrupt lessons at the worst possible moments are now a thing of the past. The children learn in better conditions, our teams work in a more stable environment, and all of this is made possible through clean, sustainable energy. A heartfelt thank you to our generous donors, whose support made this project possible.



May 2026: Madagascar at the Heart of the Montessori World

On 1, 2, 3, and 4 May, Madagascar's voice was also heard in Mexico.

Patricia Peterson-Fontenay, President of the France branch of Education For Madagascar, represented us at the **30th International Montessori Congress**, a global gathering of 1,500 educators from around the world, held under the theme **"A Joyful Journey."** Alongside Sarah Tahora, Vice-President of the Association Montessori de Madagascar (AMMA), Patricia presented the work carried out in Madagascar through **AKKA Montessori**, **TESMA**, and **AMMA**, during a conference organised with **Educateurs sans Frontières**: *"Towards a Concrete Impact: Improving Access to Montessori Education in Kenya, Tanzania, and Madagascar."*

It was a wonderful opportunity to share our progress, learn from experiences elsewhere, and return with an even stronger conviction that



Montessori education has its rightful place in Madagascar.

Next meeting in 2029 in Utrecht, Netherlands, for the centenary of the AMI!



Madagascar in England: A link across the Channel



That same month of May, on the other side of the globe, another precious bond was renewed.

The **American Community School (ACS) of Cobham**, in the United Kingdom 🇬🇧, is one of our very first partners, a relationship that has lasted since 2017.



Every year, during the school fair, ACS volunteers are present at our stand, faithful and deeply engaged. Parents, teachers, and members of the PSO (Parents Social Organisation) have all shown remarkable generosity and kindness.

This long-standing partnership is living proof that the education of children in Madagascar touches hearts far beyond our borders.

We extend our sincere thanks to the entire ACS Cobham community for your time, generosity, and loyalty over all these years.



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June 2026 Morondava, Menabe

A new adventure in Belo-sur-Tsiribihina



It all began with a meeting last March.

While discovering the work of **Tandrobola Menabe**, a local association committed to promoting culture, environmental protection, youth support through sport, and tourism development, we quickly realized that our missions were naturally complementary. This encounter marked the beginning of a new chapter in our engagement in **Belo-sur-Tsiribihina**.

In June, this collaboration became actual with the signing of a partnership agreement, laying the foundations for future projects benefiting the people of Menabe.

Education For Madagascar is proud to act as sponsor and official partner of the **5th edition of the EcoTrail Allée des Baobabs**. This initiative is especially meaningful to us, as it contributes to securing civil registration for 300 unregistered children in the Menabe region, an essential step in enabling them to fully access their fundamental rights.

To support this event, we were also present at the **ITM 2026 Fair**, from 11 to 14 June, where we had the opportunity to promote the EcoTrail and connect with other committed stakeholders.



Elementary School of Andabatoara

A shared pride

Since 2019, we have been supporting the **Andabatoara Public Primary School in Morondava** with conviction and consistency. Regular follow-up visits, teacher capacity-building, and a relationship of trust woven year after year with the community.

This year, the results speak for themselves: a **95% pass rate in the 2026 CEPE examinations**.

A figure that fills us with pride, and which belongs прежде all to the children, the teachers, and the families of Morondava.



June 2026 — KANTO Celebrating Madagascar, together



In recent days, our campus has been alive with the green, white, and red colors.

Ahead of **26 June**, the children celebrated Madagascar's Independence Day in a spirit of joy and togetherness.

On **19 June**, the children of AKKA Montessori explored Madagascar's symbols, history, and identity through playful and educational activities.

The following day, the children from Ambohibe and Ambohimanga came together for a festive gathering centered on unity and national pride.

Through music, songs, and games, this celebration was above all an opportunity to pass on to the children what makes Madagascar so rich—its values, its history, and its heritage.

We extend our sincere thanks to **Canal+ Madagascar** for its valuable support, which contributed to the success of this event.



This is not the first time, in fact, that **Canal+ Madagascar** has stood alongside us.

Last December, the children of Canal+ Madagascar employees joined the students of AKKA Montessori to take part in our extracurricular activities: cooking workshops, permaculture, sports, music, painting, and many more.

These moments of sharing allowed children from different backgrounds to meet, learn together, and discover new experiences in a spirit of openness, curiosity, and conviviality.

We are already looking forward to welcoming them again for the next extracurricular activities scheduled for **July 2026**.



Key facts and figures 2026



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SAVE THE DATE !

Education For Madagascar Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2026

Online or at the Ambohibe Ilafy campus

Sunday, 30 August 2026

Inauguration of the Trilingual Elementary School for Madagascar Montessori (ages 6–12)

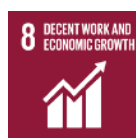
At the Ambohibe Ilafy campus

Saturday, 5 September 2026

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