



# THE SUNRISE CENTRE Madagascar



## Madagascar Disability, Education & Support Projects 2023

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**"I want my son to grow up and be independent, to know about the world around him"**

**Quote from mother of a student – aged 12**



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*The first facility for the support & education of children with disabilities  
on the island of Nosy Be, Madagascar.*

In Madagascar, life for people with disabilities is far from easy. There are no facilities that offer any support, education or care - Meaning that most of those who are unlucky enough to be born with a disability spend the entirety of their days locked up inside their houses, sitting by a roadside or accompanying their parents to work.

In 2017, we realised this problem & decided to do something about it.

We set out across the island, looking for people with disabilities, through word of mouth, radio adverts & open days, we managed to recruit a total of 22 individuals with a variety of intellectual and physical disabilities. We created a support team, comprising of local teachers, family members, disability specialists & community members - Together, we agreed to support those in need. Then, gathering all the parents together, we then decided our mission - **To create & run the first centre for the education, support & care for people with disabilities** in Nosy Be.

Since then, our mission has gained significant attention from other people & organisations. Notably, Madagascar Research & Conservation Institute, who have agreed to support the building of the centre with human resources.

Now, as we enter 2023, this project has finally become a reality.

Whilst still searching for suitable land to build the centre upon, we are due to begin with construction as soon as we can. However, as we believe that our students deserve to have our promise to them fulfilled as soon as possible, we will begin with operations in March 2023. We luckily found a school, previously used for training of farmers, that we could rent. A beautiful facility in the community of Mahatsinjo, close to Hell-Ville, Nosy Be. Containing a small classroom, toilet and large outdoor space, this facility will allow us to open the Sunrise Centre at full capacity and begin to provide much needed educational support for the disabled community of Nosy Be.

Although the start is the most important step for any endeavour, we are far from its end. More children in other communities in Madagascar need the same attention and care – therefore we intend to spread the approach to the main island.

From everybody at the Sunrise Centre from our teachers to our students and their parents, we want to welcome you on this journey with us.

Nathan Stapley  
L.A.B., UK Charity

Martin Sedlmayer  
Program manager

David Bird  
MRCI, Malagasy NGO

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## THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Due to the complexities of the different intellectual & physical challenges faced by our students, combined with their lack of prior education, the programs of which we will deliver at the Sunrise Centre will be a highly personalised & specialised program, designed to help the students thrive within the communities that they live in.

Our 5 main areas of focus are:

### **BASIC EDUCATION**

Where appropriate, we seek to improve the academic skills of our students. Primarily, we focus on the areas of literacy, maths & Malagasy history/geography.

### **SPORTS, MOVEMENT & PLAY**

Through inclusive sports work, yoga, physiotherapy & individual/group play, we work to improve the fine and gross motor skills of students, whilst also improving their physical health.

### **SOCIALISING & COMMUNICATION**

Our socialising aspect of our work improves the life experiences & communication skills of students, through sign language, speech therapy, meeting new people, going to new places & making friends.

### **LIVING WELL**

Arguably the most important aspect of our work, our living well program seeks to enhance the life skills of our students - Through various schemes of work, including cooking, cleaning, gardening, enterprise, self-care & small-scale agriculture.

### **PERSONAL GOALS**

Alongside the other aspects of our curriculum, we also work closely with parents to set 3 personal goals to be achieved over the course of an academic year.



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*Parents and their children are inspecting the new facilities*



*Rented facility and our school bus*

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## THE PROJECTS

### Project #1: Operation of the Nosy-Be School.

As we are going to start the operations as of March 1, 2023, required resources until end of 2024 include:

Budget position	One-time expenses	Monthly expenses	TOTAL MGA
Salary for 5 teachers		4'800'000	105'600'000
Building rent		1'300'000	28'600'000
Transportation and food		540'000	11'880'000
Building	3'800'000		3'800'000
School uniforms	900'000		900'000
TOTAL			<b>150'780'000</b>

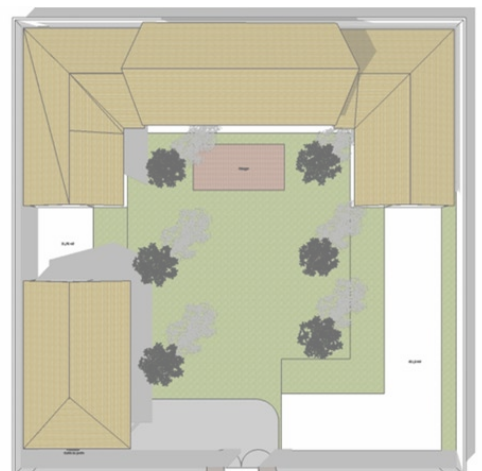
To run the school for almost two years in the rented premises financial resources of about **33'200 EUR** or 29'200 GBP are required.

As of today, about half of this amount is collected through private persons.

### Project #2: Build a school in Nosy-Be to ensure continuation.

Although we are thrilled to be beginning, our eventual goal is to construct a disability centre upon our own land because we are required to give the rented building back end of 2024 at the latest.

We envision a centre built appropriately to accommodate all our students & visitors, regardless of their physical or intellectual disabilities. Architectural plans are already available.



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Based on previous visits to appropriate land in appropriate locations, the average price of land is around 80,000MGA - 150,000MGA (£16 - £29) per meter squared. To ensure both appropriate indoor & outdoor space, we're searching for between 800m<sup>2</sup> - 1000m<sup>2</sup> of land.

Working with a previous quote, from which we sourced a trustworthy local architect to design an appropriate facility as pictured below. The estimated building costs for this, all included, were estimated to be 180,000,000 MGA - The adjacent graph shows the estimated total costs of purchasing land & building the official Sunrise Centre. After this, running costs would remain the same.

Budget position	One-time expenses	Monthly expenses	TOTAL MGA
Land	105'000'000		105'000'000
Construction	75'000'000		75'000'000
TOTAL			<b>180'000'000</b>

To construct an adequate school financial resources of about **39'600 EUR** or 34'500 GBP are required.

As of today, about 12'500 EUR is collected through private persons.

### **Project #3: Expand the school model to other communities.**

The next step of expansion shall be on the main island of Madagascar. Initial steps are already made to go into Ambanja, Antsiranana.

**For a new school a rough amount of 40'000 EUR is required to setup the school building, and – depending on the number of students to be taken – of 18'000 – 22'000 EUR to run it year by year.**

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## THE TEAM

### Program management



Martin Sedlmayer, Switzerland, MBA, PMP, certified program director IPMA Level A, Switzerland

After a long history of successfully managed complex international projects and programs, I decided to focus my enthusiasm, dedication, time, and effort to support people in urgent need. The Sunrise project is a beautiful example of cross-national cooperation to help children and their parents to improve their lives.

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### Head of teaching and operation of the school



Nathan Stapley, United Kingdom

**L.A.B. - UK registered charity no.1174514**

I founded L.A.B in 2017, and ever since, creating the Sunrise Centre has been the focus of my life. Having started my career working within the field of S.E.N education at 18 years old, I soon realised that I wished to remain in this field for the rest of my working career. Creating L.A.B was the best thing I have ever done and I'm so excited to share this journey with you.

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President of Sunrise Madagascar and local teacher,  
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After a long period where we tried hard to provide support to these children and their families, we finally succeeded and launched the support center in Nosy Be. The children and their parents urgently need help, and they really deserve it. Now where we started, we count on supporters for continuation.

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## Special teaching approach



**BISHOP  
GROSSETESTE  
UNIVERSITY**

Bishop Grosseteste University in Lincoln, department SENDI (Special Education Needs, Disability & Inclusion and Sports), will help to adapt training techniques to the special needs of the children.

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## Setup of the infrastructure



**Madagascar Research and Conservation Institute, registered NGO in Madagascar No. 012**

MRCI provides a safe platform whereby international volunteers of all diversities and backgrounds can come together in order to make a positive impact on local communities and on the environment while gain perspective on their personal growth and development.

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## Local support



Franck Randimby, Andoany, Madagascar

This project is the first place in Nosy be to look after those kids, as there is no infrastructure or support available at all.

It will provide the parents a positive future for the kids and this project offers a chance to the kids to be treated like a human being.

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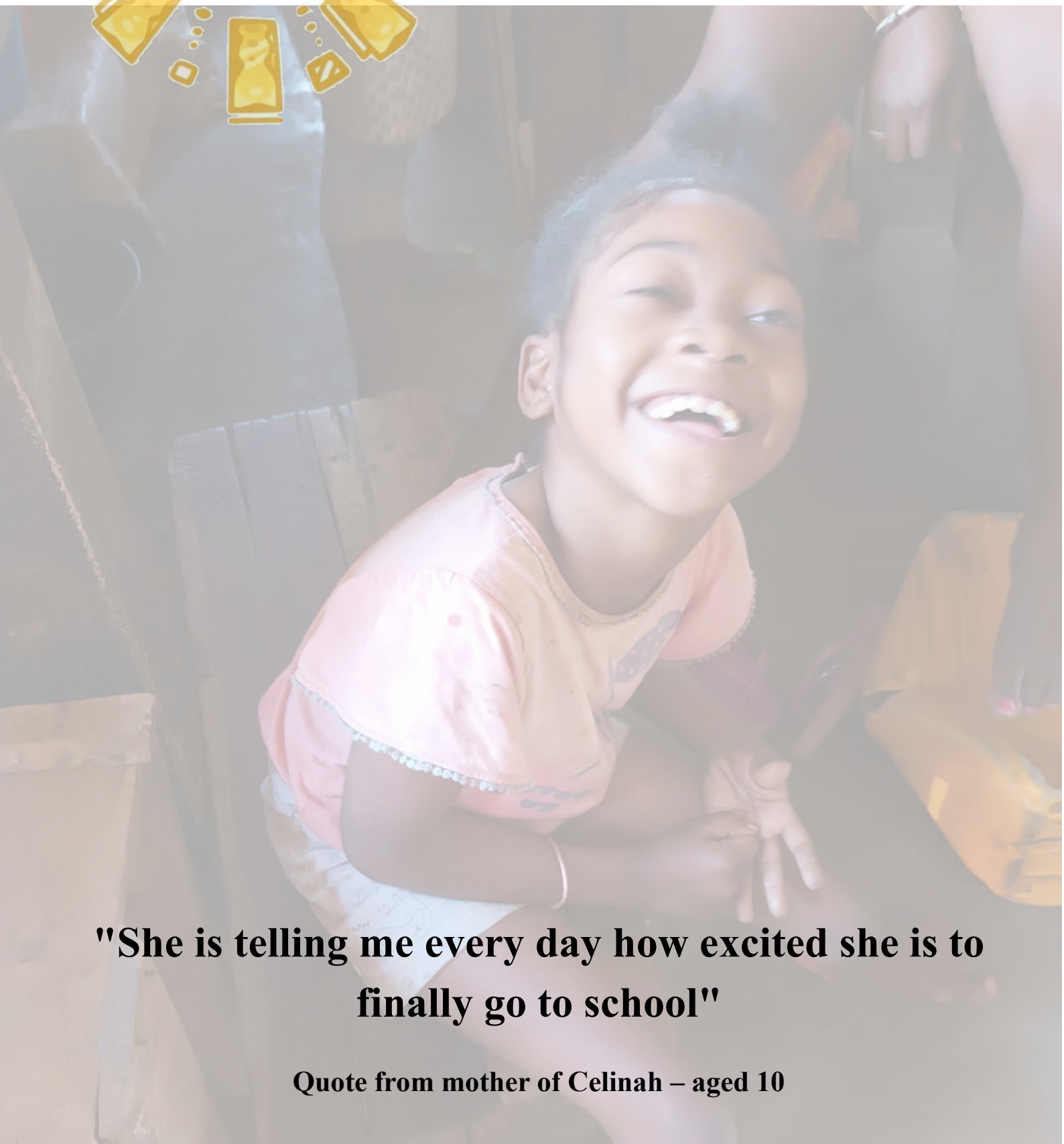
## Additional supporters & partners

Additional talks to support the children are going on with a number of professionals, including medical doctors from France, and occupational therapists from Canada.



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**"She is telling me every day how excited she is to finally go to school"**

**Quote from mother of Celinah – aged 10**