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Draft of National Policy for Social protection.

- **Strategic axis 2**: Improvement of the access to the basic social services
- **Strategic Axis 3**: Protection and promotion of the rights of the specific groups at risks.

- reduction of long term vulnerability and elimination of the intergenerational transmission of poverty
- protection of the persons most exposed to the risks of violences, abuses, exploitations, discrimination and exclusion
Association created in 1989 in Madagascar, of public utility, SOS Villages d’Enfants has the mission to protect childhood.

SOS VE militates for the protection, the recognition, the implementation and the protection of the rights of children. The programs and actions are focusing on the poor children and households to enable or improve their access to all the basic social services. They enable to cope with the consequences of the social risks related to inequalities, health and food insecurity.
What we are

• SOS VE is active in the province of Antananarivo (regions of Analamanga and Antsirabe), the province of Toliara (regions Anosy (Fort Dauphin), Androy (Ambovombe, Tsihombe, Beloha, Bekily) and Atsimo Andrefana (Betioky, Ampanihy), in the province of Mahajanga (region Mahajanga I) and the province of Toamasina (region Toamasina I)

• SOS VE provides annual daily supports to 54,000 children (direct and indirect beneficiaries) and to 5,000 families in situation of precariousness

• SOS VE employs 510 permanent workers covered by social security
Missions and programs

1 – Long lasting support of children without parental support (orphans, abandoned, incapable or disabled parents), phratries in priority.

2 Assistance of vulnerable children through actions of protection and retrieval of children victims of forced labor, sexual exploitation, abuses and violences.

3 – Assistance of specific families at risks through actions of prevention of abandonment.
Missions

Provision of different social services to children and families in need:

1. Access to housing
2. Access to free medical cares and provision of medicines in our Health centers and dispensaries (prenatal cares, nutritional education)
3. Access to free education
4. Access to safe water
5. Access to new technologies: Solar energy for houses-computers –mobile phones
6. Access to credits for income generating activities
Funding for the implementation of activities:

- Fund transfers (by NGOs, individuals and companies)

- Donations of materials and inputs

- Funding from multilateral institutions and bilateral partners (ILO, etc) - AFD, Japan, etc
1- Long term cares for children

• Long term cares for children deprived of their family environment and parental cares, in priority phratries, until their socioprofessional autonomy.

• Placements based on legal ordinances issued by magistrates in charge of children.

706 children and young, 135 autonomous young benefiting from jobs, 3 villages of children in Fort Dauphin, 2 structures for family placements (Mahajanga and Antananarivo).
1.1- Activities in cares and assistance

• Reestablising a new loving and protecting family life, respectful of their rights around a substitution mother while maintaining their links with the family of origin
• Ensure the access to housing, education, medical cares of children of the villages, intermediary housing for the young evolving towards autonomy
• Assist the children for the preparation of their adult life in the process of their socioeconomic insertion.
2-The program for family reinforcement
• Prevent abandonment and marginalization of children by the assistance of their parents in situation of precariousness who are unable to achieve their parental missions for education and cares.
• Reinforce the resilience of the population facing natural disasters

8 days care centers, 6 community centers
41,700 children assisted, 5,000 beneficiary families, 5,240 children, 125 retrieved from forced labor.
Our actions

21- Activities for children benefiting from the program for family reinforcement (1)

• Educational assistance: birth registration, School furnitures, close monitoring, sports and leisure, allowances, numerical education
• Assistance of young for their socioprofessionnal insertion

• School cantines
• Medical coverage, medical reference, cares and prevention services
21- Activités for the children in situation of family reinforcement (2)

- Birth registration

- Protection of children against violences, abuses and exploitation; emergency and temporary reception, retrieval of victims, establishment of community watch units, listening and counselling, participation to the networks of protection of children

- Action of sensitization of public authorities, private sector and civil society to make of the superior interest of children a priority, namely the eradication of violence
21- Activities intended for the parents (3)
• Support of parents in awareness-raising on their responsibility, the role of parents for the protection of the rights of children

• Sensitization on the positive practices of community life

• Support for the implementation of income generating activities and units of family production

• Creation and opening of literacy classes

• Financial support for projects for improvements of housing hygiene and sanitation of neighbourhoods
Our actions

21- Activities intended to parents benefiting from the Program for the reinforcement of family (4)

• Support for the creation of family savings for the education of children.

• Assistance of groupings of women for the improvement of the quality of life (Mahafaly, Antandroy)

• Assistance of women's groupings for community sustainable socioeconomic development; creation of farmers' groupings and associations, and community granaries, distribution of fertilizers, improved seeds and training in new and profitable crops
No actions

3- Schooling

Facilitation of the access of children in poor families to basic education through the attenuation of financial charges of parents

Improvement of the level of instruction of pupils

Prevention of school dropout

6 250 pupils, 3 pre-schools, 3 écoles primaires, 3 highschools, 10 ASAMA schools, 2 mixt professional schools, 1 soccer center, 450 pupils benefiting from allowances
3.1- Activities for education

• Building and opening of schools
• Implementation of assistance activities for vulnerable children; reduction of school expenditures, school equipments, pedagogical support, close family monitoring, school cantines, provision of school allowances, assistance for the delivery of birth certificates, building and rehabilitation of classrooms in 14 primary schools and assistance of parents’ association for the creation of school cantines supplied by WFP
Conclusion

The impacts on the beneficiaries:

Programs in synergy with the national program, adequately designed, targeting vulnerable families and children in priority and adapted to each specific context.

Responding to the vulnerabilities proper to each target.

For the management and implementation, though the procedures are not heavy, methods of evaluation are put in place and effected periodically.
• Opening of the 4th village of children in Fort Dauphin
• Updating of statistical data and indicators of changes in the zones of interventions
• Progressive orientation of the programs for family reinforcement in community development programs
• Grant provided by the Ministry in charge of Population, social protection and promotion of women
Thank you