The Tapori of Antohomadinika in Madagascar

Many of you had expressed to get to know our Tapori friends in other places, here is the first presentation of a group prepared by the children, with the support of their facilitators.

Thank you to our friends in Antohomadinika!

From Geneva, Helene conducted an interview for Tapori. It was in Antananarivo in a cybercafe. There were some adults: Honorine, Mélaine, Hanitra, Totofoahangy, Garette, Priscie, and Goretti who did the translation. Ten children came and speak one after the other. It was terrific!

For Helene it was like traveling on the other side of the world!

What are you doing together with Tapori?

“We share what we know. We read and we learn things together. We listen to the stories they tell us: we look at videos. It’s a place of friendship, like we gave our sympathy to the family when a member of the group passed away.

And also when there is a quarrel, we do everything we can to fix things up peacefully.” Nadia, Nathanael, Princia.

What do you want to tell the other children?

“I invite children to join the Tapori group at the Antohomadinika where we meet every Wednesday.

“I would like to meet all the children of the world.”

“I invite the children to respect their parents and to love each other, to build solidarity and peace.”

“I invite the children who had a successful life to exclude nobody, so that there is respect and peace.” Tatiana, Rota, Christiane.

For you, what is Tapori?

“The Tapori group represents the rights of children. It’s an association of children rich and poor to build friendship and fraternity between children, for example between the youngest and the oldest of the group. Tapori gives the children a chance to sing all together.” Ezra, Jemina, Tiana.

Recently, with the Cyclone Chedza, there was flooding in the neighborhood and also in the Andramianarana neighborhood.

Over 100,000 people were affected and there were several deaths. In spite of this, the children were happy to come together and pose for a photo to send it to Tapori.

There is a song that describes Antohomadinika:

“Antohomadinika is in the south of the center of the capital of Madagascar. A long time ago it was a nice paddy. Then it was filled up with dirt and now it’s full of houses.”

“In our neighborhood, there is the Andianaty canal, a soccer field, a bridge, the grade school, the church, the clinic, the NGO Sentinelle, many associations, a cafeteria by the Red Cross for the little children, the library building, a water fountain, a wash house, and the public showers and toilets.”

There are 150 children in the Tapori group of Antohomadinika in Madagascar. They meet in the neighborhood library and do various activities.

In Madagascar, Tapori exists also in Tulear in the Anketa neighborhood with 30 children, and in the Anetra raka neighborhood with 15 children. There are 5 adults who facilitate for the two places. There are other projects also, for example in some public schools.

The children of the group from Antohomadinika said:

“Our neighborhood is in a low area, a poor area. There is poverty and there is flooding.”