

AKAMAOSA
(the good friends)

Charity action located in
Madagascar

WHO ?

- Charity organization created by father Pedro in 1989



Where ?

Akamasoa is located in Madagascar and created 5 centres around Antananarivo. They are composed of 17 villages where are present 926 families (15 560 people with 60% of children under 15 years old).



CARTOGRAPHIE DES VILLAGES D'AKAMASOA

Antolojanahary à 60 km de Tana (RN4) : Nazareth / Christo-Roi / Victoire Rasoamanarivo / Vincent de Paul / Be-Mahatazana / Rasalama / Tsaramasoandro / Saint Joseph / Santa Maria

Ambatomitokona – Talata Volonondry à 37km (RN3)

Akamasoa à 8km de Tana avec ses 11 villages (RN2) : Cité Akamasoa Andralanitra / Ambaniala / Ankadiefajoro / Antaninarenina / Manantenaso / Mahatsinjo / Mangarivotra / Mahatazana / Lovasoa / Bemasoandro / Mahatsara

Safata et Alakamisy Ambohimaha à 400km (RN7)

Vangaindrano, Ampitafa à 900km

What?

Since 1989 Padre Pedro Pablo Opeka, a priest from Argentina, has been committing himself to help the poorest people in Madagascar. Thanks to his continuous work "Akamasoa" was born, a community just outside Antananarivo, where families reduced from poverty to live in slums and collect garbage to survive can find a real hospital, a school for their children, a brick house, a job to earn their living, overall, a dignified life.

How ?

Padre Pedro was convinced that homeless people, deprived from everything, could not find dignity and autonomy if they did not become themselves the protagonists of their recovery. For this reason, the families sheltered in the villages of the association have to commit to daily work and send their children to school. In exchange, Akamasoa provides them services which will help them to reinsert into society:

- Jobs for the construction of brick houses, making of craft objects, agriculture, carpentry, mechanics and welding;
- 2,000 social dwellings;
- 4 primary and secondary schools;
- 1 higher-education institution;
- 5 kindergartens which accommodate nearly 8,000 children from the province of Antananarivo;
- 6 pharmacies

Today, thousands of families live from their work thanks to Akamasoa and many people from the villages near the capital have benefited from the sanitary facilities of the association.

Those who want to go back to their village of origin receive help to find economic independence: the association provides them tools and pays for transport fees. It is estimated that at least 1,350 families have been able to go back to their home town.

Links

In Italian: <http://www.amicipadrepedro.org/>

In French: <http://www.perepedro.com/>

In English: http://www.amicipadrepedro.org/index_en.htm

In German: <http://www.paterpedro.de/>