

Madagascar Tap Fund

£1,000 Tap Fund Goal

Madagascar World Challenge Expedition
Teams One and Two

In 2008, as part of our involvement with International Schools, students and staff from LGGS visited Madagascar, on a World Challenge expedition.

Team 2 stayed at Antandindo, (a remote hill village with no water or electricity supply - the road stops 3 kilometres before the village) to do the community project element of their expedition, helping to fund the rebuilding of the clinic for the village doctor.

At present the Antandindo's water supply is carried from a well, half a mile from the village and during our visit we were asked if we would help with the cost of installing a water tap in the village. Hence the 'Tap Fund' was created at LGGS.

The installation of piped water to a tap would cost £5,000. Team 2 girls set themselves an initial target of contributing £1,000 towards this worthwhile cause. Fundraising initiatives in school have included designing a Christmas card with a fee for entrants, second hand book sales and coming soon a non-uniform day on the 20th March 2009. The girls have also been involved in fundraising initiatives in their local communities.



February 2009 ... £925
January 2009 £700
October 2008 ... £17



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A sixth former very generously donated her £150 bursary from the Lyon's Charity and another pupil and her family kindly contributed £25.

Since our visit, the people in Madagascar have suffered from the effects of a recent cyclone where 15,000 people were made homeless. Political unrest has also affected Madagascar, again LGGS pupils worked hard, raising £272 from a cake stall which they donated to an appeal for aid.

We cannot thank everyone enough for all the effort and contributions they have made, this will go towards helping the villagers of Antandindo to meet their basic human need for clean and safe water, something we in the Western world take for granted daily. All the girls who have visited Madagascar can appreciate the immense value of this basic commodity. World Challenge have expressed their delight at the dedication of girls from LGGS to this cause, their expedition manager sending the following message:

"I've not experienced such a committed and continued response from a team towards their expedition destination. The political unrest and the effects of the cyclone have obviously had an impact on the girls and their desire to help with cyclone relief and clean water supply to Antandindo is highly commendable."

We shall continue to keep you informed of any future initiatives.

Fran Walker and all the Expedition Teams

