

Collège Sainte Faustine  
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The college of St Faustine in Dabolava district is a school with parochial status; the first incharge is the parish priest. But since 2010, the direction has been entrusted to the Sisters of the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Diego-Suarez.

More than 80% of school children come from low-income families who cannot ensure a reasonable and adequate diet for these children who hardly eat once during all 12 hours and come to school hungry and come to school hungry.

In addition, most parents are farmers, and some parents are goldsmiths. But they are less paid because they are collectors who join in—more money than goldsmiths. So our students come from disadvantaged families.

Finally, due to the lack of Catholic schools in all villages, most children are forced to walk farther. Often means that most of them do not eat lunch, so they can't follow their teachers' lessons. That is why we are asking for financial support for the school canteen to concentrate on their studies to obtain good results and reduce the number of drop-outs.

Our project consists of supporting the school through implementing this school canteen. More precisely, this project aims at improving the food conditions of the 300 children in need.

There are 300 students in need. The first person in charge is the headmistress of the school. And the partners, according to their weekly organization, the partners take care of the daily activities such as the preparation of the meal, the cleaning, all the cooking tools, the fuel (wood, sawdust, lime, etc...). There are also some annual contributions according to the ability of each parent.

In reality, the school has no budget to support the costs related to the functioning of this school canteen, while neither the parents nor the State is concerned with this crucial situation in this school. As we do not want this financial instability to hamper our efforts to achieve satisfactory results, we ask you for this much-needed help.

In the hope of a favorable response from you, please accept, Reverend Mother.

We hope that you will respond favorably to our request.

Union of prayers!

Sr Ravaonirina Arceline, Directress  
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