

## Hospital help for Malagasy families

Jackie Hubert from France has been spending every January in Madagascar since 2009. There she works to bring some relief to families with children in the HJRA children's cancer hospital in Antananarivo.



*The micro-project I created is very humble. As a nurse giving moral support to Malagasy families, I realized that children treated for cancer receive massive doses of cobalt, but their little malnourished bodies cannot fight. Indeed, children fed by their families, who are often very poor, eat only rice two or three times a day and therefore suffer deficiencies.*

**Jackie Hubert with a mother in the children's hospital in Antananarivo**

*I arrive each day with a basket filled with delicious zebu milk yogurt and fresh fruit (purchases that contribute to the local economy). The children greet me with big smiles, happy to see that a "vahaza" cares about them. Sometimes they have never eaten yogurt before and share it with their mum.*

*Gradually, from 12 yoghurts a day we went to 20 then 40, as children from other wards (traumatology, brain surgery, etc.) started asking for them.*

*Yoghurt and fruit is distributed throughout the year thanks to Madame Lala, a very warm young woman, hired by Sister Anne-Claire who has done a lot for the hospital in collaboration with the association Anyma. To run properly this project needs €1,200 per year. Sister Anne-Claire manages the money and sends me regular reports, and all the money goes directly to the children.*

*The project is close to my heart ... it's a tiny drop in the ocean of misery but I believe in it, and children give me back a hundredfold what I give them. I am well aware that we can't work miracles with yogurt and fresh fruit, but it gives them courage, hope and a smile.*

Susila Dharma France Entraide has donated € 500 to help Jackie's efforts this January. Find out more about the NGO (non-governmental organisation) Anyma's work by visiting its [website](#) (French only).