

## Project Update: November 2021

We are excited to share that over 500 students and their families have continued to express the desire to have permanent outreach programs in Daraina. COVID has made it difficult to accommodate all the interested students on a regular basis due to precautions we have in place - limiting group sizes indoors to a maximum number of 10 students. Over the past 2 months, we have started collaborating with a local construction team to build an open-sided chalet structure (roof pictured to the right) that will allow us to have outreach activities outside during the rainy season (which is quickly approaching). This will enable us to increase programme sizes to 25 students!



Additionally, we are building an improved chicken rearing structure and quarantine structure that will allow us to house up to 30 chickens. We have continued to have great involvement from local community members with these entrepreneurial projects and many individuals want to help expand the scope of some of the initiatives. We have also constructed more lemur tracking collars that will be used to continue to remotely track the golden-crowned sifaka in the forests surrounding Daraina. Overall, while we have seen minor setbacks due to the everchanging nature of the pandemic, we are happy to report progress towards the entrepreneurial activities and continued educational outreach.

