

**Project-place.**

Project of the Wood Collecting Households. Madagascar Central Highlands, Analamanga region, Anjzorobé district, Androvakely village (historical region of Anativolo).

**Purpose.**

This project will fight against the causes of poverty among the beneficiaries, it will impact the life of the households by increasing their food security and well-being. It will enable their activities and preoccupations to be placed on a long-term basis, notably through the management of wood energy capital, its commercial field and the preservation of what remains of forest. The aim is to achieve sustainable land management by the beneficiaries.

**Why this project?**

Being able to feed oneself every day, depends in particular on harvesting firewood from the remains of highly degraded forest ecosystems. These 250 hectares of often bushy forest lands provide less and less wood, thus less income and more work for households. The degradation of these mosaics of forest remains, spread over 18,000 hectares, undermines their capacity to preserve the slopes from erosion, regulate the flow of springs and the diversity of endemic species in these environments.

**Beneficiaries.**

400 people, including 270 children, in 3 villages, i.e. 63 households, income per year ~200-250 swiss francs.

**What can be done?**

Alternatives to wood harvesting and seasonal employment, which only allow a very low standard of living, by :

1. Income-Generating Activities (IGA) = training courses partly agricultural followed by seed allocations, which put into practice allow the acquisition of income.

**What are we aiming to achieve?**

1. The 250 hectares of forest relics are maintained in quantity and quality.
2. Households have a minimum surface area of 950,000 m2 of wood energy capital, future capital to be developed.
3. Household income is doubled by the Income Generating Activities, at least 200 francs.
4. The 63 literate households have increased their control of their environment (particularly administrative).

**Expected results.**End of February 2022.

- surface area planted 315'000 m2 of which 5'000 m2 per household.
- 400 m2 of crops per household.
- Training in cultivation, cutting and sewing carried out.
- Literacy training for at least 50 people.
- Increase in income of 40 Swiss francs per year.

End of February 2023.

- 630'000 m2 planted area of which 10'000 m2 per household.
- 2'900 m2 of crops per household.
- Training in crop cultivation, backyard animal husbandry, basketry and stock management carried out.
- Increase in income of 90 Swiss francs per year..

End of February 2024.

- 950'000 m2 of planted area, 15'000 m2 of which per household.
- 63 land certificates secure the minimum planting area of 15'000 m2 per household.
- 2'900 m2 of crops per household.
- Training in cultivation, piglet fattening, goat tenure, re-feeding carried out.
- Replenishment of 1 pond (12'600 fry).
- Training in reproductive health.
- Increase in income of 200 Swiss francs per year.

- 100% of the commercialised wood from the relics is dead.
- The text of the communal decree is in line with the aim of protecting the relics and is being enforced.
- At least 35'000 seedlings produced by 3 nurseries per year..

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**Timetable, duration.**

2 phases. 1st phase from June 2021 to the end of February 2024. 2nd phase from November 2024 to March 2027.

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**Budget.**

40,253 Swiss francs in 2021, 37,888 Swiss francs in 2022 and 60,992 Swiss francs in 2023. Total 1st phase 139,133 CHF

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**Monitoring and evaluation.**

Monthly financial and achievement monitoring through the dedicated file, annual interim report, final report. Annual visit. External evaluation of results and impacts.

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**The association.**

Head office in Lancy (GE), recognised as being of public interest. Promotion of sustainable development through project portfolios such as the Local Agenda 21s in Madagascar. Member of the Geneva Cooperation Federation. We have been in the village since 2011 and are running several projects for the benefit of the entire population. Tailor-made projects through consultation with the populations, as close as possible to the realities on the field. Ensures relevant and useful results and impacts. Local partner association Doria for the operational part since 2011.

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**Fundraising.**

95 foundations contacted for the 2021 budget. Amounts 10,000, 15,000 or 20,000 Swiss francs per request depending on the foundation's capacity. The 40'253 Swiss francs must be raised by 31 May 2021 at the latest in order to start the project in June 2021. If the budget for the first year is not met, the project is carried over to the following year. The funds obtained in 2020-21 will be carried over to the following year to continue fundraising and reach 40,253 Swiss francs.