

RURAL TRANSFORMATION THROUGH PARTICIPATORY DEVELOPMENT ZAHANA



Zahana is a non-governmental organization in Madagascar dedicated to participatory rural development, education, revivalization of traditional Malagasy medicine, reforestation, and sustainable and environmentally friendly agriculture.

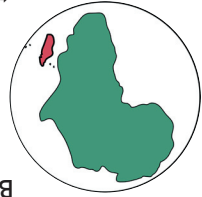
It is Zahana's philosophy that development must be based on local needs and solutions proposed by local people. Participatory development means asking communities what they need. Working collaboratively with Zahana on their priorities a community claims ownership of their own development successes.

To realize a community's priorities, Zahana hires in-country experts to assist with specific tasks such as building a clean water system from the mountains to the village or a school. The villagers contribute their labor and locally available materials to every project.

To find out more please visit our website at www.zahana.org or write to us for printed information at: Project Zahana * PO Box 62223 * Honolulu HI 96839 * USA.

About the photos: Fiadanana's School:

Built with community labor and village-made bricks, Fiadanana now has its first school, attended by over 150 children. Zahana hired and committed to pay the two teachers' salaries for two years. To prepare and train them to teach children who have never gone to school before, an educational specialist was hired to spend six weeks in the village conducting the training. To provide enough room for all students, a second school building is the next step for the community, who started making the bricks in the spring of 2008.



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