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Zahana: Rural transformation through participatory development



Community built school



Community built water system

Zahana is a non-governmental organization in Madagascar dedicated to participatory rural development, education, revitalization 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 www.zahana.org or write to us for printed information at:

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