

Project Update: October 2017

The inhabitants of the Ampasimaneva village contributed to the reforestation of 7600 trees from 15 plant varieties, five of which are plants providing fruits for bats (*Abrahamia ditimena*, *Ficus polita*, *Syzygium malaccense*, *Solanum auriculatum* and *Ficus* sp), and the remaining plants for people's domestic consumption (*Artocarpus integra*, *Citrus aurantium*, *Citrus decumana*, *Citrus limomum*, *Coffea Arabica*, *Diospyros kaki*, *Eriobotrya japonica*, *Eugenia jambolana*, *Prunus avium* and *Tamarindus indica*) that also generate seasonal revenue through the fruit selling. The trees were planted on both sides of the Soamandaranana River, which is a source of drinking water and generate electricity power to the village of Ampasimaneva. Plants that provide food for fruit bats were planted in the degraded habitats a bit further from the village and on the banks of the river but the plants that provide fruits for people were planted in their farmlands. Now we are in dry season and the tree plantation is on standby but will be continued during the rainy season in November and December.

Mr Paul Ranaivoson was the local technician selected among the villagers of Ampasimaneva to attend the training on electricity and drinking water systems. His training has been organised by the Akamasoa association in Antananarivo and concerns, electric current initiation, electric connection on mono and tri phases, domestic installation and electrical repair. He was also trained on the drinking water systems and troubleshooting.

Through the collaboration of the local association "MIARAMIRINDRA", the forest and environment regional representatives and administratives, the social contract an useful tool for the management of the humid forest in the western side of Ampasimaneva has been established.



Paul Ranaivoson, in the left, attending training on electricity organised by the Akamasoa in Antananarivo, 20 Sept 17.



Tree nursery in Ampasimaneva showing tamarind and *Ficus* plants in pots, 23rd September 2017.



Local villagers in Ampasimaneva, taking the plant pots in the tree nursery and planting them in the degraded and farm lands, 28th July 2017.