

LOCAL FARMING COMMUNITIES WORKING IN COLLABORATION WITH SEPALI MADAGASCAR

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1- T.M.A GROUP IN AMBODIVOANGY:



**Bernard: President of
TMA Ambodivoangy**

TMA consisted of only 5 members when they first began working with SEPALI, but the group was immediately productive. Only one week after the training program, TMA set up a group nursery for the silk host plant (Talandoha) and each member planted 1000 seedlings. After 6 months, the TMA members started to transplant the Talandoha seedlings onto their land. Currently, the group registers 13 members and continues to grow.



**TMA Tree Nursery
Ambodivoangy (2008)**

2- F.T.A GROUP IN MAROVONANA:



**Ramananjatovo Simon:
President of FTA
Marovonana**

FTA stands for “*Fikambanana Tantsaha Ambohisoa*” or “farmers’ association of Ambohisoa”, and has been working with SEPALI since June 2009. Originally a group of 10 farmers, the group has progressively grown to a membership of 25 over the past two years.



FTA Tree Nursery (March 2011)

FTA also has a cooperative tree nursery. In addition to growing the wild silk host plant, the farmers also have several species of trees such as Cloves, coffee and fruit trees. During the meeting with FTA in May, each member promised to plant 250 seedlings on their land before August.

INTRODUCTION:

This monthly newsletter is dedicated to all SEPALI members living in the local communities. The goal is to inform each member about the monthly activities of SEPALI and provide updates about each of the communities.

In the near future, SEPALI will be providing membership cards to each member, complete with their picture and detailed member information. This membership card will allow each of our farmers to participate in SEPALI events and market their silk to SEPALI.

LIST OF TMA MEMBERS IN AMBODIVOANGY

1 Bernard, 2- Jaonary jean, 3- Marivelo, 4- Pierette, 5- Celestine, 6- Odette, 7- Bernadette, 8- Rasoa, 9- Thomas II, 10- Flodette, 11-Zaraso, 12- Zena.

LIST OF FTA MEMBERS IN MAROVONANA

1- Simon, 2- Sasidy, 3- Razafindraha Jules, 4- Sahidilahy Theogene, 5- Ravolaina, 6- Iavana Kolety, 7- Jaojifeno, 8- Ramarosahana, 9- Rasoafiny, 10- Ralaizanaka, 11- Razafiarisoa, 12- Flanie, 13- Razafindrasoa, 14- Marie Teline, 15- Ranoroso, 16- Rabeson Jean Louis, 17- Manoely Denis, 18- Givence, 19- Rafaraso, 20- Rasoanety Milenety, 21- Ramananjatovo Marceline.

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3- FTEA GROUP IN AMBALAMAHOGO:



Samuel: President of FTEA Ambalamahogo

FTEA stands for “*Fikambanana Tsara Ezaka Ambalamahogo*” or “the persistent group of Ambalamahogo”, and has been working with SEPALI since 2009. FTEA currently consists of 17 members and will likely continue to grow as there are still many farmers in the community interested in joining the group.

FTEA members have already transplanted ~1000 trees and are currently preparing a new batch of seedlings for the nursery.



FTEA Tree Nursery Ambalamahogo (May 2010)

At this stage of the project, SEPALI has provided all seeds and seedlings to the communities. Before the end of the year, each farmer must finish transplanting 250 seedlings on their land in order to obtain SEPALI membership.

4- FTTFA GROUP IN AMBODIVOANGY:



Mani: President of FTTFA, Ambodivoangy

FTTFA stands for “*Fikambanana Tantsaha Tia Fandrosoana Ambodivoangy*” or “group of farmers interested in development”. The group was created in July 2009 and currently registers 19 members. The original members of the FTTFA are ready to transplant mature seedlings to their land and new members are continuously adding enthusiasm and momentum to the group.

More than 2500 Talandoha seedlings are already growing in the FTTFA tree nursery. Currently, five members are almost finished transplanting their trees (250 trees per person) and the other members are still preparing seedlings in the nursery. The farmers assured SEPALI that they will work quickly to finish the task.



FTTFA Tree Nursery Ambodivoangy (May 2010)

5- FTMTA GROUP IN AMBINANITELO:



FTMTA Group During a Meeting About Silk Worms (May 2011)

FTMTA stands for “*Fikambanana Tantsaha Mamokatra talandoha Ambinanitelo*” or “Group of farmers growing Talandoha in Ambinanitelo”. This new group was set up by SEPALI in 2010 and already consists of 18 farmers. Many members have already received plastic planting containers from SEPALI and are currently working on producing Talandoha seedlings. By the end of the month, each member will have planted 250 seedlings in their nursery. FTMTA is a popular group and membership continues to increase.

List of FTEA Members in Ambalamahogo

1- Joelison Samuel, 2- Celine, 3- Girane, 4- Zafilahy Robert, 5- Perine, 6- Razafindrakalo Agnès, 7- Flaxie, 8- Frankline, 9- Rabena Zaka, 10- Behonore Olivier, 11- Rafanoel, 12- Rasidy, 13- Liba Joceline, 14- Zeline Marte, 15- Moruel, 16- Theresa, 17- Zafy Honore

List of FTTFA Members in Ambodivoangy:

1- Henri Mani, 2- Homat, 3- Fety, 4- Dominique, 5- Perline, 6- Zandry François, 7- Rasoazafy, 8- Emiliene, 9- Jao II, 10- Trozona, 11- Bernard, 12- Befline, 13- Razafinjarasoa, 14- Isidore, 15- Raymond, 16- Mina, 17- Soalaina, 18- Rakotomalala Victorien, 19- Razafimaria.

List of FTMTA members in Ambinanitelo:

1- Rafanoely, 2- Bemihavitra Roger, 3- Be Marie, 4- Rabe jean Damacien, 5- Mahason Geri, 6- Clement Leonard, 7- Leoncene, 8- Betsy Norbert, 9- Trazie, 10- Bezamany Armand, 11- Florentine, 12- Arsene Celestin, 13- Jasmin, 14- Nafosonina Eloi, 15- Odellah, 16- Zanamaho Eliette, 17- Tsaralaza Emanuel, 18- Jacky Armand