

## BMZ02

Agri-Agency/ies	Afdi & Fert	FO partner(s)	Réseau Soa & Fifata
Budget distribution	200.000 EUR / 200.000 EUR Total : 400.000 EUR	Country/ies	Madagascar
Project Title	FO contribute to the development of sustainable food systems in Madagascar		
General objective	Strengthen the capacities of Soa & Fifata to support their members by setting up services that constitute inspiring references to be scaled up at the national level but also influence decision-makers for a better resilience of producers and food systems, notably in response to climatic hazards.		
Target group	330 000 producers from 39 sub-FO of Soa and Fifata network		

### Context

Malagasy food systems do not currently allow the family-farmers to meet the challenges for sustainable development. The urgent need for transformations towards more sustainable food systems can be deduced from massive food insecurity, diminution of natural resources and territorial and social inequalities resulting in generalized poverty. For many years, two national FO have tried to answer to these challenges through the strengthening of services of their subnational level member-FOs to respond to the needs of their producers' members. This work has been combined by lobby and advocacy to defend producer's interests in the decision-making process.

These actions encompass several thematics including access to land, to seeds, adaptation to climate change and installation of young producers. The Agri-Agencies Afdi and Fert are respectively long-standing partners of national FO Réseau Soa and Fifata. Thus, this project aims to strengthen the two FOs' capacities to allow them to have a greater impact on transforming the Malagasy food systems.

### Action Plan

In order to achieve the general objective, actions will be implemented through 3 specific objectives :

- 1) Diagnostics of main challenges : FOs improve their knowledge about their members' challenges and needs and define services to be established based on this needs assessment. *Main activities foreseen* : Diagnostic workshops for integrating climate change adaptation action into FO's strategic plan; Production and diffusion of tools to enhance the use and commercialization of locally produced quality seeds; Value chain analysis to identify best opportunities for young farmers to start production. *Main result expected* : Producers' challenges are identified and practical solutions, with a specific action plan, are defined.
- 2) Capacities strengthening for the development of FO services : *Main activities foreseen* : Organization of resilient agroecology facilities and training programs for subnational FOs on different sustainable production practices; Establishment of a quality seeds supply system (training of FO staff and local seed producers); Establishment of a support system for young people to launch their production (networking, technical support, link with local FO). *Main result expected* : Producers and FOs develop their own solutions that can be inspiring references to be scaled up at national level.
- 3) Capacities strengthening for lobby and leadership : *Main activities foreseen* : Strengthening the current policy monitoring system; Analysis of relevant public policies and improving the capacities to produce position papers and policy propositions in particular on the three thematic targeted by this project (access to land, to seed, adaptation to climate change); Leadership skills training for FO staff; Organization of lobby consultations and meetings; Diffusion of policy propositions. *Main result expected* : FOs discuss with decision makers on their target thematic. FO are listened to, and their policy propositions recognized and adopted.

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