



**Fondation Tany Meva**  
**An environmental Foundation for Communities**

**On the way to sustainable,  
community development...**



## An Approach centred on biodiversity...

Since 1997, Tany Meva has been developing its interventions with the focus on conservation sites, highly rich in biodiversity and very high level of endemism: Seven Lakes Forests, Ankazomivady Forests, Radama Sahamalaza Island, Montagne d'Ambre National Park, Ranomafana National Park, Andasibe Mantadia National Park, Andohahela National Park, Midongy Sud National Park, Mikea National Park, Masoala National Park, Marojejy, Special Reserve of Beزامahafaly, NPA of Tsinjoariake...

With a vision of integrating local communities for improved sustainable management, protection and / or conservation, as well as valorization of natural resources.

Evolution of approaches: from a community-based ecosystem to a landscape approach, including community areas.





## ... Outward Looking ...

In 2002, the Foundation evolved rapidly towards more visibility through specific thematic choices:

- Community reforestation
- Green spaces in urban areas “Tanàna Meva”, and
- Fight against bushfires

In collaboration with PACT Miray and Environmental Health Project - Environment Changes Health Outcomes (EHP-ECHO) to “support development activities around three (3) National Parks” for biodiversity conservation.

Priority is given to social and endemic development which is good for the environment and improves living conditions for communities.

4800 hectares of reforestation (102 projects) supported, some of which were carbon credit projects

61 gardens made in 24 different areas

18 projects to fight bush fires supported





## ... Using a Themed Approach ...

Since 2004, the Foundation has been contributing to the achievement of the three (3) objectives of United Nations Conventions (Biological diversity, Climate Change and Fight against Desertification), as well as the Millennium Development Goals.

Five (5) thematic programmes have been launched:

### > The Program “ALA MEVA”

Aiming at achieving the “green reconstruction” of Madagascar and a better national capability in terms of carbon sequestration through reforestation / forest restoration: green, wooded or restored landscape.

### > The Program of Sustainable Management of Natural Resources “GDRN”

Greater involvement of basic communities, responsible and committed communities in terms of natural resources management.





### > The Program “ANGOVO MEVA”

Focused on renewable energy sources for domestic and community use: green energy to reduce greenhouse gases emissions, reduction of dependence on wood and its derivatives as well as fossil fuels. Helping to improve the living conditions of households in Madagascar.



### > The Applied Environmental Education Program “EDENA”

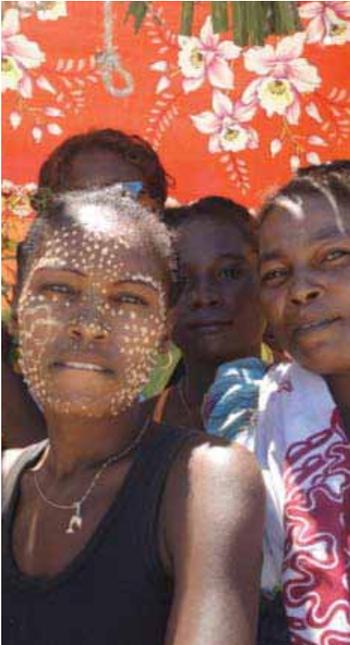
Getting base communities involved in the management of natural resources, so they feel responsible for the natural resources around them.



### > The Prize for Environmental Innovation “TOSIKA MEVA”

Highlighting environmentally friendly innovations carried out by local researchers and actors: new ideas to improve the outcomes of community actions. Encouraging national efforts in researching practical solutions to critical environmental issues.





## ... Moving towards sustainable community development...

This is a challenge for partner communities. They are not just passive receivers, but independent and aware of their vulnerability but also their responsibility faced with the destruction of natural resources.

Communities committed from the identification and start of projects to their positive and permanent effects.

A new vision of collaborating with NGO's and national or international associations based on working with local communities and building on their skills (technical, financial, organizational and institutional).

### > Community commitment and accountability

- Credibility of the community governance of natural resources
- Proven performance of community institutions in environmental management
- Change of behavior and practices (agriculture, livestock farming, valuing of forests, types of energy used ...)in relation to the environment and natural resources
- Financial autonomy of communities

The key idea is: a “sustainable management of natural resources for community development.”





## ... Particular successes ...

Interventions throughout the national territory, financial support to more than 1,500 grantees since its creation, spread throughout the 22 regions of Madagascar. Provision of financial assistance up to 20 billion Ariary, equivalent to 9,5 millions de \$.

### > Sustainable management of natural resources

950,000 hectares of protected areas supported or 16% of national target decided at Durban (Makira, Mikea, Amoron'i Onilahy, Tsimanampetsotse, Tsinjoriake, Beza Mahafaly, Midongy).

Support of the management transfer of 253,000 hectares in four protected areas (Makira, Mikea, Amoron'i Onilahy, Tsimanampetsotse), a total of 65 management transfers.

### >Four (4) new supports for renewable energy source introduced on the local market

Through the Angovo Meva programme, introduction of:

2 new cookers: • Biomass cooker or “fatana pipa” and Ethanol cooker;  
2 new lighting supports: the pico hydro station and the Jatropha candle.

3,900 households and 180 schools using cleaner energy supports  
6 regions involved (Alaotra Mangoro, Atsinanana, Amoron'i Mania, Analamanga, Atsimo Andrefana and Vakinankaratra) 15,600 renewable energy kits distributed,  
3 hydropower stations operational, 1 power station ongoing





### >Ethanol as household fuel in Madagascar

2010: First ethanol fair with the scientific and technical support based on the communities own contribution of the World Bank, in partnership with the Ministry of Energy and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Antananarivo.

2012: A capacity building workshop on small scale fuel-grade ethanol production was organized in partnership with the World Bank, GAIA Project, Inc., EcoEnergy Business Group (e2), and Green Development AS.



### > Community compensation system

Since 2007, granting of bonus rewards for voluntary community commitments aimed at adopting environmentally friendly behaviors. For instance, donation of renewable energy source supports (biomass cookers) to compensate green activities: green agriculture, embellishment and hygiene works.

2,100 deserving households and 190 deserving educational establishments were awarded prizes

The concept was extended to other programmes such as the Ala Meva programme and the Sustainable Management of Natural Resources programme which have the same objective.



### > Microfinance to help the environment

A concept that has been launched with the establishment of a green belt around the Makira Forest, in collaboration with the OTIV Zone Littorale Network, to strengthen the protection of the protected area through the support of environmentally friendly income-generating activities.





Granting of 118.3 million Ariary of credits, 105 beneficiaries and 344 members

The collaboration with microfinance institutions has been extended to the promotion of renewable energy: “Energy Fund” in the Atsimo Andrefana Region (biomass cookers and solar ovens) and the Vakinankaratra Region (biomass cookers), in partnership with the UNICECAM and Volamahaso.

Injection of credit funds up to 60.7 million Ariary in the mechanism

Granting of 158 credits, granting of 83.2 million Ariary of credits



### > Sustainable Community Funds

Initiated with microfinance institutions (OTIV and CECAM) serving local communities. The strategy currently focuses on the establishment of sustainable community funds which will be funded with the communities’ own contributions. The success of the SCF relies on the development of profitable economic activities at the level of communities.

### > Applied Environmental Education Programme “EDENA”

The only program in Madagascar that enable school and academic communities to witness the richness of Madagascar’s biodiversity in Protected Areas with a view to educate their peers and neighbors about the importance of Natural Resources.

22, 900 beneficiary students from over 480 public/ private educational establishments, 23 protected areas visited.

Increased emancipation and motivation of school students/ students in the field of environmental education.





**> «Tosika Meva » Prize to support local innovation**

To support the development of applied research results in focus areas for environment in Madagascar.

124.8 million Ariary granted, 44 local researchers received prizes

Among the winners were: the Institute for Energy Conservation (IME) for its pico hydro station project, the Jatropha candles project of Amparafaravola which is the fruit of the research undertaken by the National Center for Industrial and Technological Research (CN-RIT), the MIHARISOA Association for its Project for plastic Waste recycling into interlocking pavers.

**>Community grants**

To enable local communities to share their practices and experiences at national and international level: in 2011, 3 VOI representatives benefited from a field visit on sustainable community development projects in Senegal. A community expert in power generation from SAVA was trained on hydropower plant.

**> Carbone Forests Project Madagascar – Corridor Andasibe Mantadia Zahamena initiated in 2006**

In charge of the preparatory phase of the TAMS ‘carbon project wich enabled the signature of an agreement on carbon sales between the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Conservation International and the World Bank.





## >Community network

Support to the **TAF0 MIHAAVO** or **Tambazotran'ny Fokonolona Mitantana ny Harena Voajanahary** (Network of Fokonolona managing natural resources) created in 2012 in Anjà Ambalavao.

The vision of the network is to build a “healthy environment, based on sustainably conserved and valued natural resources, with an equitable benefit sharing, lever for sustainable development by accountable, effective, independent and respected Fokonolona

- 482 members in 17 Regions
- Member of the ICCA Consortium
- Participation at the RIO+20 summit
- Participation at the Hyderabad summit

Support to the emergence of the **FANONGA** network in 2010

Composed of NGO's, associations and experts, the Fanonga network aims at promoting an institutional framework favorable for sustainable community governance and management of natural resources.

The “Fokonolona” is a key actor in its approach.





**> A structure of proximity for the communities**

**The TAHALA MEVA Center reflects the desire of the Foundation to get closer to local communities and environment actors..**



- Center for regional information and capacity building, vested with management autonomy.
- A place for friendly exchanges and performance for environmental actors in their region of operation.
- Green Concept for local and regional partners committed in natural resources management, public (households ...), NGOs, associations, grassroots communities, universities...
- Regional Office of the Tany Meva Foundation, technological attraction for actors: desktop publishing, training room equipped with effective teaching materials ... and a permanent exhibition place for green products, including a large botanical garden.





## > Partners and Networks

### Partners:

- Local Community Organizations
- Local and national NGOs and associations
- Thematic ministerial departments: environment, forestry, energy...
- United Nations System (Global Environment Facility - Small Grants Programme, World Food Programme, UNDP, FAO, UNESCO)
- Bilateral Partners: USAID, European Union
- Multilateral Partner: World Bank
- Foundations: Mac Arthur, Liz Claiborne Art Ortenberg
- International NGOs: WWF, WCS, Conservation International,
- PACT Madagascar, Environmental Health Project - Environment Changes
- Health Outcomes (EHP- ECHO)
- Microfinance Institutions: Vola Mahasoia, CECAM, OTIV
- Other: Camp Dresser & McKee International Inc. (CDP)

### Networks:

- Union of International Technical and Financial Partners - Environment (CCPTF-E): Working Groups for Energy and Climate Change
- Agroécologie et Agriculture de conservation à Madagascar
- Alliance Voahary Gasy
- Fanonga





## ... Internationally recognized.



> Winner of the [MacArthur Award for Creative and Effective Institutions](#) prize 2008: first Malagasy institution rewarded for its efforts on “capacity building with proximity approach” through the establishment of the “Tahala Meva” center in-Toliara

- The Energy Fund Project which encourages the use of solar, and biomass cookers, and the building of a pico (mini) hydroelectric plant in the South West Region

> First Malagasy institution with its forest carbon project registered in the [American Carbon Registry \(ACR\)](#).



> Founding member of the Consortium of African Fund for the environment or CAFE and partner of the REDLAC, similar network for Latin American, Caribbean and Pacific Regions.





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