

# Special news about the SEPALI women groups



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# GROUP OF BE LAVARANGANA MIRAY HINA AMBALAMAHOGO



Mrs Clothilde: President of BLM Ambalamahogo

BLM group has started their activities by designing the larvae spinning basket using " *Rambo leaves*". So far, they have made 100 spinning baskets.

The BLM group means "
Belavaranga women solidarity
group". This is the first women's
group set up by SEPALI Madagascar
in March 2011. The group of 11
members elected a board and
CLOTILDE was selected to be their
President.



BLM group weaving the spinning baskets

# **GROUP ANJARASOA AMBODIVOANGY:**



Mrs Rasoa President of Anjarasoa group

Mrs. Rasoas group is made up of young and old individuals and they are working very hard to make rearing nets for the farmrs.

ANJARASOA is the name of the women group in Ambodivoangy. The group was organized by SEPALI in August 2011 and has 8 members. Mrs RASOA is the President of the group.



ANJARASOA group, sewing the rearing nets

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

Dear readers, it is an honor for us to write September's newsletter focusing on the SEPALI women's artisan groups.

What is the purpose of the women's groups?

The women's groups were set up to build a team of artisans that will learn to work together to process SEPALI's cocoons and make finished products that we can market worldwide.

#### Other reasons:

- First, we noticed that there are many women in isolated communities making a variety of products that they have difficulty marketing.
- Second, All rearing materials that SEPALI needs to rear wild silk were designed locally and using the natural resources that the villagers can produce easily.
- Third, because the women's families are participating in the SEPALI project for the wild silk production, and they want to master the silk processing methods in the future.

Who can join to the women groups?

The women's groups are made up of all interested women and many have husbands who have already joined the SEPALI wild silk production program. The men's and women's groups are complimentary and working together to make the project a success.

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# FIKAMBANANA VEHIVAVY TIA FANDROSOANA MAROVOVONANA (FVTF):



Sizemanana President of FVTF

FTTF means "Group of women acting for Development of Marovovonana". This groups has 10 members and Mrs Sizemanana was elected as President of the group. Five women are working on the spinning baskets and already produced 90 baskets in one month and five women are working on the chrysalid baskets. All of these materials are designed locally.



FVTF members from Ambohisoa FVTF members from Marovovonana fkt.



#### AMBINANITELO WOMEN GROUP:



Mrs Zanamaho Aliette: President of the group

The Ambinanitelo women's group was created in August 2011 and has 5 members, there are still many interested women there who want to join to the group. Mrs. Zanamaho, the President of the group, she is the teacher of the Ambinanitelo primary school. The group will produce 100 chrysalid baskets by December 2011.

#### INDIVIDUAL ARTISAN AND COCOON PRODUCER FROM ANATORAKA:

Mrs Marie Jeanne is one of the SEPALI members. She is living in Anatoraka, South of Maroantsetra town. She is both cocoon producer and cocoon processor.

Marie Jeanne is the designer of the chrysalid basket that all SEPALI cocoon producers will use to rear larvae



Mrs Marie Jeanne from Antoraka

# LIST OF THE MEMBERS IN EACH GROUP:

# I- Ambalamahogo BLM group:

1-Clothilde 2-Razafindrakalo Justine ,3-Rasoamartine ,4-Zafielsie Fleurine ,6-Norozafy Radiah Celine Razafindrasitraka Girane , 8- Tiazandry Francline ,9-Razafindrakalo Ernestine ,10-Zaline Marthe ,11- Perine

# II- Anjarasoa group in Ambodivoangy:

1-Rasoa ,2- Pirette ,3-Odette ,4-Celestine ,5- Marivelo ,6-Flodette ,7- Bernadette 8-Todisoa

### *III- FVTF group in Marovovonana:*

In AMBOHISOA: 1- Sizemanana .2-Rasoanety milinety ,3- Razafindrasoa 4-Ranorosoa Pierette, 5-Jeanese In MAROVOVONANA fkt:1- Marceline ,2- Flannie 3- Ny Havana Collette 4-Razafiarisoa Denise 5- Ritah 6-Rasoafiny

#### *IV- Ambinanitelo women group*:

1-Zanamaho Eliette . 2- Trazie 3- Nirina 4- Clothilde ,5- Zackelette

# OTHER NEWS DURING SEPTEMBER:

Every 3 months, SEPALI invites all the leaders of our groups to a meeting at the SEPALI office and demonstration site in Maroantsetra. All the leaders of the cocoon producer groups and all leaders of the women's groups attended the meeting on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011. The meeting was an opportunity for SEPALI exchange leaders to news knowledge. Most of the leaders had never visited the other villages working with SEPALI.



SEPALI's men and women's group leaders meeting in Maroatnsetra.