

## MADAGASCAR

### GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

**Organization:** Gasy Youth Up

**Project title:** Protecting and conserving the environment together (Miara- Mikajy ny Tontolo).

**Project goal:** To strengthen capacity of youth leaders across Madagascar in leading bold local initiatives promoting climate change mitigation and REDD+ impacts.

**Project location:** Madagascar: Antananarivo, Fianarantsoa, Toamasina, Antsiranana, Toliara, and Mahajanga.

**Project duration:** 9 months

**Funding:** 35, 000 USD

**Project end date:** March 2018

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### PROJECT SUMMARY

**Goal:** Building a youth national coalition across Madagascar on mitigating climate change and promoting REDD+ actions.

**Objectives:**

1. Enhance understanding of 240 youth on climate change and REDD+ impacts on communities as well in building a safer and greener environment.
2. Increasing the capacity building of national youth key roles in leading local advocacy and empowerment projects among their peers extended to local communities as schools, villages, grassroots civil societies on REDD+ and climate change.

3. Enhance a win-win partnership on centralized actions to promote REDD+ between government, ministry of the environment networks, local authorities, environmental activist and researchers and youth, local communities.

Results: Participants within 6 regions of Madagascar are informed and equipped with relevant understanding, awareness raising and knowledge related to environment, climate change and REDD+. It is expected that at the end of the project;

1. Youth leaders trained and equipped with relevant knowledge, understanding and skills to mitigate climate change and to promote REDD+ actions and willing to take leadership roles in the process of REDD+ promotion and climate change mitigation.
2. A national coalition of informed and motivated youth playing key roles in leading advocacy and empowerment projects across Madagascar/Eco-friendly and green initiatives are led through regional youth-led coalition promoting sustainable impacts on local communities.
3. A partnership of all main national, regional and local stakeholders is built to promote REDD+ and increase effective impacts in the process of REDD+, environment protection, conservation and restoration installed.

## **PROJECT GOAL AND OBJECTIVES**

The project goal is to build a national coalition of youth leaders in leading environmental protection and conservation in order to mitigate climate change and promote REDD+ impacts on a shared planet.

The project Miara-mikajy ny Tontolo has the ambitious objectives by 2017 at the forefront to enhance understanding of youth leaders across Madagascar on REDD+ and climate change through reducing net emissions of greenhouse gases through enhanced forest protection, conservation, management and restoration, through green and eco-friendly initiatives.

Secondly, to build young people capacity building in playing key roles to ensure effective advocacy and empowerment projects based on gained skills and knowledge among their peers that will be extended to other youth, children, elders, the whole communities and other youth-led networks and civil society's organizations and platforms.

Thirdly, Miara-mikajy ny Tontolo aims to promote and support eco-friendly and green initiatives adapted to daily lives through regional and local coalition of youth.

Finally, to ensure long-term impacts Miara-mikajy ny Tontolo wants to enhance partnership within all the stakeholders in the environment networks including but not limited to government, NGOs and CSOs, environmental activists and researches, all national and local authorities and entities, local communities, youth, women and to extend this partnership to public and private collaboration.

## **PROJECT ACTIVITIES**

1.1 Capacity building training for youth within 4 main regions of Madagascar on REDD+ and climate change

1.2. Success stories, sharing skills sessions and exchange with environmentalists, activists, scientific researchers from various platform (National REDD+ platforms, NGOs)

2.1. Production of video in Malagasy to highlight youth roles in environment protection, climate mitigation, REDD+ initiatives to be used as an advocacy tool, to be broadcast on national channels, projected in schools, in local communities

2.2. National sensitization campaigns and advocacy to promote REDD+ and helping mitigate climate change within the 4 project location. Each project sensitization campaigns will be chosen by all the Training of Trainers (ToT) participants and Gasy Youth Up team (tree plantings, community sensitization among youth/girls/ young women, meeting with policy makers/parliaments, information exchange.

3.1. National workshop with main stakeholders to evaluate progress toward national REDD+ implementation, to share best practice on environment protection and conservation, to launch the dialogue on options for partnership and collaboration between all the actors and draft a joint action plan to serve as a main map for all the stakeholders including youth and local communities.

## **PROJECT OUTCOME RESULTS**

1. Increase of understanding and knowledge of youth as change catalyzers to mitigate climate change and to promote REDD+ actions.
2. Building of a national coalition of informed and motivated youth playing key roles in leading bold advocacy and empowerment projects across Madagascar on REDD +/climate change and Promotion of eco-friendly and green initiatives by youth through regional youth-led coalition promoting sustainable impacts on local communities.
3. Building of a win-win public-private-youth-local community's partnership to undertake effective environmental protection, conservation and restoration and promote REDD+.