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## SUCCESS STORY

### Rasoamanana sina, the first local woman mason in Atsinanana region



Rasomanana Sina, 24 years old, poses in front of the SANPLAT tiles she made after receiving training from RANO WASH

At 24 years old, married, and mother of a 6-year old girl, Sina has been working as a local mason in Mahatsara Brickaville for 3 years now, all of this despite the prejudices and looks of the society.

At the beginning, her work consisted only of fetching water and cutting iron for the other male masons. It was only afterward that RANO WASH supported her through training.

Resilient, persevering, and ambitious, she learned the trade on the job. With the help of RANO WASH technicians, she gradually convinced the company of her know-how. Very quickly, she received more than sixty orders.

Joining a VSLA community also allowed her to borrow the necessary funds to start her activities. Today her husband is committed to supporting her. «My husband is more of a support than a problem; on the contrary, he helps me with the hardest tasks such as digging a pit or other carpentry work,» she says.

What motivates her the most today is to be a model to other women and prove to society that a woman can practice this profession. But her main dream is to open a large store specializing in toilet construction. «To do this job requires patience. You can't expect to get rich overnight,» she says.



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### Vohilany, the island proud of its efforts – Vatovavy Fitovinany region



Having participated in the contest organized by the region VATOVAVY FITOVINANY, which was awarded commune MADIO (clean commune), Vohilany, a commune in the district of Vohipeno, since the beginning was sure to win.

«Even if we are not the first, we will be the second or the third in this contest,» said Mayor RANDRIAMAMPIONONA Jacquis.

Created in 1995, this thousand-faceted commune that floats in the water has made incredible efforts in terms of hygiene.

At the beginning of its history, the commune with very conservative inhabitants had no access to any infrastructure. The mayor testifies that dales areas are everywhere in the commune, leaving the islet in abandonment. Stinking and undesirable, the mayor as well as the technicians of the partners, notably those of RANO WASH decided to go ahead. Very strict measures were taken: setting up hygiene committees in the fokontany and weekly controls carried out by the commune and RANO WASH. Fines are imposed for the non-respect of hygiene. The inhabitants are beginning to adopt new behaviors in terms of hygiene.

According to the mayor of VOHILANY, 100% of households have latrines. Despite some difficulties, the commune is proud of its efforts and says it wants to continue for the good and health of its population.



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### Double recognition of Ranomainty commune, amparafaravola district - the Alaotra Mangoro region, as «ODF Commune» and «model commune – Alaotra Mangoro region



Of all the 51 communes in the Alaotra Mangoro region in collaboration with RANO WASH, Ranomainty commune becomes the 8th ODF commune in the region. All Open Defecation Areas (ODA) are cleaned, and no new ODA areas are observed; all families, as well as institutions such as schools, basic health center, public buildings, use a «Flyproof» latrine per roof (which no longer allow flies to come and go), and the presence of an handwashing devices near the latrines with the use of water and soap or ash.

Ranomainty is also becoming the second model commune after the neighboring commune of Bejofo. All households respect the five key behaviors of sanitation and hygiene: handwashing with soap, use of drinking water, use of improved latrines, respect of food hygiene, and maintenance of hygiene during menstruation.

The celebration took place in the presence of regional authorities led by the Secretary-General of the Alaotra Mangoro region, the district chief of Amparafaravola, the regional coordinator of the RANO WASH project, parliamentary assistants, the director of SAF FJKM Moramanga, the mayor of Ranomainty, and all surrounding mayors.

The collaboration between RANO WASH, local partners, and the Ministry of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene in the Alaotra Mangoro region bears fruit. Several other communes are in the process of being consecrated.



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### **Kianjandrankefina: an example of strong leadership by the mayor and local actors – Amoron'i Mania region**



An ODF commune and proud of it

At the entrance to the commune of Kianjandrakefina in the Amoron'i Mania region, ingenious handwashing devices have been seen. It results from sensitizations made at the level of each household by committees of water, hygiene, and sanitation or KRFF. Working in close collaboration with the technicians of RANO WASH financed by USAID and under the leadership of their very dynamic mayor, the commune was sure to become ODF and says it is proud of it

Weekly meetings are held between the mayor and local actors to maintain the respect of hygiene. With the implementation of a communal development plan, Kianjandrankefina has become a development pole of the Imadiala department.

«Our vision is to make Kianjandrankefina a green rural commune, a development pole of the department of IMADIALA. Among our activities, the protection of the environment with the support of RANO WASH for the protection of irrigated basins. As a result, I have issued a communal decree about people who do not respect the disciplines,» says the mayor.





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### **TAHINJANAHARY Tolotriniaina Benjamin, the young entrepreneur who succeeds in creating a start-up thanks to the training given by RANO WASH – Haute Matsiatra region**



Having benefited from the business training provided by RANO WASH, the young TAHINJANAHARY developed his activities. From the top of his 20 years, Tolotra is now at the head of a small company composed of 4 dressmakers and 30 resellers. Currently, he manages to sell 1000 masks and 200 washable sanitary napkins every 15 days.

Indeed, Tolotra, a senior student, is a local tailor in the commune of Ambalamahasoia in the district of LALANGINA. His beginnings are characterized by the making of masks against covid-19 and washable sanitary towels.

Thanks to his achievements, Tolotra is now a young entrepreneur serving the community and creating jobs. He is the winner of the Local Seamstress competition in the Lalangina district.



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### Thanks to the VSLA's advocacy, this disabled man can finally have a normal life.- Vakinankaratra region



We are in a village called Soamiakatra in the fokontany of Soavina - Ambohitsimanova commune in Vakinankaratra region.

In this village resides RAKOTONJANAHARY Philibert Joseph, a man with a disability. For 12 years, he has been moving around in a wheelchair that has not been maintained for lack of parts and especially lack of money.

Indeed, many parts have to be changed in his wheelchair while the family cannot find them anywhere else. The village is isolated and they do not have the means to travel to the main town of the region. He could no longer continue to work normally as treasurer of the VSLA group in his village. He found it even more difficult to practice basic healthy WASH behaviors.

Mr. Philibert presented his case when one of the RANO WASH team members went to his village and got support. He obtained a wheelchair from the parents of a staff member within the organization thanks to the advocacy done by the RANO WASH team.

Now, Philibert can move around much more easily and practices healthy behaviors daily. He also continues his work as treasurer for the VSLA group in Soamiakatra. His household is among the households supervised by the local promoters of RANO WASH and is about to become a model household respecting the rules of hygiene.

