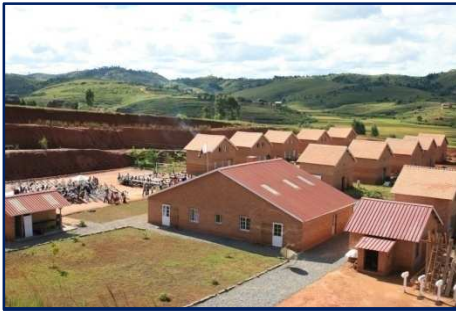




An association for International solidarity

CAP ESPERANCE is an association for international solidarity founded in June 2005. It conceives and operates projects aimed at the development of communities. It does so in the field with locals supporting the development of Third World countries. It also supervises training programmes in order to help its partners improve their skills in terms of management, organization... etc.

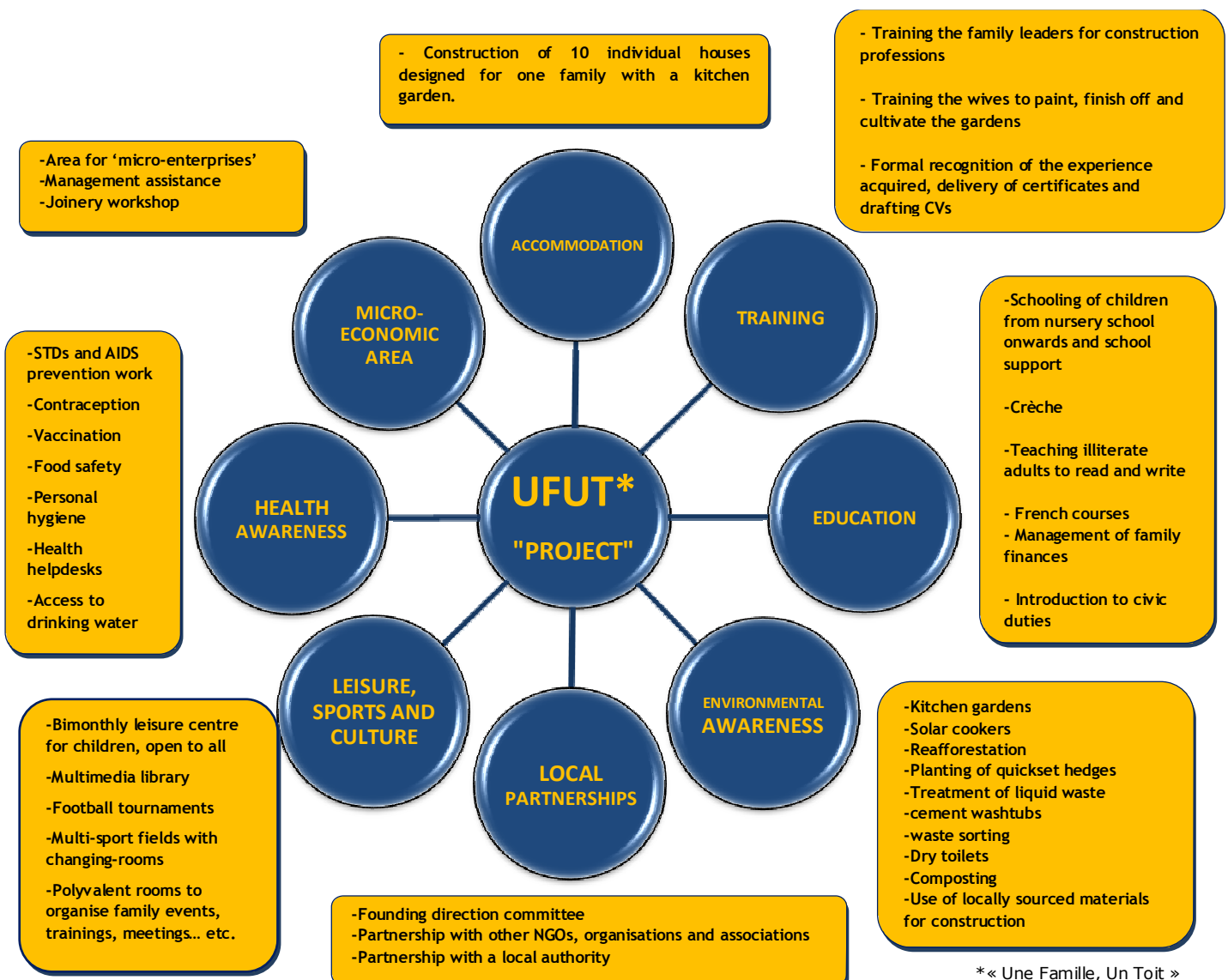
The "ONE FAMILY, ONE ROOF" project in Madagascar



■ Following previous achievements in India in 2005 and Madagascar already in 2006, **CAP ESPERANCE** started a new project in August 2007 focused on community, **social and economic development** and called "**UNE FAMILLE, UN TOIT**".

It consists in the construction of a new district in Ambohidratrimo (15km west of Tananarive), which the families that live in it have named "Tsaratànana" ('pretty village'). This project was completed in April 2009.

This project's main objective is to serve as a model for the fight against every aspect of poverty by improving the living conditions of underprivileged families whilst avoiding any form of 'handout' and thus preserving their dignity.



■ The "Une Famille, Un Toit" project has now reached its final stage. It is the result of research in the field, involving various NGOs and associations, a local authority and families eligible to benefit from it ■■■

■ It is a project that invited its beneficiaries to participate actively, from its conception and execution to the actual management of the neighbourhood ■■■

■ **As well as accommodation, the project offers :**

■ **A micro-economic development area for artistic craftwork which includes:**

- 5 workshop chalets
- a joinery workshop as well as a management support centre



■ **Actions promoting environmental awareness:**

- recycling** and composting
- treatment of liquid waste**
- use of **dry toilets** and **solar cookers**
- reafforestation** through the planting of orchards, agro-forestry varieties of plants and ornamental trees

■ **A community house which offers:**

-a **crèche** with a capacity of 30 and a canteen adapted to infancy

-a **"health info" helpdesk** for prevention, family planning and as a social assistance service

-a **polyvalent room** for training activities as well as leisure activities and parties

-a **multimedia library**

-and a **multi-sport field** outside with **changing rooms**



■ The various construction works were done throughout the first three stages and finished off during the fourth stage. Each stage lasted nearly three months. The constructions works started in August 2007 and were completed in August 2009 so ultimately less than 12 months of actual work were required.

Each time the families were involved in the various tasks relating to the building and finishing off of all the constructions so that they really felt like (realised that) this project belonged to them.

The work was done collectively in order to allow genuine solidarity to grow ■■■

■ This project could be used as a template outside of Madagascar in other developing countries ■■■

■ Note that the economic area and community house are available to all the locals' ■■■

This project is based on a demanding 'contract for social and professional integration', which is made of several chapters and is aimed at the whole family that benefits from it. This contract draws heavily from the actual content of the project itself; it implies an active participation from the couples that are parties to it and compliance with simple rules aimed at ensuring long-term stability for these families. Ownership of the houses is acquired after 10 years provided payment of a modest rent and compliance with all the contract's conditions:

- a salaried activity for the family leader
- schooling of children from the age of three
- optimisation of the kitchen garden
- upkeep of the house and its surroundings
- contribution to the upkeep of the neighbourhood
- compliance with environmental guidelines
- compliance with the rules promoting peaceful neighbouring relations
- compliance with the law more generally speaking

■ ■ ■ The strong points of the "Une Famille, Un Toit" project

■ The active participation of the families involved

Through this project CAP ESPERANCE seeks to help people adopt a constructive state of mind to eventually regain their dignity and autonomy. The project is based on a cooperation principle and as such the families' total adherence is indispensable. If they play a full-fledged role in the improvement of their living conditions they will become partners and thus very likely to succeed.

■ A federative work

This project is done with locals to ensure that they are all dedicated to a common goal. The project's durability, consistency and ethical values are at stake. Keeping the various programmes alive requires setting up the necessary contacts with the association, as it is the depository of the project.

This could serve as a general template for programmes promoting human development as it covers:

- Accommodation
- Social work
- Professional training, informal schooling and employment (including the creation of micro-enterprises)
- Promotion of equality between men and women, helping women become autonomous through training and inciting the sharing of responsibilities
- Health, food safety, and prevention
- Infancy and older children schooling
- Environmental awareness and use of natural resources
- Leisure, culture and sport

■ ■ ■ The partners for this project

The public partners from France ● ● ●



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The partners in Madagascar ● ● ●



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COMMUNE AMBOHIDRATRIMO RENIVOHITRA

The town of Ambohidratrimo through a one hectare land and taking part in the direction committee

And various associations and national organisations

The partners from the private sector ● ● ●

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■ ■ ■ IN TSARATANANA



preliminary project for the guests house

ECOTOURISM

This project seeks to integrate the district, especially the micro-economic area, into activities centred around sustainable tourism:

- EMPHASIZE the craftsmen's know-how
- ORGANISE creative workshops
- OFFER touristic accommodation by creating a guests house, thus creating long-term jobs, which would benefit the neighbourhood



weaver

■ ■ ■ ALSO IN TSARATANANA



preliminary project for the school, view from the street/from the schoolyard

Following the request from the town of Ambohidratrimo as well as parents and teachers representatives, we are currently working on a project to build a State primary school with a capacity of 400. A direction committee has been set up to involve locals in the elaboration of this project.

The existing school only has three decrepit classrooms that can only accommodate 270 children. It cannot be expanded where it is currently located. As a result it will be transferred to a land that is right next to the Tsaratànana district whilst remaining in the Antohibe 'fokontany' ('hamlet'). Everyone involved is very keen on making this school a model of sustainable development in terms of education, construction and environment (reafforestation, recycling of rainwater, treatment of liquid waste, recycling, dry toilets, wind and solar energy...).

■ ■ ■ And between TSARATANANA and the centre of the ANTOHIBE

The two sites are separated by a paddy field. During the rainy season it can be hazardous for children to try and walk through it. Around 1,800 pedestrians walk along the narrow dykes to get to the centre of Ambohidratrimo. The carts, bicycles and cars have to make a significant detour. The building of a proper dyke would allow lightweight vehicles to go through, shorten the distance, make a fairly large landlocked area accessible and make the journey safer for the children. A project to create this new connection is being considered by the town, the nearby residents and the people who need to make the journey.



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