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CPM is a network platform, exchange of experiences, information and know-how platform between farmers, allowing them to think together to find ways of promoting rural development and environment in solidarity.

CPM objective is to :

- 1° Raise farmer's awareness so as they organize themselves to become professional organizations ;
- 2° Exchange information, share professional experiences, as to find ways and means to face agricultural development constraints ;
- 3° Protect the farmer's fundamental rights and interests in all fora directly concerning them and in all those related to rural development ;
- 4° Represent and act as a spokesman of farmers in all fora directly concerning them and all those related to rural development.

Vision : Farmers freely operating their own structures and working for the country's sovereignty.

Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) is a group of privates, international and non confessional development agencies aimed at creating economic opportunities and improving the emerging countries' livelihood.

Among these agencies the Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) has been involved in programming, all over the world, sustainable solutions to vital issues such as poverty, hunger, illiteracy and sickness. Its action is more particularly focused on the needs of rural communities in mountainous, coastal areas or the ones generally lacking in resources. AKF is intended to provide support in rural (and agricultural) development, health, education and strengthen civil society.

In Madagascar, l'Organisation de Soutien pour le Développement rural à Madagascar (OSDRM) or Support Organization to Rural Development in Madagascar, an entity from AKF has been operating since 2005 in the Sofia region, in the north west of Madagascar by strengthening rice production value chains, in strengthening households' access to microcredit and in promoting agroecological techniques and conservation agriculture. From 2015 onwards, OSDRM will extend its scope of geographical and thematic action, but still keeping conservation agriculture as a pillar of its intervention in agricultural development and support to value chains.

Durrell is a British NGO with its head office located in Jersey, United Kingdom and has been present in Madagascar since 1986. The Organization's major mission is to conserve endangered species in Madagascar. In that respect, the adopted approaches mainly consist in providing support and capacity building to local communities to manage endangered habitats and ecosystems as well as natural resources in a sustainable way. Durrell focusses its interventions in the most humid areas and dry forests which are among the most vulnerable and endangered ecosystems in Madagascar. Currently the regions in which we operate are Menabe, Sofia, Alaotra Mangoro, Atsinanana.

To provide a better support to the local communities in our conservation activities, alternative solutions such as Agroecology have been developed by Durrell and grassroots communities to ensure the conservation of natural resources (soil) while improving agricultural production, mainly in the most remote areas. Thus, Durrell has initiated Conservation Agriculture at Nosivolo (District of Marolambo) since 2011 and Marotolana (District of Bealanana) since 2015. Durrell joined GSDM on May 03, 2016.

Welthungerhilfe is a German non-government organization working in cooperation in the field of development as well as emergency aid. It was founded in 1962 as a German section of a pioneer global world campaign, « Freedom from Hunger Campaign », within the framework of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO).

Welthungerhilfe is one of the most prominent humanitarian private and independent organizations fighting against hunger. Since its foundation, Welthungerhilfe has founded 7,348 projects in the world with approximately 2,66 billion euro. The organization set objective is to fight against hunger in the world. Famine and extreme poverty can be overcome in developing countries to make way for a sustainable development in which the needs, interests and rights of the poor living in rural areas will be respected at the local, national and international level.

Welthungerhilfe is committed to provide access to nutritional resources to ensure food security for all human beings. It contributes to development in rural areas and natural resources conservation. In close collaboration with local partners, it provides rapid assistance to the most vulnerable people, who are affected by humanitarian crisis like farmers with small farms, women and children. Welthungerhilfe's implementation is viewed as success if the population has improved its living conditions and is able to meet its own needs in food. Todate, it has provided assistance to populations in 40 countries through 355 projects all over the world. In addition to that, 22 projects in Germany have raised the awareness of the public opinion and the German and European policies in terms of famine and poverty.

The German commitemnt of Welthungerhilfe in Madagascar started in 1992 with emergency projects following natural disasters and in the meantime has developed into a longer-term assistance and sustainability requirement. WHH joined GSDM on May 03, 2016.

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### CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE IN PICTURES



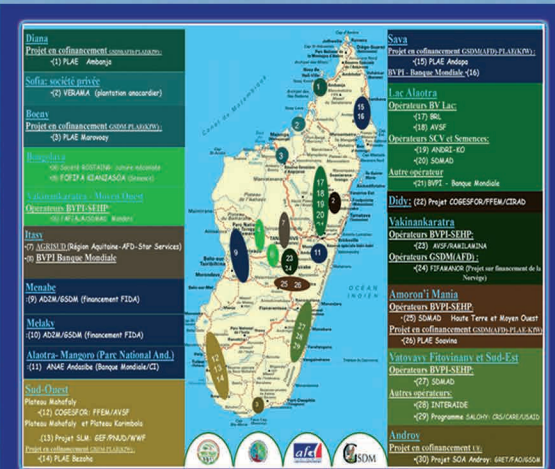
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GSDM member since September 14, 2007. Former Chairman of the Board and former Executive Director of TAFEA NGO, Mr. RAMAROSON Ignace is quite familiar with DMC and their stakes. In his 6-ha farm in the rural commune of Ambohijankala, he has been practicing DMC on the hillsides (*tanety*) and rice fields which good results since 1996.

### GSDM PROVIDES ITS SUPPORTS TO AGROECOLOGY ON NATIONAL LEVEL

GSDM provides its expertise to many projects / programs in various regions of Madagascar according to the map below:



**Agroecology,**  
effective responses to reconcile food security,  
preservation of agrosystems, economic and social  
development

### Agroecology

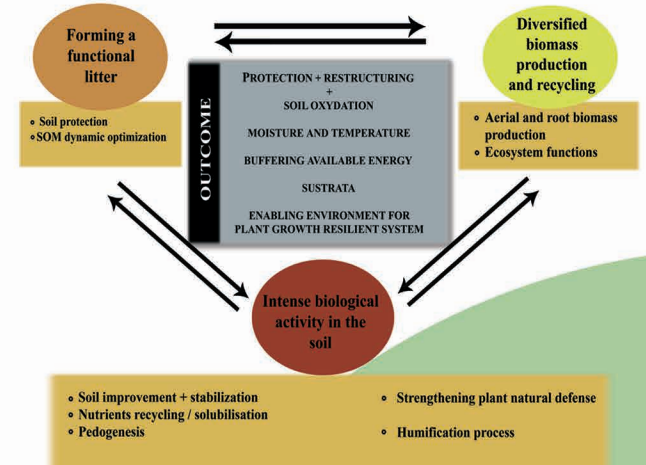
- ➔ Fusion of two scientific disciplines, agronomy and ecology consting in applying ecological science to the study, design and manage sustainable agro ecosystems ;
- ➔ Set of agricultural practices imitating the functions provided by nature (ecological intensification) ;
- ➔ Integrates economic and social movements for rural development (food security, development of agricultural production and know-how).

In addition to Conservation Agriculture, Agroécologie integrates other disciplines such as agroforestry, integrated pests managements, integrating livestock agriculture, SRI (System of Rice Intensification) and good agricultural practices including those related to organic matter management.

### Conservation Agriculture (CA), guaranteeing a sustainable agricultural production

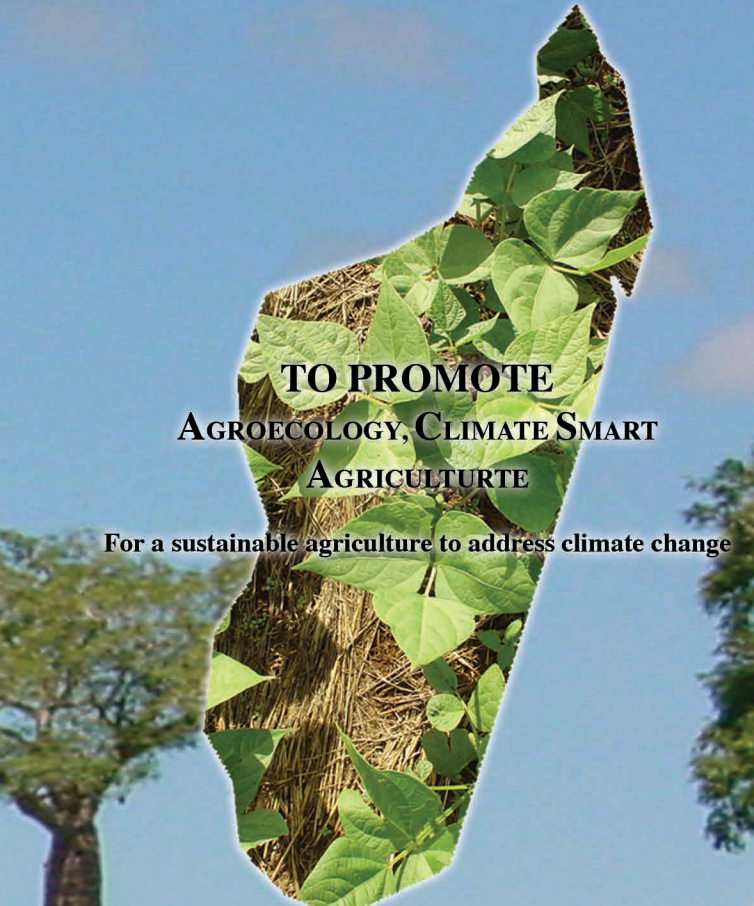
Conservation agriculture is based on tree principales and its purpose is to sustainably manage the soil and its fertility, guaranteeing a sustainable agricultural production taking the environment protection into account :

- Reduction and even elimination of tillage
- Permanent soil cover
- Rotation and even diversified crop associations by using auxiliary plants with selected ecosystem functions.



### COVER CROPS IN AGROECOLOGY MOSTLY USED IN MADAGASCAR

Cover crops used in Conservation Agriculture and Agroecology, also called auxiliary plants have important ecosystem functions, the main ones of which are soil fertility regeneration (nitrogen fixation from the air, biological pump etc...), soil structuring (formation of soil aggregates, soil decompaction by powerful root systems...) allelopathy against some weeds (Oats, Mucuna...), repellent effect with regard to some insects (Mucuna, Desmodium, Tephrosia...) and more generally soil biodiversity reconstitution (earthworms...).



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