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This fact is the reason why people have to increase their charcoal production to complement the low rice production.

Agriculture is becoming a secondary activity of the population because they are not motivated due to every year their crop is not growing well as there has not been enough rain. However, there is very good news about their "rice production " in 2016.

In the community of Bobaomby, the society is formed by several traditional authorities such as the Descendent of the ancestors who are the owners of the villages and are the first advisor of the villagers in their decision making. These people are called in Malagasy language "Zafintany" which can be translated as "the child of the land" or "the child of the place" or "the Native people". These people are the intermediate between Ancestors and the villagers.

Late November 2015, their Ancestor have encouraged all villagers to cultivate plenty of rice because there will be plenty rain. Their Ancestor talk to them via dream not to worry about the lack of rain as always and told them to cultivate as much as they can for 2016. The Ancestor gave them the guarantee that it will be a good rainy season. Consequently, most of people are now getting a satisfactory rice production. Some are even still planting for the second round in June and villagers consider this good news as a 'Miracle' as they do not have a satisfactory rice production since long time ago.

This fact also get a positive impact to the project as our presence their bring something that have not been happened since long time ago. People's comprehension and consideration toward the project is increasing and many "New people"(who are not involved) are joining to participate on the project's activities. In addition, this year, villagers affirm that they have been able to collect Honey easily in the forest.

Moreover, the project team has been planting some coconut trees around the villages in order to provide villagers coconut which they will use for their food and also to make villages more attracted as an ecotourism village.

