IMPROVEMENT OF FOOD AVAILABILITY FOR ZEBUS
AN EMBLEMATIC ANIMAL THREATENED BY GLOBAL WARMING

**CONTEXT**
- The zebu is an emblematic animal associated with the Malagasy identity, a key resource for agricultural works and a vehicle for savings and investments
- The zebu is one of the main sources of animal proteins (85% of the total)
- Global warming entails water and food shortages affecting the zebus
- Lack of competences and sensitization of small farmers

**Budget**: USD 3.7 millions over 3 years (2017 – 2020)

**Pasture valorization**
- Use of endogenous species
- Seasonal management practices in the fields

**Construction of 250 drinking troughs in priority areas**

**Protection of females and calves**
- Fodder crops and leguminous plants near the yards for females and calves

**INTEGRATED APPROACH RELYING ON THREE PILLARS**

**Sustainable impact**
- Provision of better quality proteins thanks to healthier livestock
- Increased reproduction in zebu herds due to better feeding (more food of better quality)
- Improvement of livestock management skills and sensitization to the impact of global warming

**Next steps**
- Establish a partnership platform: local authorities for agricultural development, federations of small farmers, Donors

The "AAA" initiative can help the project by identifying potential partners and financing sources