

# CASE STUDY

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In Madagascar, as in other parts of the world, women and small-scale miners are marginalised, exploited and do not get equitable benefits from their labour. Harimalala is trying to address this by improving their skills and helping them to be less exposed to any form of exploitation.

*In my position, one of my missions is to find appropriate courses and training programs for our Institution. Therefore, I tried to identify the needs in capacity building for these marginalised communities and design the most appropriate course to meet their needs and the market context, not only to improve their skills but also to open up more opportunities for them. The IM4DC Community Aspects of Resource Development (CARD) course gave me another vision of how I can do more, who can cooperate and how I can convince those who can help. The IM4DC through the alumni support program helped me to fund a concrete project and make a change in a very vulnerable community.*




*Zo with women miners from Karazambato Women's Association after completing jewellery training.*

As a result, Harimalala's Institute is now acting as a specialised institution for agents of change. Stakeholders understand the role of education for sustainable development and Harmalala is working hard to convince large-scale mining companies to cooperate with artisanal and small-scale (ASM) development projects to enable better sharing of the benefits from the extractive industry.

*I'm very proud of being a part of a team working for women in mining in the south of Madagascar. The project was realised in four months and now these women have sustainable and permanent activity and I hope they will be out of poverty soon. One of the*

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*keys was to work as a Madagascar IM4DC alumni team, as our profiles, skills and experience complement each other. The socio-organiser (WWF Madagascar, attended CARD 2014) ensures awareness and legality of the association; as a trainer I develop the women's skills; and the project manager reinforces their capability in management and market analysis. IM4DC alumni from SAFFJKM, a national NGO working on a sustainable development project, are also involved. We worked as volunteers and have to deal with the availability of each alumnus, the limited budget and time.*

The team plans to expand their activities to another community in Africa, within a similar context and with similar ASM potential. They believe further experience from another country will help them to do even better.