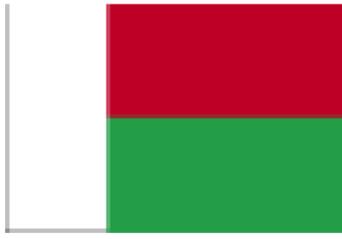


Infopoverty Programme

ICT VILLAGE IN MADAGASCAR



audience given by Marc Ravalomanna, President of the Republic of Madagascar, it is the community of Sambaina which was selected.



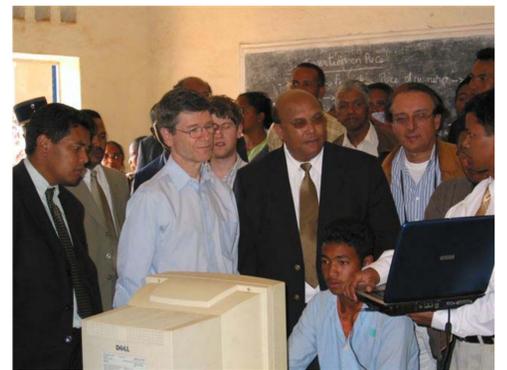
The village is near the road which leads to Antananarivo and has 7000 inhabitants which live mainly of agriculture and craft industry.

In December 2005, less than two months after the beginning of the project, thanks to the active participation of all



the population and to the contribution of the national government, the selected structures of the buildings of village ICT (primary school, health presidium and access centre) were completely restructured and the computers had already been provided for the beginning of the courses. Moreover, in

June 2006 Sambaina, was proclaimed the first ever Africa Millennium Village.



Since then, activities have continued in Sambaina and, thanks to the agreement with the satellite provider Skylogic, in July 2008 broadband connectivity was provided to the community of Sambaina, opening new perspectives in the delivery of broadband e-services for development, including innovative use of ultrasound technology and e-phytopathology to directly and positively affect the population of Sambaina and neighbouring villages.

In December 2008 an agreement was signed with the Italian city of Lodi to promote exchanges with Sambaina in many different fields.

The successes of the ICT Village project are now leading to the replication of the model in other communities of Madagascar.

After the Summit on the Information Society and to follow upon the proposal to support with its own projects the Alliance of the United Nations for the Rural Development in the two pilot countries, Madagascar and the Dominican Republic, OCCAM proposed to start activities in the African island, by organizing a mission of exploration for identifying the locality in which an ICT Village can be carried out . After an attentive analysis and



meetings with the local authorities and the