



### **Ifaty Village now has a Women's Association.**

Through talks with ReefDoctor and the President of Ifaty village it was decided to create a Women's Association. A meeting of all the women in the village was held in the local school and the reason for creating the association explained and the positions filled by voting. The bureau (committee) who represent the association, comprises of one president, two vice-presidents, two secretaries, two treasurers, two account auditors and two advisers. The association has a legal standing which means that they may be eligible to apply for grants from either government or non-governmental sources. The Women's Association will help decide where to spend funds generated from the Rose Garden Marine Protected Area and will also act as a point of contact in the village for community development projects. Presentations about health and hygiene are planned as is a demonstration of the solar ovens.

