

Alert

Madagascar

Flood Response - Tropical Cyclone Chedza

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1. Brief description of the emergency and impact

Persistent heavy rainfall brought about by Tropical Cyclone Bansi, traversing the eastern part of Madagascar in the Indian Ocean, has lashed the country since 9 January 2015. Simultaneously a depression in the Mozambique Channel in the Indian Ocean has built up and has started moving towards the island of Madagascar, equally contributing to increased rainfall. This depression has strengthened into a tropical cyclone named Chedza. On 16 January, Tropical Cyclone Chedza hit the south-western part of the country in the regions of Menabe and Melaky. The persistent heavy rainfalls have brought about severe flooding in most parts of the country, including the capital Antananarivo, where preliminary estimates are that around 15,000 people are in need of temporary shelter. The cyclone has also affected a large part of the country along its trajectory. The most affected areas are regions of Menabe, Melaky, Boeny Mahajanga, Analamanga and the South East part of Madagascar.

2. Why is an ACT response needed?

The National Bureau of Risk and Disaster Management (BNGRC) and other international organisations, together with the ACT Madagascar Forum members (SAF-FJKM and Voina Mahatratr/FLM – the Lutheran Church of Madagascar), are in the process of collecting primary and secondary data and assessing the impact along the cyclone trajectory and that of the heavy rains. The cyclone is still traversing through Madagascar and the extent of the impact will only be known when the cyclone leaves the country. However, preliminary data reveals that many parts of the country are flooded, in particular the district of Morondava, Belo, the lower lands of Antananarivo and the district of Vangaindrano.

3. National and international response

The BNGRC convened a meeting on 15 January 2015 to share information on the impact and coordinate the intervention with all the stakeholders. They have dispatched personnel to the affected places where the cyclone has passed to provide care, casualty evacuation and damage assessment.

4. ACT Alliance response

ACT Madagascar Forum members will continue to closely monitor the situation and, based on the assessment findings, are planning to respond to the emergency either through an ACT Rapid Response or an ACT appeal.

5. Planned activities

Planned activities include distribution of food (rice and beans), clothing and blankets in the flooded areas.

Any funding indication or pledge should be communicated to the Head of Finance and Administration, Line Hempel (Line.Hempel@actalliance.org).

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