ALERT CYCLONE





Madagascar

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SITUATION

On the morning of Friday the 16 March 2018, the district of Mananara Nord and Maroantsetra in the peninsula of Masoala, Region of Analanjirofo, Madagascar, was affected by ELIAKIM, a tropical cyclone in category storm1. ELIAKIM brought with him a maximum wind speed of 105km.

ELIAKIM has come with heavy rains, causing strong floods in the eastern part of Madagascar mainly in the Regions of SAVA, SOFIA, ANALANJIROFO, ATSINANANA, ALAOTRA MANGORO where most of the damage is expected. As a result, communities in affected regions have been hit by three storms namely AVA, DUMAZILE AND ELIAKIM and has made communities more vulnerable every time a storm hits making their conduction worse.

NEEDS

The cyclone has put Manara district in a state of crisis. The cyclone affected persons find themselves in a desperate situation, with many unmet vital humanitarian needs such as access to food, shelter, health, water, livelihood and protection services.

Their needs are:

\boxtimes	Sufficient food		
\boxtimes	Safe shelter and basic non-food items.		
\boxtimes	Basic health services and facilities.		
\boxtimes	Safe drinking water, as well as sanitation and hygiene		
	infrastructure.		
\boxtimes	Livelihood activities.		
\boxtimes	Protection services.		
\boxtimes	Adequate nutrition.		

The dire situation is further compounded for the cyclone affected people with vulnerabilities. There is a pressing necessity to provide immediate assistance to minimize loss of life and to ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable are covered first.

STAKEHOLDERS

The following national and international entities are present and doing their best to respond to the crisis:

\boxtimes	National government	Led by the BNGRC/ National Office of Disaster Risk
		Management (NODRM)
\boxtimes	UN Agencies	UNOCHA and UNICEF
	INGOs	Which involved in humanitarian action: CARE International, ADRA, CRS, MEDAIR, WFP, FAO, UNICEF, OCHA, Médecin du Monde.
\boxtimes	National NGOs	SAF/FJKM and SMT/FLM
\boxtimes	Affected communities	Children under 5 years old, elderly, Persons with disabilities and women head of household are the most affected by the cyclone.



The emergency response is currently being coordinated by the National Office of Disaster Risk Management (BNGRC). To ensure that the humanitarian response is well coordinated and complementary, the ACT forum will take part in meetings with all relevant sector stakeholders (clusters) and establish an open line of communication with crisis affected persons and communities to ensure a humanitarian response based on participation and feedback.

	ACT Alliance			
\boxtimes	ACT Alliance/ Madagascar ACT Forum has been working in Madagascar since 1996, now helping/planning to help people affected by the cyclone			
\boxtimes	ACT Alliance /Madagascar ACT Forum works in areas affected by the cyclone, and is assessing the impact of the disaster to better understand the needs and vulnerabilities			
\boxtimes	ACT Alliance/ Madagascar ACT Forum is currently monitoring the situation and is preparing a rapid needs assessment to have an in-depth context analysis and better understanding of existing vulnerabilities.			
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\boxtimes	In collaboration with relevant stakeholders, the ACT forum has identified a gap in safe shelters, foods, NFI, WASH kits and protection and has resolved that if funded, it will have the capacity to properly bridge the identified gap.			
\boxtimes	The ACT forum is planning on submitting a funding proposal to provide food, NFI and protection to ensure that the cyclone affected persons' basic needs are met with regards to WASH, health and livelihoods.			
\boxtimes	ACT Alliance is ready to respond, providing foods, NFI, hygiene kits, protection to the main 2,450 vulnerable persons in the coming weeks.			
\boxtimes	Furthermore, ACT Alliance will engage in advocacy on the national and international level to ensure that the voices of those affected by the cyclone are amplified.			
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