



Madagascar

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SITUATION		
<p>In the afternoon of Sunday the 8 December 2019, the region of the entire western coastline in Madagascar, was passed by cyclone Belna. While the eye of the cyclone moves near to the coast in the channel between Mozambique and Madagascar, the coastal areas of Madagascar are getting affected with heavy rains and winds up to 200 km/h. The entire catchment of cyclone Belna has actual a width of 200 km and a rotating windspeed of approximately 150 km/h which still speeds up (source Metrological Department for Madagascar). As a result, the northwest of Madagascar is experiencing heavy rains and strong winds with a high possibility of flooding affecting very isolated areas with challenging road access. Tropical Cyclone Belna will bring impacts to Madagascar into the middle of the week and strong winds can result in damage to homes and cause significant power cuts and tree damage</p> <p>The cyclone is foreseen to develop up to category 4 and will touch land on December 9th somewhere between Mahajanga and Tulear, situated in the West / South West of Madagascar and pass the Southern part of the Island before leaving on the open Indian Ocean.</p>		
NEEDS		
<p>The cyclone has put the region 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 and safe water</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	sufficient food	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	safe shelter and basic non-food items	
<input type="checkbox"/>	basic health services and facilities	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	safe drinking water, as well as sanitation and hygiene infrastructure	
<input type="checkbox"/>	livelihood activities	
<input type="checkbox"/>	protection services	
<input type="checkbox"/>	adequate nutrition	
<p>The dire situation is further compounded for the cyclone affected people with vulnerabilities.; more specifically for people of lower cast as the traditional accommodations are unable to withstand such destructions with storm and rain and households are living with very limited food stocks . 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.</p>		
STAKEHOLDERS		
<p>The following national and international entities are present and doing their best to respond to the crisis:</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National government	BNGRC (National Office for Disaster and Risk Management) and CPGU are on highest alerts but have already indicated not to have efficient food reserves. BNGRC have already mobilized their staff in the region of BOENY from Saturday 7th.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	UN Agencies	UN agencies are supposed to open the humanitarian cluster system and with next week the first assessments are supposed to happen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INGOs	GAA, CARE, CRS, WWF, ADRA and others are present in Madagascar, response capacities need to be checked in coordination meetings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Red Cross Red Crescent Movement	Madagascar Red Cross with IFRC, GRC and ICRC are present - response capacities to be evaluated and coordinated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military presence	Malagasy Army is present in all areas of the country.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National NGOs	CSO and National Organisations are present, but lack of finances is reducing response capacities

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Civil society groups	Are present, most of them not trained in disaster relief; SAF/FJKM is the chair of the National Alliance, the strongest CSO network at Madagascar.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Faith based groups	FJKM and FLM (ACT Alliance members), Catholic Church are the main faith-based groups active in Madagascar with response capacities as financial resources are provided through their respective networks
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Host communities	The West Coast of Madagascar is mainly divided by 6 administrative regions (Diana, Sofia, Boeny, Melaky, Menabe, Atsimo-Andrefana and Androy) with three main towns (Mahajanga, Morodva and Tulear) the complete West Coast contains a population of approx. 5.7 Million people.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Affected communities	Will be informed detailed after first information have been collected and are disseminated.

The emergency response is currently being coordinated by the National Office for Disaster 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 (in the cluster approach such as WaSH, Nutrition, Shelter, Health and Livelihoods as well as being a part of the Madagascar cash working group. In its recent EPRP the ACT Madagascar Forum has designed an Emergency set up, which is put in place.) 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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Madagascar Forum members have been working in all affected areas since 1974, now helping/planning to help people affected by the cyclone.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Madagascar Forum members work in areas affected by the cyclone, and are assessing the impact of the disaster to better understand the needs and vulnerabilities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Madagascar Forum members are currently monitoring the situation and are preparing a rapid needs assessment to have an in-depth context analysis and better understanding of existing vulnerabilities.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Madagascar Forum members are monitoring the situation and emergency teams are ready/preparing to respond according to the results of a contextual analysis and rapid needs assessment.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In collaboration with relevant stakeholders, the ACT Madagascar forum has identified a gaps in the priorities 1) access to potable water, 2) provision of shelter, 3) access to food and NFI through cash or commodity distribution and has resolved that if funded, it will have the capacity to properly bridge the identified gap.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The ACT Madagascar forum is planning on submitting a funding proposal to provide Aquatabs, shelter kits and food/cash to ensure that the cyclone affected persons' basic needs are met with regards to reduce mortality and morbidity of cyclone affected population through 1.) contaminated water, 2.) reduce vulnerability through non existing shelter and 3.) starvation through non-existence of food.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Madagascar ACT forum is ready to respond, providing –as a first response hygiene kits (Aquatabs and Soap), shelter kits and food rations or equivalent cash in the areas of Mahajanga, Morodava and Tulear to minimum of 25 000 affected households in the coming weeks.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Furthermore, ACT Madagascar Forum will engage in advocacy on the national and international level to ensure that the voices of those affected by the cyclone affected are amplified. |
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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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