



## Madagascar

Nairobi, 17 February 2021

<b>SITUATION</b>		
<p>The southern part of Madagascar has been affected by three years of consecutive droughts caused by poor harvests due to lack of rain and the effects of thunderstorms which destroy farm crops. The effects of the drought are exacerbated by the effects of COVID-19 which has caused a lack of jobs and a closure of markets. Many households are surviving on exceptionally low incomes due to loss of livelihoods and many are migrating in search of food and work consequently, school dropouts are common.</p> <p>As a result, at least 1.27 million people in currently in need of humanitarian assistance, according to Appel Éclair Madagascar-Grand-Sud Janvier-Mai 2021.</p> <p>According to an analysis conducted by WFP, the current drought is the most severe Madagascar has experienced in the last 10 years. Many Districts in the great South and great South-East of Madagascar especially Amboasary Atsimo are in Integrated Phase Classification 4 (IPC).</p>		
<b>NEEDS</b>		
<p>The drought has put many communities in a state of crisis. The drought affected persons find themselves in a desperate situation, with many need of humanitarian food assistance to prevent malnutrition, safe water, and alternative sources of income. There is the need to protect children, young girls and women from negative survival strategies already witnessed.</p> <p>Affected households are already reducing the number of meals and portion of food taken per day and consuming less preferred foods. The efforts need to prioritize child and women headed households, lactating mothers, poor households, and people with disabilities. In addition, the limited access of communities to health centres for financial reasons and geographic remoteness should also be considered.</p>		
<b>STAKEHOLDERS</b>		
<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	At the national level, the Bureau National de Gestion des Risques et des Catastrophes ( <b>BNGRC</b> ) is the highest authority in place to coordinate risk reduction and disaster response activities. BNGRC is the coordinator of all activities in the south of Madagascar through Centre de Commandement Opérationnel contre le Kere ( <b>CCOK</b> ).
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	UN Agencies	UNOCHA is coordinating the response among all actors, while. UNICEF is responding in nutrition, protection, communication, community engagement, education, food security and WASH sectors. UNFPA is supporting work in Protection Gender Based Violence (GBV) and Prevention of Sexual Abuse Exploitation and abuse (PSEA) key health sectors. FAO is working in Food security and livelihoods. World Health Organization-Health sector.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INGOs	Other NGOs are involved in various sectors: Program Against Malnutrition (PAM) -Nutrition, Food security and means of livelihood sectors. ADRA -Education, food security, WASH, and livelihood sectors. CRS -Food security, livelihood, protection PSEA sectors. ACF- Nutrition sector.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Red Cross Red Crescent Movement	Malagasy Red Cross (CRM) is working food security and means of subsistence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military presence	Malagasy army is present in all areas of country
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National NGOs	Cash transfer and livelihoods projects

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Civil society groups	Are present, most of them are not trained in disaster relief, SAF/FJKM is the chair of the National Alliance, the strongest CSO network in 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 great south part of Madagascar is composed by 3 administrative regions Anosy, Androy, Atsimo Andrefana which contain a population of approx. 3.3 million people (HDX humanitarian 2018)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Affected communities	More detailed information will be shared later.

The emergency response is currently being coordinated by the National Office for disaster Management (BNGRC) and UNOCHA. To ensure that the humanitarian response is well coordinated and complementary, ACT Madagascar forum will take part in meetings with all relevant sector stakeholders (in clusters approach such as Wash, Nutrition, Health, and livelihoods as well as being a part of Madagascar cash working group) 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 has been working in Madagascar since 1974, now helping/planning to help people affected by the famine
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Madagascar Forum works in areas affected by the famine, and is assessing the impact of the disaster to better understand the needs and vulnerabilities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Madagascar 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.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Madagascar Forum is 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 gap in 1) access to food and NFI through Cash or commodity distribution, 2) access to potable water, 3) access to health centre 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 cash to ensure that the famine affected persons' basic needs are met with regards to reduce malnutrition rate of people affected..
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Madagascar Forum is ready to respond, providing cash to 3,000 affected households in the coming months.
<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 famine are amplified.

**Any funding indication or pledge should be communicated to the Head of Humanitarian Affairs, Alwynn Javier ([alwynn.javier@actalliance.org](mailto:alwynn.javier@actalliance.org)).**

**For further information please contact:**

National Director - SAF/FJKM, Tsialoninarivo R. RAHAJARY ([saf@moov.mg](mailto:saf@moov.mg)).

ACT Regional Representative for Africa, Elizabeth Zimba Kisiigha ([Elizabeth.Zimba@actalliance.org](mailto:Elizabeth.Zimba@actalliance.org)).

ACT Humanitarian Officer for Africa, Caroline Njogu ([Caroline.Njogu@actalliance.org](mailto:Caroline.Njogu@actalliance.org))