



Situation Report

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Country:	Madagascar
Emergency type:	Cyclones
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Key Figures – Cyclone Jude



41 141

Total people affected



10 285

Women of reproductive age



1 000

Estimated pregnant women



26 713

People targeted with SRH services



13 165

People targeted with GBV programmes

Key Figures – Cyclone Honde



99 890

Total people affected



24 973

Women of reproductive age



2 427

Estimated pregnant women



64 860

People targeted with SRH services



31 965

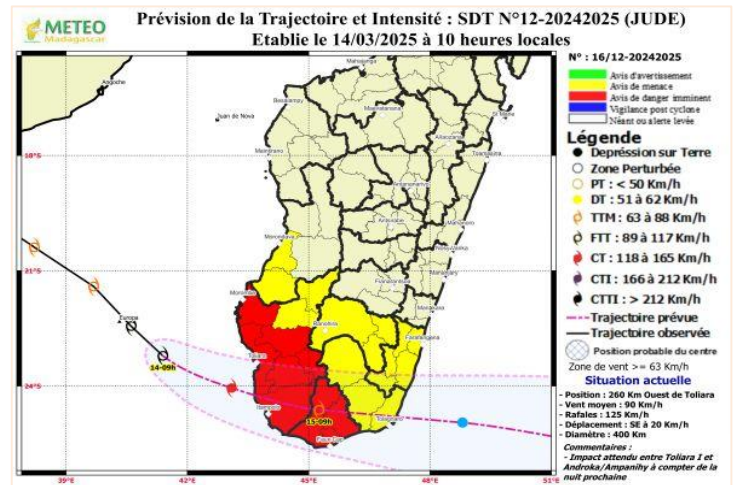
People targeted with GBV programmes

Situation Overview

1. Severe Tropical Storm Jude

On 14 March 2025, storm Jude made landfall in Southern Madagascar, affecting 4 regions, 14 districts, and 49 communes, just days after Cyclone Honde. According to the National Risk and Disaster Management Office (BNGRC) bulletin on 16 March:

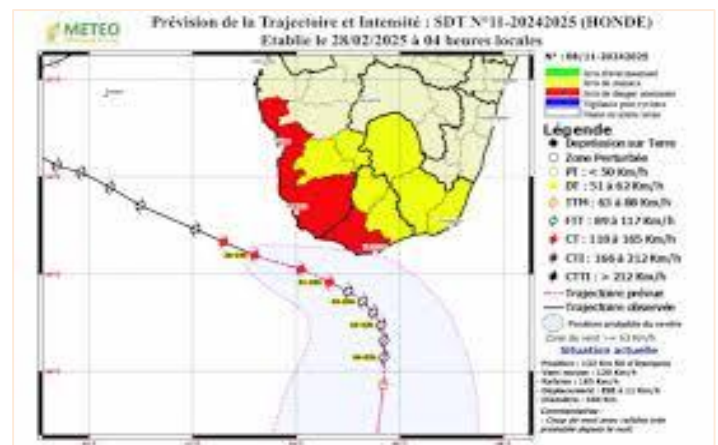
- 41,141 people affected
- 27,000+ displaced across 24 sites
- 1,160+ homes destroyed
- 4 health centers damaged



Strong winds and heavy swells impacted the southern and western coasts, raising risks of shipwrecks and coastal flooding. Road infrastructure was severely disrupted, hindering access. In response to this crisis, the authorities and humanitarian partners, including UNFPA, have deployed emergency measures such as evacuations, mobile clinics, and food distributions to assist affected populations. Efforts are underway to restore access to drinking water and electricity. Meteorological monitoring remains active, and people are urged to follow safety guidelines to minimize the impact of the phenomenon.

2. Severe Tropical Storm Honde

Tropical Cyclone Honde skirted the southern coast of Madagascar on February 28, 2025, with an unusually large central zone that severely affected the southwestern and southern regions of the island. This phenomenon brought heavy rainfall, causing major flooding and intense storm surges, leading to seaside floods and destruction, and damaging 11 health facilities. It is worth noting that Honde is the third cyclone to hit Madagascar this season, following Chido and Dikeledi.



On March 4, 2025, the passage of Cyclone Honde left a heavy toll: 8 deaths were reported in Bekily (3), Betroka (1), Morondava (1), and Ampanihy Ouest (3); 1 person was reported missing in Belo sur Tsiribihina; 88 people were injured and required medical care; and 99,890 individuals, representing 23,483 households were directly affected, with 22,020 people displaced and accommodated across 75 shelters set up by authorities and humanitarian actors.

In the face of this critical situation, a rapid and coordinated response is essential to (i) provide humanitarian assistance, (ii) accelerate the rehabilitation of damaged infrastructures, and (iii) protect the most vulnerable populations.

UNFPA Response

Following the successive passage of cyclones Honde and Jude in southern Madagascar, UNFPA is working closely with local authorities and partners to strengthen the resilience of affected communities and save lives. These interventions focus particularly on the Androy, Atsimo Andrefana, and Anosy regions, where humanitarian needs are most urgent. The key areas of response include sexual and reproductive health, the prevention of gender-based violence, and protection against sexual abuse and exploitation. Social media communications have also been carried out to raise awareness on early warnings and the importance of vigilance.

Protection / Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and PSEA component:

Awareness-raising activities targeting affected populations were conducted in the shelter sites in close collaboration with the Female Proximity Brigade (BFP), the Ministry of Population and Solidarity, and AfriYAN. A total of 16,023 people were reached in the Grand Sud of Madagascar.

In Ampanihy, 85 pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers, women with disabilities, and adolescent girls received dignity kits.

Support for gender-based violence (GBV) cases was provided in the shelter sites by social workers: 10 GBV cases were assisted in Toliara and Ambovombe, and 408 vulnerable women and girls received psychological support in the shelters.

Sexual and Reproductive Health and Family Planning component:

Six (6) health facilities were equipped with emergency reproductive health kits to ensure safe deliveries and zero unmet needs in family planning.

In Toliara, in collaboration with local partners including the Ministry of Public Health and Marie Stopes Madagascar, two mobile clinics were deployed in displacement sites to ensure that no one is left behind, providing services to approximately 1,484 people.

In Ambovombe, 114 delivery kits were distributed to pregnant and breastfeeding women affected by Cyclone Jude.

Results Snapshots



3 113

individuals received **sexual and reproductive health services**



16 023

Individuals raised awareness on **the prevention and mitigation of gender-based violence and sexual abuse and exploitation.**



408 individuals received psychosocial support, including **10 survivors of gender-based violence (GBV)** who were supported.

Coordination Mechanisms

✂ Humanitarian mechanism:

Several coordination meetings have been held to strengthen humanitarian interventions in southern Madagascar:

- On March 5, 2025, a Protection sector meeting was held in the Androy region to coordinate actions among key stakeholders.
- On March 12, 2025, the GBV sub-cluster met to discuss the post-Honde response and preparations for Cyclone Jude.
- On March 13, 2025, two major meetings took place: the Health cluster meeting, focused on responding to health emergencies, and the Grand Sud PSEA task-force meeting, aimed at strengthening the prevention and response to sexual exploitation and abuse.

Additionally, a mapping of actors involved in sexual and reproductive health (SRH) for the Atsimo Andrefana and Androy regions was finalized and shared with all humanitarian actors operating in these areas.

Perspectives

- A multisectoral assessment mission will be organized in the three affected districts of the Androy Region. At the same time, the management of gender-based violence (GBV) cases will continue in the one stop centers.
- Awareness campaigns on the prevention of GBV/SEA and family planning will be intensified.
- Dignity kits will be distributed to vulnerable women to maintain their hygiene and ensure their well-being.
- A PSEA refresher training session for humanitarian actors in the Grand South of Madagascar is planned for March 26 and 27.
- Continuation of integrated SRH/FP/GBV/PSEA services through mobile clinics in the most affected areas of the Grand Sud.

Some pictures



Health facility in Tsirandrary, Beraketa damaged by cyclone Jude



Raising awareness on GBV and SEA prevention at shelter sites



Delivery of mobile clinics services at the shelter sites



Distribution of delivery kits to 114 pregnant and breastfeeding women affected by cyclone Jude in Ambovombe.



Distribution of 85 dignity kits to pregnant women, nursing mothers, women with disabilities and young girls affected by cyclone Jude in Ampanihy.

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