

## Situation Report #1

<b>Country:</b>	<b>MADAGASCAR</b>
<b>Crisis Type:</b>	TROPICAL STORM - CHENESO
<b>Covering period:</b>	19/01/2023
<b>Crisis Location:</b>	North-Eastern Coast (Diana, Sava, Analanjirofo, Sofia and Atsinanana regions)
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### 1. Situation overview including Security Issues

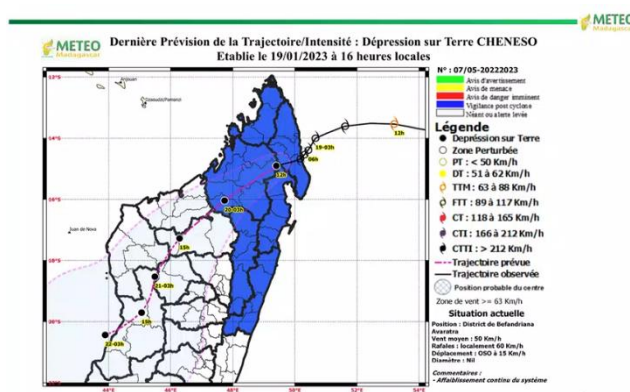


Figure 1 View of the storm's trajectory and impact

- A tropical storm named CHENESO made landfall, north of Antalaha, North Eastern Coast of Madagascar, this 19 January at about 10:45 AM local time with maximum sustained winds of 90 km/h and gusts up to 120 km/h. According to [Météo Madagascar](#), it moved towards the South-West by late afternoon at 15 Km/h. The average wind speed is estimated at 50 km/h with gusts of 60 km/h. CHENESO is currently centered in the Befandriana Avaratra district in the Sofia region.


- A preliminary evaluation of the damage in two regions notably Diana and Analanjirofo compiled by the National Bureau for Disaster Risk Management (BNGRC) indicates that **2,192 people have been affected, 730 households flooded and 01 boy aged 10 is reportedly missing**. An additional **214 persons from 72 households** have been moved by local authorities as a preventive measure and are currently sheltered at the MEDAIR and CSB Ambinanitelo sites. There are no updates yet on the Sava region and the BNGRC has deployed teams for an evaluation.
- Despite the weakening of the storm system, heavy rains continue to fall and are likely to damage or destroy homes and vulnerable infrastructure, especially in the Sava and Analanjirofo regions, for the next hours or days. It will weaken further as it moves over land. Heavy rains are also expected in the Boeny, Vatovavy-Fitovinany and Analamanga regions which are all on its trajectory.
- Heavy rains (100 to 200 mm/24 hours) will be expected over the whole of the regions. As a result, there is a risk of widespread flooding, especially in low-lying and flood-prone areas. The heavy rains could extend over Boeny and the central lands and could persist until Sunday.



Figure 2- View of flooded neighbourhoods in Andapa, Sava region ©Save The Children

## 2. Humanitarian needs

- The three most affected regions notably Sava, Diana and Analanjirifo have a **total population of 3,446,884** including 442,925 adolescent girls. So far, **UNFPA targets 1,528,865 people** likely to be further plunged into a vulnerable condition by the tropical storm.
- **Women and girls are most exposed**, suffering disproportionately from the passage of the storm that has destroyed fragile shelters and amenities, exposing them to GBV risks and likely to cut them off from access to basic SRH services and commodities. In the three affected regions the following target population has been identified.

 # Affected pop in the 03 regions  
**1,5 million**

 # Women of childbearing age  
**872,062**

 # GBV cases likely to seek care  
**17,234**

 # Expectant mothers  
**39,242**

## 3. Government, UN and other stakeholders' response:

- The Government, through the **National Bureau for Disaster Risk Management (BNGRC)** which coordinates all humanitarian response and **humanitarian partners** continue to be **on alert and are prepared for action**. These include deployment of personnel and pre-positioning of Emergency stocks for distribution.
- The BNGRC has carried out a **rapid assessment** on the devastation and urgent needs to better inform response efforts.
- **Prompt communication** to alert the local population is being rolled out on multi-channels including a press conference by BNGRC and the humanitarian response sub clusters have been activated.

## 4. Key activities implemented by UNFPA and Progress

### Staffing:

- UNFPA CO staff is mobilized and teams are set to go to the field in relation to the needs on the ground and the complexity of the situation as it unfolds.
- In view of the unfolding situation, surge needs will be identified and mobilized as needed.

### Communication/Advocacy:

- A Communication plan for the cyclone season was already developed and is being implemented vis-à-vis the current situation.
- The Communication cluster that brings together both government and development/humanitarian partners including UNFPA is harnessing efforts in rolling out key messages for the target localities to inform, alert and protect.

### Logistics:

- In the absence of appropriate storage facility in these affected localities, UNFPA has pre-positioned essential Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH/FP) commodities and kits for response in neighbouring locations.
- Additional SRH kits will be purchased according to the procurement plan for 2023.

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