

Situation Report #2

Country:	MADAGASCAR
Crisis Type:	TROPICAL STORM - CHENESO
Covering period:	19 to 21 Jan 2023
Crisis Location:	Across 7 regions including Diana, Sava, Analanjirofo, Sofia, Atsinanana, Analamanga and Vatovavy regions)
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1. Situation overview including Security Issues

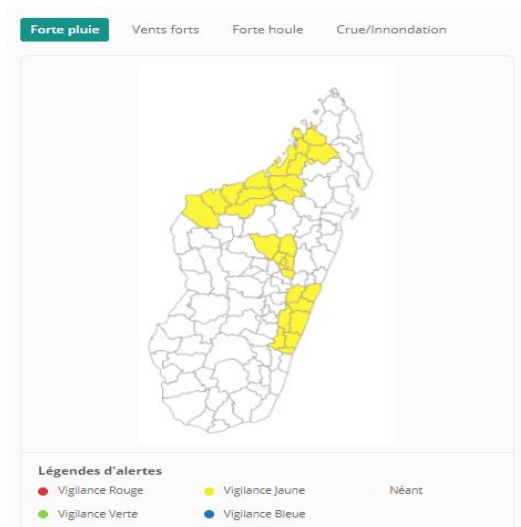


Figure 1 Alert for heavy rains across regions marked in yellow ©Meteo Madagascar

Analanjirofo, Sofia, Atsinanana, Analamanga and Vatovavy. **Three persons have been reported death including a baby of 1 and a half years, and another four persons are missing.** 1,923 people are displaced and 2,123 homes have been affected by the floods, out of which 1,736 are flooded.

- In addition to the MEDAIR and CSB Ambinanitelo sites in the Analanjirofo region, **another site at the Public Primary School in Mandraka, Analamanga region** has been set up. **These sites currently shelter 313 persons.** While there are yet no updates on the hospitals or district health centres affected, some 85 classrooms across the aforementioned regions have been affected, including 15 that have been completely destroyed.

- 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.

- Two days after making landfall, **CHENESO is rapidly becoming weaker** and presents no immediate risk of heavy gusts. The storm alert is currently lifted. **However, heavy rains have persisted across the regions** on the trajectory of CHENESO with Boeny, Vitovavy, Fitovinany and Analamanga to be most affected up till mid-week. There is continuous risk of flooding in low-lying and flood prone areas.


- An evaluation carried out by the **National Bureau for Disaster Risk Management (BNGRC)** indicates there are **presently 7,334 people affected in seven regions.** These include Diana, Sava,



Figure 2- View of some flooded homes ©UN Madagascar

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 situation by the persistent rains.
- **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 operations centre has been activated at national and regional levels**, hence activation of various clusters (health, protection, logistics etc.). Due to the heavy rains expected to reduce by Tuesday, multi-cluster/sector rapid assessments will be carried out later next week.
- The **Command feedback mechanism (CRM) 930** will soon become operational for communication needs. Meanwhile, **prompt communication** to alert the local population has continued on multi-channels.

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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