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| Country: | MADAGASCAR |
| Crisis Type: | TROPICAL STORM - CHENESO |
| Covering period: | 02 to 21 February 2023 |
| Crisis Location : | Across 17 regions |
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1. Situation overview including Security Issues

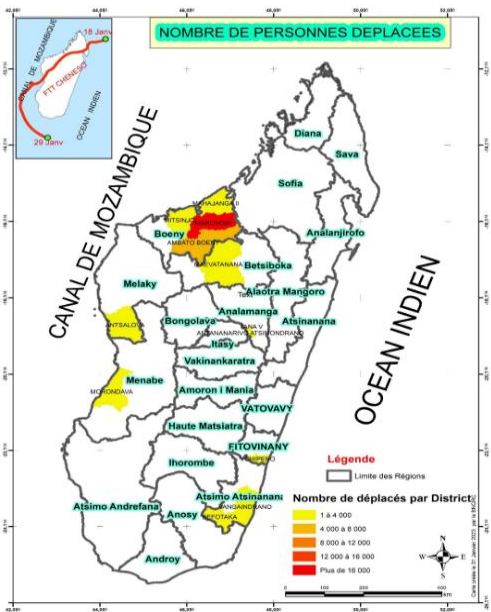


Figure 1: map shows the displacement trends in the different affected regions ©BNGRC

- **Tropical storm, CHENESO**, made landfall, north of Antalaha, North Eastern Coast of Madagascar, on 19 January at about 10:45 AM local time with maximum sustained winds of 90 km/h and gusts up to 120 km/h.
- Weeks after making landfall, **ensuing heavy rains persisted across the 17 regions**, affecting **90,870 people from 20,980 households**. A total **thirty-three (33) deaths** were reported and another **20 missing**. Slightly over 34,000 people were displaced and sheltered in 115 sites in 07 Regions.
- **All humanitarian response efforts have thus far been led by the National Bureau for Disaster Risk Management (BNGRC).**
- **17 health facilities were either been partially or completely destroyed.** These included eight (8) Level I basic health centers and nine (9) Level II basic health centers. Additionally, 4 lodgings and administrative buildings under Health Ministry have been affected. The basic health centers (CSBs) on the right bank of the Betsiboka River were the most severely affected by floods. Betsiboka river borders Boeny Region in north, Sofia in northeast, Alaotra-Mangoro in east, Analamanga and Bongolava in south and Melaky in west.

2. Humanitarian needs

- The (initial) 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 CHENESO and the continuous rains that have 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.

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|  <p># Affected pop in the 03 regions 1,5 million</p> |  <p># Women of childbearing age 872,062</p> |  <p># GBV cases likely to seek care 17,234</p> |  <p># Expectant mothers 39,242</p> |
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3. Government, UN and other stakeholders' response:

- Information from the **National Bureau for Disaster Risk Management (BNGRC)** which coordinates all humanitarian response and **humanitarian partners**, places the district of Marovoay as the most affected by the floods.
- **BNGRC started food distribution** to affected populations on 31 January and a **visit by the President of the Republic**, in the Marovoay district took place.
- **Prompt communication** to alert the local population has continued on multi-channels.

4. Key activities implemented by UNFPA: Progress/ Challenges

Protection

- UNFPA has distributed **986 Dignity kits** to vulnerable women in regions most hit by the tropical storm. These included women who are pregnant, breastfeeding and/or living with disabilities in the Boeny, Sofia, Fitovinany and Vatovavy regions.
- 12 Health centers** including the Level II District Referral Hospitals in the Boeny and Sofia regions have been equipped with Inter Agency Reproductive Health (IARH) emergency kits.

Communication/Advocacy:

- Awareness-raising on family planning, prenatal care and assisted delivery has been carried out** among the targeted beneficiaries including those to whom dignity kits are distributed.
- The **Communication cluster** with government and development/humanitarian partners including UNFPA has continued to **roll out key messages for target populations**.



Figure 2: Breastfeeding mother having benefitted from UNFPA kit in Boeny region.



Figure 3: Emergency IARH commodities moved to the different health centres in Boeny & Sofia regions



Figure 4: Reception of dignity kits



Figure 5 : Community sensitization session in the Fitovinany and Vatovavy regions.



Figure 6: Nursing mother receives hygiene kit at one of the shelter sites in the Fitovinany and Vatovavy regions.

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