



IOM staff doing cash for shelter distribution to IDPs affected by cyclone Batsirai in the Mananjary district. © IOM 2023

298,351

Individuals affected by
Freddy

72,700

Individuals Displaced

3

Regions Affected

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Tropical Cyclone Freddy made landfall in Madagascar’s Southeastern Region on February 21, 2023, which brought torrential rainfall and winds as fast as 169km/h, killing 17 persons (with 3 people who are still missing). The Cyclone caused destructions of homes and infrastructures, resulting in mass population displacement, worsening the situation in a region which was already hit by two cyclones (Batsirai and Emnati) in February 2022. According to the draft assessment report of Cyclone Freddy produced by the Bureau National de Gestion des Risques et des Catastrophes (BNGRC), a total of 298,351 people have been affected, over which 72,700 have been displaced. Reports indicate extensive damages to homes, agricultural land and infrastructures, including schools, health centers, and community halls that were used as temporary shelters during the first days of the cyclone, highlighting the need to support recovery efforts.

The United Nations and humanitarian partners are mobilized to support the emergency response efforts of the BNGRC to assist populations hardly-hit by the cyclone. A Flash Appeal was issued and a multi-agency proposal was submitted to CERF for a total request of USD 8,5 million to respond to the most affected population in the form of life-saving assistance - including in the sectors of shelter, food, health, water, sanitation and hygiene, and protection.

HIGHLIGHTS

On April 11th, IOM staff visited Ikongo to prepare for the deployment of DTM in the region, as well as to carry out assessment of infrastructures which were used as temporary shelters after the landing of the successive cyclones.

Cases of malnutrition were observed especially among women and children, and vulnerable populations, especially women, were seen to be suffering from mental disorders.

IOM RESPONSE

The IOM team in Madagascar is working with OCHA to secure funding in order to assist the affected population through rehabilitation of damaged shelters to the most vulnerable households, and rehabilitation of community halls that can be used as a collective center in the future.

IOM team is also responding through the SOREBE project funded by the Government of Japan, to the population affected by cyclones Bastirai and Emnati that hit the same region in February 2022. IOM is providing livelihoods assistance and MHPSS support to the most affected families in the Southeastern region, and is also working with the government of Madagascar and other humanitarian partners to strengthen the capacity for Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) response through the provision of trainings and capacity building activities. Another component of this project is data collection, where IOM will be working with the BNGRC to launch the DTM program that will provide accurate data sets which will help inform the government and partners for better response planning.



Left: IOM teams carry out an assessment in Ikongo district for preparation in the deployment of DTM. © IOM 2023

Right: Individuals are still living in houses destroyed by the cyclones and have not been able to rebuild their houses. © IOM 2023

CYCLONE FREDDY



SHELTER REHABILITATION

IOM has applied through CERF for 700,000 USD to provide assistance to the most vulnerable households by using a cash for shelter approach. IOM is planning to partner with Catholic Relief Services (CRS), The Malagasy Red Cross (CRM), and Ankosy Association to provide the assistance using a cell phone operator that already exists in the community.



Left: IOM teams distributing cash for shelter to beneficiaries. © IOM 2023

Right: IOM teams carrying out regular assessments to understand the needs of the affected population. © IOM 2023

CYCLONES BASTIRAI AND EMNATI



LIVELIHOODS

IOM is assisting the most vulnerable households that lost their shelters after cyclone Batsirai through cash for shelter distribution. During the reporting period, IOM team in Mananjary distributed 30.000 ariary to 9 female-headed households for these households to be able to cover their monthly rent. IOM will continue supporting these targeted families through Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS).



DISPLACEMENT TRACKING MATRIX

IOM is in the final stages of the planning of the first round of data collection. The IOM team has developed the tools needed to be used in the three regions of the South-East which will be covered by the DTM. The support staff will be deployed from the southern region of Madagascar to assist with the training of enumerators, the collection of data, and analysis. The data collection is expected to start on May 1st and the first report is expected to be finalized by May 25th.



CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

IOM is planning four trainings that will focus on the response side of the Camp Coordination and Camp Management. An IOM expert will be deployed to Madagascar for one month to facilitate the trainings. The targeted audience will be the Government of Madagascar represented by the BNGRC and representants from ministries, as well as representants and partners on the regional level; and beneficiaries.

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