



His Excellency the Minister of Transport and Meteorology, Mr. VALERY RAMONJAVELO, accompanied by IOM Madagascar's Head of Mission, Mr. ROGER CHARLES EVINA, at the CERF project launch ceremony in the South-East of Madagascar, examining the mapping of IOM activities in the Vavovavy region. ©IOM 2023

**~226,000**

Individuals affected by cyclone Freddy

**~147,000**

Individuals in need of immediate humanitarian assistance

**31**

Communes Impacted

According to flyover and rapid multisectorial assessment by OCHA (February 23-26, 2023)

## SITUATION OVERVIEW & IOM RESPONSE

Tropical Cyclone Freddy made landfall in Madagascar's Southeastern Region on February 21, 2023, which brought winds and torrential rainfall as fast as 180km/h, killing 11 persons in Madagascar alone. 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 reports published by OCHA, extensive damages were made 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. For the shelter cluster, 126,296 people were affected, with an estimation of 12,617 houses damaged, and 9,737 houses destroyed in the region.

IOM Madagascar opened a sub-office in Mananjary in February 2023, and is responding to the situation in the South-Eastern region of Madagascar through two projects, the CERF and the Sorebe project, the first one funded by the UN Central Emergency Response Fund, providing cash-for-shelter and rehabilitating 3 collective centers in Mananjary; and the latter project funded by the Government of Japan, having three main components in the project including MHPSS, Livelihoods, and Social Cohesion (i), DTM (ii), and CCCM (iii).

## CYCLONES BASTIRAI AND EMNATI



The IOM team, in partnership with other humanitarian agencies, is continuing its efforts to improve the livelihoods of the most vulnerable households on the field in the South-eastern region of Madagascar.



Pictures taken during the joint visit between IOM and IFRC in Mananjary . © IOM 2023

### IOM RESPONSE

Since February 2023, IOM is supporting the most vulnerable households in Mananjary, in the context of the MHPSS and Livelihoods activity for the Sorebe project. On top of cyclones Batsirai and Emnati which hit hard in the region in 2022, cyclone Freddy in 2023 worsened the conditions of the most vulnerable households, who could not regain their houses due to the destruction or damage by the cyclones.

In the region, IOM working in partnership with other humanitarian agencies to bring a holistic approach of the responses to beneficiaries, and in fact, on May 16 and 17, the IOM team went on the field to meet with beneficiaries, accompanied by IFRC (International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies), the co-lead of the cluster shelter/NFI and CCCM in Madagascar.

## CYCLONES BASTIRAI AND EMNATI



In the context of the Sorebe project, the MHPSS activities for the psychosocial support was launched in Mangatsiotra, in the Fitovinany region.



Pictures taken during the visit to prepare for the launch of the psychosocial support and social protection activity in the commune of Mangatsiotra on May 20. © IOM 2023

## IOM RESPONSE

Taking advantage of the inter-agency joint CERF project launching ceremony, was launched on May 24th in the commune of Mangatsiotra, the social and psychosocial protection activity, an important component of the Sorebe project. In collaboration with the DRPPSPF (Direction Régionale de la Population, de la Protection Sociale et de la Promotion de la Femme) of the Fitovinany region, 133 men and 207 women, as well as 115 boys and 159 girls, were sensitized and made aware of GBV, children's rights and protection, as well as on the commune's referral circuits. Discussions were also held with women's associations from 5 fokontanys in the commune, to raise awareness on the Sorebe project and exchange on income-generating activities.

In addition, to that, 28 people from the commune received individual psychosocial assistance from professionals identified by the DRPPSPF; and 8 cases of GBV and child abuse were identified and referenced.



Pictures taken on May 24<sup>th</sup>, during the meeting with the associations led by women from 5 fokontanys in the commune of Mangatsiotra, Fitovinany region. © IOM 2023

## CYCLONE FREDDY



## SHELTER and REHABILITATION

On May 24<sup>th</sup>, was organized the inter-agency launching ceremony of the CERF 2023 project in Manakara, Fitovinany region.



The inter-agency launching ceremony for CERF 2023 projects in response to the catastrophic impacts of Cyclone Freddy in the South-East of Madagascar was held on May 24 in Manakara, in the Fitovinany region, in the presence of high-level authorities and international representatives: the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations, Mr. ISSA SANOGO, the Minister of Transport and Meteorology, Mr. VALÉRY RAMONJAVELO, and IOM Madagascar's Head of Mission, Mr. ROGER CHARLES EVINA, as well as representatives from other UN agencies, including OCHA, ILO, WFP, WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, FAO. © IOM 2023

## IOM RESPONSE

The launching ceremony for projects financed by the CERF fund managed by UNOCHA of the United Nations in Madagascar was held on May 24, 2023 in Manakara. The projects are designed to strengthen the UN humanitarian response in the South-East region, targeting around 335,000 people in districts and communes experiencing food and nutrition crises over the next 12 months. The total amount allocated is \$8.5 million, and six UN agencies are beneficiaries including FAO, IOM, WHO, WFP, UNFPA and UNICEF.

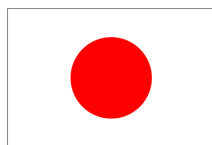
The aim of the event was to present the projects financed by the CERF fund and to discuss collaboration strategies between local authorities and humanitarian partners.

As such, IOM received USD 700,000, which will be used to assist 4,642 households (equivalent to 20,889 internally displaced persons) through the implementation of a "cash-for-shelter" program. This cash transfer will help the most affected and vulnerable populations, which have seen their houses partially or completely damaged and/or destroyed, to rehabilitate their shelters. Three community centers damaged by cyclone Freddy will also be rehabilitated in the town of Mananjary.



Government authorities, UN agencies and participants visiting the IOM stand during the ceremony, eager to learn more about IOM's projects and activities in southeast Madagascar © IOM 2023

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