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ADRA MADAGASCAR

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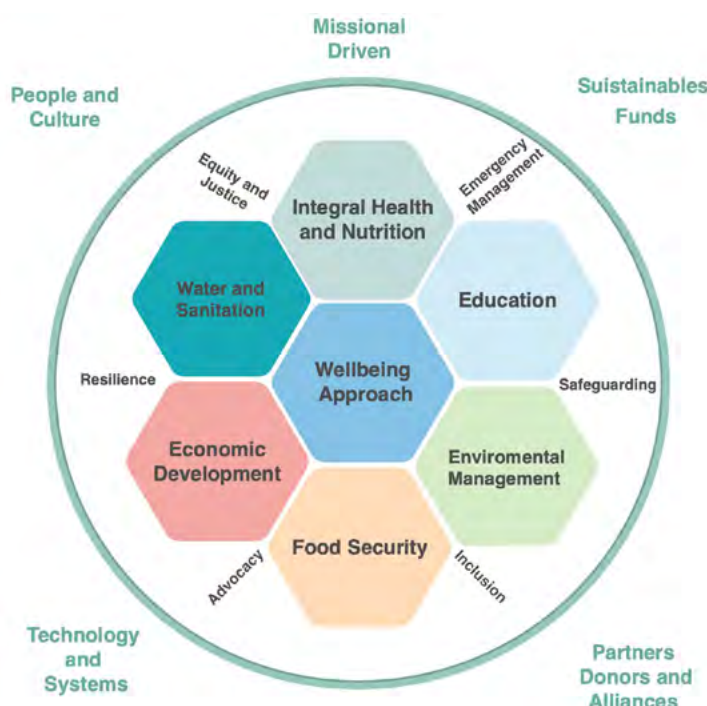
The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) established in 1984 by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, is a faith-based international humanitarian and development organization dedicated to facilitating just and positive change for vulnerable people in poverty and distress through empowering partnerships and responsible action for community development, and disaster relief and rehabilitation.

In 2021, ADRA reached more than 25 million people in 107 countries with over \$258 million spent on project activities. ADRA Madagascar is a member of the worldwide ADRA network. In 2022, ADRA marked its 30th year of existence in Madagascar.

ADRA Madagascar support people in need through an integrated approach that empowers communities to achieve sustainable well-being, reflecting God's love in every action. We implement a diverse portfolio of food security, health, education, and relief projects, primarily in the central, eastern, and southern regions of Madagascar (Figure 1). In the last five years, ADRA has impacted the lives of over one million people in Madagascar through 20 Disaster Relief and Emergency Projects with a budget of over 50million USD.



Figure 1:
ADRA Madagascar's Well-Being Approach



Integrated Programming

- ✓ **Integral Health and Nutrition:** To provide physical, mental, spiritual health, and nutrition support to the Malagasy population within ADRA Madagascar's intervention areas.
- ✓ **Education:** To support in-school children to remain in school and help those not in school to acquire education, thereby increasing their chances of getting out of poverty.
- ✓ **Environmental Management:** To create environmental awareness and support the development of strategies to protect in the long term the ecosystems of the beneficiary communities.
- ✓ **Water and Sanitation:** To improve access to water, sanitation and hygiene practices within the population that benefit from our projects.
- ✓ **Food Security:** To support the Malagasy population to meet their immediate needs for food, and to address the direct and indirect causes of food insecurity to increase their resilience to shocks.
- ✓ **Economic Development:** To support the beneficiaries to increase their incomes through entrepreneurship and empowered partnerships through the commercial sector.



Food Security and Livelihoods

Improving Livelihoods

Economic empowerment is a large part of many ADRA projects, as we partner with our beneficiaries to fight poverty and help them raise their standard of living. Our livelihoods activities have included helping farmers increase agricultural and livestock production, promoting income generating activities, establishing access to financial services and larger markets, and giving entrepreneurial training. In the EU-funded ASARA project, farmers learned techniques to increase production. We also built infrastructure to improve market access. In the FIOVANA project, and as in the previous ASOTRY project, ADRA used Farmer Field Schools to teach farmers new agricultural techniques that are environmentally friendly and increase production. After mastering the new techniques, farmers are encouraged to share their knowledge with other farmers, as well as organize into cooperatives and Farmer Business Associations. Women and young girls have been in the forefront of ADRA's livelihood activities. ADRA established over 2,000 Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs) under FIOVANA, with 31,172 participants.

- ✓ *Support for improving production through Farmer schools*
- ✓ *Promotion of Farmer Cooperatives and Farmer Business Associations*
- ✓ *Promoting Climate Smart Agriculture*
- ✓ *Improving harvesting and post-Harvest techniques*
- ✓ *Promotion of savings and Credit (VSLA)*
- ✓ *Improvement of water Management and the use of micro irrigation*
- ✓ *Short Cycle Farming: gasy chicken, sheep and goats*
- ✓ *Promotion of Market Gardening*
- ✓ *Linking Farmers to markets*

Food Security



ADRA Madagascar has had more than 20 years of experience in food security, including implementing major food security projects funded by the United States Agency for International Development's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP).

In late 2019, USAID awarded ADRA with its fifth food security project, FIOVANA. The FIOVANA project, meaning "Change" in Malagasy, aimed to achieve sustainable improvement of food and nutrition security and resilience of vulnerable populations in Atsimo Atsinanana and Vavovavy- Fitovinany regions through interventions focused on health, nutrition, agriculture, livelihoods, and risk management practices.

Over the life of the project, USAID provided \$40 million and more than 5,900 MT of food to promote food security in vulnerable households in these areas. 57,205 pregnant and breastfeeding women, and 56,421 children aged 6 to 23 months received monthly rations of food to improve their nutritional status.

To increase production, 38,465 farmers from 2,336 Farmer Field Schools were trained in climate-smart agriculture. 9,193 farmers were also trained in market access development. ADRA led the implementation of FIOVANA, which positively impacted the lives of 431,520 people and 108,482 households.

Food Security Project:

Project	Duration	Donor	Number of beneficiaries
FIOVANA	2019-2024	USAID	428,800 people
FANONGA	2019-2022	BMZ	37,000 people
ZINA	2015-2019	BMZ	22,500 people
ASOTRY	2014-2019	USAID	264,380 people
ASARA	2014-2018	European Union	7,389 farmers



Relief and Resilience

Madagascar has long been exposed to climatic shocks including droughts, cyclones, floods, and bushfires. These have contributed to increased poverty and food insecurity. ADRA works to mitigate these shocks through the resilience components in our food security projects, and relief operations when disasters strike, adopting a comprehensive approach to respond to emergencies.

Disaster Relief

When disasters occur, ADRA is prepared to provide relief. ADRA Madagascar's National Emergency Management Plan (NEMP) includes pre-approved contingency plans for a number of disaster scenarios common to Madagascar.

Our approach :

- ✓ *Setting up and training of local Disaster Risk Management Committees*
- ✓ *Establishment of early warning systems at the community level and training early warning system agents*
- ✓ *Community support for the development and implementation of Detailed Preparedness and Mitigation Plan (DPMP)*
- ✓ *Support of interventions for affected communities to recover from the crisis*



Once put into effect, the NEMP allows ADRA to quickly mobilize resources from the ADRA network and the Adventist church to bring aid to disaster victims. One example of how ADRA helps in moments of crisis was its response to the COVID-19 health crisis. When mandatory lockdowns began in April 2020, ADRA quickly responded to raising food insecurity among households in Antananarivo and provided packages of food and essential WASH items to 470 households.

Also, after the 2022 double Batsirai and Emnati cyclones, ADRA Madagascar mobilized resources from ADRA International and other donors like the Latter-day Saints Charity, the World Food Program and the USAID/BHA to provide WASH and Food Assistance and agricultural recovery to the victims of the cyclones.

Resilience

The resilience component of the FIOVANA and FANONGA projects employed a variety of different activities to help communities cope with shocks, including helping communities develop their own Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation Plan (DPMP), and then assisting them in forming Disaster Response Management Committees and Infrastructure Management Associations. FIOVANA provided support for these groups, including training in committee management, good governance, early warning systems and natural resource management. In addition to natural resource management training, FIOVANA utilized “Go Green” activities, tree nurseries and reforestation activities to teach communities to protect their natural resources.

ADRA is currently implementing the BHA funded AINA emergency Project supporting approximately 10,000 households in five communes of Ampanihy (Maniry, Ankilimivory, Antaly, Beara, Vohitany) with emergency Food and WASH assistance, and agricultural recovery.



Summary of Emergency Relief Activities (2015-2024)

- ➡ 2023-2025: VONONA funded by BHA aims to contribute to the rapid recovery of victims of disaster by prepositioning NFI kits including cooking utensils, basic shelter, and WASH kits for rapid distribution after the disaster so as to ensure people negatively affected by cyclones receive timely assistance.
- ➡ 2023-2025: AINA 2021 and AINA 2023 project in Ampanihy is a emergency food assistance and early recovery project that has three main components - food assistance, training on climate smart agriculture and other forms of agricultural support and WASH interventions, including provision of over 43 boreholes.
- ➡ 2024: The Beahitse Emergency Food Assistance Project (BEFA) funded by ADRA Germany and the Agricultural Support for Ampanihy Communities (ASFAC) supported by ADRA Netherlands targeted 649 households.
- ➡ 2023: ADRA in partnership with WFP through the project, 'La mise en œuvre d'actions d'anticipation de la sécheresse dans le district de Betioky', established drought mitigation plans/early warning systems, climate smart agriculture and asset creation for 3,806 households and cash transfers to 7,611 households to reduce the impact of drought on vulnerable households in seven communes in Betioky.
- ➡ MCB Project (2019) in Ampanihy Ouest with the aim of reducing Food insecurities of 600 vulnerables households.
- ➡ 2020: Re-inaugurated School Feeding Initiative implemented in 103 schools and with more than 21,000 students benefiting from the interventions in Ampanihy.
- ➡ 2015: ADRA through the heli-mission distributed one month rations of rice and beans to 300 vulnerable households in Ampanihy and Benenitra.



- *2015, ADRA used the NEMP budget to distribute disaster kits containing food and basic cooking and hygiene supplies to 350 households that were affected by flooding in Antananarivo and prepositioned kits from AmeriCares supported by TOMS shoes and Stop Hunger to an additional 331 households.*
- *Drought Food Relief in Madagascar, funded by USAID/FFP. ADRA provided emergency food supplies to 10,200 vulnerable households in Bekily and Ampanihy, two of the areas most affected by the drought.*
- *ADRA reallocated more than 1,000 MT of commodities from the ASOTRY project through crisis modifier agreements with USAID to provide emergency food distributions to 8,800 vulnerable households.*
- *In 2017, ADRA provided commodities, cooking and hygiene kits, and shelter kits to 1,080 households affected by the cyclone ENAWO.*
- *In partnership with WFP, ADRA distributed rice and lentils to 869 households in Antananarivo in 2015.*
- *In 2017, ADRA responded to a fire which destroyed 615 houses in Mananjary in the southeastern part of Madagascar by distributing shelter kits and commodities to 468 households.*



ADRA Madagascar has extensive experience in the implementation of WASH projects in different parts of the country addressing critical gaps in health, water infrastructure, basic sanitation, and hygiene. By increasing sustained access to well-managed safe water, ADRA reduces the time impacts of water seeking burden imposed on women and youth.

ADRA integrates WASH into all its nutrition, health, agriculture, and education projects. This integration of services enables ADRA to provide holistic solutions to the beneficiaries of its programs. In ASOTRY for example, Leader Mothers in Care Groups supported mothers in learning key behaviors in health, nutrition and WASH (C-IMCI, Essential Nutrition Actions and Essential Hygiene Actions). The project also organized CLTS (Community- Led Total Sanitation) activities aimed at eliminating open defecation. ZINA, a 4-year project funded by BMZ, implemented nutrition,

WASH and CLTS activities as part of its food security interventions in Ampanihy. Other projects like FANONGA, HOPE, EAPROM, also included WASH activities in their interventions.

ADRA Madagascar specializes in the provision of multi-purpose water points through construction/ rehabilitation of existing water points. To underscore the importance ADRA attaches to providing access to safe water sources, ADRA operates its own water drilling equipment. ADRA has also perfected community management of water points through enhanced capacity to engage the community at all phases of its WASH activities and establishment of community water management committees.

One of the advantages of this approach is that in some communities the water points created have continued to serve them years after the close out of the projects. ADRA's approach to WASH interventions makes ADRA a leader in governance and monitoring of water and sanitation in Madagascar and enhances the efficacy of ADRA in supporting the beneficiaries to adopt healthy behaviors and to use WASH services effectively and efficiently.

ADRA's menstrual hygiene program, is a component of WASH interventions. ADRA Madagascar has developed specific capacity in menstrual hygiene education for girls and young women, which involves the participation of the direct beneficiaries and their families. The involvement of the families of the direct beneficiaries ensures that these beneficiaries secure the support needed to implement the trainings they have received. ADRA goes beyond sensitization to train the beneficiaries and their families on appropriate management of menstruation and to produce their own re-usable sanitary pads. ADRA also provides the beneficiaries with all the materials they need to produce the sanitary pads.

ADRA's sanitation interventions in Madagascar comprises both the construction of latrines (typically for schools and health facilities), and the promotion of household latrines through traditionally non-subsidy approaches such as Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS). ADRA's hygiene promotion interventions are often integrated across all ADRA's programming. ADRA promotes behaviors that are essential to nutritional status, including practices on feeding and care of young children.



Our approach :

- ✓ *Rehabilitation and construction of a range of water-supply approaches, including gravity-fed schemes (AEPG), pumped water supply (AEPP), boreholes equipped with handpumps (FPMH), and wells equipped with handpumps (PPMH). Water point feasibility studies*
- ✓ *Community management of water points through capacity development and engaging communities at all phases of WASH activity*
- ✓ *Private sector engagement to expand and strengthen water service provision to urban and peri-urban users through affermage contracts.*
- ✓ *Capacity building and strengthening of local government systems to monitor water point functionality, fee collection and safety.*
- ✓ *Supporting Community engagement and participation in water resource management efforts.*
- ✓ *Community-Led Total Sanitation*
- ✓ *Promotion of Community co-creation approach*
- ✓ *Promotion of Menstrual Hygiene Management*
- ✓ *Research*



Nutrition is a key component under ADRA's Health Portfolio. In January 2023, targeting 7791 persons in 4 communes (Itampolo, Androipano, Fotadrevo and Agnavoha) in Ampanihy District, ADRA in partnership with WFP adopted the MIARO approach, an integrated medium and long-term response focused on the prevention of malnutrition through an integrated package of services combining specific and nutrition-sensitive interventions, to improve the availability, access and consumption of nutritious foods by vulnerable groups and their communities and promote essential family nutritional practices in order to induce a change in nutritional behavior and strengthen local capacities to prevent malnutrition.



Education

Past instability in the political system, as well as extreme poverty throughout Madagascar, has taken a great toll on education. Many children drop out of school to support their families. Even if the students attend school, they often lack school supplies, or have nothing to eat all day, which makes it difficult for them to concentrate on their studies. Since 1996, ADRA Madagascar has implemented many education-themed projects with the help of various international donors and the ADRA network.

These projects have covered tuition, provided school supplies, served hot meals, and rebuilt school facilities

to improve the quality of education offered, as well as encouraging students to stay in school and sensitizing parents on the importance of education.

Through these projects, ADRA Madagascar is helping thousands of students to increase their chances to succeed academically. The School Feeding Initiative or SFI project, is currently on its third phase and has been funded by ADRA International in partnership with “Rise Against Hunger”. Currently, 19,015 students from 103 schools in Ampanihy are benefitting from the project.

School Feeding Initiative (SFI)

ADRA’s SFI project, funded primarily by ADRA International with contributions from Rise Against Hunger, and the Latter-day Saints Charity, provides one meal a day to nearly 19,000 school going children in 103 schools in Ampanihy District of the Grand Sud of Madagascar. In its fifth year, the project also supports schools to develop income generating activities through school gardens and by empowering women and young girls to sustainably craft and sell reusable sanitary pads. This activity has not only successfully promoted hygiene in rural areas of Southern Madagascar, but also provided additional income to many female-headed households benefitting from the intervention and contributed to reducing school dropouts and malnutrition among school age children. The promotion of school gardens in the beneficiary schools has also helped to increase the sustainability of the program in the benefitting schools.



Objectives

- ✓ To improve the nutritional status of the students by providing school meals and monitoring the nutritional status of the students.
- ✓ Reduce school drop-out rates by addressing the factors that cause school dropouts and by raising awareness of parents on the importance of education.
- ✓ Increasing the participation of stakeholders in addressing causes of child malnutrition and poor educational attainment
- ✓ Improving water, sanitation and hygiene status of the teachers and students through rehabilitation of water infrastructure, promoting sanitation and menstrual hygiene education and management.



Environment

ADRA's projects incorporate actions and approaches aimed at mitigating climate change and protecting the environment, including natural resource and watershed management, reforestation, ecosystem protection through partnership with national disaster management office and Locally Managed Marine Areas (LMMA) and carbon neutral strategy activities. ADRA Madagascar collaborates with local associations as well as with local authorities and forest managers from different levels, and community members by involving students, women and youth in different activities.

ADRA through the FIOVANA project, promoted cooperation and governance of organizations and institutions, improving management of shocks and risks by households and communities, and restoring and protecting ecosystems. Different structures have been established and supported to mitigate environmental risks such as Local Consultation Structure (LCS), Disaster Risk Management Committees (DRMC), and Integrated Disaster Risk Reduction Plan (IDRRP), among others.

With support from ADRA network and ADRA Netherlands, the Carbon Neutral Strategy Pilot (CNSP) and Mangrove Herbaceous Madagascar (MHM) projects focused on restoring, conserving, and mitigating harmful practices threatening the mangrove forests and their biodiversity in the Southwestern Region of Madagascar, and to raise awareness among the local community on the benefits of conservation and restoration of mangrove forests that have been lost, degraded, or damaged to help mitigate climate change, protect coastlines, and provide livelihoods.

About 50 Ha of land was reforested targeting 6,897 beneficiaries including 3,769 women and 3,128 men.

ADRA also ensures that all its activities follow and abide by the environmental laws, even for infrastructure. In FIOVANA project, which is funded by USAID-BHA, ADRA provided Environment Screening Form (ESF) to be approved by USAID before activities are implemented. One of ADRA's approaches is the "Go Green" which aimed to respect the environment.



Private Sector Engagement

Recently, ADRA Madagascar has included in its portfolio the engagement of the private sector in its programs. A direct result of this initiative has been the funding of WASH related projects by two private companies working in Madagascar (INVISIO and Mauritius Commercial Bank). Beyond providing the funding, these companies participated in the design and monitoring of the projects.

ADRA's FIOVANA project, a multi-year, USAID funded livelihood project also had a component which is engaging the private sector to expand services to the beneficiaries. Dubbed Impact Investment Fund Intervention, this project provided seed funds to private sector investors, selected through competitive bidding, to expand specific services to communities, to enhance the communities' income generating potentials.

PARTNERSHIPS AND PARTICIPATION



ADRA Madagascar is a signatory member of the Office National de la Nutrition's (ONN) recent inclusion in the 'Scaling Up Nutrition' (SUN) initiative and maintains an active, collaborative relationship with the ONN and partner UN organizations.

ADRA Madagascar is a standing member and contributing partner to the National Emergency Response Committee (CRIC) comprised of the Government of Madagascar's Bureau National pour la Gestion des Risques et Catastrophes (BNGRC); several UN agencies including OCHA, WFP, UNICEF and FAO; and national and international NGO ADRA Madagascar has had a long history of partnership with USAID, including four major food security projects. The country office has also implemented projects funded by the European Union, BMZ, World Bank, World Food Programme, and others.



PAST PERFORMANCE AND CURRENT PROJECTS (2019-2025)



PROJECT	AREA OF INTERVENTION	DONOR	BUDGET		PERIOD
ARISE	Emergency response	United States Agency for International Development (USAID)	1 000 000	USD	2022
Emnati Cyclone response in Manakara	Emergency response		100 000	USD	2022
AINA	Emergency response		6 000 000	USD	2021 - 2023
AINA 2023	Emergency response		12 175 000	USD	2023 - 2025
FIOVANA	Food security		40 355 999,98	USD	2019 - 2024
WFP - FOOD DISTRIBUTION	Emergency response	World Food Program	987 314 767,857	MGA	2022
PCCSC	Social and behavior change	UNICEF	300 000	USD	2024 - 2025
CPEP UNICEF	Child protection		164 641 000	MGA	2022
UNICEF WASH	Water, sanitation and hygiene		2 057 597 061,45	MGA	2022 - 2023
MCB WASH	Water, sanitation and hygiene	Mauritius Commercial Bank	300 000	USD	2024-2025
Emergency response MCB	Emergency response		706 798 879	MGA	2021 - 2022
Food Cantine MCB	Education		15 629 250	MGA	2021 - 2022
Eijkelenboom KinderFonds	Education	ADRA International and Rise Against Hunger	61 976,11	EUR	2022 - 2023
ADRA France Mananjary	Emergency response	ADRA France	9 754,11	EUR	2022
Alphabétisation et Promotion de la Lecture auprès des élèves d'Antananarivo (APLEA)	Education		3 000	EUR	2022
Network response	Emergency response	Latter-Day Saints Charities (LDS)	82 560,05	USD	2022
Mobile Dental clinic	Health	ADRA International and ADRA Madagascar	120 000 000	MGA	2022
Miaro	Safeguarding	ADRA International	5 000	USD	2022
Recovery of Waste in Developing Countries	Environment		100 000	USD	2019 - 2020
BEFA	Food assistance	ADRA Germany	120 000	EUR	2022 - 2024
COVID II	Emergency response	ADRA Africa et ADRA Madagascar	120 000	USD	2021 - 2023
ASFAC/MICAH project for agri in Ampanihy	Emergency response - agriculture	ADRA Netherland	150 000	EUR	2022 - 2023
School Aid	Education		21 461	EUR	2021 - 2022
Local Regional Procurement	Education	Rise Against Hunger	923 299	USD	2021 - 2022
School Feeding Initiative	Education	Rise Against Hunger - Latter-Day Saints Charities (LDS)	3 433 080	USD	2019-2024
Canada Fund for Local Initiatives	Emergency response	Canadian Government	50 000	USD CA	2020 - 2021
GIFT WATER	Water, sanitation and hygiene	ADRA International/ADRA France	17 997,55	USD	2020 - 2021
FANONGA	Food security	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development	1,645,946	USD	2019 - 2023
Carbon Neutral Strategy Pilot	Environment	ADRA network	130 000	USD	2019 - 2022