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ADRA MADAGASCAR

- Emergency Response Capacity Statement -

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The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Madagascar is part of the global ADRA network, operating in over 130 countries to provide sustainable development and humanitarian assistance. ADRA Madagascar has been active for over 30 years, focusing on health, nutrition, disaster risk reduction, livelihoods, and community development. Leveraging local expertise, strong partnerships, and a deep understanding of the Malagasy context, ADRA Madagascar is committed to enhancing the well-being of vulnerable populations, especially in times of crisis.



Emergency Response Framework

ADRA Madagascar's emergency response is built on a comprehensive disaster management approach that spans preparedness, immediate response, and recovery. Working in close collaboration with local authorities, international humanitarian agencies, community-based organizations, and government stakeholders, ADRA ensures a coordinated and effective response to crises.

ADRA Madagascar has a National Emergency Management Plan (NEMP) which includes pre-approved contingency plans for a number of disaster scenarios common to Madagascar. 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. The NEMP response can be scaled up to a network response with the support of different ADRA offices and other partners. As an example, during 2022 double Batsirai and Emnati cyclones, ADRA Madagascar mobilized resources from ADRA International and other donors like the Latter-day Saints Charity to provide WASH, Food Assistance and Cash-based Assistance to 1,100 households in Manakara.



The key pillars of ADRA Madagascar's emergency response capacity include:



1. Disaster Preparedness and Risk Reduction

Early Warning Systems:

In collaboration with national and international agencies, ADRA supports community-based early warning systems for floods, cyclones, and droughts. For example, the FANONGA project, funded by the German Government, has established early warning systems in five communes of Ampanihy Ouest. In 2023, ADRA in partnership with WFP through the project, 'La mise en oeuvre d'actions d'anticipation de la sécheresse dans le district de Betioky', aim to reduce the impact of drought on vulnerable households in seven communes in Betioky to establish drought mitigation plans/early warning systems, establishment of climate smart agriculture and asset creation for 3,806 households and cash transfers to 7,611 households.



Community Training:

ADRA provides disaster preparedness training, focusing on first aid, evacuation procedures, and risk reduction strategies. The FIOVANA project, a five-year initiative, established and trained disaster management committees in several communities in Southeast Madagascar.

Pre-positioning of Supplies:

Through the BHA-funded VONONA project, ADRA maintains a pre-positioned stock of essential relief items such as, water, hygiene kits, and shelter materials in Manakara and Mananjary (Southeast Madagascar), ensuring rapid deployment when needed.





2. Immediate Humanitarian Response



Rapid Deployment Teams:

ADRA Madagascar has trained emergency response teams ready to deploy within 24-48 hours of a disaster. These teams consist of professionals in logistics, health, WASH, food assistance, cash and voucher-based assistance and are supported by a pool of volunteers from the Seventh-day Adventist Church. ADRA's strong relationship with the church allows for data collection and response planning even in remote areas. ADRA's emergency response team has responded to cyclones, floodings and drought in different disaster-prone regions including southern, north-western, south-eastern, and central Madagascar.



Humanitarian Coordination:

ADRA works closely with the Malagasy Government's National Bureau of Risk and Disaster Management (BNGRC), UN agencies, and other NGOs, ensuring a coordinated response and avoiding duplication of efforts.

Logistical Capacity:

ADRA has robust logistical capabilities, including transport fleets, warehouses, and a database of pre-qualified local transport companies. Through ADRA International, partnerships with international freight companies enable rapid delivery of international relief supplies.



3. Health and Nutrition in Emergencies

In food crises, ADRA implements emergency nutrition programs aimed at preventing acute malnutrition in children under five and pregnant and lactating women. ADRA also provides emergency food assistance and nutritional supplements.



4. WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene)

Water Supply:

ADRA ensures access to clean drinking water through water trucking, borehole installation, and distribution of water purification tablets.

Sanitation and Hygiene:

ADRA constructs emergency latrines, handwashing stations, and promotes hygiene awareness to prevent disease outbreaks.

Hygiene Kits:

Pre-positioned hygiene kits, including soap, water containers, and menstrual hygiene materials, are distributed to vulnerable families during emergencies.





5. Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFI)

Emergency Shelter Solutions:

ADRA provides shelter materials such as tarpaulins and tool kits to families displaced by disasters, with a trained team ready to support emergency shelter construction. ADRA collaborates with affected communities to ensure culturally appropriate and safe shelter solutions.

NFI Distribution:

ADRA distributes essential non-food items (NFI) such as blankets, kitchen sets, and clothing to support displaced or affected families.





6. Livelihoods and Food Security

Food Aid:

ADRA works with the World Food Programme (WFP) and other partners to provide emergency food distributions to vulnerable communities affected by natural disasters.

Cash-and Voucher-Based Interventions:

Where markets are functional, ADRA implements cash- and voucher-based interventions (CVA), enabling families to purchase essential goods and supporting local economies.



Livelihood Recovery:

Post-disaster, ADRA assists communities in rebuilding their livelihoods, particularly in agriculture, through the provision of seeds, tools, and training in climate-resilient agricultural practices.



7. Protection



Child Protection:

ADRA creates safe spaces for children and offers psychological first aid, ensuring that separated and unaccompanied children are reunified with their families.

Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Prevention:

ADRA integrates GBV prevention into emergency responses, offering safe spaces and referrals for survivors.



8. Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL)

Real-Time Data Collection:

ADRA uses digital tools, and the Seventh-day Adventist Church network, for rapid needs assessments and real-time monitoring, ensuring data-driven decision-making.

Accountability to Affected Populations:

ADRA involves communities in designing and implementing responses, using feedback mechanisms to ensure transparency and accountability.

Learning and Adaptation:

ADRA regularly evaluates its interventions, capturing lessons learned to enhance future responses and contribute to global humanitarian best practices.





ADRA Madagascar collaborates with:

United Nations Agencies:

Such as WFP and UNICEF for coordinated food and WASH interventions.



Government of Madagascar:

Through BNGRC and other national bodies to ensure alignment with national disaster response strategies.



International Donors:

Including USAID and other bilateral and multilateral donors to implement large-scale emergency and development programs.



Local Communities:

To ensure that interventions are community-driven and tailored to local needs.



ADRA Madagascar has the capacity to rapidly scale up emergency response efforts for large-scale disasters. Through the ADRA global network, additional financial, technical, and logistical resources can be mobilized. ADRA's presence across all regions of Madagascar, through its relationship with the Seventh-day Adventist Church, allows it to quickly deploy and provide assistance even in hard-to-reach areas.



Conclusion

ADRA Madagascar is dedicated to delivering timely, efficient, and culturally appropriate emergency responses to vulnerable populations affected by natural disasters and crises. With a strong local presence, a robust logistical network, and well-established partnerships, ADRA is a trusted partner in emergency response across Madagascar.



PROJECT	AREA OF INTERVENTION	DONOR	BUDGET		PERIOD
VONONA	Cyclone response	United States Agency for International Development (USAID)	1 215 986	USD	2023 - 2025
ARISE	Cyclone response		1 000 000	USD	2022
Emnati Cyclone response in Manakara	Cyclone response		100 000	USD	2022
WFP - FOOD DISTRIBUTION	Cyclone response	World Food Program	214 813,04	USD	2022
CPEP UNICEF	Cyclone response	UNICEF - CERF	35 821	USD	2022
UNICEF WASH	Drought response	UNICEF	444 677	USD	2022 - 2023
Emergency response MCB	Drought response	Mauritius Commercial Bank	153 780	USD	2021 - 2022
Batsirai Network response	Cyclone response	Latter-Day Saints Charities (LDS)	82 560,05	USD	2022
BEFA	Drought response	ADRA Germany	131 467	USD	2022 - 2024
COVID II	Covid response	Adra Africa et Adra Madagascar	120 000	USD	2021 - 2023
ASFAC/MICAH project for agri in Ampanihy	Drought response	ADRA Netherland	164 333	USD	2022 - 2023
Canada Fund for Local Initiatives	Covid response	Canadian Government	50 000	USD CA	2020 - 2021