

Project overview

Project title:	Emergency Response, High Priority
Country:	Madagascar, Ampanihy Ouest Commune.
Implementation:	ADRA Madagascar in cooperation with ADRA Netherlands
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Duration of project:	15 October 2020 – 1 March 2021
Purpose:	Drought caused by El Nino
Beneficiaries:	7000 households, approximately 43.000 people
Website:	www.adra.org for detail information
Project budget (in US dollars):	54.000



Involvement Requested

Dear reader, In behalf of 43.000 people, approximately 7000 households, please consider a donation to support the 'Ampanihy Ouest Commune' to get access to water and food. The communities are in a chronic drought since the last 5 years caused by El Nino. Besides this situation they are dealing with the pandemic Covid 19, which makes the risk of

starvation even higher.

Reason of intervention, Emergency Response

ADRA contacts BNGRC (National Office for Disaster and Risk Management) to coordinate intervention type, intervention zone and beneficiaries to be targeted within the coming months.

Southern Madagascar has been experiencing large rainfall deficits since the beginning of the rainy season in October 2019, which have led to severe droughts in the region.



Consequently, significant deterioration in food security has been reported during the past months. According to UNICEF's latest drought bulletin for the 21 August–21 September 2020, more than half of the territory has been experiencing alarming levels of drought conditions, with 70% of groundwater monitoring sites reporting moderately low to very low water levels.

Many of the districts of the Great South are currently affected by this severe drought and the Ampanihy District has been one of the hardest hit areas with about 25% of households in IPC Phase 3 (Crisis) and 5% in IPC Phase 4 (Emergency).

According to a report from UNICEF, 'nutritional screening results in Quarter 3 of 2020 is showing an increase in the number of malnutrition admissions in 5 districts of the South, with particular concern in the district of Ampanihy with 11% of municipalities in emergency and 42% in alert'. On October 5th, the President of the Republic requested aid from local and international partners.

ADRA's Response Activities on WASH

- Secure funding to begin implementation of the Emergency Response started half October.
- Response to the emergency in the Ampanihy District is expected until March 2021.

Giving the people access to water and food, by the ADRA Madagascar team and volunteers in the field.

- Direct water distribution i.e water delivery by water trucks: 1\$ for 20 liters/person/day x number of months of delivery

- Water point rehabilitation (well) mainly in rural/remote areas: 6,000\$ per infrastructure for 600 beneficiaries

- Water point construction (fountain) mainly in urban and peri-urban areas: 20,000\$/fountain for 10,000 beneficiaries.



Beneficiaries:

Since the start of this project, 350 households have received support of food. The specific situation within the Ampanihy District is alarming and calls for emergency response so soon as possible:

- 28,993 children-under-five suffering from acute malnutrition
- 6,581 children-under-five with severe acute malnutrition¹
- 9 deaths reported from affected districts, the oldest of which was aged 14²

Humanitarian Situation

- Increased prevalence of child illnesses—mainly malaria (25 to 39%), diarrhea (20 to 44%) and acute respiratory infections (13 to 46%), with an increased incidence on nutrition status;

- Price of staple food including rice, corn and cassava have doubled; families eat only once a day and the most vulnerable ones eat green mango fruits as food substitute;

Poor access to safe water: price of water has tripled in most affected areas of the Ampanihy District with people having to walk 40 kms to water points.

¹ IPC Madagascar, Feb-Dec 2020.

² Madagascar-tribune.com

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