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OPERATIONAL UPDATE

Madagascar Tropical Cyclone Freddy



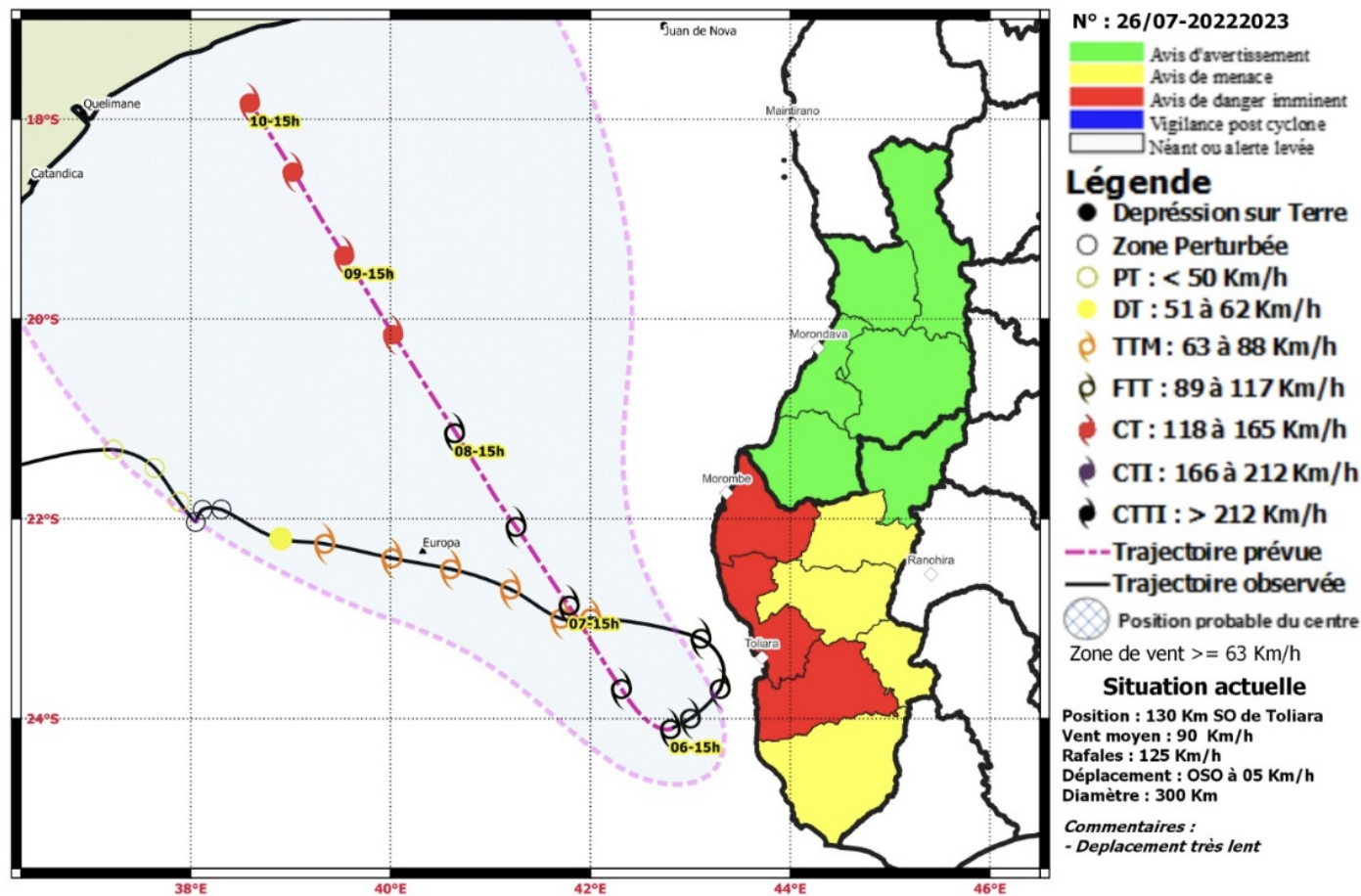
Volunteers during distribution of kits

Appeal: MDRMG020	Total DREF Allocation CHF 399,790	Crisis Category: Orange	Hazard: Cyclone
Glide Number: GDACS ID: TC 1000961	People Affected: 226,000 people	People Targeted: 20,000 people	
Event Onset: Sudden	Operation Start Date: 2023-02-21	New Operational end date: 2023-07-31	Total operating timeframe: 5 months
Additional Allocation Re- quested 142,699	Targeted Areas:	Analamanga, Atsimo-Atsinanana, Atsinanana, Ita- sy, Alaotra-Mangoro, Menabe, Vatovavy-Fitovinany	

Description of the Event



Prévision de la Trajectoire et Intensité : Forte Tempête Tropicale FREDDY Etablie le 06/03/2023 à 16 heures locales



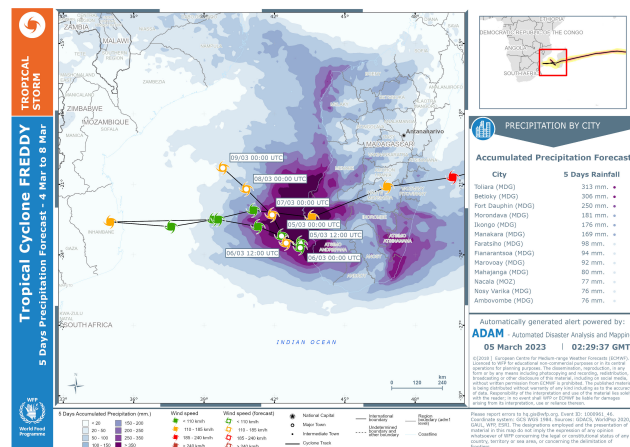
What happened, where and when?

On 4th March 2023, two weeks after Tropical Cyclone Freddy crossed the south-eastern part of Madagascar to Mozambique, this tropical cyclone returned to Madagascar as an intensified strong tropical storm that almost reached the south-west coast. At 50km off the coast of Tulear, it brought up strong rains and wind between 4th and 7th March 2023, leading to damages, mainly in Tulear, Morombe and Morondava. In this context, 4 districts have been placed under red alert (Morombe, Toliara I-II and Betioky), 4 on yellow alert (Ankazoabo, Sakaraha and Benenitra and Ampanihy) and 3 on green alert (Belon'i tsiribihina, Morondava and Manja)

As results, two dykes broke, leading to major floods in Morondava and Morombe. The sea water level has risen, causing the rupture of the evacuation ditches in Morondava and leading to a prolonged rise of water and a difficult water draining.

For details on the first round of Tropical Cyclone Freddy in Madagascar, refer to the initial plan and operation update 1 using this link: https://www.ifrc.org/appeals?date_from=&date_to=&appeal_code=MDR-MG020&text= .

SUMMARY OF AFFECTED POPULATION PER DISTRICT Based on Madagascar RC assessment as of 28.02.2023					
Region	District	Number of affected person	Number of damaged houses (ble off roofs, fall	Number of destroyed house	Number of flooded house
IMPACT OF TC FREDDY PASSAGE ALONG THE COAST 4th MARCH					
AMORON MANIA	AMBOSITRA	105	20	12	NOT TARGETED
AMORON MANIA Total	1	105	20	12	NOT TARGETED
ANTSIANANANA	MAHANORO	2,894	-	-	NOT TARGETED
ANTSIANANANA	MAROLAMBO	-	-	-	NOT TARGETED
ANTSIANANANA Total	2	2,894	-	-	NOT TARGETED
FITOVINANY	IKONGO	1,419	-	-	NOT TARGETED
FITOVINANY	MANAKARA	5,525	390	404	Current DREF Operation
FITOVINANY	Vohipeno	16,919	-	-	ECHO PPP and the EA
FITOVINANY Total	3	23,863	390	404	-
HAUTE MATSIATRA	AMBAVALAVAO	230	-	1	NOT TARGETED
HAUTE MATSIATRA	FIANARATSOA	172	-	4	NOT TARGETED
HAUTE MATSIATRA	IKALAMAVONJY	10	-	-	NOT TARGETED
HAUTE MATSIATRA	ISAMBA	4	-	-	NOT TARGETED
HAUTE MATSIATRA	LALANGINA	212	-	10	NOT TARGETED
HAUTE MATSIATRA	VOHIBATO	468	-	97	NOT TARGETED
HAUTE MATSIATRA Total	8	1,096	-	136	NOT TARGETED
MENABE	Morondava	395	-	-	NOT TARGETED
MENABE Total	1	395	-	-	NOT TARGETED
VATOVAVY	IFANADIANA	3,394	188	25	ECHO PPP and the EA
VATOVAVY	MANANJARY	14,668	-	-	ECHO PPP and the EA
VATOVAVY	Nosy Vanika	28,095	2,570	6,535	ECHO PPP and the EA
VATOVAVY		2,757	2,758	6,550	ECHO PPP and the EA
VATOVAVY Total	3	48,914	3,158	6,590	-
	10	75,710	3,169	7,102	596
IMPACT OF FLOODS FROM FREDDY PASSAGE ALONG THE COAST 4th MARCH					
ATSIMO					
ANDREFANA		72,351	24,358	6,459	5,938
ANDROY					
AMORON'NI MANIA					
IHOROMBE					
MENABE		72,351	24,358	6,459	5,938
Grand Total	18	148,061	27,526	13,561	6,534



Summary Table of MRCS Assessment results following TC Fredd ADAM/WFP impact freddy second passage and rainfall

Scope and Scale

Madagascar has been on the route of Tropical Cyclone Freddy since the end of February 2023. The prolonged presence of the cyclone has, to date, made 2 levels of impact: a direct landfall in the south-east for the first passage on 21st February and the return of the cyclone which passed along the western coast to hit Mozambique and Malawi.

The first impact directly affected 75,710 people with the winds and intensity of rains mainly in the South-East of Madagascar, impacting Vatovavy, Fitovinany, Menabe, Antsinanana, Amoron Mania, Haute Matsiatra Regions. The scale of the first passage of Freddy per region and needs was included in Operation Update No 1 as seen here <https://adore.ifrc.org/Download.aspx?FileId=649594>.

On 4th March 2023, the second passage of Freddy went through the coast and unleashed continuous heavy rains for 4 days, which accumulated and resulted into severe floods, rupture of roads, evacuation ditches and blocked the water gutters. Following information from the Government and Red Cross branches, the affected areas include the regions of Morombe (Toliara I-II and Betioky Districts) and Menabe (districts of Beroroha, Ankazoabo, Sakaraha, Benenitra and Ampanihy).

According to the data from BNGRC as of 9th March, the second landfall of Tropical Cyclone FREDDY has left behind the following impact:

- 10 deaths (01 Bekily, 02 Ampanihy Ouest, 03 Morombe, 04 Toliara II) and 3 persons still missing.
- 72,351 people affected (from 16,524 households in 5 regions (Atsimo Andrefana, Androy, Amoron'i Mania, Ihorombe and Menabe
- 24,358 displaced persons (from 5,811 households), including 16,367 displaced persons (3,838 households) gathered in the 34 active accommodation centres
- 7,991 displaced to their host families
- 5,938 flooded houses
- 909 partially damaged houses
- 5,550 houses completely destroyed.

In the western part of the country, the district of Morondava and Morombe are the most affected with needs in WASH, food and basic needs as many people were evacuated to different accommodation center

In the South-East, the need for an immediate response is clear and the stocks available in the country mobilized at the start of this operation already ensured the minimum coverage of the initial distribution of kits. The efforts invested thanks to MDRMG018 - Tropical Storms Emergency Appeal (see link here: https://www.ifrc.org/appeals?date_from=&date_to=&ap-peal_code=MDRMG018&text=), the ECHO funded Pilot Programmatic Partnership (PPP) project and other partners actions is reducing the emergency stage in Vatovavy and some other areas as shown

in the summary table of affected areas above. However, several gaps remain to be covered in Fitovinany, especially in Manakara districts where there is no Movement partner coverage

Summary of changes

Are you changing the timeframe of the operation	No
Are you changing the operational strategy	Yes
Are you changing the target population of the operation	Yes
Are you changing the geographical location	No
Are you making changes to the budget	Yes
Is this a request for a second allocation	Yes
Has the forecasted event materialize?	No

Please explain the summary of changes and justification

This Operations Update No. 2 is published by Malagasy Red Cross (MRCs) to update on the cumulative impact of the second-round impact of TC Freddy across the country and the revisions in the intervention that the National Society has put in place to ensure assistance in place address the needs resulting from both impacts.

Tropical Cyclone Freddy made landfall in the country on 21 February 2023 in eastern Madagascar and came back from Mozambique on 04 March 2023 to affect the western regions of Madagascar, bringing heavy rains and floods in that region. After the second passage of Freddy through the west coast of Madagascar, the rapid aerial reconnaissance mission, conducted by the Government, UN agencies and Red Cross on Friday 10 March 2023 confirmed the extent of floods in the Western region

The response component of this operation is hereby revised and shall now focus on extending the response to the western part of country in Morondava (west) based on the priority areas of MRCs and the information gathered through the needs assessment and the aerial reconnaissance mission. Together with Manakara in the south-east of the country, Morondava shall become the second targeted district of this DREF operation.

Based on above, the following changes are made to this operation:

1. The targeted households shall increase to 1,400 households including 700 HH from Manakara (south-east) and additional 700 HH from Morondava (western part).
2. The planned assistance will cover provision of WASH kits and multipurpose cash grants. The distribution in Manakara started before the National Society received the second DREF allocation and replenishment of these stocks are part of the intervention cost.
3. Top-up of the budget for this intervention with a 3rd allocation of CHF 142,699 to supplement the previous CHF 257,091 for a total DREF grant of CHF 399,790.

MRCs, response team in Morondava will be supported by an operation surge, the same as in Manakara. The two surge personnel will be deployed in the different targeted districts to ensure the implementation remains efficient and sustains the coordination between MRCs HQ, the Manakara branch response, overall humanitarian response system internal and external, as well as logistics support.

The response activities under this DREF operation are being closely coordinated together with in-country partners and will complement the response being planned under the MDRMG018 Emergency Appeal and the ECHO PPP

implemented in partnership with IFRC, which will provide support to other communities affected in the district of Mananjary. A plan has been put in place to ensure there is no overlap between this DREF Operation and any of the other response mechanisms, but also to facilitate the financial tracking and reporting of the various operations. As such, this third allocation for a scale-up is being requested in order to ensure those affected in Morondav a (western part), are able to receive the necessary support given that this is an area where MRCS is not able to respond either through the ECHO PPP project nor the Emergency Appea

Current National Society Actions



NS with partners on the field

Volunteers organizing the kits

Coordination	External coordination with BNGRC, sectoral groups and government structures is maintained. Regular internal coordination with MRCS, in-country PNSs and IFRC are organized on a daily basis to discuss the ongoing response activities, finalize the Federation-wide strategy and to better coordinate the response.
Activation Of Contingency Plans	The National Society's contingency plan was reviewed and served as reference for the preparedness phase implemented prior to TC Freddy landfall.
Other	In preparation of the second passage, Morodave branch prepositionned 250 kits. Information sharing platform are established for information flow and internal meetings are conducted both in country and with delegation and regional team. The toll-free number has also been shared at the regional and communities' levels.
National Society Readiness	In preparation for landfall, 750 kits were transported and prepositionned in Mananjary (500) and Morondave (250). Coordination mechanisms are in place to ensure information sharing and rapid update and reporting among the team deployed and between different operational level. To monitor easily the activities, volunteers and staff are maintaining a regular update. The toll-free number has also been shared at the regional and communities' levels. As of 15 March 2023, 700 shelter kits, 700 kitchen sets and 700 WASH kits have been distributed to 700 households in Manakara district. The volunteers and staff were divided between the two communes. IFRC staff was also deployed to support distribution activities alongside the President of the Malagasy Red Cross. In addition to provision of kits, a cash distribution for food and basic

	needs will also be conducted to the same beneficiaries in the next couple of weeks. In the zones of intervention (4 communes) covered by ECHO PPP, shelter kits, WASH kits and dignity kits have been distributed to 1,300 households while in the zone covered by the Batsirai Emergency Appeal, 500 households were assisted in shelter kits including kitchen sets, WASH kits and dignity kits, associated with unconditional multipurpose cash.
Assessment	The assessment tool has been reviewed and shared to all NDRTs, projects managers, regional governing board. Upon landfall, MRCS mobilized its volunteers to gather the data on those affected. MRCS volunteers were also assigned to support BNGRC assessment After the landfall of TC Freddy, MRCS mobilized volunteers in Antananarivo and the coastal areas to gather the information of those needs. This included volunteers in Mananjary, Manakara and Morondava. Volunteers worked also at the accommodation centers in order to gather information from those that had been displaced. At the HQ level, the EOC was activated and used as a space for the volunteers to gather all the regional data and aggregated with the support of MRCS staff. The final data was shared by MRCS on 28 February 2023 for Manakara and on 09 March 2023 for Morondava

Movement Partners Actions Related To The Current Event

IFRC	Indian Ocean Cluster Delegation is based in Madagascar and regularly provides technical and financial support to Malagasy RC. The IFRC CCD supported MRCS in developing the plan of action and deployed cluster staff to Mananjary to support with response. This included the deployment of the communications officer and later the National Society Develop (NSD) officer to support with volunteer management training. The Africa Regional Office has also deployed an Operations Coordinator to provide in-country support, and in addition, surge deployment alerts have been activated. For the response, the Secretariat will support the deployment of an operations manager in Manakara branches to strengthen the capacity of the NS and a logistics/procurement surge member will be deployed as well in addition to the Host NS staff and volunteers Surge deployment alerts have been activated already. in total, four (4) surge profiles have been confirmed including, Information Management (IM), Operations coordinator, logistic and Shelter Cluster coordinator.
ICRC	No ICRC office in the country.
Participating National Societies	The Participating National Societies (PNSs) present in-country are French RC (PIROI), German RC, and Luxembourg RC, which are all providing support to MRCS. Before landfall, PNSs including PIROI, facilitated the delivery of the kits to the zones likely to be affected The French RC/PIROI has deployed 3 staff members to support the general assessment, logistics, and coordination of the operation. PIROI is contributing to the overall operation with the support of back donors such as Conseil Départemental de La Réunion, the EU and the IOC (Indian Ocean Commission); support which is covering the cost of the first 500 kits to be distributed in Mananjary. The French Red Cross will also deploy a WaSh specialist in Morondava

to support the Water distribution and will activate funds from the PPP to support MRCS

Luxembourg RC will also activate funds from the PPP to support MRCS in the response in specific affected areas that are under the ECHO PPP project in Mananjary

Other Actors Actions Related To The Current Event

Government has requested international assistance	No
National authorities	The coordination is managed by the Prime Minister's Office through the National Bureau of Disaster Risk management (BNGRC, French acronym). BNGRC is decentralized down to the regional and districts levels and regularly shares alert which are categorized by level using: Green (no severe weather expected, keep up to date with latest forecast); Yellow (Be aware, remain alert and keep up to date with latest forecast); Orange (Be Prepared, remain vigilant, keep up to date with latest forecast and take precautions where possible) and Red (take action, remain extra vigilant, keep up to date with latest forecast, follow orders and any advice given by authorities and be prepared for extraordinary measures). Based on the colour provided, Red Cross volunteers and community leaders carried out awareness-raising activities at the community level to help the population at risk get prepared and protect themselves from the danger. In addition, the BNGRC converted schools into accommodation centers across the impacted areas. BNGRC, co-led with OCHA, the national rapid needs assessment.
UN or other actors	The UN agencies are active in the country and supporting in coordination and identification of needs and capacities of humanitarian actors, community mobilization and deployment of stocks identification of shelters deployment of staff to affected areas. UN OCHA also activated the crisis units, which meet regularly at the early stages of the response. The RC is part of this unit. The shelter cluster working group was also activated, and the RC is supporting with this coordination. The Cash working groups and WASH working group are operational as well

Are there major coordination mechanisms in place?

Regular coordination meetings led by the Governor of the regions were held to assess the level of preparedness at the regional level, but also to coordinate the response of all organizations after the landfall. BNGRC coordinated all partners and shared information on a regular basis. There is also an active HCT, associated with the sectorial working groups to support the Government. The NS takes part in all the sectoral groups and especially leads the shelter working group. The Red Cross will also be supporting with the shelter cluster coordination through the deployment of a surge profile. Madagascar Red Cross is also actively taking part in the Cash working group in country.

This intervention will ensure frequently communication with Movement partners and continue the well-established coordination between the different responses in country and various support from partners.

Needs (Gaps) Identified



Multi purpose cash grants

The cash assistance has been recommended by the Government as a response tool given the impact and the needs of the population affected by TC Freddy. According to the rapid assessment, the living conditions affected communities have been affected and disturbed by the cyclone and therefore immediate cash assistance is recommended as a well-fitted response method. It is important to flag that people who were displaced were forced to suspend their daily basic livelihood activities and thus drastically affecting their income source.

The main national assessment conducted by BNGRC, supported by the Red Cross and other humanitarian actors, clearly shows the needs of those affected populations can be addressed through the distribution of multipurpose cash in order to ensure that basic needs (including food, water, medication, renting, cooking woods, etc.) are covered. This assessment also analyzed the market capacity and showed that the majority of the markets have not been greatly affected and hence, the market items are still available. It is important to flag that MRCS will complement this multipurpose cash grants with some specific items which may be difficult to find on the local market (such as shelter kits, kitchen sets, WASH kits, and dignity kits); allowing for other items to be procured through the provided cash.



Water, Sanitation And Hygiene

For the Eastern coast of Madagascar, floods, wind and enclosure in the accommodation sites had an impact further strained availability of safe water, proper hygiene, and sanitation.

In the West, Freddy has been impactful on Water, Sanitary and Hygiene. Indeed, with two (2) broken dykes and sea water rising, a significant number of water source has been infected. In addition, the drainage system impacted does not allow water to drain away.

Even if the impact has been more important in the Atsi-mo-Andrefana region, an important number of humanitarian actors are already responding in this area (as UNICEF and ACF). According to cluster WaSH meetings, large needs are observed in Morondava.

ECHO PPP will cover the water pumping to allow the access of littler commune in order to disinfect water sources. During those operation, water will be distributed thank to the deployment of a unit water treatment while waiting for households to have access to water again from clean water sources. Unfortunately, there still a gap for population that have no near water sources and the existing are not covering the needs as population have moved away from their existing placed due to floods.

To ensure a complete response and to meet the complementary needs of other households that would not have access to water sources, the strategy through DREF's scale up, is to complete this operation by distributing 700 WaSH kits and providing Cash assistance to these same households.



Livelihoods And Basic Needs

Floods have also affected crops such as rice and fruits which are at a harvest stage. People are in great danger of losing their livelihoods and basic needs. WFP estimates that in Vatovavy Region, Tropical Cyclone Freddy impacted 15,600 households (78,000 people) in Mananjary, Nosy Varika and Ifanadiana, which are districts which were already facing immediate food insecurity.



Shelter Cluster Coordination

The shelter cluster coordination has now been activated. the shelter surge profile will be engaged in representation of NS in that cluster on behalf of IFRC which is part of the cluster.



Shelter Housing And Settlements

TC Freddy arrived in Madagascar with heavy rains and strong wind which damaged houses, shelters, and also a number of accommodation centers. While a number of people started to return home after the landfall, those who remained in the accommodation centers (mostly schools), were asked a few days later to relocate or go back to their homes as schools were expected to go back in session. Many of the schools that were set up as accommodation centers were also damaged by the cyclone.

Operational Strategy

Overall objective of the operation

Following the assessment results, the revised objective of this DREF Operation is to scale up the response component by ensuring emergency support to 20,000 people (direct and indirect target) in the districts of Morodava and Manakara affected by TC Freddy, through provision of WASH, Health, emergency shelter and cash support. This will be done with all due considerations of PGI and CEA, which will be streamlined across all sectors.

In addition to above, the operation shall cover the cost of the assessment, which was conducted across affected areas (Vatovavy, Fitovinany, Menabe, Antsinanana, Amoron Mania, Haute Matsiatra Regions), support replenishment of available household items which MRCS have distributed to 700 households in Manakara as well as cover MRCS and IFRC coordination/deployment costs engaged for this response. The budget has been amended accordingly

The overall Federation wide response for TC Freddy, implemented through various response mechanisms, including the MDRMG018 Emergency Appeal, ECHO PPP project and this DREF operation, aims to support a total 4200 households (21000 people) throughout the wider impacted area in South-East and West.

Operation strategy rationale

This DREF response is aligned with the larger Federation-wide response strategy planned by MRCS, IFRC and in-country partners, to address the needs resulting from Freddy direct impact and weather consequences first landfall. Therefore, for its intervention, the National Society is directly targeting the areas with needs where no RC partners has an active response mechanism and there are gaps not covered by other partners.

The targeting and gaps analysis take into consideration the ongoing Emergency Appeal areas of implementation mainly in the districts of Vatovavy region, while the ECHO PPP project funding covers other districts, still in Vatovavy region, but focusing on districts different from those in the Emergency Appeal

As part of that coordination system within the Movement, and to better address the needs of the targeted population, the following activities have been implemented (as part of the preparedness phase of this operation):

1. Mobilization of staff and volunteers for early warning/early action - awareness sessions for community prepared-ness based on the alert levels at the settlement
2. Mobilization of staff and volunteers and early deployment

3. Coordination with local, and national level authorities and other humanitarian partners
4. Support for early evacuation of the at-risk populations to limit any loss of lives.
5. Prepositioning of stocks and integrated assistance with RCRC partner support in stock availability.

Before the first landfall of TC Freddy, MRCS, with in-country partners support, prepositioned emergency shelter and household essential items, hygiene items and dignity kits. The National Society mobilized in-country 2,500 family kits from its stocks, which were made available for quick response to the forecasted impact. Out of these kits, 700 which will serve for the response in Manakara shall be replenished through this DREF operation. With the new operation the MRCS, will mobilized an additional 700 WaSH kit to assist which are already in the Antananarivo Warehouse and quickly deployable.

All of the above preparedness phase was completed by MRCS with support from IFRC and PNSs. Following the impact of TC Freddy, Madagascar Red Cross started the distributions of kits in Vatovavy-Fitovinany region with the emergency household items stocks available in country and cash assistance to avoid further delay of the assistance. At the moment, the need to top-up once again the DREF allocation will ensure that MRCS can extend the response in Morondava after the second impact of Freddy. With the additional support in Morondova, this update will allow the following:

1. Strengthening the awareness sessions for community disease prevention as well as health and WASH promotion in Morondava and Manakara.
2. Set up the distribution of WaSH kits in 3 communes of Morondava, in Menabe region and insure the replenishment of its 700 kits. In total, DREF will support 1400 HH under the WASH activities.
3. To ensure a multisectoral assistance and to answer to the proper need of affected population, implement a distribution of cash grants as complement of WaSH kits
4. Deployment of staff and volunteers for WASH activities
5. Shelter support will be to complement from other partner assistance. As such, focus on gap in Manakara as partners are mainly covering the other part if affected regions.
6. Continued coordination with local, and national level Government and partners in both field level and HQ.

Targeting Strategy

Who will be targeted through this operation?

This DREF operation is being launched to complement the response to TC Freddy which is being provided by MRCS through the Emergency Appeal currently active in Madagascar (MDRMG018) in the areas which were already affected by TC Batsirai and Emnati, and the areas covered by the ECHO PPP project. Given that some areas are not covered by either of above names existing projects, MRCS shall use this DREF operation to focus a portion of its response to TC Freddy on communes of Manakara district, which are not covered by any RCRC Movement partner.

Overall, 20,000 people will be targeted of which 7,000 people will be the direct target to receive the relief assistance. Based on the assessment information available and discussions with MRCS, the scale-up of this DREF operation will focus on response activities in:

- Manakara district: 3 communes to be targeted. Namely: Betampona, Namorona and Vohimasina Nord communes, already identified with an analysis on access, logistic challenges, others assistance and capacity of MRCS conducted. Direct target to be 3,500 people.
- Morondova district: Detailed assessment to clarify which communes will be prioritized. Direct target to be 3,500 people.

To note, Manakara district is part of Fitovinany region, which was red alert by the Government of Madagascar for TC Freddy. Together with all the partners and MRCS, a mapping exercise was conducted to clearly define which areas will be covered by which mechanism. A Federation-wide response for TC Freddy has also been developed in order to have a cohesive response from all partners and mechanisms.

It is important to flag that given the new impact Freddy is having on the west coast of Madagascar after its return

and re-intensification (which has brought rains and winds), the needs will be reviewed, and response target areas and activities may be updated if necessary.

Explain the selection criteria for the targeted population

The selection criteria will be defined by the affected communities through community engagement committees but will be based on socio-economic criteria

The persons in need will be identified through joint assessments by the MRCS and local disaster management committees based on set selection criteria as described below:

- Orphans and Vulnerable Children
- Female-Headed Households
- Pregnant and lactating Women
- Elderly People
- People living with Disabilities
- Chronically ill people
- Children head households

Total Targeted Population

Women:	11,000	Rural %	Urban %
Girls (under 18):	-	60.00 %	40.00 %
Men:	9,000	People with disabilities (estimated %)	
Boys (under 18):	-		
Total targeted population:	20,000		

Risk and security considerations

Please indicate about potential operational risk for this operations and mitigation actions

Risk	Mitigation action
Continued rains, other possible cyclones (like in 2022)- which could impact the speed/efficiency of the response. □ • Increased displacement of people • Destruction of WASH infrastructure • Outbreak of water related disease • Increased loss of livelihoods assets	Stocks are being replenished to prepare for any future systems. Response activities will have to be adapted due to incoming systems, but preparedness plans are already in place, should there be the need to respond to a future event. MRCS will also engage with communities for early warning, preparedness, and disaster risk reduction measures, in addition to continued work on preparedness actions to mitigate impact of such meteorological events on communities.
Cyclone season lasting. The southwestern Indian Ocean experienced each year a cyclone season, which runs from November to April.	The ending of the season is near but the long lasting of Freddy have made this risk relevant until now made NS will keep the monitoring measure and continue to work with partners for possible extended support. The monitoring of forecast is still relevant and a planification with consideration of changing scenario is made.

The risk identified in the update 1 about second turn of TC Freddy happened. It does not land in the country but for now, forecasts still indicate TC Freddy to bring heavy rains and affect the west coast only. Forecast expected to be clearer in the coming days. MRCS is already monitoring the situation and teams deployed to the west coast as needed.

The access to Morondova being costly and a long distance.

Presence for speed implementation will be needed in Morondova and monitoring financial implication to be well budgeted.

Please indicate any security and safety concerns for this operation

There is no major security risk in the area of intervention. However, the security measures will be applied all along the operations timeframe.

One specific expected security risk is linked to the need to distribute the cash in envelopes due to the absence of cash points and telephone network, which exposes the FSP/staff/volunteers distributing the cash. To mitigate such incidents during the operation, all security measures of both the Movement and the Government will be strictly adhered to by all volunteers and staff involved in the operation to reduce risk

The security management as part of this operation will be based on the RCRC Fundamental Principles and humanitarian values. In addition, the following actions related to security will be implemented:

- These measures include the respect of visibility through the wearing of jackets and regular communication on all the movements.
- Regular briefings will be organized to remind volunteers and staff on their behaviour and Safer Access
- Coordination will be maintained between the NS and IFRC to ensure that all security measures are respected.
- Constant communication check-in measures with base by all operation staff will be sustained
- The use of two vehicles convoy, compliance with speed limits and other regulations.
- Regular security updates will be organized, and information disseminated.
- Real time monitoring of field activities through the MRCS information management system.
- The use of other IT means of contact system to ensure communications during follow-up missions.
- Risks associated with the money transfer process due to the absence of cash points and poor telephone network, but direct Cash distribution will be applied where no network.

Planned Intervention

	Multi-purpose Cash	Budget	CHF 66,030
		Targeted Persons	7000
Indicators	Target	Actual	
# of households reached with multipurpose cash	1400		

Progress Towards Outcome

- The NS is cash ready and has implemented cash assistance program several times.
- The NS has set up a contract with the financial service provider that implements cash distribution in all parts of the country according to the needs' assistance.
- Training on cash assistance has been conducted to volunteers and staff of the NS to ensure efficient assistance to the beneficiaries. Assessment equipment like kobo collect application, tablets etc ... are in place
- Through this DREF operation, the NS will complement the kit distribution with the distribution of multipurpose cash to the 1400 families. A PDM will also be conducted after distribution to evaluate the effectiveness and relevance of this distribution. The transfer to the NS that will cover the cash is ongoing and NS have mobilized the volunteers in the field and they are ready for beneficiary registration for the cash.

	Water, Sanitation And Hygiene	Budget	CHF 36,625
		Targeted Persons	7000
Indicators	Target	Actual	
# of trained volunteers deployed	600	600	
# of households reached with WASH activities	1400	700	
% of households confirming the distributed items have help them improved their access to potable water	80		

Progress Towards Outcome

In addition to cash distribution, the WASH kits that were prepositioned in Mananjary and Manakara have been distributed. This second DREF scale up will support with the distribution of additional kits in Morondava district (to 700 households), which is the additional targeted area of this DREF operation.

	Secretariat Services	Budget	CHF 82,964
		Targeted Persons	4

Indicators	Target	Actual
# of lessons learnt workshops conducted	2	0
# of surge deployed	4	3

Progress Towards Outcome

In regards to surge, candidates profiles planned previously have all been selected and deployment is in process as follow:

- IM is already deployed and in country.
- Operation coordinator are identified and should be in country depending on flight availability.
- The shelter profile supported by Canadian Red Cross funds is also identified and should be in country depending on flight availability.

The IFRC continues to provide technical support to the NS and to arrange support and monitoring missions. A rapid evaluation of capacity in Morondava branches and considering the challenge of access and cost for continuous travel to monitor and support the branch, MRCS will appoint another staff among the surge profiles mentioned above that will be supporting for 2 months the Morondova team and preferably play the overall role of logistic for the operation based in that branch.

This makes a total of 3 surges supported by this operation and 1 deployment supported by partners.

The lessons learned workshop shall be held at the end in each district to limit the costs and ensure all relevant parties in the districts will take part. The workshops will be designed to capture the learnings and recommendations that will benefit the planning for NS development and operational improvement at branches and HQ level.

	Protection, Gender And Inclusion	Budget	CHF 40,151
		Targeted Persons	7000
Indicators	Target	Actual	
# of households reached dignity kits	1400		
% of staff and volunteers oriented on-the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and-Abuse (PSEA)	200		

Progress Towards Outcome

- Dignity kits prepositioned
- Volunteers and staff have been trained on the Code of Conduct and PGI. In total, 200 personnel that will ensure to carry PGI activities.

	National Society Strengthening	Budget	CHF 64,752
		Targeted Persons	7000
Indicators	Target	Actual	

# of volunteers insured	600	
% of volunteers with adequate PPE and visibility	100	

Progress Towards Outcome

National Society Strengthening continues to be a priority, and through the scale up the following activities are planned:

- Insure in total 600 volunteers. 100 more to cover Morondova
- PPE and visibility items will be procured and provided. Volunteers and staff are in need of protective equipment to respond (boots and raincoats, etc).
- Provide complete briefings on volunteers' roles and the risks they face
- Provide psychosocial support to volunteers
- Ensure volunteers are aware of their rights and responsibilities
- Ensure volunteers' engagement in decision-making processes of respective projects they implement

• To date, NS has completed already the role, responsibility and risk briefings to the volunteers in Manakara. Similar briefing is planned in the coming days in Morondova.

• The challenge of access in Morondova has been clearly assessed and appropriate measures have been taken to, however, guarantee a quality intervention. The difficulties to have frequent travel in Morondova explained under the risk analysis required deployment of a constant technical personnel to support there all along the highest activity agenda.□

• MRCS aims to provide a fast assistance and the team deployed are supporting to achieve that, but the arrival of funds transfer will also determine the speed of the implementation.

	Community Engagement And Accountability	Budget	CHF 9,585
		Targeted Persons	7000
Indicators	Target	Actual	
# of consultation meetings held with community representatives for operational decision making	6	2	
% of community feedback acted on within 7 days'	100		

Progress Towards Outcome

In the first phase of the response, the focus was on deploying volunteers for rescue activities as well as conducting post-impact assessment. During the assessments, all considerations were taken to ensure community engagement so as to understand their how they were impacted and their needs.

In the response phase, increased follow up will be done for specific CEA activities.

		Budget	CHF 94,892
		Targeted Persons	7000

	Shelter Housing And Settlements		
Indicators	Target	Actual	
# of trained volunteers deployed	20		
# of households which received emergency shelter	1400		
# of households received essential household items	1400		
Progress Towards Outcome			
500 Kits that were pre-positioned in Mananjary are have been distributed. Volunteers are providing support in accommodation sites to support those that were displayed. By 16 March 2023, 1,388 households have already received assistance granted through the DREF and partners: 700 HH supported by the DREF and 688 HH by other partners. The households assisted are as follow: 694 HHs from Vohimasina North(333HHs) and Betampona (361 HHs) Communes of Manakara District, in Fitovinany Region of Fianarantsoa Province. Shelter kits distribution are already planned in Manakara for 700 households. 250 family kits are pre-positionned in Morondava and plan of distribution is being finalised.			

	Health	Budget		CHF 4,793
		Targeted Persons		7000
Indicators		Target	Actual	
# of trained volunteers deployed		300		
# of households reached with mosquito nets		1400		
Progress Towards Outcome				
The rapid assessment has been conducted and general health needs in impacted areas identified The Teams are now working to set up the response phase of the operation.				
NS has deployed volunteers for a rapid assessment.				

About Support Services

How many staff and volunteers will be involved in this operation. Briefly describe their role.

15 staff members from Malagasy RC, 600 volunteers and support from IFRC (4 surges) and PNS (2) deployed to Mananjary before the landfall. IFRC also has staff in the areas and is bringing additional support through the Rapid Response mechanism, funded through this DREF operation

Will surge personnel be deployed? Please provide the role profile needed.

Four (4) surge profiles to be deployed to complement the NS branches capacity aiming to speed the implementation and ensure compliance to technical requirements and procedures as well as support the monitoring system that NS has established for successful and timely implementation.

- 1 Operations Manager with a coordination role of the overall response include an aspect of partners coordination and oversight of MRCS different supports.
- 1 logistic officer to cover the whole requirements and to be based in Morondova region. Making the linkage between the different branches and HQ
- 1 Information Management specialist
- 1 Shelter Cluster coordination supported by Canadian Red Cross partner.

If there is procurement, will it be done by National Society or IFRC?

The procurement will be done in line with the NS procedures with the IFRC support.

How will this operation be monitored?

IFRC IOI CCD will provide MRCS with the necessary PMER support, especially with regards to monitoring and reporting of this DREF operation. Regular field visits by both the Surge and MRCS teams will ensure daily/weekly supervision of activities, in the first few weeks of the operation. The assessment planned will allow for any eventual review of the operation strategy, scope or timeframe through an operation update, which will be the responsibility of the surge to provide.

Further, field staff will provide weekly updates/reports about the ongoing operation to the Disaster Response Manager based at the HQ. MRCS will be responsible for providing an operational and financial report (2 months after the end of the operation). This way, IFRC IOI Cluster will consolidate and ensure publishing within 3 months from the end of operation

Please briefly explain the National Societies communication strategy for this operation.

To support volunteers in their mission as well as the visibility of Red Cross actions on the ground, MRCS through this DREF operation will procure protection and visibility items for volunteers including Red Cross bibs, raincoats and gumboots.

This will be in addition, eight (8) megaphones and 10 MRCS flags which will be used during awareness activities. Some 1,500 IEC materials will equally be produced to promote hygiene awareness. In addition, a communications strategy is also being developed, which will include key messages. IFRC CCD communications officer is currently in Marajary, and will be further supported by a surge communications coordinator. The communications officer and coordinator (surge) will work closely with the NS to support with their communications materials.

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