

Information Bulletin

Madagascar: Tropical Cyclone Enawo

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This bulletin is being issued for information only and reflects the current situation and details available at this time. The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is in discussion with the National Society to launch an emergency appeal. The Malagasy Red Cross Society (MRCS) will, however, accept direct assistance to provide support to the affected population.

The situation

On 09 March 2017 at 1445, Enawo was categorized at the Tropical Moderate Tempest stage, with its centre in Ihosy, Ihorombe Region. It continues its trajectory towards the South-East with a speed of 20 km/h and brings winds of 50 km/h. Gusts accompanying these winds can reach 60-70km/h. According to the latest forecasts, its centre will reach the Anosy Region including the districts of Betroka and Amboasary.

Enawo is predicted to become tropical depression before exiting the country into the Indian Ocean on 10 March. The cyclone is expected to bring a lot of rain, during its passage through the regions, with an expected rainfall of 400mm/24h. Enawo is expected to cross the Island through the regions of Sava, Analanjirofo, Alaotra Mangoro, Atsinanana, Analamanga, Vakinankaratra, Bongolava, Itasy, Ihombre, Amoron'i Mania, Haute Matsiatra, Vatovavy Fitovinany.

Approximately 760,000 people will be affected directly and indirectly by this intense tropical cyclone (UN OCHA). Meteo Madagascar has issued a red alert for the north east coastal areas of Madagascar, advising residents to abandon houses on water edges, store drinking water and seek shelter in a safe building. According to BNGRC (Le Bureau National de Gestion des Risques et Catastrophes), red alert was issued on the evening of 9 March with regards to flooding in Antananarivo and expected rise in water levels over the next 12 hours.

According, to situation update issued by Malagasy Red Cross Society 9 March 2017, the table below reflects the latest impact caused by the cyclone and floods:

No. of people dead	No. of people missing	No. of people injured	No. of people displaced	Houses damaged by flood water	Houses Damaged by cyclone	Houses decoupled
8	2	10	14,900	703	883	611

More than 65 to 90% of houses in Maroantsetra Sambava and Antalaha are completely flooded. Six municipalities of Maroantsetra have completely flooded. Many, whose homes have been flooded or destroyed are staying with relatives in more secure areas, while thousands of IDPs are sheltering in schools, churches and gymnasiums. According to Reuters, a canal in the capital city overflowed due to intensification of rainfall continuing in the aftermath of the cyclone. Updates on new death toll and disaster affected populations are still not available due to security reasons and inaccessibility to some of the most affected areas.

The north-eastern Sava region has sustained significant damage to housing and agriculture. Antalaha port is inaccessible and more than half of the city's homes have been destroyed, with northern areas particularly affected. Farahalana commune is flooded by Lohoko River, with half of all housing under water. Farms along the famous Vanilla Coast have been hard hit, while rice fields in Antalaha and Sambava are submerged. Many districts in Sava region and around the city of Antananarivo have been cut off by landslides. Communication lines are down due to power outages.

Carcasses of migratory birds have washed up on the shores of Fenerive Est in the Analanjirofo region, where more than 10,000 people are displaced. Two school buildings have collapsed, an airport road blocked, and more than 500 houses flooded in the districts of Mananara Nord, Maroantsetra, Vavatenina and Soanierana Ivongo. Flood waters in Maroantsetra have attained a height of four metres.

Madagascar also suffers from severe and chronic drought, particularly in the south of country. More than 850,000 people are severely food insecure.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Malagasy Red Cross Society

- MRCS has mobilized 24 NDRT, 120 BDRT and 889 volunteers on the ground. The volunteers continue to disseminate early warning messages in the regions of Sofia, Sambava, Analanjirofo, Atsinanana and Analamanga.
- Trained Branch/RCMP volunteers continue to provide first aid, psychosocial support to the affected communities. MRCS plans on including 432 first-aid workers and volunteers in psychosocial support activities.
- MRCS have indicated prepositioned stocks in North East Madagascar, mainly kitchen sets and WASH kits for 500HH. Also in stock in the PIROI warehouse in Antananarivo are shelter kits and hygiene/WASH kits for 1,600HH.
- The RCRC Indian Ocean Regional Intervention Platform (PIROI – French Red Cross) will be able to send assistance to MRCS in case the cyclone makes landfall. Currently, PIROI have 4,600 shelter kits to reach 4,600HH in La Reunion, 3 WatSan 5 kits
- There has been activation of the ECHO emergency fund (European Commission for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection) through the project Miatrika
- MRCS proposes to launch a DREF once assessments are conducted. As per the meeting between MRCS and ECHO, there is an indication that ECHO will replenish the DREF.
- The National Society will continue to monitor the situation, draft and share reports on the situation as it evolves
- Data collection and rapid assessment through the local branches of the Malagasy Red Cross. The Red Cross Society of Malagasy has a quick and in-depth evaluation sheet which it makes available to its branches (regions - districts and communes), thus enabling the rapid return of data.
- MRCS is coordinating with CERVO, BNGRC, UNICEF and Mediar for information sharing and initial cyclone response in country.

IFRC and Movement Coordination

- IFRC has sent out a FACT alert and identified a team leader, deployment pending initial assessment and NS approval
- IFRC has sent out RDRT alert for the sectorial profiles of WASH, logistics, shelter and assessment.
- PIROI are actively monitoring the situation and disseminating daily updates on cyclone Enawo. The first meeting between IFRC and PIROI took place on 9 March 2017.
- Resources and funding opportunities are being coordinated by IFRC EAI/OI cluster office with in-country partners such as German, Danish and Norwegian RC. They are dedicated to supporting the NS response, including likely support with initial funding.
- PIROI is very engaged with the NS, and they are also working closely with the PNSs. PIROI has decided to deploy staff to Madagascar for assessment and technical support in developing a response plan on 9 March.
- IFRC EAI/OI cluster office will continue coordinating cyclone preparedness and response strategy calls with partners and the National Society. The cluster is closely monitoring the situation related to the actual

needs in responding to the situation. Surge capacity deployment from IFRC is being discussed and possible scenarios are being envisaged, to support the NS in the response.

- The cluster and PIROI (as stated in MoU), have initiated discussions on initial cyclone response and the need for a potential emergency appeal as agreed by MRCS.
- DMIS entries and information bulletins have been coordinated and published by the IFRC EAIOI cluster.
- MSF has planned to conduct an aerial survey of the Cyclone affected area on 10 March. The deployed member from PIROI is expected to join the team.
- A donor/partners' call has been scheduled by IFRC EA cluster for Monday 13 March to officially communicate the launch of the emergency appeal and mobilize support for response operations.

External Partners

- UN agencies have mobilized their emergency cash grant system with an initial fund allocation of with USD 200,000.
- 7 UNDAC team members have been selected to be on standby for cyclone response deployment
- The Japanese government/World Bank have indicated available funding to support the government on the cyclone response
- UN OCHA is deploying capacity from the regional office in Nairobi and a UNDAC team was expected to arrive in the country on Tuesday 8 March.
- Translators without borders have been in touch with IFRC CEA team in Geneva and agreed to mobilize support to MRCS for translation support.

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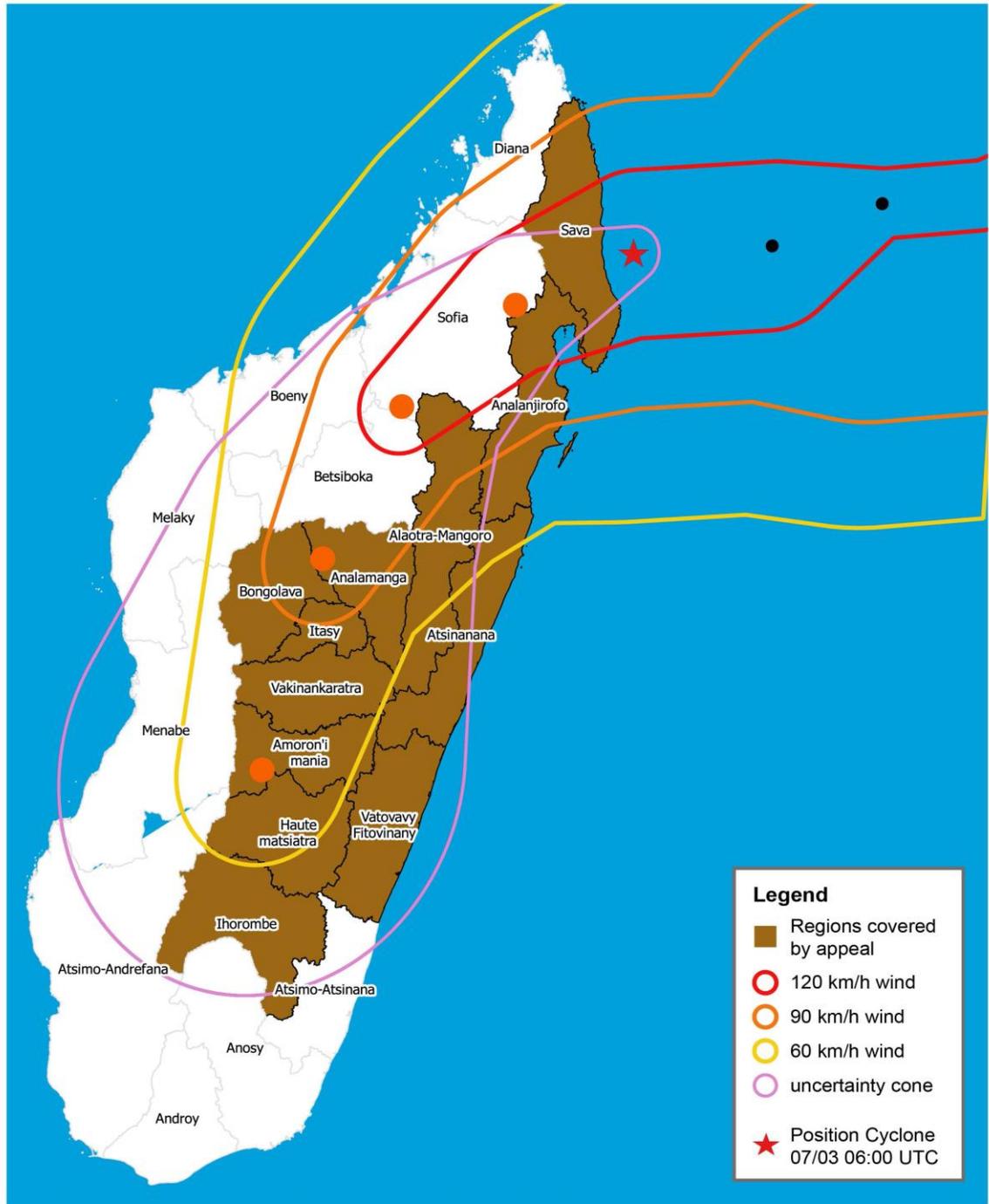
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3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.



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