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Madagascar: Tropical Cyclone ENAWO

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N° of other partner organizations involved in the operation (if available and relevant): ECHO	

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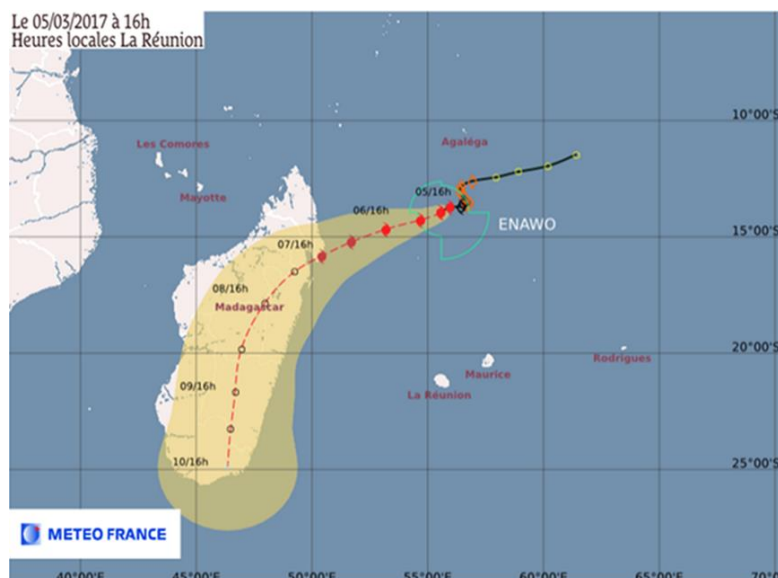
The situation

Tropical storm ENAWO formed in the southern Indian Ocean on March 3, 2017. With a wind surge of up to 105MPH, Enawo has been upgraded to a Category 2 tropical cyclone. The current location of Enawo is around 400 miles east of the northeast coast of Madagascar.

The cyclone is forecasted to strengthen in the southern Indian Ocean before threatening Madagascar with its strongest tropical cyclone landfall in three years. The cyclone is predicted to strengthen towards the north-east coast of Madagascar and make landfall by Tuesday.

The cyclone is being compared to the last hurricane-strength tropical cyclone Giovanna that made landfall on Madagascar's east coast on 13 February 2012. ENAWO is predicted to affect approximately 1.4 million people.

The cyclone will also trigger life threatening storm-surge flooding, damaging winds, dangerous surf and mud/rockslides near and along the northeast coast of Madagascar starting Tuesday. Downed trees, structural damage to homes and power outages may be widespread in these areas. ENAWO will also bring heavy rainfall to this mountainous island. The damage



Cyclone Status: Category 2 tropical cyclone ENAWO (5 March 2017)

caused by floods could potentially affect 8 regions (Analanjirifo, Atsinanana, Sofia, Alaotra Mangoro, Analamanga, Menabe, Vatovavy fitovinany, Atsimo Andrefana)

So far, the south western Indian Ocean has seen six cyclones that reached tropical depression organization and two hurricane-strength systems. The last tropical cyclone of at least hurricane strength to landfall in Madagascar was Hellen on Mar. 31, 2014.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Malagasy Red Cross Society

- NS has activated its National Disaster Response Team (NDRT) and volunteers on the ground.
- Cyclone preparedness coordination meetings were convened by MRCS with the National Disaster Response Agency on 4 & 5 March.
- 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 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 3,000 shelter kits to reach 3,000HH in La Reunion, 3 WatSan Kits

IFRC and Movement Coordination

- Resources and funding opportunities are being coordinated by IFRC EAIOI 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.
- PNS's in-country (German, Danish and Norwegian RC) initiated discussions with MRCS and ECHO on fund reallocation for cyclone response from the ongoing ECHO program in Northern Madagascar as part of the Crisis modification mechanism.
- PIROI is very engaged with the NS, and they are also working closely with the PNSs. PIROI is willing to deploy staff in case technical support capacity is needed for cyclone assessments under the umbrella of IFRC. However, no funds have been secured yet to support possible PIROI deployment. Further discussions are taking place to see if there could be a joint assessment with the NS, PNSs and PIROI, which is a welcomed approach by the National Society and PIROI. PIROI indicated they have approached partners in the region for possible support.
- IFRC EAIOI 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 DREF.
- The IFRC have sent out preliminary FACT alert for urgently deployment to support assessment

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