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## Madagascar: Tropical Cyclone Enawo



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<b>N° of National Societies currently involved in the operation (if available and relevant): German RC, Danish RC, Norwegian RC, ICRC, PIROI.</b>	
<b>N° of other partner organizations involved in the operation (if available and relevant): ECHO</b>	

**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 the process of discussing with the National Society of launching an emergency appeal. The Malagasy Red Cross Society (MRCS) will, however, accept direct assistance to provide support to the affected population.**

## The situation

On 3 March 2017, Tropical storm Enawo formed in the southern Indian Ocean. As of 7 March, the tropical cyclone was moving at speeds of 10 KM / H and is accompanied by strong winds of 205 KM / H and gusts of up to 300 KM / H within a radius of 70 km around the center. The cyclone hit landfall on 7 March at around 10:30 a.m. local time. Enawo is currently equivalent to a Category 4 hurricane and is a dangerous phenomenon representing a real threat to the inhabitants of the north-east coast of Madagascar.

Enawo will move west-south-west and reach the coasts of Madagascar between Antalaha and Cap Masoala on the north-east. Enawo will subsequently move southwards across the highlands, including the capital Antananarivo. The cyclone is expected to bring a lot of rain, during its passage through the regions. A peak of rainfall is expected in the eastern slopes of Madagascar. Enawo is expected to cross the Island through the regions of SAVA, Analanjirifo, Alaotra Mangoro, Atsinanana, Analamanga, Vakinankaratra, Bongolava, Itasy, Ihombre, Amoron'i Mania, Haute Matsiatra, Vatovavy Fitovinany.

According to Malagasy Red Cross, approximately 720,000 people will be affected directly and indirectly by this intense tropical cyclone. 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. Following the torrential rains of 05 and 06 March 2017, families in the region of Sava in Antalaha have moved to safer places.

Enawo appears similar to Cyclone Ivan, which in 2008 affected 525,000 people, leaving 195,000 people displaced. Enawo is the first major Category 4 or higher hurricane of the 2016-17 Southern hemisphere hurricane season.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

### Malagasy Red Cross Society

- Cyclone preparedness coordination meetings continue to be convened by MRCS with the National Disaster Response Agency. MRCS met with the Prime Minister on 6 March, who appealed to all agencies to support the government on cyclone response.
- MRCS has mobilized 24 NDRT, 80 BDRT and 569 volunteers on the ground. The volunteers have begun sensitizing populations and disseminating early warning messages in the regions of Sofia, Sambava, Analanjirifo, Atsinanana and Analamanga.

- Branch volunteers are on standby to conduct rapid assessments once the cyclone hits, 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 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, and 3 WatSan 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

### **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.
- PIROI is very engaged with the National Society, 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.
- 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 emergency appeal as agreed by MRCS.
- The IFRC have sent out preliminary FACT alert for urgently deployment to support assessment.
- PIROI are actively monitoring the situation and disseminating daily updates on cyclone Enawo.
- DMIS entries and Information Bulletins have been coordinated and published by the IFRC EAIOI cluster.
- Discussions are ongoing to deploy surge capacity including FACT team leader and RDRT.

### **External Partners**

- United Nations agencies have mobilized their emergency cash grant system with an initial fund allocation of USD200,000.
- 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.
- UNOCHA is deploying capacity from its regional officer in Nairobi.

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