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**Situation Overview**

- Tropical Cyclone ‘Felleng’ is losing intensity and is now at the level of tropical cyclone, moving southwards. At 09.00 hours the eye of the cyclone was 200km east of Tamatave and is now moving away from the Madagascan coast.
- The cyclone brought far less rainfall than was expected and consequently the damage is minimal.
- Schools were closed throughout the country as a precautionary measure.

**Highlights**

- Tropical Cyclone ‘Felleng’ is losing intensity and is now at the level of tropical cyclone and is moving southwards. At 09.00 hours the eye of the cyclone was 200km east of Tamatave.
- The eye of the cyclone is not expected to make landfall and the rainfall was far less than expected.
- The National Disaster Office (BNGRC) met this afternoon and decided that aerial assessments were not necessary.
- UNICEF has activated its emergency task force, alerted decentralised staff on the ground and alerted our partners in the at risk regions.
• Reports from staff and partners in the field indicate that: in the capital, Antananarivo, 122 families have been accommodated in a temporary camp and have received food and non-food items from the government, there is a water point 50m away and a temporary latrines are being installed. In the district of Fennerive-Est (Analanjirofo), received intermittent heavy rains but no reported flooding, however, 5 families from Sahavola are being housed in the local school, in the districts of Vangaindrano, Farafangana, Mananjary, Ifanadiana, Manakara, Vohipeno, Vondrozo and Midongy Sud (Vatovavy Fitovinany and Atsimo Atsinanana), received continuous rains but no flooding, the district of Tamatave (Atsinanana) received continuous rains until 14.00 today with strong winds resulting in a few houses losing their roves, loss of the telephone network which has already been repaired and loss of electricity and internet, the district of Brickaville (Atsinanana) received heavy rains with the river bordering the main town reaching a critical level.

• The level of damage is minimal and well within the Government’s capacity to respond.

National Preparedness
• The National Disaster Office (BNGRC) has been meeting with humanitarian partners once a day since last Monday 28 January 2013, in preparation for the cyclone and closely monitoring its trajectory.
• The planned aerial assessment is no longer going ahead as during the meeting at BNGRC it was not deemed necessary.

Inter-Agency Collaboration, Coordination, Cluster Leadership and Key Partnerships
• Humanitarian Coordination Structure: Madagascar has in place a Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) lead by the RC which includes all UN Agencies, international NGO, the Red Cross and selected donors. An HCT took place Thursday 31 January at 9:30.
• Cluster Leadership: UNICEF leads the WASH, Education, Nutrition and Child Protection clusters/sub-cluster and actively participates in the Health and Logistics cluster. Clusters have been activated.
• Partnerships with INGOs, NGOs: Madagascar has in country very few large humanitarian international NGOs (CARE, CRS, MedAir, ADRA, MDM) and national NGOs are limited, however, they do have significant experience in cyclone emergency response and operate along the east coast.

UNICEF Preparedness
• An internal UNICEF Emergency Task Force meeting was held yesterday to share information and to prepare teams should a response be required.
• Human Resources: 4 UNICEF Regional Technical Advisors are currently based in strategic areas and have been sending regular situational reports.

Funding
No additional funding is needed at this moment. No appeal will be launched.

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