UNICEF Situation Report Madagascar
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Highlights

- Tropical Cyclone Haruna made landfall over Morombe district on the south-west coast of Madagascar on 22 February at 05:00 local time.
- Having weakened to a Category 1 Tropical Cyclone Haruna exited into the Indian Ocean as a Tropical Storm early Saturday 23 February. Haruna is currently moving south-eastwards away from the Madagascan coast.
- The National Disaster Office (BNGRC) has been meeting with humanitarian partners once a day since last Monday 18 February 2013 and has deployed a staff member to Tulear along with the civil protection unit to support operations. An internal UN coordination took place on 22 February to share information and plan response activities.
- Assessments are not yet possible due to weather conditions, however, an inter-agency aerial assessment is planned for Monday 25 February.
- Evacuations of the flooded areas of Tulear, estimated 25,000 people are on-going and they will be accommodated in 2 camps where they will need shelter, food and water urgently.
- UNICEF trucks containing WASH, health and education supplies have left Antananarivo and should arrive in Tulear tomorrow or Monday 25 February.
Situation

- Tropical Cyclone Haruna made landfall over Morombe district on the south-west coast of Madagascar on the 22 February at 05:00 local time (UCT+3) as a Category 2 Tropical Cyclone with wind speeds of 154 km/h to 177 km/h.
- Having weakened to a Category 1 Tropical Cyclone Haruna exited into the Indian Ocean as a Tropical Storm early Saturday 23 February. Haruna is currently moving south-eastwards away from the Madagascan coast.
- The National Disaster Office (BNGRC) has been meeting with humanitarian partners once a day since last Monday 18 February 2013 and has deployed a staff member to Tulear along with the civil protection unit to support operations.
- Local populations have been receiving alerts through the use of the local and national media, sms and loudspeakers. Populations in Tulear are being evacuated.
- All schools in the areas at risk are closed.
- Assessments are not yet possible due to weather conditions; however, the following unverified reports have been received:
  - Morondava: 4 people injured and 4 houses destroyed. Roads inaccessible.
  - Morombe: 1 death and 2 houses destroyed. Severe damage local gendarmerie barracks, school, municipal building and civic centre. No electricity or water for past 03 days and schools remain closed. Flooding being reported across city with the hospital being cut off but functional.
  - Tulear: 1 death and 17 people injured, 5 of which have been hospitalized and 12 have returned home. The 7 health centres in the town have not been damaged and are functional, the hospital has lost part of its roof as well as 2 primary schools. No electricity or water. Schools closed. The river embankment at Fiherena has burst and is flooding large parts of Tulear and it is estimated that 25,000 people are affected. Accommodation camps are being set up.
  - Sakaraha: Intermittent rain. A dam has burst and municipal building and two schools severely damaged. Schools closed. Roads inaccessible.
- The main road from Antananarivo to Tulear remains open, however, the road from Tulear to Morombe is not usable.

Humanitarian Needs

- Evacuations of the flooded areas of Tulear are on-going and they will be accommodated in 2 camps where there will need shelter, food and water urgently.
- The hospital needs a generator to maintain the cold chain.

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.
- The UN HCT will meet either this weekend or on Monday depending on information available.
- An internal UN coordination took place this morning at 8.30 to share information and plan response activities.
- An inter-agency aerial assessment is planned for Monday 25 February.
- 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 especially in the south-west.
**UNICEF Response**

- UNICEF trucks containing WASH, health and education supplies have left Antananarivo and should arrive in Tulear tomorrow or Monday 25 February:
  - Wash: WASH kits for 1,000 families, 01 water purification unit
  - Health: 5 Basic emergency health kits for 5,000 people for 5 months
  - Education: school supplies for 6,000 children
- WASH – ACF and The Madagascar Red Cross are each sending a water treatment plant to Tulear
- In Antananarivo, 2 UNICEF rapid assessment teams are on stand-by ready to be deployed jointly with the inter-agency rapid assessment mechanism.
- Program sections are identifying staff to be redeployed on a rotation basis for 3-4 weeks to implement the emergency response should the need arise.

**Human Resources and Surge Capacity**

- UNICEF currently has 2 staff members in Tulear, 1 staff member in Ambovombe and 5 in Fort Dauphin

**Funding**

- The UN has developed a draft Flash Appeal which will significantly reduce the lead time to launch the appeal if it is required.
- OCHA has activated the Emergency Cash Grant and will send a proposal for US$ 100,000 to provide immediate support for logistics.

**Next steps**

- As soon as the weather permits a UNICEF staff member will participate in an inter-agency aerial assessment which is scheduled for Monday 25 February to identify the areas hardest hit.
- UNICEF staff on the ground will continue to participate in coordination meetings and collect information on the situation and identify critical needs.

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