



World Food Programme

Memorandum

Proforma for requesting an IRA allocation for preparedness activities

To:	Chief, Organization Budgeting Service (RMBB)	Date:	22/01/2018
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Subject:	Request for funds allocation from the Immediate Response Account (IRA) for cyclone and flood preparedness activities in Madagascar
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PART 1: INFORMATION NOTE

RATIONALE:

Cyclones, typhoons and tropical storms pose a major threat to Madagascar with the eastern and north-eastern coastal regions of the country being the most vulnerable. The cyclone season is typically from November to April. An average of nine tropical cyclones and five typhoons occur every year in the southwest of the Indian Ocean. Typhoons can cause flooding that destroys crops and agricultural lands and can induce landslides.

During the last five years, the western coast of the Mozambique channel has become more vulnerable to cyclones. According to the Malagasy department of Meteorology, the 2017/2018 hurricane season is expected to be more active than usual due to the effects of the La Nina climatic phenomenon. The northern and the eastern parts of the country are likely to receive more rain compared to previous years. It is estimated that more than two to four disturbances (climatological average) could land on the coasts of Madagascar, of which one to two could reach the tropical cyclone stage or higher.

Moderate tropical cyclone Ava affected a large geographical area (northeastern, eastern and southeastern areas) on the 5th of January 2018. It caused heavy rains and strong winds. According to the National Disaster Management Authority (BNGRC) as of 8 January 2018 80,023 people have been affected and 17,170 have been displaced. Upcoming cyclones are likely to have an additional impact on disaster affected communities if sufficient preparedness measures are not in place.

IRA AMOUNT REQUESTED: USD 257 107

The National Disaster Management Authority (BNGRC) have submitted a formal request to WFP for cyclone preparedness support. This support will focus on strengthening BNGRC and Local Disaster and Risk Management Committees (CLGRC) capacities to

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implement appropriate preparedness measures for cyclones and floods. In addition, this IR-PREP will also be leveraged to reinforce WFP internal capacities for cyclone and flood preparedness.

Strengthening BNGRC capacity in cyclone and flood preparedness

WFP and BNGRC will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the implementation of the following activities:

1. Prepositioning of support staff in highly cyclone prone areas (at different levels - regions, districts, communes and fokontany/villages) to support CLGRC in the implementation of appropriate emergency preparedness measures. These include multi-sectorial coordination structures and assessments, establishment of evacuation shelters for disasters, evacuation of at risk populations, data collection and information management.
2. Strengthening internet and radio VHF connectivity within BNGRC and its local operational centers.
3. Purchase of tablets to support assessments and evaluations.
4. Improvement of existing alert systems by creating inter-connection between BNGRC's cyclone alert system and the Ministry of National Education and Ministry of Public Health's alert systems.
5. Purchase of road clearing tools and kits, including chain saws.
6. Prepositioning of tents and motorized boats in vulnerable flooding zones.

Strengthening WFP internal capacity in cyclones and flood preparedness

1. Activate satellite phones and BGAN (mobile satellite modem) until the end of the cyclone season to ensure continuous communication between preparedness staff and emergency response staff.
2. Purchase additional SCOPE equipment (mPOS and beneficiary cards) to perform beneficiary pre-registration and registration that will facilitate WFP food distributions and monitoring to be conducted jointly by WFP and BNGRC. As per the Government's recommendation, pre-registration and beneficiary registration will enable the Government and partners to follow-up the situation of vulnerable and affected populations before, during and following a disaster to identify beneficiaries for appropriate support.
3. Cover travel costs for emergency preparedness activities at WFP national, field and antennas level.
4. Recruitment of additional staff to conduct Emergency Needs Assessment, Emergency Food Security Assessment and Market Assessment in risk prone areas. These staff will be hired on a temporary basis for three months:
 - One Driver for preparedness activities;
 - One Logistics Assistant to provide updates for the CONOPS (Concept of Operations);and
 - One Programme Assistant to monitor preparedness activities.

DURATION OF THE ACTIVITY: 3 months (26 January 2018 to 26 April 2018)

JUSTIFICATION:

While several emergency preparedness activities have been implemented by WFP and BNGRC prior to the cyclone period, the 2018 cyclone season is expected to be extremely active based on existing meteorological predictions.

Emergency preparedness measures and community sensitization and communication activities need to be further strengthened to better respond to imminent tropical storms and cyclones of this season. These activities are aligned to the National Contingency plan

for cyclones and floods which was developed jointly by BNGRC and humanitarian actors and updated annually.

These activities will also contribute to strengthening the capacities of BNGRC and its decentralized branches in the field of preparedness to tropical cyclones and floods.

Throughout 2017, WFP in collaboration with BNGRC and in coordination with humanitarian actors implemented emergency preparedness activities for cyclone and floods to strengthen national and sub-national capacities. These activities included:

1. Updating of national, regional and district contingency plans
2. Logistics training for WFP, government and humanitarian partners
3. Simulation exercises (SIMEX) for emergency preparedness
4. Prepositioning of BNGRC staff at regional and district levels to support the Local Disaster and Risk Management Committees in the identification and implementation of preparedness measures
5. Prepositioning of WFP food and non-food items by BNGRC for life saving activities and to ensure timely delivery of humanitarian aid.

The first cyclone of the cyclonic season AVA made landfall on the eastern coast of Madagascar on 5 January. Initial preparedness measures supported an efficient emergency response, the majority of CLGRCs were functional, data was received within the first hours following the cyclone. However, cyclone AVA had an impact on a vast geographic zone, and further preparedness measures are necessary for the cyclones which are likely to impact Madagascar through April 2018. In addition to destroying many agricultural fields AVA also negatively impacted basic infrastructure. Many roads, including national roads were cut off and many affected areas remained inaccessible for extended periods of time. This situation made the delivery of humanitarian aid by BNGRC, WFP and humanitarian community to the affected populations extremely difficult, and created major obstacles for collecting data and conducting needs assessment.

Madagascar Country Office requests USD 257,107 funds for cyclone and flood preparedness activities in Madagascar. These funds will be used to strengthen the capacity of WFP and the National Disaster Management Authority in cyclone and flood preparedness.

PART 2: DETAILED BUDGET

Please refer to detailed budget attachment