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WFP Madagascar 2024 at a glance

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Overview

In February 2024, WFP's Executive Board approved a new Country Strategic Plan for Madagascar (2024-2028), with a total budget of USD 659 million. Guided by the vision of *"transforming food systems and social protection for a resilient Madagascar"*, the CSP aims to reduce long-term dependence on humanitarian assistance by strengthening national capacities.

The year 2024 was marked by multiple natural disasters, including Tropical Storm Alvaro in the Southeast and Southwest in January, and Cyclone Gamane in the Northeast in March, and a drought across the southern regions. These events caused significant damage to livelihoods, infrastructure and crops.

WFP continued to serve as the Government's main partner in implementing the national school feeding programme, scaling-up the home-grown school feeding approach. With funding from the Ministry of National Education and the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, the programme expanded to 1,245 schools across 9 regions, representing a 26% increase in coverage compared to 2023.



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Total number of
people reached
2,386,456



People with
disabilities
146,000

Male
46%

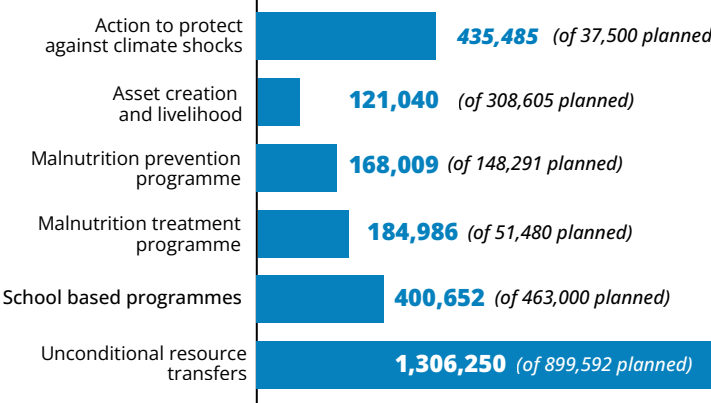
Female
54%

Country Office Story From Farm to Classroom: Growing Futures in Tsongobory

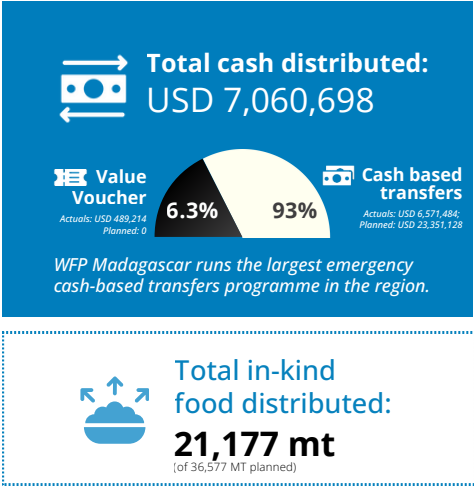
The school feeding programme is turning the Tsongobory Primary School into a catalyst for community development, improving children's access to education, boosting the local economy and paving the way for a brighter future for the next generation. Tsifotagny's face lights up when he talks about his school, on the outskirts of Tuléar in Southern Madagascar.

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Beneficiaries by Programme Area



Transfers by Modality



Strategic Outcome 1: People in Madagascar affected by seasonal or other shocks are prepared and able to meet their immediate food and nutrition needs throughout the year



- WFP provided food and cash assistance to people affected by cyclones and droughts in 16 food insecure districts (IPC 3+), reaching 151 percent of beneficiary target.
- Under the new CSP, WFP integrated general distributions with malnutrition prevention and supplementation for moderate acute malnutrition, establishing a more robust continuum of care.
- The treatment of moderate acute malnutrition achieved a recovery rate of 92.6 percent, surpassing the target, and mortality rates were kept at 0.1 percent.

Strategic Outcome 2: By 2030, targeted groups at risk, especially young children and pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls in Madagascar are part of the national social protection scheme with improved nutrition and education outcomes contributing to enhanced human capital development



384,523

girls and boys served under WFP's school meals programmes



1,245

schools covered by WFP's school feeding programme



61

FARNE (Nutritional Learning, Rehabilitation and Care Centres) operational in 2024

- The school meals programme was expanded to 1,245 schools across 9 regions, including 653 schools covered by the home-grown school feeding model, which provides students with nutritious school meals, prepared with ingredients sourced from local smallholder farmers. School retention rate stood at 98.48 percent, demonstrating the school meals programme's positive effect.
- Under the nutrition activity, WFP ensured a continuum of care in 23 communes across 7 districts (IPC Phase 2 or less), by providing blanket nutrition supplementation, malnutrition screening and referrals, nutritional cooking trainings, and community sensitizations. 56 new Nutritional Learning, Rehabilitation and Care Centres (FARNES) were established across 17 communes – up from 5 centers in 2023.



Strategic Outcome 3: By 2030, targeted communities in Madagascar benefit from productive, inclusive and sustainable food systems that contribute to improved food diversity and resilience to shocks, in particular climatic and economic



121,040

people receiving conditional food and cash assistance through the Food Assistance for Assets programme



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Rapid Rural Transformation sites operational in 2024 (2 new)



6,385

metric tonnes of commodities procured from smallholder farmers through WFP-supported aggregation systems

- As part of the Rapid Rural Transformation initiative, two new solar-powered hubs were launched in Vohitsova and Anahova, bringing the total to six RRT sites, each with a capacity of 24.1 kWp. These hubs generated clean energy, water and internet connectivity, benefiting school, shops and nearly 1,700 households in remote areas.
- 200 smallholder farmers' organizations, including women-led groups, received technical assistance, trainings and agricultural equipment. Through the Mionjo and FSRP projects, funded by the Government, farmers' organizations sold over 5,400 MT of rice and pulses to school canteens. Notably, 10 percent of targeted smallholder farmers successfully sold their produce through WFP-supported aggregation systems, meeting the 2024 targets.

Strategic Outcome 4: By 2030, Madagascar's Government and national stakeholders will have enhanced capacities to manage equitable and inclusive food and nutrition programmes, along with social protection



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Memoranda of Understanding signed between WFP and Government institutions in 2024



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Food Reserves operationalized in 2024

- Through its Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Office for Risk and Disaster Management (BNGRC), WFP and the BNGRC will enhance WFP's disaster preparedness, establish a regional humanitarian hub in Manakara, and conduct capacity-strengthening initiatives.
- Together with the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, WFP operationalized four food reserves in the Great South, through the provision of equipment, non-perishable commodities, and technical assistance.

Strategic Outcome 5: Government, humanitarian and development actors in Madagascar have improved access to on-demand services, and benefit from innovative solutions to deliver timely and cost-efficient assistance.



3,183

passengers
transported by
UNHAS to 17
destinations across
Madagascar



28

percent year-on-year
increase in calls made
to the Interagency
Community Feedback
Mechanism



04

UN partners
benefitting from
WFP's warehouse
rental services

- UNHAS Madagascar provided air transportation services to 51 humanitarian organizations, facilitating access across 17 destinations. During the cyclone Gamane emergency response, UNHAS supported an interagency assessment of immediate needs and transported humanitarian personnel and essential supplies to affected areas. Between April and June, an additional weekly flight was carried out to the North.
- WFP provided telecommunications services to Government, humanitarian and development partners. With the ICT Working Group, WFP supported the interagency Common Feedback Mechanism via the 930 hotline, by providing dedicated staff members, financial resources and technical assistance.

Cross cutting results

- **Gender:** WFP reinforced its commitment to gender-responsive and transformative programming through the creation of a Gender, Protection and Inclusion (GPI) Taskforce comprising 20 staff members.
- **Protection and AAP:** The Community Feedback Mechanism was enhanced to include an interagency hotline (930) managed by four operators, help desks, community feedback committees and field monitors.
- **Environment:** WFP integrated environmental and climate considerations into its operations, particularly within livelihoods and resilience programmes, promoting sustainable solutions to food insecurity and malnutrition. 107 schools received energy-efficient cookstoves, reducing carbon emissions and protecting the health of school cooks.
- **Nutrition integration key message:** The 2024-2028 MoU between WFP and the National Nutrition Office (ONN) reflects a shared commitment to national nutrition governance. Key activities include nutrition surveillance studies (IPC, SMART), mass screenings, and scaling up community approaches for malnutrition prevention and treatment.
- **Partnerships:** WFP significantly expanded its collaboration with sectoral ministries and Government entities, both as a technical advisor and as an implementing partner. In partnership with UNICEF and the World Bank, WFP supported the Ministry of Social Protection in updating the National Social Protection Strategy (2024-2028) and the creation of a unique social registry of beneficiaries.

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