



**ChildFund Alliance
Humanitarian Situation Report Template
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**Humanitarian Situation Report [1]
COVID-19 – [Madagascar]
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Part 1: The Overall Situation

COUNTRY : Madagascar

Total Number of COVID-19 Cases Reported	Number of Deaths	Number of Cases Recuperated
586	2	147
SOURCE: https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6		

ChildFund-supported areas (Provide only if you have reliable data on this. You can report on a consolidated basis or by program state/region/province/etc. if you have this detail.)

Geographical area (country or state/region/province)	Total Number of COVID19 Cases Reported	Number of Deaths	Number of Cases Recuperated
SOURCE: No data provided			

- Any relevant background information about areas affected.

Most of the country has seen a surge of COVID-19 cases for the past 20 days.

A first Antananarivo, the capital city, was the main target for testing and prophylactic measures. However the pandemic has spread to other cities, especially the main ones (toamasina, for-dauphin, tuléar, moramanga). No rural cases have been detected so far, but testing facilities are not very effective (less than 10 000 tests since march, and 2800 of them on the first three days of testing).

Confinement is still going on since the 22nd of March, with few additional measures prior the current surge:

- 9th grader and 5th grader only can go to school, from 7 to 11 am.
- Facial masks are mandatory for everyone
- Disinfection of schools is mandatory every week
- Weekly markets are now closed
- Transportation is not allowed between region, and sometimes in some areas of some cities
- Non-essential shops are open from 7 am to 1 pm

The Malagasy government has issued a treatment, known as COVID-organics, that allegedly prevents people from catching the disease and cures them. The consumption of this product was almost mandatory for children in schools, and is now mandatory for infected people. The publicity around this product is mainly due to the political gain for the President, and has led to some tensions with the WHO.

Part 2: The Situation in Areas Where ChildFund Works

Partner Organization (Use Salesforce identifying code/name.)	# of Enrolled and Sponsored Children		COVID19 Cases Reported in ChildFund Communities (Y/N/Unknown) Provide number if available.	Number of Enrolled Children Reported with COVID19 (If available.)	Number of enrolled children diseased as result of COVID19
	Sponsored	Enrolled			
AMADEA			0	0	0
Akanay-Solofo			0	0	0
St Paul			0	0	0

Child deaths: List any sponsored child (with Partner organization and child ID from salesforce) diseased as a result of COVID19. (Note: These need to be reported immediately following the regular sponsorship protocols.)

Partner Organization (Use Salesforce identifying code/name.)	What is the status of the program/sponsorship processes (operational/suspended)?					
	Program Implementation	CVS	M&E Level 2	Enrollment /Disaffiliation	Sponsorship Communication	DFC
AMADEA						
Akanay-Solofo						

St Paul					
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Note: As a global measure, all sponsor visits have been suspended.

- What issues are children in these areas facing (food shortages, safety concerns, schools closure, etc.)?

Food shortages are common from January to April, until harvests began. Nevertheless, the current response of the government has trained an increase in food prices (around 100% in some areas).

Local health system is not able to provide any first response, in case of a COVID-19 surge, and is under-equipped (no test kit, no masks, no respirators)

The closure of schools has been going on for 2 months now, and no measures has been taken by the national ministry of Education to organize distance learning (a tv-program "Kilassy pour tous" (teaching for all) was issued, but it is aiming at 1st grader only).

This closure happened during harvest time in rural areas, which has led to an enrollment of children to do field work.

- Child protection risks caused or exacerbated by crisis situation.

Some children are not able to rejoin their families. They are currently hosted in an orphanage, but we are not quite certain that the cares provided are enough.

A lot of children are staying at home since march, with an increase risk of mistreatment and abuse. Social services are not able to reach them, due to lack of means and transportation, and community-led children services are non-existent.

Part 3: ChildFund's Response

- Who is or will be leading/managing the response?

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- Planned, desired or ongoing response – inside or outside current operational areas.

Ongoing :

- monitoring of our partners and the orphanage, in order to make sure that they respect government measures and understand basic sanitary notions
- soap and rice are provided for families with sponsored children in one social center
- 2854 families were provided with soap, water treatment
- A booklet was created to help teachers and community raise awareness on COVID-19. The booklet has been translated in 10 languages so far (French, Malagasy, local Malagasy dialects, English, Spanish, Italian, Swahili, etc..)
- support 110 local health workers by developing their capacities (re-skilling, equipment, etc..)
- provide children with distance learning medias as well as solar radios.
- Awareness campaign in local community on child abuse

- Who are we partnering or collaborating with to provide our response?
 - Local authorities

- Minister of health / Minister of Education
- NGO and local organization
- What kind of response activities or interventions are being provided? What support items are needed or have been collected/distributed? How is ChildFund linked with humanitarian coordination structures, i.e., in which clusters or working groups do we participate? The most recent/next meeting and who is representing ChildFund? Donor meetings we have attended, or missions that we are aware of related to the response?

Prior to their closures, awareness events took place in every school.

On March 20th, a global gathering was organized in a secondary school to raise awareness on COVID-10 and WASH management. This was in partnership with two NGO's (foundation mérieux and MadHilfe), the minister of health, the minister of education,

Hygiene products and sensibilization tools were distributed.

Support items needed:

- *Staple products : rice, nutriments (moringa or spirulina), beans and oil*
- *Health/Hygiene : test kits, masks, soap and hydroalcoholic gel*

We are linked with one humanitarian structure "plateforme humanitaire". No common response has been reached for the moment, mainly because the measures are limited to two regions of the country. No meeting are planned.

We are organizing various donors and foundations, that could help with bringing staple products to landlocked areas.

We have send our membership application to the national cluster for education, and the national cluster for health.

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Part 4: Office and Staff Status

Office Status (Open/Closed)	Number of Staff:				
	Diagnosed with COVID19	Diseased from COVID19	Working from Office	Working from Home	On Special Leave
Closed	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>

Notes:

- Any cases of staff diseased need to be reported immediately to RD and GHR.
- Special leave as per [COVID19 Administrative Guidelines](#).

Number of staff/partner organization staff completed WHO COVID online training

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/training/online-training>.

Part 5 Human Resources

- Which visitors are there in the country ? Please include names, functions, contact information and arrival/departure dates for both IO and RO staff (note: due to the travel ban, this will apply only once the ban has been lifted) None
- Any gaps in staffing/need for deployment from other COs or Global Teams? No, our local partners provide enough staff
- Are there any other major HR issues? No

Part 6 Safety & Security

- Are police and other services functioning in the normal manner? Yes
- Are the courts still operating? Yes
- Are there reports of looting or increased criminality? No
- Have military personal being deployed to patrol towns or cities? Yes
- Confirm the safety of staff and their families in the affected area. Yes
- Have Safety and security risks/mitigation plans been updated to current environment? Yes. All staff is now obligated to stay at home and should report any movement during office hours.
- Recommendations around any upcoming travel planned for staff or donors (note: Only once global travel ban has been lifted) No staff nor donors will be able to leave or come until the 15th of June.

Part 7 Grants

List all active grants:

Grant Job Code	Grant Name	Donor	Status of Implementation (Normal/Reduced/Suspended)	Any specific guidance received from donor? (Yes/No)

Provide any additional narrative on how the COVID19 crisis affects implementation of your major grants.

Part 8 Funding

Provide information about potential sources of funding, including grant donors, subsidy, Emergency Action Fund, Alliance members, GIK, etc., for these emergency response efforts using the chart below:

Donor	Program	Amount (USD)	Requested? (Y/N)	Confirmed? (Y/N)
Sponsorship program	VAHATRA	9000	Y	Y

- Budget
 - o Outline how we will use this funding with a rough topline budget.

Part 9 Media/Communications

- o List of media who will be or have been contacted with press releases.

2 TV reports on national television

1 interview on national press

2 press-released on national press

- o List of emergency CO spokespeople, including name, location, contact information, and languages spoken.

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- o Plans for collecting photos/videos/stories, e.g., should an outside photographer be hired?

Already done. No, local staff could do the job.

- o Key points for messaging and visibility, particularly any host-government sensibilities that must be considered.
- Support needed or requested from IO, GSS or Global Teams – whether onsite or remote.

None