

EMERGENCY APPEAL | MADAGASCAR — TROPICAL CYCLONE GEZANI

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GENERAL SITUATION

On 10 February, Tropical Cyclone Gezani struck the eastern coast of Madagascar at a time when the country was still recovering from the devastating impact of Cyclone Fytia just days earlier. The succession of these extreme weather events has significantly increased the vulnerability of children and families across the country.

Madagascar remains one of the poorest countries in the world. More than **80% of children** live below the **poverty line** — a figure that rises to **88% in rural areas**. Access to education, safe water, healthcare, and adequate nutrition remains severely limited, further exacerbated by recurring climate shocks and weak public service delivery.

Un Enfant par la Main (UEPLM) — a member of ChildFund Alliance — has been working in **Madagascar** since **2019**, implementing long-term, community-based programmes across three regions: **Sofia, Analamanga, and Vakinankaratra**.

In the villages where UEPLM operates in the Sofia Region, **six classrooms in three schools** have been severely damaged by the cyclone, with roofs torn off, classrooms destroyed, and learning materials completely ruined.

600+

people affected

55%

are children

6

classrooms damaged

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

UEPLM conducted rapid assessments in the affected villages immediately following the cyclone. The damage to schools in the Sofia region includes:

- Roofs torn off school buildings
- Classrooms partially destroyed or rendered unusable
- Learning materials and school furniture completely ruined

For many children in the villages affected, access to education — already fragile in this remote region — is now seriously compromised.

OUR EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

UEPLM's priority is the **urgent rehabilitation** of the six damaged school buildings in order to restore safe, protective, and functional learning environments. Our response will:

- Rehabilitate and secure damaged classrooms — rebuilding walls and replacing destroyed roofs
- Reinforce school structures to better withstand future climate-related events
- Replace all destroyed school furniture and learning materials
- Support the most affected families whose livelihoods have been impacted
- Restore safe and dignified learning conditions for more than **330 children**



These interventions will enable children to return to school safely and help communities recover from the compounded effects of consecutive cyclones.

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF €20,000 (\$24,000)

Your donation will help to support Un Enfant par la Main's urgent recovery efforts so that children in Sofia — one of Madagascar's most isolated and underserved regions — can quickly return to safe, protective, and resilient learning environments.

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