

Highlights

- February 2020 was marked by the convening of the Logistics Sectorial Group (LSG) global meeting. This event was based on discussions pertaining to the lessons learned of the previous emergency caused by the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) in the north of the country. This meeting was also the opportunity to present several points on how to improve continuously coordination, communication and visibility of the GSL. The meeting minutes is available on [the dedicated Global Logistics Cluster web page](#).
- A Logistics Capacity Map (National Level) was created (on Google map basis) and shared within the LSG network. This map was developed as a key tool in order to centralise all key logistics information and data that the humanitarian community in the country can use to make quick and good decisions, prior to, and during crises.
- In the end of March 2020, UPS (WFP global partnership) have released 97K\$ to support Country Capacity Strengthening activities. The project timeline covers the period June to December 2020.

Background

2018 marked the launch of the Global Logistics Cluster (GLC) Emergency Preparedness Project in Madagascar, which aims to strengthen national-level humanitarian logistics coordination and Information Management systems.

In August 2018, a Working Group structure was implemented as part of a National Logistics Preparedness Workshop with support from the World Food Programme (WFP), the GLC and the Bureau National de Gestion des Risques et des Catastrophes (BNGRC). This National Workshop brought together government entities, NGOs, UN agencies, the Red Cross, Private Sector actors as well as regional actors, and ultimately led to the sign-off to the National Logistics Preparedness Action Plan. Based on this, Regional Working Groups have also been established in five identified high-risk regions, vulnerable to recurrent natural hazards such as cyclones, floods and drought.

In 2019, following the same emergency preparedness logic, the Logistics Sectorial Group, led by WFP and supported by the BNGRC and the GLC, focused on implementing the action plan, leading efforts to strengthen the inter-agency cooperation and promoting an information-sharing system for Madagascar's humanitarian community.

A global meeting of the Logistics Sectorial Group was held on 26 February 2020 at WFP CO under the BNGRC and WFP team lead, to discuss lessons learned during the most recent interventions. Several key points were discussed, highlighting the need to develop and agree on the GSL ToR, reinforcing its identity by creating a dedicated logo and promoting communication tools such as WhatsApp to reinforce the cohesion, communication, and information sharing among the Logistics sectorial group members.

Coordination

- In March 2020, despite of the COVID-19 situation and the lockdown in effect all around the country, the GSL managed to maintain open and live communications to exchange on logistics constraints, specifically related to the COVID-19 situation.
- Several Partners/stakeholders of the Logistics Sectorial Group have participated to a national meeting in February 2020 to discuss lessons learned from recent interventions. As a result, a Whatsapp group has been implemented with the aim of having a more efficient dissemination of key messages.

Information management

- A logistics capacity map was created with the implication and collaboration of keys partners. This map is occasionally updated with key logistics information. The map has been developed through the use of Google Maps, pending updates from GLC to switch to their GIS platform. The Map is available [here](#).

Advocacy

- Preparedness activities are not supported with sufficient funding to ensure long-term implementation. WFP Madagascar is constantly seeking for additional financial partners to secure mutli-annual funding.

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