Highlights

- Publication of the Madagascar Preparedness Roadmap for Emergency Logistics (PRELog) in English and French.
- A Logistics Working Group meeting was organised in February, measuring progress made in relation to the National Action Plan.
- Implementation of a follow-up and monitoring mechanism for sub-regional working group, including regular updates and reporting.

Background

2018 marked the launch of the Global Logistics Cluster (GLC) Emergency Preparedness Project in Madagascar, which aimed 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), Global Logistics Cluster and the ‘Bureau National de Gestion des Risques et des Catastrophes’ (BNGRC). This National Workshop brought together government entities, NGOs, UN agencies, Red Cross, Private Sector as well as regional actors, and ultimately led to the sign-off a National Logistics Preparedness Action Plan. Based on this, regional Working Groups have also been established in five identified high-risk regions, vulnerable to recurrent hazards such as cyclones, floods and drought.

In 2019, following the same emergency preparedness logic, the Logistics Sectorial Group, lead by WFP and supported by BNGRC and the Global Logistics Cluster, 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.

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Coordination

- Implementation of a follow-up and monitoring mechanism for sub-regional working group. Since January 2019, each regional Logistics Working Group has been requested to provide regular updates, reporting on activities that took place during the corresponding period.

- A strategic document including schedule of activities and provisional budget information was drafted in January to enable the continuity of activities supporting Logistics Working Groups. During this process, it was noted by partners that it would be beneficial to hold workshops to share best practices between the regional Logistics Working Groups. This will be looked into over the coming months.

- A Logistics Working Group meeting was organised in February, measuring progress made in relation to the National Action Plan. Primary areas of development included the proactive discussions undertaken with customs representatives addressing customs procedures for the importation of humanitarian cargo.

- The first coordination meeting for the upcoming Logistics Response Team (LRT) Training was held in February with representatives from the BNGRC, WFP Country Office and GLC. The LRT is set to take place at the end of May 2019.

- A scoping mission to Tamatave in preparation for the LRT was conducted by the BNGRC and WFP CO in March.

Information Management

- A Global Logistics Cluster Information Management (IM) officer was deployed from WFP HQ to Madagascar in January for a week to assist with information management and communication tasks related to the preparedness project. While here, the team worked with the IM officer on workshop reports, the Madagascar newsletter and the PRELog.

- An emergency preparedness map was created for the Logistics Sectorial Group – North West Region: Melaky, Menabe, Boeny.

- The Madagascar PRELog was published in both English and French. The document details the pathway forward for logistics preparedness activities in Madagascar, and provides an overview of risks, gaps, bottlenecks and solutions.

- An annual Preparedness Overview Infographic was published for Madagascar preparedness in English and French.

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