

Madagascar: Tropical Cyclone Batsirai

Global Call #1 – Meeting Minutes

8 February 2022



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| Location | Online (Zoom) |
| Date | 8 February 2022 |
| Chair | Athalie MAYO (GLC) |
| Participants | BNGRC; International Humanitarian City - Dubai; Care International; UNICEF; ECHO; WHO; Save the Children; World Vision International; Fuel Relief Fund; OCHA; UNHCR; UNHAS; WFP; Airlink; Americares; MAF; Air Serv International; World Vision; HOPE; UNDAC. |
| Action Points | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All international responders to ensure that they coordinate with BNGRC• Share upstream pipelines for humanitarian cargo• Share physical access constraints information via Log.ie• Next Global Call depends on needs |

Highlights

- The national disaster management agency (BNGRC) is leading the response. The World Food Programme (WFP) and the Global Logistics Cluster Support Team (GLC) were requested to support the existing coordination mechanism to facilitate the coordination efforts of the logistics emergency response and provide access to critical operational logistics information.
- According to the latest update received from the BNGRC, Tropical Cyclone Batsirai has left at least 80 people dead, more than 62,000 internally displaced and 112,000 people impacted. The most affected regions include Mananjary and Manakara.
- A Global Logistics Cluster Support Team will arrive in-country on Wednesday, 9 February to support the BNGRC in identifying logistical challenges and providing Information Management (IM). The Logistics Cluster is sharing coordination meeting minutes and situation updates on the dedicated Madagascar webpage: <https://logcluster.org/mdg22a>. Partners are invited to subscribe to the Cyclone Batsirai humanitarian logistics response mailing list by clicking on the “sign up” button on top of the webpage.

Physical Access Constraints Overview

- According to the latest updates from the BNGRC, RN7, RN12 and RN25 are still inaccessible, and 8 bridges have been cut. The Ministry of the Infrastructures is doing an assessment on roads and accesses in affected areas. Roads should be cleared by the end of this week. The Logistics Cluster is updating all the physical access constraints information in the [Log.ie tool](#).
- Partners are encouraged to use the [Log.ie tool](#) to report any physical access constraint or infrastructure damaged. A [quick user guide](#) is available on the Logistics Cluster’s [Madagascar webpage](#). To facilitate a rapid physical access constraints overview, partners can download the dedicated application application *ArcGIS Quickcapture* through Google Play or App Store (Access code: 1WiGWe0).

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- Information on logistics capacity and physical access constraints will be available and updated on a regular basis on the Madagascar online interactive Log.ie map.

2. Logistics Resources

AIR Transport (Partners are requested to share upstream pipeline plans to facilitate coordination)

- UNHAS is providing special flight on demand (max 10 passengers). A helicopter in Entebbe should become operational in 3 to 4 days, UNHAS is waiting for the landing permission to be granted. Options are also being explored for an air bridge from Johannesburg should this be required.
- DG ECHO has organised an EU Humanitarian Air Bridge ([EUHAB](#)) passenger flight from Nairobi to Antananarivo on Wednesday 9 February leaving at 8:00 and arriving at 14:20 local time with 29 passengers. A Second EU HAB passenger flight is scheduled for Thursday 10. In addition, partners wishing to travel from Antananarivo to Nairobi may do so on the return leg of the second EU HAB flight, departing Antananarivo on Friday 10 February at 10:00 in the morning local time. Interested partners can contact DG ECHO or the Logistics Cluster.
- DG ECHO remains on standby for next week to organise a cargo flight according to the logistics needs.
- Airlink is looking at cargo options from Dubai, if other organizations are interested, please send an email to Ops@airlinkflight.org
- Partners enquired about the current airport capacity to receive increased volumes of international cargo. The BNGRC confirmed that they already have supply chain management procedures for disaster operations developed with the support of UNDP and DHL and the Getting Airports ready for Disaster programme.
- Concerning any landing permit issues for incoming humanitarian flights, partners may contact BNGRC for specific advice. GLC will facilitate information sharing as required.

Sea Transport

- The BNGRC has confirmed, during the National Logistics Coordination Meeting on Tuesday, February 7, that ports and airports are fully operational. The Toamasina Autonomous Port (Société de Gestion du Port Autonome de Toamasina - SPAT), the Malagasy port authority, will issue an official communication.

Storage

- The BNGRC is collecting the information on existing storages at national level. Some Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) are in country and may be used to cover any critical gaps in storage capacity. During the emergency phase, all storage infrastructures will be managed by the BNGRC.

National Logistics Sector Working Group

- BNGRC informed the call of the Customs Guidelines that were produced by the customs administration of Madagascar and WCO. These have also been shared online on the [Madagascar Page](#).
- For any information related to customs or donations please contact: Lieutenant-Colonel FALY, General Project Coordinator of Bureau National de Gestion des Risques et des Catastrophes, Madagascar. Phone: +261340548067. Email: a.faly@bngrc.gov.mg
- For all international staff arriving in the country a Covid PCR test is required at the arrival.

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- The BNGRC highlighted the criticality of coordination between arriving international responders and the BNGRC response structure. BNGRC will organise a briefing on arrival to facilitate effective collaboration, exchange of contacts and information sharing. International organisations are required to notify their presence at the arrival in country.

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