



Food distribution is among the emergency response activities implemented by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in southern Madagascar. To assist vulnerable households in the face of the recurring drought and food insecurity crisis, a variety of food items are being distributed, including sorghum, yellow split peas and vegetable oil. Photo by Sedera Ramaniitra/CRS.

The Firanga II Project

AUGUST 2021-SEPTEMBER 2022

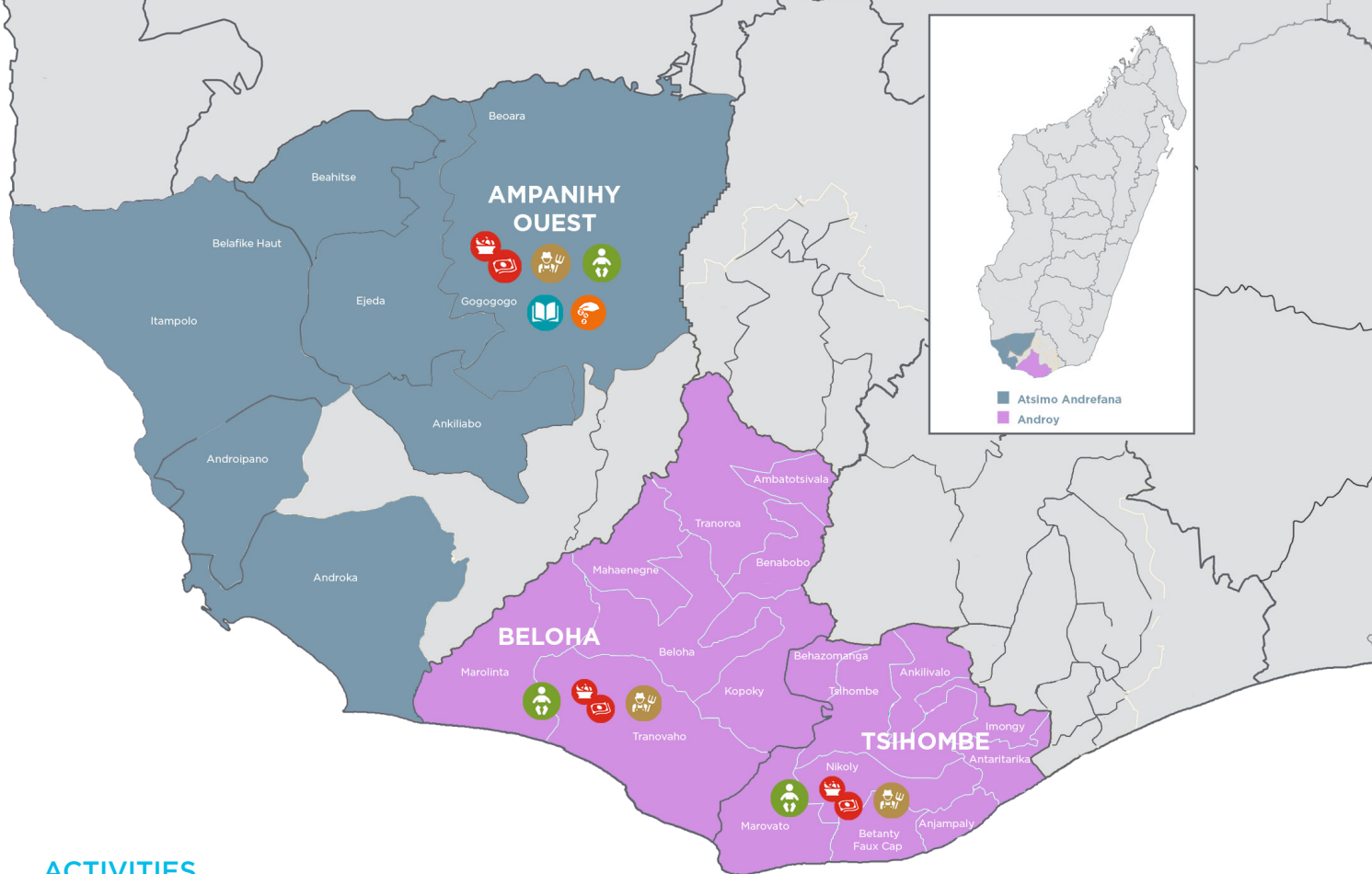
CONTEXT

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) received \$10,000,000 in funding from the United States Agency for International Development's (USAID) Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA) to continue supporting communities in the Atsimo Andrefana and Androy regions. The situation in this area has worsened due to the Covid-19 pandemic and between April and September 2021, 1.1 million people in the South are in need of urgent assistance.

The project, called Firanga II (August 2021 - September 2022), will be implemented in partnership with the *Conseil Diocésain de Développement de Tuléar* (CDD-U), to provide emergency assistance to communities in the districts of Beloha, Tsihombe and Ampanihy facing food insecurity and drought.

KEY INFORMATION

TYPE OF PROJECT	Food security, Nutrition, Saving and Internal Lending Communities (SILC), Literacy.
FUNDING	USAID funding of \$10,000,000 of which •Cash : \$4,097,610 •Food : \$5,902,390
AREAS OF INTERVENTION	Androy and Atsimo Andrefana regions
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	180,000 people reached
IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS	<i>Conseil Diocésain de Développement de Tuléar</i> (CDD-U), <i>Malagasy Mahomby</i>
TECHNICAL AND/OR GOVERNMENT PARTNERS	Ministry of Public Health (MSP) - National Nutrition Office (ONN) - National Office of Risk and Disaster Management (BNGRC)
PERIOD	August 2021 - September 2022



ACTIVITIES

The Firanga II project will prioritize five activities:



FOOD DISTRIBUTION OR CASH TRANSFER

Provide in-kind food aid, cash or locally-purchased food to 164,160 people to help them meet their basic needs, including food for five months



CHILD AND MATERNAL NUTRITION SUPPORT

Provide support and counseling to improve the nutrition of children and pregnant and lactating women; and treat moderately malnourished children under five years old



FOOD FOR ASSET

Build or rehabilitate infrastructure where participants receive food in return for their work



SAVING AND INTERNAL LENDING COMMUNITIES (SILC)

Support households with Saving and Internal Lending Communities (SILC) so families can manage finances effectively



FUNCTIONAL LITERACY

Provide functional literacy classes to vulnerable participants to help them read, write and do basic math with the support from *Malagasy Mahomby*

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The project aims to protect vulnerable households from malnutrition and loss of productive assets through three objectives:

1. Drought-affected households cover their food needs to protect themselves from malnutrition and loss of productive assets
2. The nutritional status of pregnant and lactating women and children under five years old is improved and maintained
3. Vulnerable households in Ampanihy District are supported to save and manage their assets and access information through literacy training