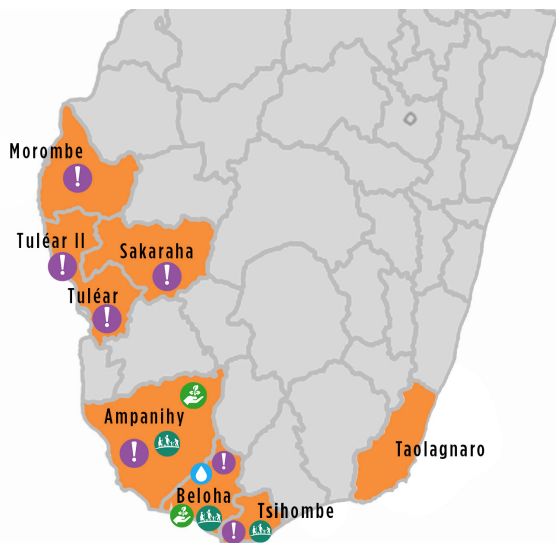




Scenes from a Catholic Relief Services (CRS) food distribution in the village of Marojela, Marolinta commune, Beloha district, southern Madagascar. During these distributions, participants receive a corn and soybean flour (CSB+), yellow split peas, sorghum and vegetable oil funded by USAID through the Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA). Southern Madagascar is suffering from a major drought due to low rainfall, exacerbated by COVID-19, sandstorms and pest infestations. Climate change is considered a contributing factor. Currently, about 1.14 million people in the Deep South are hungry, 14,000 of whom are starving. Photo by Jim Stipe/CRS.

Emergency response to the food crisis in the South of Madagascar

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) provides emergency assistance to over 220,000 people in southern Madagascar



USAID funding

- MAHARO Development Assistance
- FIRANGA Emergency Assistance
- WATER POINT REHABILITATION

Funding from other donors

- SEED DISTRIBUTION

Our achievements from May to July 2021 in the South of Madagascar

- 4,377 tons of food distributed 170,870 people benefited from food assistance**
- 33 km of roads built**
- 53,005 children participated in Growth Monitoring and Promotion Activities**
- 84 tons of Plumpy Supp distributed to children suffering from Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM)**
- 3 Districts in which seeds and cuttings have been distributed**
- 14 water points repaired**

CRS will continue to support people particularly in Beloha, Tsihombe and Ampanihy over the next three years through emergency and development activities. In Ampanihy district, CRS works with its implementing partner, Conseil Diocésain de Développement de Toliara.



Mananjary District, Madagascar - Residents of the village of Tsaravinary Ambohimiarina tend to nursery plants at one of 20 planting sites set up by CRS as part of the SPICES project. The plants include valuable spice crops such as coffee, pepper and cloves, which participants can eventually sell as cash crops. Photo by David Snyder/CRS.

CRS' approaches to sustainable economy

Securing and Protecting Investments and Capacities for Environmental Sustainability (SPICES)

The SPICES project aims to improve the well-being and resilience of local farmers most affected by climate change living in Eastern Madagascar.

To achieve this, CRS supports land restoration through agroforestry production by engaging government, businesses and communities to improve the management of the environment; increasing opportunities for young people and improving the education and health of farmers.

CRS supports nurseries and trains farmers in climate-smart agricultural practices. The additional income generated by these cash crops will allow farmers to invest in education, nutrition, and health care.

Currently, CRS works with seven dioceses in five regions of the country, reaching more than 20,000 households. With a ten-year vision, SPICES will expand its activities to other communities and private sector partners.

Successful and Sustainable Investments for Land Restoration and Economic Opportunities (TSIRO)

TSIRO is an alliance formed by USAID, CRS, and several private sector companies specializing in the cocoa and spices, who recognize the environmental issues that exist in Madagascar.

The alliance focuses on biodiversity conservation and improving the means of TSIRO's vision to plant more than 1.5 million trees to support agroforestry systems and improve biodiversity in forest landscapes in Madagascar over the next five years (2021-2026). TSIRO's vision is to plant more than 1.5 million trees to support agroforestry systems and improve biodiversity in forest landscapes in Madagascar.

This public-private partnership will invest \$5.8 million in diversifying revenue sources. TSIRO stands for «Thriving & Sustainable Investments for land Restoration & economic Opportunity».



Zara-Rano aims to increase access to safe and sustainable water services in targeted rural areas of the Atsinanana region of eastern Madagascar, as well as to increase private sector involvement in water service provision. The project creates self-financing mechanisms for water infrastructure using a public-private partnership (PPP) approach to improve overall access to water resources. Photo by Sedera Ramanitra/CRS

Zara-Rano: safe and affordable drinking water

Catholic Relief Services and ODDIT's Zara-Rano project makes clean water available in the Atsinanana region with funding from charity:water.

From 2019 to 2020, the Zara-Rano project provided 36,347 people with access to safe and affordable drinking water points. This is a project implemented by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the Organe de Développement du Diocèse de Toamasina (ODDIT), with 1.5 million USD funding from charity:water.

The Zara-Rano project built 14 large water supply systems in the district of Toamasina II, Atsinanana region, providing clean water to 21 Fokontany, 7 Health Centers and 28 schools.

The Public-Private Partnership (PPP) approach used in the project improves overall access to water resources as well as the implementation of sustainable water services.

As a continuation of the first year of the Zara-Rano project, an additional annual USD 1,200,000 has been awarded for a second and a third year.

Companies bid on the construction and management of these water systems and invest between 10 and 15% in the system, counting on subsequent profits.

With charity:water, CRS will expand access to water to the Sofia region in the next year.

Testimony of a water user in the Fokontany of Ranomena



Mrs. Edvinah, a mother of a 1 year old child, benefits from the social water connection in the Fokontany Ranomena. Thanks to the Zara-Rano project, the social connection is installed in the yard of her household, making life and chores so much easier. Before this water point, she hired someone to deliver water given that the old water point was 300 meters from her home, she cares for her baby, had a number of other daily chores including the management of a grocery store. Paying for water delivery incurred 200 Ariary per 20-liter jerry can. The social water connection of Zara-Rano is therefore saving her significant money because she no longer hires someone. Water costs between 40 and 80 Ariary per jerry can.



Official handover of materials and medicines to three Basic Health Centers II (CSB II) in the Vakinankaratra Region. Catholic Relief Services is actively involved in efforts to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Photo by Sedera Ramanitra/CRS

CRS response to COVID-19

CRS is actively involved in efforts to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. CRS is promoting vaccinations by hosting webinars and presentations to give people the opportunity to ask questions and receive information about the vaccines. CRS promotes safe prevention practices, supporting health workers and health facilities with essential health training and equipment. In southern Madagascar, CRS is monitoring the effects of COVID-19 on markets, food security and health.

CRS supported three communes in the Vakinankaratra region

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and its implementing partner Caritas Antsirabe intervened in the communes of Inanantonana, Ambatomiady, and Ampitatafika, Districts of Betafo and Antanifotsy through a COVID-19 Prevention and Response Project, funded by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

The project supported the communes in providing materials and medicines for the treatment of COVID-19.

The project was designed to strengthen the COVID-19 case management, awareness and training activities related to COVID-19. It strengthened the capacity of local authorities on COVID-19 surveillance and response and prepared target communities for COVID-19 control.

An official handover of materials and medicines to the three Basic Health Centers II (CSB II) of the intervention communes was carried out in the presence of representatives of the Regional Health Directorate, local authorities, and representatives of JICA,