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MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

- Reconstruction activities conducted in Ambanja will be monitored from the Antsohihy base from this point onwards.
- The Elaborated Lessons Learned (ELLE) workshop was held internally to monitor and document lessons learned and good practices from the phase I response to the humanitarian crisis. The outcome will be applied to the recovery phase and to improve the Emergency Preparedness Response Plan 2007- 2008.
- A United Nations Country Team (UNCT) emergency thematic group was held on 12 June. This represents the kick off of the UN lessons learned exercise: share experiences and improve/reinforce interagency coordination capacity with the National Office for Management of Risks and Disasters (BNGRC) and partners on national and regional level. Each agency is responsible for taking part in an internal evaluation exercise before interagency compilation and sharing.
- A Rapid Assessment training with the Think-Tank Stakeholders on Disasters (CRIC) and government members was held from 6 to 8 June. Further to recommendations during this workshop, three decentralized workshops could be held in and for some regional committees in August. UNICEF will propose a plan for agreement to BNGRC/Primature early July.

UNICEF RESPONSE

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)



Water quality tests (Antsohihy)



Well cleaning in Djangoa (Ambanja)

In **Sofia**, the cleaning and disinfection of 107 community wells is finished.

Thirteen wells in three districts of Sofia region have been identified for rehabilitation by the Ministry of Energy (Direction de l'Eau). To date, four wells were rehabilitated and equipped in PMH (Manual Hydraulic Pump) and two are being rehabilitated.

In **Ambanja**, the cleaning and disinfection of wells, a health centre and school sanitation/latrines is continuing with the Ministry of Energy (Direction de l'Eau), School District Authorities Health authorities. So far, 225 wells identified within five municipalities, 68 have been cleaned and disinfected in five municipalities (Bemanevika HS, Ambodimanga Ramena, Maevatanana, Benavony and Atsakoamanondro). Four other community wells have been repaired and five other rehabilitated in two municipalities.

Training and sensitization on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) principles of mayors, school directors, health centre directors, and the Head of Fokotany was done in the seven districts of Sofia region and in nine municipalities of Ambanja district. Action plans and procedures elaborated to sensitize families on WASH

principals have been created, and a WASH committee has been approved by the regional/district authorities, construct family latrines.

Water quality monitoring level two has been conducted on 61 water sources in three municipalities of Ambanja: In three other municipalities, water quality analysis has been conducted in water sources 24 sources.

Evaluation of necessary rehabilitation works of Drinking Water Adductions (AEPG) has been realized in six municipalities of Ambanja with a technician from the Ministry of Energy. A report is expected by the end of the month.

A local community approach will be adopted for small rehabilitation jobs with technical support from UNICEF and the Ministry of Energy. For bigger works, tenders will be called upon in partnership with the Ministry of Energy and UNICEF.

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Health:

Some 21,000 Mosquito nets are being pre-positioned for distribution in four municipalities of Sofia region (Antsohihy, Befandriana, Mampikony and Port-Bergé) and in Ambanja. About 215,000 have been distributed in the southern regions of Androy and Atsimo Andrefana.

Further to the damages caused by the cyclone season on the cold chain in local health centres, UNICEF will be restoring the cold chain for the conservation of vaccines by equipping Health Centers and Health Districts Services (SSD) in the North West and East with 100 refrigerators and freezers.

The distribution plan is as follows:

REGIONS	Health District Services	Refrigerating Equipment	Total per Region
SAVA	DRSPF (Regional Health Authorities)	3	46
	Sambava	5	
	Andapa	18	
	Vohemar	9	
	Antalaha	11	
DIANA	Ambanja	6	6
SOFIA	DRSPF (Regional Health Authorities)	4	48
	Antsohihy	5	
	Bealanana	13	
	Port-Bergé	3	
	Mampikony	7	
	Analalava	8	
	Befandriana North	8	

Finally UNICEF has offered three months of petrol to the Ambanja Health District Authorities to ensure vaccination of 1,645 children and 1,851 pregnant women within the district.

Nutrition (NUT)

South:

The emergency nutrition response in the food insecure areas of Anosy, Androy and South-West regions came to an end at the beginning of June. Activities are, however, continuing in 12 selected health centres in order to maintain a local capacity for the identification and treatment of severe acute malnutrition. Preliminary statistics indicated that 49,898 children were screened during the project life with 11.6 per cent and 1.2 per cent of the children screened suffering from moderate and severe malnutrition respectively while around 6,129 moderate

cases and 1,090 severe cases were admitted in the feeding programme. Data collection of the three nutrition surveys is now completed; preliminary analysis shows that the prevalence of global acute malnutrition is below 10 per cent in this area.

South-East:

UNICEF, ONN and partners are increasing the nutrition response in the flood affected areas of Nosy Varika and Manjary districts. Ten out of the 17 targeted municipalities are now covered with the nutrition activities, i.e. screening for acute malnutrition, ambulatory therapeutic and supplementary feeding. A total of 13,530 children have been screened since the beginning of the intervention, with 6.4 per cent and 0.4 per cent of the children screened suffering from moderate and severe malnutrition respectively. A total of 925 children and 935 pregnant and lactating women have been admitted in the feeding programme so far. A nutrition survey is planned in the course of July in order to assess the nutrition situation prior to the hunger gap.

North-West:

Further to an assessment of the existing capacity in emergency nutrition it was noted that there was a lack of data on the nutrition situation as well as a lack of capacity for screening and treatment of acute malnutrition in the cyclone affected areas in the North-West. The key challenge for Sofia and Diana region is the identification of strategic partners (local authorities, NGO's and church related organisations) to be trained and to be accountable for NUT surveillance and response at community level. Recommendations have therefore been made to undertake standardized nutrition surveys, to ensure the use of community growth monitoring data for nutrition surveillance purpose and to reinforce the local capacity for identification and treatment of severe malnutrition in the regions of Sofia and Diana. The results of the World Food Programme (WFP) food security evaluation, expected by the end of the month, will equally determine further nutritional activities.

EDUCATION

The localisation and timing for setting up the 90 Aluronda structures has been agreed upon with the Ministry of Education (MENRS) according to the following plan:

45 Aluronda classroom structures have been allocated to the north-western regions, 35 to the north-eastern regions of Sava and Analanjirofo and 10 to Vatovavy FitoVinany in the South-East.

REGION	Nb CISCO concerned	CISCO concerned	Total Nb of Aluronda	Installation begin	Planned end of works
SOFIA	7	Analalava, Antsohiy, Bealanana, Befandriana North, Mampikony, Mandritsara Port Bergé	41	5 th July	29 July
DIANA	1	Ambanja	4	31 July	01 August
SAVA	2	Sambava, Anatalaha	18	03 August	09 August
ANALANJIROFO	1	Maroansetra	17	5 July	21 July
VATOVAVY FITOVINANY	1	Nosy Varika	10	26 July	4 August

It has been decided that UNICEF will transport the structures/frameworks from the warehouse as close as possible to the allocated site by car. From there on, the remainder of the transport is under the cost and responsibility of the receiving Regional School Authority. The building and materials for roofing will be handled by the local communities. Bidding process has been initiated to contract civil societies for the installation of the structures, the foundations and replenishments.

Further to the estimated 659 classrooms destroyed by the cyclones UNICEF has proposed to rehabilitate/reconstruct 95 classrooms within five regions affected by Indlala and Jaya: Diana, Sofia, Sava, Vatovavy Fitovinany. 67 primary schools are concerned by these projects. Priority is given to Sofia region which concentrates 43 out of the 95 classrooms. Action will be taken upon approval by the Ministry of Education (MENRES) to ensure that the new classrooms are built and equipped in time for 2007/2008 school year .

Maroanstetra

Additional school supplies (notebooks, pens, pencils, chalk) and WASH supplies (buckets, soap, water purifiers, timbale and plastic sheeting) for 17,200 pupils have been delivered to the CISO (Regional school Authority) of Maroanstetra. Distribution to 137 primary schools in the Maroanstetra district will be effectuated under the CISO responsibility. Another 20 heavily damaged schools will receive school-in-a-boxes.