Highlights

- **The first ever LRT training conducted in French** was organised in June in Tamatave and attended by 24 participants representing 13 organisations.
- An International Emergency Preparedness Officer, Patrick Sautron, was recruited and started working with the team to coordinate Madagascar preparedness activities.
- A Logistics Capacity Assessment was launched in Fényerie Est, which is one of the five high risk Regions where Regional Logistics Working Groups are implemented. Report available [here](https://logcluster.org/preparedness/madagascar) in French.

Background

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

In 2019, following the same emergency preparedness logic, the Logistics Sectorial Group, led by WFP and supported by the BNGRC and the GLC, 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.
Since May 2019, WFP and the GLC work closely with BNGRC to establish a MoU according to a strategic document which will serve as the document to describe all activities related to Regional Logistics Working Groups support, that should be covered until the end of the year.

**Coordination**

- Based on a strategic document, an MoU is being created amongst the BNGRC and the WFP Country Office regarding the next step for Regional Logistics Working Group’s support. Both documents, the strategic one and the MoU will be the basis of all activities which should be covered until the end of the year.

- An International Emergency Preparedness Officer has been recruited and started working in May. Patrick Sautron was deployed to Madagascar to coordinate emergency preparedness activities and work closely with the BNGRC to strengthen its emergency preparedness and response capacity.

- A Logistics Response Team (LRT) expert has been deployed from Rome to Madagascar in April, to coordinate and support the preparation of the LRT, which was held at Tamatave at the end of May 2019.

**Information Management**

- The Preparedness Lead Officer was in Antananarivo in June, to introduce the next version of the Logistics Platform. The GLC worked closely with the BNGRC and the WFP Country Office to launch and implement the new version and gathered logistics data which will be used on the platform.

- [The Madagascar Regional logistics workshop report](https://logcluster.org/preparedness/madagascar) was published in French version on the Logistics Cluster website

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