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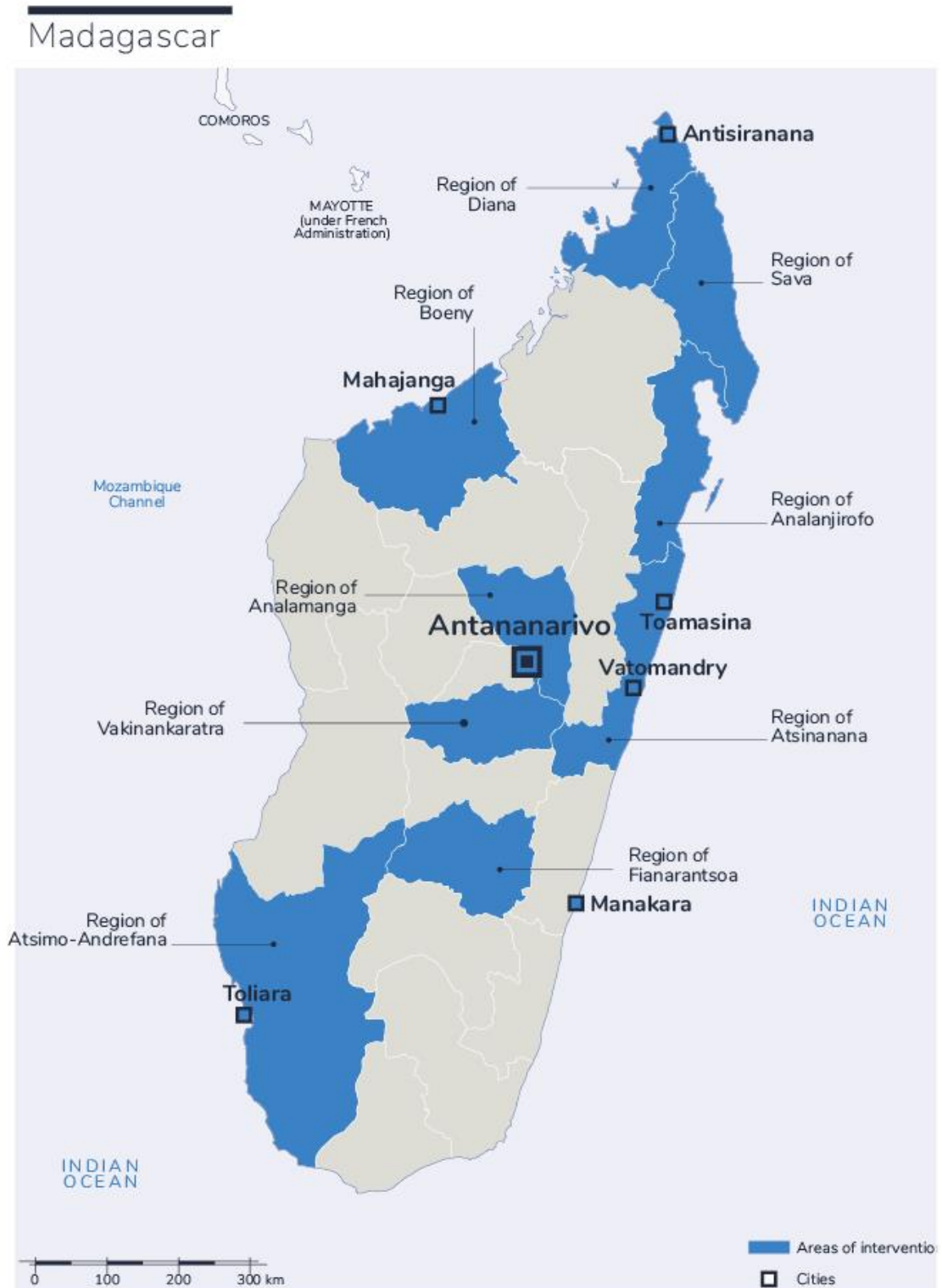
Madagascar





HI's team and areas of intervention

There are 165 people working on HI's programme in Madagascar.





General Country Data

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Country	Madagascar	MOZAMBIQUE	France
Population	29 611 714	32 969 518	67 935 660
IHDI	0.367	0.3	0.825
Gender Development Index	0.956	0.922	0.99
Maternal mortality	392	127	8
GINI index	42.6	54	30.7
Population under UNHCR mandate	245	1 060 234	693 598
INFORM index	5.4	7.4	2.3
Fragile states index	81.7	94	28.8
Public social protection		12.7	100%
Official development assistance received	1048.1	2254	

Humanitarian law instruments ratified by the country

Humanitarian law instruments	Status
Mine ban treaty	Ratified on 16/09/1999
Convention on Cluster Munitions	Ratified on 03/12/2008
United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Ratified on 12/05/2015

Geopolitical analysis

Social, cultural and demographic context

A national census (the RGPH-3) was carried out in 2018, the first since 1993, and the results were published in 2020. The census confirmed that Madagascar has an annual population growth rate of 3.01%. The population is extremely young, with 64% of the population under 25 years of age. Life expectancy at



birth is estimated at 67.64 on average (69.72 for women and 65.76 for men). The average household has 4.3 members.

Political situation

The elections in 2018 led to the accession to power of Andry Rajoelina, who had been the country's transitional President from 2009 to 2014. The next elections will be held in November and December 2023, and currently the outgoing President is facing a divided opposition. The issues at stake in this election include government alternation, respect for democracy and institutions, the influence of civil society and the checks and balances that exist in any democracy.

Despite the Emergence Plan adopted by the government for 2019-2023 based on 13 objectives intended to stimulate growth and reduce poverty, the economic situation in Madagascar today is still very fragile.

Economic situation

According to the World Bank, Madagascar is the fourth poorest country in the world in terms of per capita wealth. The economic, social and fiscal shock caused by the COVID-19 crisis triggered a recession three times deeper in Madagascar than in the rest of Sub-Saharan Africa. Disruptions in international trade and travel and lockdown measures caused a sharp drop in activity. According to the World Bank, GDP shrank by 7.1% and income per capita by 9.8%. Moreover, it is estimated that the economic crisis linked to COVID-19 pushed more than 1.8 million additional people below the poverty line in 2020, raising the poverty rate, i.e. the number of people living on less than US\$1.90/day, to almost 81% for the year 2021 and 2022, a historic high for the country.

In addition, the fallout from the conflict in Ukraine, the third wave of the pandemic and extreme weather events in 2022 have led to a slowdown in growth, which was estimated at 2.6% in 2022 compared with 4.4% in 2021, and an increase in the inflation rate, estimated at 7.5% in 2022 against 5.4% in 2021. Madagascar ranks 173rd in the HDI.¹ The Madagascan economy is dominated by the agricultural sector. The RGPH-3 estimates that 75.8% of the jobs created are in this sector, and 75% of people aged between 15 and 59 are employed here.

The Covid-19 pandemic has also had disastrous consequences on livelihoods and household incomes. In its report "Impact of Covid-19 on household living conditions - wave 3" published in May 2021, INSTAT reported that the impact of the crisis has been primarily on household purchasing power. Furthermore, due

¹ 2021 data : <https://www.undp.org/sites/g/files/zskgke326/files/2023-02/hdr2021-22frpdf.pdf>



to rising inflation coupled with falling incomes, over 60% of households declared that they were not getting enough to eat.

Summary of HI's work in the country

In 2022, HI celebrated 35 years of presence in Madagascar, a period marked by five phases:

- 1987 to 1996: rehabilitation only;
- 1996 to 2005: Action Nord Sud period and work on structuring associations
- 2006 to 2014: focus on disability;
- 2015-2023: Multi-annual Operational Framework and StratOP: broadening geographical zones and sectors;
- Since 2021: developing the capacity to respond to humanitarian needs.



Main sectors of intervention	Main activities:	Beneficiaries	Partners	Location	Project start and end date	Donors funding the project
Disaster risk management ATRIKA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production and distribution of baseline studies and mapping exercises • Development and testing of early action protocols • Capacity building, knowledge development and ITA to promote the adoption of good inclusion practice within the community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 329 600 including 164 841 women and 164 759 men ; • Disaster risk management actors (BNGRC, regional and local DRR authorities and structures and civil society organisations including organisations of people with disabilities) 329 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BNGRC • Organisations of people with disabilities • Civil society organisations • DRR and Anticipated action 	Boeny Diana	January 2022 to December 2024	Deutsche Humanitäre Hilfe GFFO
INCLUSION Masôva	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity-building for information and guidance counsellors and training teams • Support to and innovation of training schemes • Developing an inclusive approach to the value chain for producers, groups of farmers and businesses • Setting up of a Personalised Social Support system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 930 people with disabilities (capacity-building) • 570 young people with disabilities (economic autonomy) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • METFP • MinPop • MJS • VOVONANA • AFHAM • CROPH • Organe du développement du 	Analanjirifo Atsinanana Vatovavy	June 2022 to December 2024	USAID



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening the inclusion of the Lifeskills programme Strengthening the inclusion of people with disabilities in SILC Creating/strengthening a multi-actor consultation platform Updating the policies of companies and technical education and vocational training establishments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 structures (employers, institutions, training schemes and civil society) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diocese of Toamasina Diocese of Mananjary 			
<p>EDUCATION</p> <p>Manonga</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting partner schools for the deployment of inclusive educational training and for the implementation of inclusive action plans; Supporting schools in making adjustments for pupils with special needs Supporting teachers in strengthening inclusive teaching methods; Organising advocacy events at local and national level; Support from the Ministry of National Education and the Ministry of Technical Education and Vocational Training to organise the National Platform for Inclusive Education. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1,330 children and young people with disabilities 8240 parents and families of students with disabilities; 1320 teachers 83 parent-teachers associations (415 people) 320 people from the supervisory ministries and regional structures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of National Education Fanarenana 	<p>Atsinanana, Analanjirifo</p>	<p>January 2022 to December 2025</p>	<p>AFD Fondation Pierre Bellon</p>
<p>EDUCATION</p> <p>Mitraka, Relais project</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mapping education actors/services Organising information and awareness campaigns for users of education services and the general public Organising training sessions for actors on various topics related to the functioning of their organisation Organising meetings or get-togethers between parents of children with disabilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 80 structures strengthened, including 75 schools and 5 rehabilitation facilities, including 2 SAR (outpatient rehabilitation services) and 3 URF (functional rehabilitation units) 	<p>Institutional partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Min. of Public Health Min. of National Education Min. of Population, Social Protection and Promotion of Women 	<p>Diana Atsimo Andrefana</p>	<p>January 2023 to December 2027</p>	<p>Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organising regular meetings of the SAR (outpatient rehabilitation services) users group and schools • Supporting groups in establishing dialogue with heads of services • Supporting users in carrying out micro-projects or reasonable adjustments to improve their environment (school, home) • Training rehabilitation and education professionals on a minimum number of key subjects: Inclusive education, Inclusive culture, Personalised approach, CRPD, etc. • Organising meetings between rehabilitation professionals and education stakeholders • Training, monitoring and supporting education professionals in the use of RMS and 5S tools • Supporting the creation of bridging classes • Supporting the revision and adaptation of teacher training curricula • Putting in place systems to deal with the specific needs and support of students with disabilities • Organising meetings with decision-makers to raise awareness of the existence of conventions, texts and policies and the implementation of various national plans • Organising safe space workshops to discuss and support the application of the reference frameworks • Organising workshops to draw up a new or updated national rehabilitation plan • Organising tripartite workshops between the Ministry of Public Health, the Ministry of National 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Min. of Youth and Sports <p>Operational partnerships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CROPH • Farimbon'Ezaka ho Fahombiazan'ny Fanabeazan eny Ifotony • Fikambanan'ny Raiamandrenin'ny Mpianatra • Fédération des Professionnels de la Réadaptation de Madagascar • Association des Médecins Physiques et de Réadaptation de Madagascar • Association des Kinésithérapeutes de Madagascar • Association Malgache pour l'Ergothérapie • Association des Techniciens Orthoprothésistes de Madagascar 			
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	<p>Education and the Ministry of Youth and Sport to create interministerial synergies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting the drafting of an interministerial strategy including an action plan and the monitoring/evaluation of the deployment of inclusive education Organising strategy dissemination workshops Conducting advocacy actions and strengthening the information system 					
<p>HEALTH Hifali 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening care (including emergency care) for people with mental health issues Raising awareness to mental health, fighting stigmatisation and identifying actors and associations engaged in these actions; Advocacy for the development of national mental health training; Supporting the Mental Health Service in updating the National Mental Health and Epilepsy Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2,460 individuals and 200 mental health structures and actors, including: 80 health professionals, 280 community health workers and 100 members of local associations, 200 member services of the 26 community-based self-help networks and 2,000 vulnerable people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Public Health 	<p>Boeny Analamanga Boeny</p>	<p>January 2022 to December 2025</p>	<p>AFD</p>
<p>RIGHTS & SUPPORT TO OPDs Mahatsangy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening and personalised support for OPDs to improve their activities Strengthening their economic resilience by creating IGAs through a waterfall co-financing system; optimising the profitability of IGAs; supporting the setting up of projects and the search for financing; making funds available for awareness-raising activities; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 partner organisations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Public Health 	<p>Ana Analamanga Vakinankaratra Amoron'i Mania</p>	<p>January 2022 to December 2024</p>	<p>DCI Monaco</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boosting and developing the ZARA network 			<p>Haute Matsiatra Diana</p>		
<p>Inclusive governance Rindra</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitating exchanges between OPDs and CSOs Supporting the participatory and inclusive process of drafting and approving the action plan for implementing the CRPD Mobilising the Ministry of Population, Social Protection and the Promotion of Women to set up the National Disability Commission Supporting the actions of the Ministry of Population, Social Protection and the Promotion of Women as part of the implementation of the National Disability Inclusion Plan Carrying out a study on the barriers to the participation of people with disabilities in civilian life and decision-making bodies Supporting initiatives to bring legislation into line with the CRPD Contributing to improving the inclusiveness of Rohy and Fanainga's approaches and practices Facilitating ownership of the CRPD by regional and local authorities by making available the booklet and the videos explaining the CRPD. Supporting the structuring and capacity-building of local OPDs Supporting the operationalisation of the Disability Observatory Supporting OPDs in information-education-communication initiatives on respect for their rights and the fight against all forms of discrimination and stigmatisation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marginalised people taking part in local consultation structures in 2026: 500 Concrete actions by and for people with disabilities in local authorities to increase their involvement in public life and decision-making bodies in 2026:08 	<p>Institutional partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of the Population, Social Welfare and Promotion of Women General Directorate for Decentralisation Institut national de décentralisation et de développement local (INDDL) Regions, Districts and Communes targeted <p>Non-state actors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi-Sector Information Service (MSIS) FANAINGA – Support to Madagascan Civil Society Disability Observatory ROHY movement 	<p>Analamanga Atsinanana, Analanjirofo Menabe SAVA</p>	<p>April 2023 – December 2024</p>	<p>USAID UNDP</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing a support fund for the social participation and emancipation of people with disabilities • Supporting decentralised authorities in inclusive governance and in the development and implementation of an inclusive Municipal Development Plan and budget 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisations of People with Disabilities in the areas of intervention • Civil society organisations working in the fields of disability and/or Human Rights 			
<p>FOOD SECURITY</p> <p>Maharo</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing technical support and guidance for partners in implementing activities, through support, training, mentoring and technical recommendations • Contributing to the preparation of tools, especially survey tools, for identifying the target population in order to incorporate specific questions that will ensure the identification of people with disabilities. • Providing expertise and technical support on inclusion • Identifying and supporting the relevant operational and institutional partners to promote the inclusion of vulnerable and marginalised people and groups • Developing a practical guide to the project's inclusive approaches • Training and support throughout the project for operational and technical partners in the field of inclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 55,880 families • 279,398 participants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRS (lead) • Conseil Diocésain de Développement de Tuléar • Youth First • Land of Lakes Venture 37 • Harvard University • Cornell University 	<p>Androy</p> <p>Atsimo Andrefana</p>	<p>October 2019 - September 2024</p>	<p>USAID</p> <p>CRS</p>



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<p>FOOD SECURITY</p> <p>Tialongo</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting up a system of initial and ongoing training and coaching for rehabilitation professionals in the SARs and URFs in order to build up their skills in Severe Acute Malnutrition Stimulation Therapy (SAMST) over the long term. • Training and coaching of Community Rehabilitation Workers by rehabilitation professionals in the use of the BlueBox • Setting up mentoring for Community Workers (CWs) and Health Centre doctors by SAR rehabilitation professionals • Coordinating the assignment of physiotherapists and occupational therapists to URFs with the Ministry of Health and including stimulation therapy in initial training courses at health professional training centres. • Facilitating and guaranteeing access to stimulation therapy for the populations most affected by food insecurity by guaranteeing them holistic care (food, cash transfer, stimulation therapy for the child and psychological support for the parents). • Deployment of BlueBox in the communities • Informing and raising awareness of inclusive humanitarian action among actors in the project area • Training and supporting these players in inclusive humanitarian action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,000 with malnutrition receiving stimulation therapy • At least 10 of the humanitarian actors have the knowledge to implement inclusive humanitarian action • 17 Health Workers trained/coached in stimulation therapy/CBR • At least Health Workers trained and coached in CBR 		<p>Atsimo Andrefana</p>	<p>April 2023 - March 2024</p>	<p>Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign Affairs (80%)</p> <p>ADH</p>
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