

# EKLESIA ANGLIKANA AO AMIN'NY RANOMASINABE INDIANA EKLESIA EPISKOPALY MALAGASY DIOSESIN'I TOLIARA

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Dear People Reaching People Friends,

Cyclone Chedza hit our Diocese last week in the Morondava area on the western side of Madagascar, about 300 miles north of Toliara where Patsy and I live. As one of the largest seaport cities in the Diocese, the heavy rains, flooding and wind caused considerable damage throughout the whole island.

Below is what the press is reporting:

On 16 January, Tropical Cyclone Chedza hit the south-western part of the country in the regions of Menabe (Just north of Morondava) and Melaky. The persistent heavy rainfalls have brought about severe flooding in most parts of the country, including the capital Antananarivo, where preliminary estimates are that around 15,000 people are in need of temporary shelter. The cyclone has also affected a large part of the country along its trajectory. The most affected areas are regions of Menabe, Melaky, Boeny Mahajanga, Analamanga and the South East part of Madagascar.

<http://reliefweb.int/report/madagascar/act-alliance-alert-madagascar-flood-response-tropical-cyclone-chedza>)

It is reported now that that at least 47 people were killed by cyclone Chedza, 120,000 people affected by floods due to heavy rainfall and at least 52,936 have been displaced. 85% of the city of Morondava is underwater. The Malagasy Minister of Education reports damage to 157 primary schools, 14 colleges and five high schools.

Our local report from Rev. Lova, the Dean of Morondava, accounts of no electricity since 16<sup>th</sup> of January and food prices have skyrocketed. Displaced from their own homes, thirty people have found refuge in one of our churches just outside of Morondava. Rev. Lova confirmed spoiled agricultural terrain, specifically the rice fields, adding to the calamity because Morondava is the largest rice-growing district for the west.

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My heart cries for the Malagasy people. Life is so hard already and now a cyclone hits it once again. The Diocese of Toliara is operating cyclone relief and needs your support for the following emergency assistance:

1) FOOD PROVISION: \$12,000 provides two rice distributions over two months for 3,000 people.

2) PROVISION OF TEMPORARY SHELTERS: \$12,000 provides temporary shelter and repairs for 300 families

3) PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF SEEDS: \$5,000 purchases seeds for farmers for the upcoming planting season, replacing the spoiled harvest.

4) REPAIR OF DAMAGED CHURCHES AND PROPERTIES: \$27,000 repairs eight of our church properties damaged or destroyed by Cyclone Chedza as reported below.

**Morondava Church and Rectory:** Major flooding has damaged the church and rectory building, saturating Rev. Lova's home and destroying furniture and personal items (\$8,000)

**Tanandava Benjamin Church building has collapsed:** A temporary church, totally destroyed. (\$5,000)

**Ankiliabo Church building has collapsed:** Total damage estimated (\$4,000)

**Ankilavalo church damage:** Total damage estimated (\$3,000)

**Tsimahavaokely church:** Downed electrical poles/lines and repairs to damage inside church building. (\$3000)

**Mangily Church:** Damage to this newly dedicated church last Nov. (4,000)

**Miandrivazo:** The original temporary church wall has collapsed. (\$3,000)

The total is a bit overwhelming (\$59,000) but we trust the Lord for provision, aid and help. May you consider assisting us and sending a check to SAMS USA (<http://samsusa.org/missionaries>) for the Diocese of Toliara cyclone relief or directly to the Diocese of Toliara through the local Diocesan bank account.

Serving Christ Together,

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