

Youth-Led Emergency Preparedness & Disaster Recovery

Building Community Resilience in Madagascar • YMCA Madagascar



THE CHALLENGES FACING MADAGASCAR

One of the world's most climate-vulnerable countries. Communities face multiple environmental threats that impact lives, livelihoods and the future.



DEFORESTATION

Rapid loss of forests for charcoal, agriculture and settlement reduces biodiversity and increases vulnerability to disasters.



CYCLONES

Madagascar is in the path of frequent and intense tropical cyclones that bring strong winds, heavy rain and storm surges.



SOIL DEGRADATION

Erosion and unsustainable land use deplete soil fertility, reduce agricultural productivity and threaten food security.



FLOODING

Heavy rainfall and poor drainage cause flooding that damages homes, infrastructure, crops and livelihoods.



PROLONGED DROUGHTS

Increasing droughts limit water availability, devastate crops and livestock and intensify hunger and poverty.



VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES

Many families live in fragile housing with limited access to services, making recovery difficult and slow after disasters strike.



THE IMPACT



Loss of lives
and displacement



Food insecurity
and malnutrition



Economic losses
and reduced
livelihoods



Pressure on water
and natural
resources



Children and youth
most affected

**TOGETHER, WE CAN
BUILD RESILIENT
COMMUNITIES.**

Prepared communities save lives.
Sustainable solutions protect the future.



Why Youth Leadership Matters

- Youth are leaders, not beneficiaries
- Trusted voices within communities
- Rapid mobilization during emergencies
- Long-term commitment to local resilience



Prepare → Respond → Recover

- Prepare: risk assessments, education, early warnings
- Respond: outreach, support, volunteer mobilization
- Recover: housing rehabilitation and rebuilding
- Resilience integrated across all activities



Community Preparedness in Action

- Awareness campaigns and training
- School and youth engagement



Emergency Response & Community Support

- Identify and support vulnerable families
- Coordinate volunteer deployment
- Provide community assistance
- Support recovery planning



Recovery – After the Storm



BEFORE



AFTER

HOUSE
REHABILITATION
- Building Back Better



BEFORE



AFTER

YMCA MADAGASCAR

OUR IMPACT



Through youth leadership, community action and environmental stewardship, YMCA Madagascar is building stronger, more resilient communities.



OUR REACH (2018–2024)



10,000+

COMMUNITY MEMBERS REACHED

through environmental awareness and education



3,700+

TREES PLANTED

through community reforestation efforts



GREEN CLUBS

Youth-led clubs established in schools to promote environmental responsibility, leadership and local action



SUSTAINABILITY INTEGRATION

Environmental sustainability integrated into YMCA programming to build long-term community capacity

“ Young people are not just the leaders of tomorrow. They are leading today. ”

– YMCA Madagascar

MAKING A DIFFERENCE



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP



Youth lead tree planting, waste management and environmental education to protect natural resources and reduce disaster risk.



COMMUNITY RESILIENCE



Communities are better prepared for hazards through risk assessments, early warning awareness and volunteer mobilization.



DISASTER RECOVERY & RECONSTRUCTION



We support families to recover and rebuild safer, stronger homes that can withstand future storms and heavy rain.



YOUTH EMPOWERMENT & LEADERSHIP



Young people develop leadership skills, gain confidence and become agents of positive change in their communities.



SUSTAINABLE FUTURES



By caring for the environment and supporting communities, we are building a more sustainable and resilient Madagascar.



TOGETHER, WE BUILD RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

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❤️ *Thank you*

to our partners, volunteers and communities for creating lasting impact.



Stronger Youth. Stronger Communities. Stronger Madagascar.

Empowering Young People • Strengthening Communities • Transforming Lives

Impact & Lessons Learned

- Prepared communities recover faster
- Youth leadership creates lasting change
- Recovery should reduce future risk
- Environmental stewardship supports resilience

