**United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security**

# Madagascar

## Empowering Stakeholders to Respond to Challenges Related to Unmanaged Internal Migration in Madagascar Through a Human Security Approach

## Background information

Internal migration is not a new phenomenon in Madagascar. However, in recent years, forces such as climate change, environmental degradation, and COVID-19 have induced a significant increase in the movement of internal migrants, fundamentally changing the characteristics of migration patterns. These migratory trends impact both departure and destination communities, creating insecurity in both regions. Since migrants are primarily men, communities of origin are left with disproportional amounts of women, children, and older adults. Meanwhile, in destination regions, the significant increase of new migrants is contributing to growing tensions with local populations as well as heightened pressure on the environment as migrants use agricultural land and forests for informal encampments and income-generating activities. This complex scenario requires a comprehensive approach that enhances institutional response in tandem with targeted and contextually relevant community-based solutions.

## Goals and objectives

This programme aims to address the human insecurities that arise from increased and unmanaged internal migration as they interact with and reinforce environmental, governance, and health-related challenges by: (i) strengthening the capacity of stakeholders to formulate and implement human security policies and action-oriented initiatives that address multifaceted insecurities; and (ii) mobilizing a range of partnerships among local, national, and international stakeholders for greater support and replication of the human security approach to address the issues induced by unmanaged internal migration trends.



**DURATION**
February 2023 – March 2025

**UN IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES**
IOM, UNDP

**OTHER KEY PARTNERS**
Relevant national, regional and local authorities, NGOs and CSOs
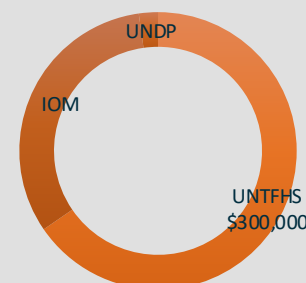
**BENEFICIARIES**
163,700

**TOTAL BUDGET**
US$ 458,565

POOLING OF RESOURCES

UNDP

IOM

UNTFHS
$300,000

## Beneficiaries

The programme directly benefits representatives of relevant ministries and other government stakeholders at national and regional levels as well as local leaders and organizations by strengthening their technical and organizational capacities to formulate and implement human security policies in the context of internal migration management. In addition, the programme indirectly benefits migrant and resident households from Androy and Menabe regions.

## Applying the Human Security approach

While recognizing the interconnected nature of migration-related challenges, which have become more complex in recent years and deepened pre-existing environmental, economic, and community insecurities, previous interventions have not adequately addressed the complex interaction of the push and pull factors contributing to increased migration as well as the impact on social cohesion and local development in migrant, host and departure communities. Addressing these multidimensional and interlinked challenges requires a comprehensive and integrated approach working at the nexus of unmanaged internal migration trends, environmental degradation, community stabilization, and COVID-19 through the human security lens.

Furthermore, by focusing on the importance of multistakeholder engagement, the programme establishes a diverse network of stakeholders across the UN system, the public sector at local, national, regional, and international levels, as well as migrants and communities affected by migration, research entities and universities, NGOs and CSOs, and the private sector. Such an approach enables government stakeholders and their partners to develop processes for collaboration that better address the root causes and spill-over effects of unsustainable and disorderly migration. It also builds capacities for formulating and implementing strategies that cut across institutions and sectors and will lead to the development of practical tools to support effective multistakeholder engagement moving forward.

In addition, given the diverse drivers and consequences of the increased and changed migration patterns, it is essential to formulate solutions that are systematically grounded in local realities, challenges, and priorities, as well as the vulnerabilities and needs specific to each affected group. To this end, the programme engages community members and local representatives in assessing the root causes and elaborating solutions to their most pressing challenges. Doing so, it ensures that the needs and perspectives of the most vulnerable people, including women, youth, and people with disabilities, are incorporated into overall responses to migration, helping realize the commitment to leave no one behind.