

## **MADAGASCAR INFORMATION FOR FY2009 TITLE II MYAP PROPOSALS**

**1. Background:** The Office of Food for Peace (FFP) has funds available for Multi-Year Assistance Programs (MYAPs) in Madagascar in FY 2009. This document supplements the FFP guidelines with information on USAID/Madagascar and FFP's food security programming priorities.

**2. Food Security Situation and Geographic Priorities:** Food insecurity remains a serious problem in Madagascar -- 65% of people face chronic food insecurity, and 48% of children are stunted. The country is prone to natural disasters, particularly cyclones, floods and drought, the frequency and severity of which have increased in recent years. The east coast is at risk during cyclones due to its deforestation and high population density. Food production per capita has fallen and crops are often destroyed by cyclones, pest and drought. The south is also prone to food insecurity due to frequent drought. With rising food prices, urban food insecurity has increased and inaccessible areas are highly affected.

USAID/Madagascar has developed a *Food Security Programming Framework (FSPF)* which focuses on vulnerability and synergies with other USAID programs. This framework includes a relative ranking of food insecurity by district, based on vulnerability to recurrent shocks and inaccessibility. Priority will be given to proposals targeted to work in districts with high rates of malnutrition and categorized as most vulnerable to cyclones, droughts or inaccessibility, although proposals may be accepted for work in other areas if a convincing rationale is provided. MYAPs should also focus in areas where gaps exist in food security programming and where synergies can be created by complementing other development activities. Where other activities already exist, MYAPs should complement but not duplicate these activities. Where such activities are lacking, MYAPs should take a more comprehensive approach.

**3. USAID/Madagascar Programming Priorities:** The FSPF can be obtained from the Mission. A list of priority districts is attached. MYAPs should explore mechanisms for collaboration and joint programming with Mission-funded activities. MYAPs should indicate how activities will support Government of Madagascar priorities, as defined by the Madagascar Action Plan.

Mission and FFP priority objectives and activities for Title II MYAPs are summarized below:

***Improving maternal and child nutrition, especially for children under two years of age:***

MYAP components should take a preventive approach to include a strong behavior change element, the provision of health and nutrition counseling and services, and the provision of food to pregnant and lactating women and children aged 6-24 months.

***Agricultural Productivity:*** MYAPs should promote sustainable agricultural productivity through a farming systems approach that emphasizes agro-ecology, crop diversification, and improved technologies for production, storage, processing and water use.

***Food Access:*** MYAPs should seek to ensure food access to vulnerable households through activities such as food-for-assets, safety net rations, and household income generation activities. Urban programs to address poverty and high food prices may also be an option.

***Disaster Preparedness and Response:*** MYAPs should support disaster preparedness efforts and include a plan to respond in the event of significant disasters.

***Resiliency:*** MYAPs should focus on community capacities to withstand and recover from shocks, both environmental and economic. Key factors to address are: environmental degradation; water use management; community collaboration and resource management.

### Mission list of priority Food Insecure districts

<b>Vulnerability to cyclones and flooding</b>	<b>Vulnerability to Drought</b>	<b>Vulnerability due to Inaccessibility</b>
Maroantsetra	Amboasary Atsimo	Anosibe An'Ala
Mananara Avaratra	Befotaka	Marolambo
Soanierana Ivongo	Ambovombe Androy	Ifanadiana
Fenoarivo Atsinananana	Tsihombe	Ikongo
Toamasina II	Bekily	Fandriana
Toamasina I	Beloha	Ambositra
Vohibinany	Ampanihy	Manandriana
Vatomandry	Betioky Atsimo	Midongy Atsimo
Mahanoro		
Antanambao manampotsy		
Nosy varika		
Mananjary		
Manakara		
Vohipeno		
Farafangana		
Vangaindrano		