

REPAIR DISBURSES OVER USD42.3 MILLION TO SUPPORT DISASTER-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES IN MADAGASCAR, MALAWI AND MOZAMBIQUE



Thousands of families were displaced by severe flooding in Malawi.

Since the beginning of 2026, the Regional Emergency Preparedness and Access to Inclusive Recovery (REPAIR) program has prioritized the urgent needs of climate-impacted communities by disbursing in excess of USD42 million to Madagascar, Malawi, and Mozambique.

These rapid activations ensure that life-saving assistance reaches the most vulnerable populations within days of a disaster. In Malawi, USD2.37 million was paid out to support the thousands of families affected by severe flooding, particularly in Nkhosha District.

In Mozambique, the Program disbursed USD20 million to support relief and recovery efforts seeking to address the needs of over 231,000 people whose homes were destroyed and who are now facing a cholera outbreak.

Meanwhile, in Madagascar, USD11 million (out of a total of USD19.9 million) was specifically allocated for cash transfers and cash-for-work programs to support the livelihoods of 424,000 people impacted by back-to-back cyclones.

By providing food, medical kits, and safe water, REPAIR is complementing national relief operations in its three member countries, ensuring that relief arrives when most needed.

SIMULATION EXERCISES REINFORCE OPERATIONAL PREPAREDNESS

Along with financial preparedness, REPAIR continues to focus on building the region's operational readiness. In Madagascar, a successful inaugural Crisis Simulation Exercise was held last December to familiarize key stakeholders with the reserve activation processes.

This exercise proved vital for detecting operational risks and streamlining the flow of emergency funds to delivery channels, ensuring critical supplies reach beneficiaries rapidly.

Building on this success, Burundi successfully conducted its own SimEx in last month. The exercise immersed national officials in a realistic emergency scenario, building their ability to coordinate, make decisions, and activate REPAIR's reserve financial instrument.

With the region facing a significant funding gap for climate disasters, SimExes provide essential hands-on experience in unlocking resources.



REPAIR's first SimEx was held in Madagascar.

REPAIR ANNUAL CONFERENCE, A PLATFORM FOR PEER LEARNING

REPAIR's will host its 2026 Annual Meeting in South Africa from April 24-26. This event will bring together the Program's participating nations and partners. A central pillar of the event is peer-to-peer learning, with dedicated sessions for Mozambique, Madagascar, and Comoros to share best practices ground realities based on their own recent experiences.

Participants will engage in specialized training on parametric insurance, disaster risk finance data, and social inclusion.

By facilitating this regional exchange of expertise, REPAIR hopes to leverage collective experiences to build a more robust, collaborative disaster management ecosystem in Eastern and South Africa.

Did you know?

In Burundi, **eight million** people were directly affected by **900** separate disasters between 2000 and 2025, according to DRF Diagnostic presented by the World Bank last month as part of the launch of REPAIR in Bujumbura.



REMEMBERING OUR DEAR COLLEAGUE DR CHARLES MAZINVANHANGA

It is with immense sadness that we announce the passing of our esteemed colleague, Dr Charles Mazinvanhanga, who passed away on January 29 after a brief illness.

Charles, who acted as the Program's Flood Risk Preparedness Specialist, was greatly appreciated by his colleagues for his warmth and work ethic.

In a message, our colleague Paul Murphy described Charles, as *"an absolute gentleman"* who was always

"solutions-focused" and *"positive"*.

For her part, the acting senior program manager, Gloria Womitso, spoke of *"his expertise, professionalism, and strong commitment to his work"*.

A memorial in Charles' memory was held on February 16 during which colleagues were able to pay their last respects to Charles.

The entire REPAIR team once again presents its deepest condolences to Charles' family.

ARC ANGLE

THE IMPORTANCE OF COMPLEMENTARITY IN DISASTER RISK FINANCE

The passage of two intense tropical cyclones in Madagascar last month inflicted heavy human and economic losses on the *Grande Ile*. But thanks to a combination of three complementary pre-arranged financing instruments under the ARC umbrella, including REPAIR reserves, the country was able to mobilize USD29 million to support its response and recovery operations.

In a statement, the Dr Jean Chrysostome Ngabitsinze, ARC's Group Director General, explained that: *"Madagascar has demonstrated strong leadership in strengthening its preparedness for climate-related shocks and has been a longstanding and committed partner of ARC. The resources mobilised today are the result of that collaboration and foresight. ARC remains fully committed to standing alongside Madagascar as response and recovery efforts continue."*

MEET THE TEAM



Fidel João
Country Focal Point
Mozambique

Fidel holds a master's degree in environmental protection from the University of Belgrade (Serbia) and a bachelor's degree in agricultural engineering at Eduardo Mondlane University (Mozambique).

He is also a certified expert in microfinance from Frankfurt School of Finance and Management. As REPAIR Focal Point for Mozambique, he supports the Ministry of Finance and other stakeholders on coordinating program implementation and capacity building in the country.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Crisis Simulation Exercise - Zambia

March 16-17, Lusaka

It's Zambia's turn to deepen its knowledge of REPAIR's reserve activation process with a Simulation Exercise. Participants will be immersed in a realistic disaster scenario and work in teams to formulate responses.

REPAIR Annual Meeting

March 24-26, South Africa

Bringing together Ministries of Finance, delivery channels and program partners, this three-day event will provide a platform for peer-to-peer learning and set the agenda for REPAIR going ahead.

ABOUT REPAIR

Launched in October 2024, the **Regional Emergency Preparedness and Access to Inclusive Recovery** (REPAIR) Program is committed to strengthening the financial and operational preparedness of Eastern & Southern African (ESA) countries against climate shocks. The program currently comprises **Angola, Burundi, Comoros, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Seychelles** and **Zambia**. Ultimately, participation in REPAIR will grow to 12 participating countries.

REPAIR is a **World Bank** project implemented by **ARC Ltd**. It centers around a USD926 million **Regional Climate Risk Fund**, with a further USD795 million expected to be leveraged from private capital by 2031. An additional grant funding from the **Global Shield Financing Facility** supports the implementation of Technical Assistance services for both financial and operational preparedness activities by ARC Ltd.

By providing access to tailored and adapted pre-arranged financing facilities, coupled with efficient and transparent mechanisms to channel funding to affected communities, REPAIR supports effective and gender-sensitive responses in times of need. REPAIR also intends to support adequate coping mechanisms for affected MSMEs/WSMEs.



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