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Peer-to-Peer 
Learning Workshop

MADAGASCAR, 15-18 SEPTEMBER 2026

How REPAIR's regional peer-to-peer learning workshop in Madagascar is helping to foster shared approaches to climate resilience.



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The REPAIR Program's recent peer-to-peer learning workshop in Antananarivo, Madagascar, yielded some extremely valuable insights on some of the financial and operational challenges facing countries in Eastern and Southern African and how they are trying to adapt their disaster risk financing strategies accordingly.

The four-day event was designed to provide a platform for the host country, which is one of three Phase 1 countries, to share its experiences in activating REPAIR with a cohort of Phase 2 countries, namely Burundi, Malawi, Seychelles and Zambia.

For the record, Madagascar had successfully triggered a USD19.9 million activation request earlier this year, after having been struck by two intense tropical cyclones.

During the workshop, the entities involved in managing and implementing the country's disaster response provided in-depth accounts of how they prepare for shocks, and how they finance and coordinate relief and recovery operations across La Grande Île.

Presenters included high-level representatives from the *Direction Générale du Trésor* (DGT), the *Bureau National de Gestion des Risques et Catastrophes* (BNGRC), the *Cellule de Prévention et de la Gestion des Urgences* (CPGU), and the *Fonds d'Intervention pour le Développement* (FID).

Information is not a one-way street, however. The Phase 2 countries present were also keen to share their experiences in disaster risk management and disaster risk finance with each other, as well as with the host country and REPAIR experts.

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"The countries have started the [REPAIR] process at different points in time. Seychelles, for example, only signed our first distribution channel earlier this month. We're on a learning journey with other countries. I think this peer-to-peer learning exchange is very important because it showcases the best practices, the different challenges that other countries face and together we can come up with regional solutions to addressing these challenges."

Maryana Labonte

Director General, Economic Planning

Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning, Trade and Investment

Seychelles

"As someone who has been in the disaster risk financing arena for a number of years, peer-to-peer learning has given me so much value. Sometimes, when you're implementing things, you think that you're on track, but once you get to have that face-to-face with what other countries are doing, you realize that you have certain gaps that you need to address. And that knowledge that's coming from other countries is helping us in Malawi to move in a better, more effective way."



Chinsinsi Phiri

Principal Economist

Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Decentralisation

Malawi

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"To successfully implement REPAIR, it's important to have everything in place: the procedures, the trigger thresholds, and all the actors must be informed of what's expected of them and what they need to do at a particular time. The other thing that I've learned is the fact that it's possible to integrate REPAIR with other disaster financing strategies so that you can have a robust framework for financing disasters."

Matrina M. Mumba

Principal Prevention and Mitigation Officer

*Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit, Office of the Vice President
Zambia*

"All our countries are being confronted with climate change. This means that we have to organize ourselves by putting in place mechanisms for prevention, mechanisms that allow us to have real-time information to be able to respond to these disasters. We have the opportunity to learn from others, the experiences of others, how they managed to put in place systems for disaster prevention and management. It also allows us to see that it is possible for us to put in place these mechanisms."



Francine Inarukundo

Permanent Secretary

Ministry of Finance

Burundi

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