

Annual Meeting Cements REPAIR as Leading Regional Disaster Risk Finance Platform

The 2026 REPAIR Annual Meeting Program convened around 80 representatives of Finance Ministries and delivery channels of participating countries and program partners at the IRENE Country Hotel in Johannesburg, South Africa, from March 24–26, 2026. Delegates from Angola, Burundi, Comoros, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Seychelles, Zambia, and the Democratic Republic of Congo gathered for peer-to-peer exchanges, to evaluate the program’s first 18 months of implementation and

refine the ‘*menu of solutions*’ for future phases.

The meeting addressed the need to strengthen the program’s offering in terms of technical capacity, while ensuring that disbursements - which have already reached nearly **USD60 million** - continue to be made within seven days. By reviewing case studies from previous disbursements, participants were able to put in place systems to ensure that countries possess the capability to protect livelihoods against a volatile climate.



Comoros, Madagascar, Mozambique and Malawi shared their recent real-life experiences with the REPAIR reserve disbursement process following disasters. For instance, Madagascar which triggered a **USD19.9 million** pay out after being hit by two intense tropical cyclones, Gezani (pictured) and Fytia, in quick succession earlier this year, highlighted the integration of Environment & Social risk management by distribution channels.

The Annual Meeting also saw the operationalisation of the Regional Climate Risk Fund (RCRF) during the first sitting of its executive committee. It focused on reviewing the charter and discussing implementation performance, whilst also examining the roles and responsibilities of members, including oversight of financial reports, approval of workplans and budgets, and review of reserve management strategies. **Khadafi Said** of Comoros and **Wilson Nyasulu** of Malawi were appointed Chair and Vice-Chair of the RCRF, respectively, for a period of one year.

Cash Transfer and Cash-For-Work Activities Support Thousands of Affected Households

REPAIR paid out USD19.9 million to Madagascar following the passage of two devastating tropical cyclones in the space of just ten days in early 2026. In line with government’s disaster response plan, over half that sum was earmarked for direct cash transfers and cash-for-work programs for households in affected regions, as well as a further USD19.5 million from the World Bank Group’s Crisis Preparedness and Response Toolkit. These activities, which are ongoing, are being managed by the Fonds d’Intervention pour le Développement. To date, almost 50,000 households have benefited from cash transfers and the cash-for-work program.



Spotlight on our Beneficiaries



“The floods came quickly and took everything we had. This support will help me feed the children as we try to rebuild our lives,” explains Regina James, a 39-year-old farmer and mother of five from the village of Ntholomi in the Nkhotakota District in Malawi who experienced severe losses when flooding struck her community in January, destroying her home, livestock, and maize field.

The sudden onset of the floods left her family without food, clothing, or shelter, and disrupted her children’s schooling. With her primary source of livelihood washed away, Regina has since relied on occasional piecework to support her household. Following the pay out of USD2.37 million by REPAIR to the Malawian government, Regina received maize, beans, soya pieces, salt, blankets, and basic household utensils, which she noted will help in stabilizing her family’s immediate living conditions.



Gender Equality and Financial Literacy in Comoros

Gender equality and social inclusion (GESI) and financial literacy are two central components of REPAIR. The program organized two workshops to promote understanding of these subjects in Comoros in April. The first, entitled *Inclusive Emergency Response for Vulnerable People*, was a highly participatory event which allowed 27 participants to gain experience with the Social Inclusion Assessment Tool and identify key elements of social exclusion in the country.

The second workshop was a training of trainers (ToT) organized in conjunction with the Central Bank of Comoros (CBC). It focused on financial literacy in the context of resilience to climate shocks. The ToT helped reinforce the messaging of a subsequent CBC event on climate resilience which was attended by over 150 women.

MEET THE TEAM

Aumashvini Gobin - *Program Management Officer*

Aumashvini is a sustainability and disaster risk management professional with a technical background in civil and energy engineering. She brings cross-sectoral experience from both public and private institutions, with a strong focus on climate resilience, climate finance, and post-disaster recovery, particularly within the context of small island developing states.



What is 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 is centered 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 supports adapted coping mechanisms for Micro-, Small and Medium Enterprises and Women-Owned/Led Small and Medium Enterprises.



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