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Southern Madagascar braces for El Niño with 2.5 million already facing acute hunger



Explainer image: southern Madagascar's spiny forest. JialiangGao www.peace-on-earth.org, CC BY-SA 4.0 via Wikimedia Commons. Context, not a photo of the event.

More than 2.5 million people in Madagascar's Greater South face acute food insecurity after a severe drought and the near-total collapse of the 2025–26 farming season, Action Against Hunger said, warning [Prediction · Action Against Hunger] El Niño could make it worse from October 2026.

[Prediction · IPC] IPC analysis projects emergency (Phase 4) conditions in six districts. The IPC forecasts that [Prediction · IPC] by April 2027, 39 per cent of children under five in the Grand South — nearly 270,000 — will be acutely malnourished, AFP reported; [Prediction · WFP] WFP expects around 3.7 million people nationwide in crisis-level food insecurity.

Aid cuts and inflation add to the threat, and [Prediction · Action Against Hunger] El Niño effects could persist until 2028.

DEPTH five layers, from what happened to the full picture

L1 WHAT HAPPENED

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L2 WHO'S AFFECTED

Children most of all: the IPC forecasts that [Prediction · IPC] by April 2027, 39 per cent of children under five in the Grand South — nearly 270,000 — will be acutely malnourished. [Prediction · IPC] Six districts are projected at emergency (Phase 4) conditions.

L3 WHY IT'S QUIET

Madagascar was No. 10 on CARE's list of the ten least-covered humanitarian crises of 2025, with 6,210 online articles all year.

L4 DEEPER IMPACT

[Prediction · WFP] WFP expects around 3.7 million people nationwide in crisis-level food insecurity. Aid cuts and inflation add to the threat.

L5 FULL CONTEXT

Action Against Hunger warned [Prediction · Action Against Hunger] El Niño could make things worse from October 2026, and its effects could persist until 2028.

SOURCES Action Against Hunger: Madagascar: El Niño to worsen the food crisis in the Greater South · France 24 / AFP: Famine-scarred southern Madagascar braces for El Nino · CARE: The 10 most under-reported humanitarian crises of 2025

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