

UNFPA Madagascar: Saving women lives in the municipality of Maromiandra (District of Tuléar II) following the floods of January 2017

The region of Atsimo Andrefana, particularly the municipality of Maromiandra in the District of Tuléar II, was affected by a flood caused by heavy rains during January 2017. Maromiandra is a municipality of 9,678 people including 2,265 women of child-bearing age. 800 ha of crops were destroyed with no expect of harvest for the inhabitants.

In order to save the lives of pregnant women, who are among the most vulnerable groups in this context, UNFPA Madagascar has provided the Maromiandra Health Center with Emergency Reproductive Health Kits including medicines and medical equipment as well as 129 individual delivery kits and 100 dignity kits.

Thanks to this UNFPA donation, the lives of a thousand pregnant women will be saved through access to free maternity care at Maromiandra Health Center. This health center will offer 900 prenatal and post-natal consultations, 130 free and quality assisted deliveries for a period of 5 months.

Hortense, 25, giving birth to her 3rd child, is among the beneficiaries of these kits. **"My child was born on January 26, 2017 at 8:15 am, I am thankful to the medical staff of this health center who gave me the necessary care for the smooth progress of my delivery in spite of the difficult situation we have been through. I am particularly pleased that care has been offered to us, that my baby is doing well and that I was able to receive the necessary clothes and warm my newborn as well as hygiene items for myself,"** Said this young mother, who lost everything during the flood.



Hortense, 25, with her newborn, here with the individual delivery kit



Medicines and medical equipment made available to the Maromiandra Health Center