Reconstruction Work after a Cyclone in Sambirano Madagascar

The cocoa growing region of Madagascar was affected by the cyclone ENAWO in March 2017. Overall, the catastrophe caused 81 deaths and 450,000 injured in Madagascar, showing the lack of resilience of the country to climate change. The post cyclone reconstruction work aimed at quickly restoring the living conditions of the locals and with this removing the constraints of farmers.

The reconstruction work in the Sambirano valley involved the following:

- Distribution of food pack and wash kit for 1400 households, affecting about 7300 people
- Rehabilitation of access roads (6 sections, total length of 320m, took 75 days) with local manpower (vulnerable workers with priority) benefitting around 2'010 households.
- Removal of sands/mud in rice fields and distribution of new seeds around 300 families (425kg).
- Rehabilitation of 85 water access points in 20 villages. Prioritization was given to those close to hospitals, schools or vulnerable households.

This activity benefits 2'000 households (around 10'300 persons) and 2'700 students. In total, the intervention has affected 22 villages in 8 municipalities.

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The project cocoa farmers and their communities in Madagascar in the center, and touches upon one of the focus areas of the Lindt Cocoa Foundation:

1) Support projects that aim at fostering an enabling environment and removing constraints farmers face to improve their practices

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Mora Marcelline – Femme d’un producteur de cacao dans le projet KASAVA (Sustainable Fine Flavor Cocoa Program Madagascar)

« J’ai été très agréablement surpris lorsque je suis venu ici car on n’est pas habitué à recevoir des dons et autres aides. Ici à Antsamala après le passage du cyclone, l’eau du Sambirano était montée et a inondé tout le village et tous nos points d’eau (puits). Merci à vous de nous avoir donner ces produits pour nettoyer l’eau. Cela va beaucoup nous servir pour éviter que nos enfants tombent malade avec cette eau contaminée. Merci aussi pour le riz ; le prix ici s’était subitement augmenté, jusqu’à cinq fois, après ces évènements. Ça va nous suffire, à moi et à mon mari, pendant 03 jours »