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# Universal Periodic Review of Madagascar

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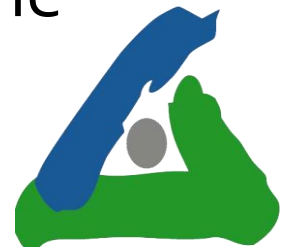
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# Introduction

- The **Justice and Peace Commission of the Secular Franciscan Order** works in environmental protection and protection of vulnerable communities through research and advocacy.
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- Carried out a **fact-finding mission** among internal migrants in Mahajanga, in the north of the country.
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- Drafting of the report for UPR Madagascar with **Franciscans International**, Geneva-based NGO supporting and amplifying the Franciscan voice at the United Nations.



# Theme 1: The right to a healthy environment

- UPR 2019 : 14 recommendations supported on extreme poverty

## ***Current situation***

- Madagascar - 4th most vulnerable country to climate change
- Unprecedented situation of prolonged drought in the Grand Sud, a region where 91% of people live below the poverty line  
→ Lack of water and food → 1.47 million people in a situation of food insecurity
- Lack of infrastructure and state investment in the Grand Sud



# Theme 1: The right to a healthy environment

## Recommendations:

- Adopt specific multi-sectoral public policies that include the obligations contained in the right to a healthy environment and address the root causes of extreme poverty, particularly in the far south.
- Amend the updated Malagasy Environment Charter Act No. 2015-003 to include a dimension of adaptability for people who are already vulnerable to climate hazards.



# Theme 2 : Migrations

- 2019 UPR : no recommendations on internal migration

## Current situation

- Lack of financial and material resources on the part of the authorities to provide a decent welcome for migrants
- Community and land disputes
- Difficulties of access to health, education, food and water highlighted by migrants



# Theme 2 : Migrations

## Recommendations.

- Adopt an internal migration policy that takes account of the adverse effects of climate change on vulnerable populations
- Adopt legal, administrative and financial measures to address basic needs and provide for the dignified and sustainable reception of internally displaced persons in accordance with the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement.



## Theme 3 : Human rights and environment

- 2019 UPR : 4 recommendations on good governance and 4 on human rights and the environment

### Current situation.

- Migrants settle near national parks and unsupervised areas
- Use of short-term strategies for agriculture, leading to the destruction of arable land
- Complacency on the part of the authorities in the allocation of land





# Theme 3 : Human rights and environment

## Recommendations

- Introduce an interministerial system for identifying and registering displaced persons in their place of destination, to ensure better monitoring since their departure.
- Adapt environmental policy to reconcile environmental protection with access to fundamental human rights, by including the people concerned, particularly displaced persons, in decision-making and taking account of the customs and traditions of communities.

