



Project VISAINA

Establishing the basis for clean, healthy and resilient cities through an integrated and smart approach in Madagascar · GEF ID 11341

Country: Madagascar

City : Toamasina

Implementing agency: UNIDO

Executing Partner: Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development (MEDD)



Project overview

Development objective

To promote sustainable, inclusive and resilient urban development in Toamasina through integrated and smart approaches.

Key project interventions

- Smart City Lab (Output 2.2)
- Resilience and restoration pilot activities in Vohibola/Pangalanes (Output 3.3)
- Co financing and public private partnerships (PPPs) (Output 3.4)
- E learning and capacity building (Output 4.2)

GEF funding/co-financing

- GEF financing :\$ 11,559,930
- Co financing: \$ 35,595,778



Key project targets

500,000 500,000 residents benefiting from strengthened urban resilience

480 ktCO₂eq 480 ktCO₂e of GHG emissions mitigated

1,500 1,500 ha of ecosystems protected/restored

Post cyclone context

Cyclone Gezani, which struck on 10 February 2026, further underscored the need to strengthen urban resilience in Toamasina: at least 62 people died, more than 427,000 were affected, and 18,000 homes were destroyed. Reconstruction needs are estimated at USD 142.4 million.



Current project status

Current stage: the team is in place; adjustments still need to be secured before the IPA is finalized and the official launch.

APRIL 2026

Project Management Unit established

Current stage: the project team is in place and preparatory work is ongoing ahead of the official project launch.

MAY 2026

Initial adjustments considered in response to the impacts of Cyclone Gezani

JUNE – AUGUST 19

Consolidation of outstanding technical and budgetary issues

AUGUST 25 –
SEPTEMBER 10

Revised manual and clarifications

Next steps: project launch, inception phase and baseline reassessment.



Updated timeline and next steps

