



Presbyterian Mission

Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations

MADAGASCAR

The United Nations in the Republic of Madagascar

International Office for Migration (IOM): Since 2014, IOM has implemented a variety of programs meant to address the challenges of migration as it relates to trafficking, health, and natural disasters. In 2020, IOM is supporting the Madagascar government in addressing challenges to and promoting benefits of migration, including the fight against human trafficking and climate-induced migration.¹

UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF): UNICEF works on a broad range of issues as they relate to the rights and wellbeing of children: education, sanitation, nutrition, and more. As a result, 43,000 teachers have been trained by UNICEF, and 3.6 million children are vaccinated against major childhood diseases.²

UN Country Team in Madagascar: The UN Country Team coordinates activity between UN agencies in Madagascar. This is the main organizing unit the Secretary-General has used to monitor democratic function in Madagascar following elections in January 2019; the next Presidential election will take place in 2023.³

UN Development Programme (UNDP): UNDP provides development assistance through workshops and consultations using the Sustainable Development Goals. In Madagascar, they focus on eradicating poverty, transforming structures, and building resilience.⁴

UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR): Madagascar faces a variety of humanitarian challenges, such as cyclones, drought, and locust attacks. OCHA is responsible for coordinating a short- and long-term responses.⁵

UN Population Fund (UNFPA): UNFPA is responsible for gender-based initiatives and reproductive health. In 2020, UNFPA assisted safe deliveries for over 50,000 babies, and provided 27 facilities for specialized GBV services, including for instances of rape.⁶

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) & Madagascar

Presbyterian Mission: The PC(USA) is partnered with the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar (FJKM) and works with partners on improving teaching methods in schools, promoting agricultural development, and slowing the spread of diseases among the Malagasy. The Church supports of a couple of missionary co-workers in Madagascar who divide their labor on environmental and sanitation issues respectively. This includes a program in which mission co-workers teach fruit growing techniques to seminary students and the significance of agriculture.⁷

Madagascar Mission Network (MMN): This network is an association of different people, congregations, and churches working to provide a holistic vision for the various partnerships that exist between the PC(USA) and FJKM.⁸

PC(USA) Policy on Madagascar: In 2018, the 223rd General Assembly (2018) in St. Louis approved a comprehensive policy on promoting democracy and human rights in Madagascar, which included language on increased aid for development, calls for transparency from extractive industries, and human trafficking.⁹ As of the 224th General Assembly (2020), the Presbyterian Hunger Program is supporting community development and tree-planting projects in Madagascar.¹⁰

Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations (PMUN)

Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations is called to act on an issue when it meets three criteria: the PC(USA) has a policy regarding the topic, partner churches are in favor of action, and it appears on the UN agenda. In the case of Madagascar, PMUN has interpreted their ministry by monitoring the situation through the UN Department of Political Affairs and Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance. In 2019, our office also attended an event hosted by the International Peace Institute on 'Leading for Peace,' discussing the evolving situation in Madagascar.

¹ <https://www.iom.int/countries/madagascar>

² <https://www.unicef.org/madagascar/>

³ <https://news.un.org/en/story/2019/01/1030032>

⁴ <http://www.mg.undp.org/content/madagascar/fr/home/our-focus.html>

⁵ <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Countries/AfricaRegion/Pages/MGIIndex.aspx>

⁶ <https://www.unfpa.org/data/emergencies/madagascar-humanitarian-emergency>

⁷ <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/prayer-card-turk/>

⁸ <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/letter/madagascar-mission-network/>

⁹ <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000317>

¹⁰ <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search>