

Africa

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Madagascar, La Reunion Islands



NEEDS

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Country: **Madagascar**

Cry of the Earth

- erosion and soil degradation results from deforestation and overgrazing
- desertification
- agricultural fires
- surface water contaminated with raw sewage and other organic wastes
- wildlife preservation (endangered species of flora and fauna unique to the island)

Cry of the Poor

- The population is predominantly rural and poor; chronic malnutrition is prevalent, and large families are the norm.
- Many young Malagasy girls are withdrawn from school, marry early (often pressured to do so by their parents), and soon begin having children.
 - Early childbearing, coupled with Madagascar's widespread poverty and lack of access to skilled health care providers during delivery, increases the risk of death and serious health problems for young mothers and their babies
- Child marriage perpetuates gender inequality and is prevalent among the poor, the uneducated, and rural household
 - Forms of arranged marriage whereby young girls are married to older men in exchange for oxen or money are traditional
- persistent class tension, with some ethnic groups maintaining a caste system. Slave descendants are vulnerable to unequal access to education and jobs

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Country: **La Réunion**

Cry of the Earth

- Prone to natural disasters such as tropical cyclones and volcanic eruptions

Commitments

- Water supply and waste water collection is difficult due to urban sprawl
- Waste treatment also need to be improved and the use of pesticide reduced to reduce risks of pollution.

Cry of the Poor

- A large wealth gap had fueled social tensions in more recent times.
- Unemployment is high, particularly among the young and emigration is common
 - Brain drain as young people move out