Madagascar | Drought, food insecurity and malnutrition

- Southern Madagascar is experiencing one of the worst meteorological droughts in its history. The extent and magnitude of precipitation deficit through the past 4 years is clearly represented by the Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI).
- The current drought situation is caused by this strong and long-lasting reduced precipitation, mainly during the rainy seasons (in particular the last two), and is expected to cause cascading impacts in the next lean season.

See also the DG ECHO Daily Map of 11 May on drought and food insecurity in Madagascar.

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The Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) is used to monitor the occurrence of meteorological drought. The lower (i.e. more negative) the SPI, the more intense is the drought.