

## **Resolution on Madagascar: Human Rights activist imprisoned for denouncing the unjust management of aid by the world food program (WFP) and school closures**

- Jeannot Randriamanana, member of MMM Jovenes of Mananjary (south-east Madagascar) and teacher, used Facebook to denounce the World Food Program's (WFP) misappropriation of food aid for victims of the Batsirai cyclone (February 2022) and the closure of public schools in his town.
- A senator, deputy, and school district leader filed charges against him for "defamation and public disorder." On 17 March 2022, Jeannot was sentenced to 2 years of imprisonment; he has appealed the sentence.
- Jeannot Randriamanana is a whistleblower who frequently uses Facebook to denounce injustices.
- The complaint against him is an attempt to silence an activist who has not violated the law but has merely denounced fact-based events.

The Centrist Democrat International (CDI) has declared the following:

- The acts being carried out against Jeannot Randriamanana must cease and he should be released immediately
- The law should not be used to silence and unjustly imprison whistleblowers and activists
- Authorities at all levels must demonstrate full transparency in the management of international aid
- In preparation for the upcoming presidential elections in Madagascar, authorities at all levels must exercise restraint and avoid any form of violation of fundamental freedoms, including the **freedom of opinion and expression**