

Highlights

- Tropical Cyclone Ava impacted thousands of people and caused numerous damages in infrastructure.
- 33 deaths and 22 missing people have been reported.
- Road access to some south-eastern and south-western parts of the country has been cut off.
- Humanitarian response is ongoing, including provision of food, water, sanitation and health services.
- An aerial assessment is assessing the extent of the floods and the possible impacts on agriculture.

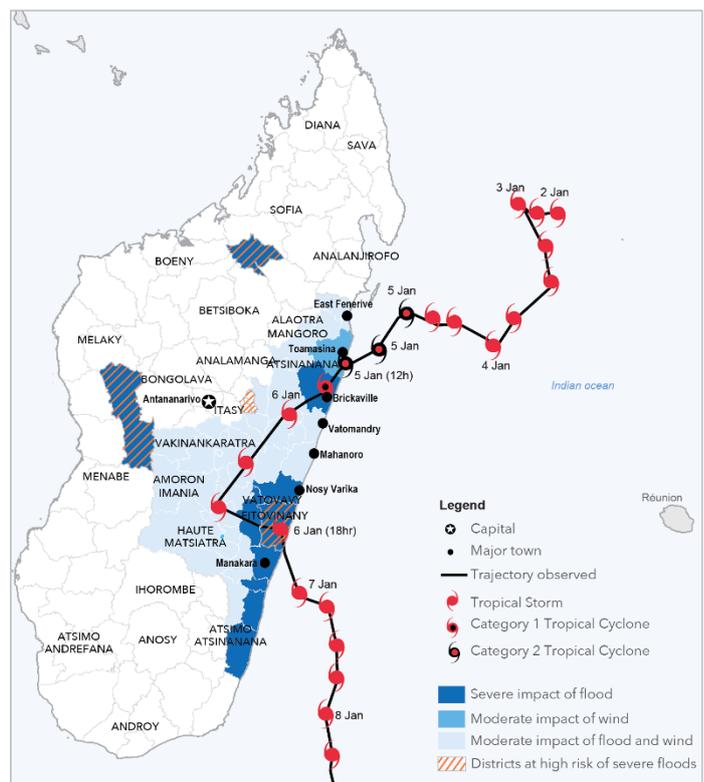
Situation

Tropical Cyclone Ava, which passed through Madagascar on 5 and 6 January 2018 with heavy rains and strong winds, affected thousands of people and caused numerous damages in infrastructure, mainly roads.

According to the Malagasy authorities, as of 9 January, about 123,000 people had been directly or indirectly impacted by Tropical Cyclone Ava, with 24,800 people evacuated, 33 dead and 22 missing. The cyclone damaged 19 health centres and affected 141 schools, including 77 classrooms used as shelter for displaced people. About 34,640 children are out of school.

Road access to some south-eastern and south-western parts of the country has been cut off. River levels have started to moderately decrease in Antananarivo and in the south-eastern coast. However, evacuated people are still staying in several temporary sites. Remaining displaced people are mainly in Antananarivo and in the south-eastern coast; while almost all displaced people in Brickaville and Toamasina have already returned to their homes. It is common that the number of displaced people reduces in the days following a cyclone, as people return home if there are no floods or landslide threat.

Madagascar: Tropical Cyclone AVA Trajectory and Affected Areas (as of 10 January 2018)



Sources: GDACS, METEO MADAGASCAR, NDMO, OCHA

Response

The Bureau National de Gestion des Risques et des Catastrophes (BNGRC)/ National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) is coordinating the ongoing response with partners. The humanitarian activities include provision of food, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), and medicines to affected people, as well as camp management for temporary sites where evacuated people are staying. An inter-agency aerial assessment is ongoing in Miandrivazo district (Menabe Region) and the south-eastern coast, as isolated districts are still flooded. Rehabilitation of roads have started, as well as cleaning of debris, mainly in Toamasina and surrounding areas, where Ava made landfall.

Another Flash Update will be issued only if more relevant information becomes available.