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1. Introduction

This concise report provides a snapshot flood update for Madagascar, based on a wide selection of public media sources (X, YouTube, BlueSky, and News Outlets) in English and French languages, published between 9th February 2026 and the time of writing.

You will find information on:

- The causes of the floods, including the hydrologic situation
- The impact of the floods, including the flooded locations
- With links to the original media content

The purpose of the report is to help flood experts rapidly understand the current situation on-the-ground. Note that we used ChatGPT-5 as our preferred Large Language Model to assist with the information extraction and with the generation of the report.

Limitations: This report was produced under time constraint and may contain false and omissions. It is important that the reader is critical to the information given.

2. Causes mentioned the media

2.1. Landfall of a Category 3 tropical cyclone near Toamasina

- Cyclone Gezani made landfall on the eastern coast of Madagascar, near the city of Toamasina, as a high-intensity system.
- The cyclone's direct landfall is described as the initiating event leading to destruction and flooding.
- After making landfall in Atsinanana cyclone Gezani lost speed and became a more mild tropical storm. Expected to increase in severity again by the time it reaches Mozambique.

References include

- <https://x.com/AlexTerry17482/status/2021502156134928692>
- <https://x.com/Lowvelder/status/2021504812261703879>
- <https://africannewsagency.com/cyclone-gezani-leaves-trail-of-destruction-in-madagascar/>
- <https://twitter.com/RoshinRowjee/status/2021477844061171766>
- <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2026/2/11/monstrous-cyclone-gezani-hits-madagascar-with-reports-of-severe-damage>

2.2. Extremely strong sustained winds during landfall

- Sustained winds of 201 km/h with gusts up to 250 km/h.
- These winds caused structural damage (roofs torn off, walls collapsed), which is directly associated with flooding and widespread destruction.

References include

- https://x.com/sputnik_africa/status/2021487436631593298
- <https://x.com/AlexTerry17482/status/2021502156134928692>

2.3. Heavy rainfall and storms associated with the cyclone

- Multiple entries explicitly mention heavy rains accompanying Cyclone Gezani.
- These rains are described as forcing families to flee and contributing to flooding conditions.

References include

- https://x.com/WFP_Africa/status/2021469809880465531
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jvrIGY-8S6w>
- <https://x.com/FloodLink/status/2021464313442205849>

One post notes that Tropical Storm Gezani interacting with the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) would intensify rainfall. This atmospheric interaction is presented as a mechanism leading to widespread heavy rainfall and flood warnings. <https://zambia24.com/2026/02/10/tropical-storm-gezani-triggers-flood-warning-as-heavy-rains-continue/>

2.4. Embankments and drainage system

There are reports saying that inadequate drainage systems and fragility of most dikes can lead to worse consequences <https://www.lexpress.mg/2026/02/cyclone-gezani-analamanga-placee-en.html> and <https://www.lexpress.mg/2026/02/risques-dinondation-une-vingtaine-de.html>

3. Impacts mentioned in the media

Currently only the coastal region of Atsinanana and the port city of Toamasina are reported to be affected by storms and floods.

3.1. Madagascar overall

- 9 people died, 19 people injured. <https://x.com/IFRCAfrica/status/2021516175671218551>
- 301 homes were affected, impacting 1,379 people
https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=1429509855251676&set=a.212696826932991&type=3&mibextid=wwXlfr&rdid=vz35dY2Q0IntRgUY&share_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fshare%2F1C573qYpVX%2F%3Fmibextid%3DwwXlfr#



Madagascar, unspecified location
<https://x.com/mmurumba/status/2021492173997473812/>



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[https://x.com/mmurumba/status/2021492173997473812.](https://x.com/mmurumba/status/2021492173997473812/)

NOTE: This photo is between 0% and 47% AI generated.

3.2. Atsinanana

- Initial alerts of a medium flood risk were hastily updated to a high flood risk in Atsinanana. <https://x.com/FloodLink/status/2021254244112945530>
- Livelihoods of thousands of households at risk. <https://midi-madagasikara.mg/forte-tempete-tropicale-gezani-alerte-inondation-vent-fort-et-des-vagues-allant-de-8-a-10-m/>
- Heavy damage to the economically valuable Atsinanana region is projected. Particularly Brickaville and Fenoarivo which lie in the expected corridor of the cyclone Gézani. Rapid river floods and landslides to damage infrastructure, agriculture, and the critical port of Toamasina. <https://midi-madagasikara.mg/forte-tempete-tropicale-gezani-alerte-inondation-vent-fort-et-des-vagues-allant-de-8-a-10-m/>
- School classes were suspended due to the strong winds blowing and the high flood risk. https://x.com/2424_mg/status/2021126748407034181

3.3. Toamasina (Tamatave)

- Nine deaths and nineteen injuries in Toamasina <https://x.com/PiQNewswire/status/2021524228659614174>
- 1,500 residents of Toamasina evacuated <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/africa/madagascar-tropical-cyclone-gezani-nine-dead-b2918170.html>
- Power outages and widespread damage to homes <https://x.com/radarafricom/status/2021517074292511091>
- Roads flooded and infrastructure damaged. <https://x.com/orangeactu/status/2021458047797968928>
- Floodwater entered residential buildings, submerging interior floors in Toamasina neighborhoods. <https://www.bssnews.net/news/359872>
- Structural walls of solid, well-built houses collapsed during the event. <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2026/2/11/monstrous-cyclone-gezani-hits-madagascar-with-reports-of-severe-damage>
- Roofs were blown off homes in the city. Risk of landslides. <https://britishcaribbeannews.com/monstrous-cyclone-gezani-hits-madagascar-with-reports-of-severe-damage/>
- Widespread electricity outages affected residents before and during peak cyclone impact. <https://rocketnews.com/2026/02/monstrous-cyclone-gezani-hits-madagascar-with-reports-of-severe-damage/>
- At least two people are reported dead, including a three-year-old child who died when a house collapsed. <https://www.madagascar-tribune.com/Cyclone-Gezani-Toamasina-devastee-au-moins-deux-morts-et-d-importants-degats.html>
- Residents of the provinces mentioned in Madagascar and Mozambique are advised to follow weather forecasts due to expected adverse weather conditions. <https://www.linfo.re/ocean-indien/madagascar/gezani-devrait-continuer-de-traverser-madagascar-le-stade-de-cyclone-pourrait-etre-atteint-vendredi>
- Toamasina, the main maritime port, has suffered significant infrastructural damage. https://senego.com/en-frappant-madagascar-avec-une-force-monstrueuse-le-cyclone-gezani-reveille-le-souvenir-precis-dune-catastrophe-de-1994_1924015.html



Toamasina, Madagascar
<https://la1ere.franceinfo.fr/mayotte/tout-est-devaste-les-toitures-envolees-les-sols-inondes-le-cyclone-gezani-provoque-d-importants-degats-a-madagascar-1670568.html>



Toamasina, Madagascar
<https://x.com/ObserverClimate/status/2021536856417145301>



Toamasina, Madagascar
<https://x.com/LeeGolden6/status/2021448123768504587>



Toamasina, Madagascar
https://x.com/Daily_Briefs/status/2021552410272104769



Toamasina, Madagascar

<https://www.linfo.re/ocean-indien/madagascar/le-cyclone-intense-gezani-commence-a-toucher-madagascar-des-maisons-detruites-et-des-inondation-a-tamatave>

3.4. Analamanga

- Several crucial dikes in Sisaony found to be cracked in twenty places, the dikes stand at great risk of failure. Emergency repairs already underway, though authorities lack the manpower and resources required to fully reinforce them.
<https://www.lexpress.mg/2026/02/risques-dinondation-une-vingtaine-de.html>
- Landslides expected to be the largest concern and cause of death.
<https://www.lexpress.mg/2026/02/cyclone-gezani-analamanga-placee-en.html>