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# MADAGASCAR – Tropical Cyclone Gezani

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### Status

Request for assistance

### Event

Tropical Cyclone

### Occurrence

Date: 10/02/2026

## Situation

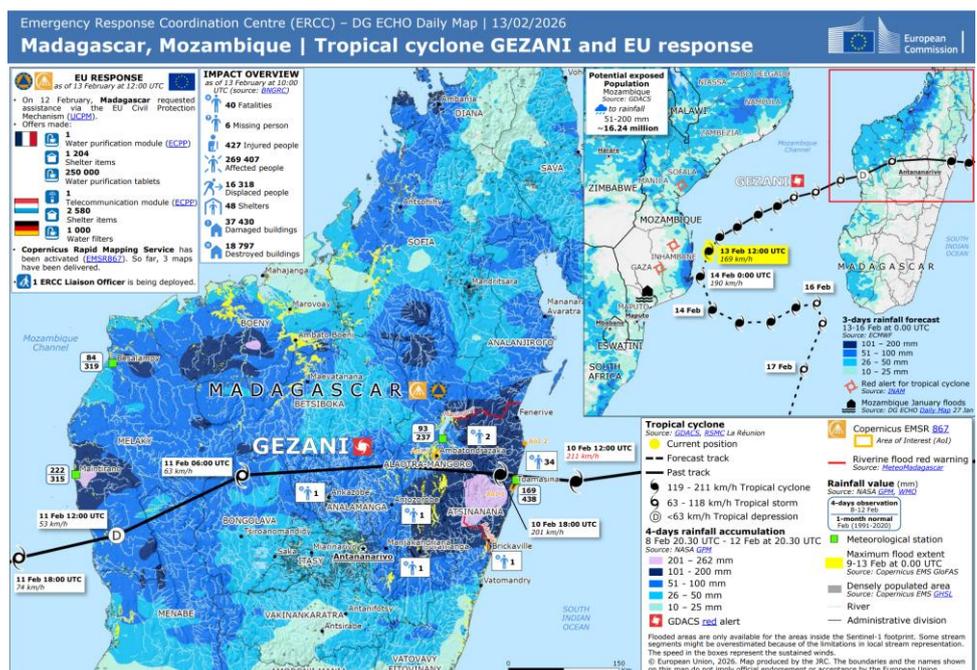
Tropical Cyclone Gezani made landfall in Toamasina (also called Tamatave) on 10 February 2026 with sustained winds of 180 km/h and gusts up to 250 km/h, crossing Madagascar westwards before entering the Mozambique Channel. The system is forecast to strengthen while moving towards the eastern coast of Mozambique.

As of 13 February, the National Office for Risk and Disaster Management of Madagascar (BNGRC) reports 40 fatalities, 6 missing persons, 427 injured, 269 407 affected people and 16 318 displaced. In total, 18 797 buildings are destroyed and 37 430 damaged. The Toamasina area is particularly affected, with preliminary estimates indicating 75–95% building damage. Approximately 550 000 people were exposed to Category 1 or higher winds.

The cyclone struck areas already affected by Tropical Cyclone Fytia which struck on 31 January, affecting more than 200 000 people. National response capacities are fully mobilised but heavily stretched. On 12 February, a state of national disaster was declared. A red flood warning remains in place, although weather conditions are expected to gradually improve.

**ECHO Daily Map of 13 February 2026**, prepared by Joint Research Centre (JRC).  
**Madagascar, Mozambique | Tropical cyclone GEZANI and EU response.**

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## Request for assistance

On 12 February, Madagascar requested assistance through the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM). The request was issued by the national disaster management agency, the Bureau National de Gestion des Risques et des Catastrophes (BNGRC).

The request includes expertise and technical support, in-kind assistance (including shelter, WASH, non-food items, water treatment tablets and medical supplies), modules (including water treatment/purification, temporary shelter site management/camp management support, mobile medical capacities and telecommunications), transport and logistics support.

## UCPM Response

On 12 February, **France** offered one Water Purification Module registered in the European Civil Protection Pool (ECP) and deployed an advance team the same day for logistical planning. It also offered 1 000 blankets, 204 family tents and 250 000 water purification tablets. All French offers were accepted by the BNGRC on 13 February. The Water Purification team is due to arrive on 16 February, and the equipment set-up is expected to be finalised by 18 February.

On 12 February, **Luxembourg** offered a Telecommunications Module (ECP), which was accepted. The team is due to arrive on 14 February.

On 13 February, **Germany** offered 1 280 sleeping mats, 300 family tents, 1 000 drip filters and 1 000 kitchen sets, all of which were accepted. Transport details are pending.

The ERCC is deploying an **ERCC Liaison Officer**, with a foreseen timeframe of 14 to 26 February and is prepared to scale up with further presence on the ground with EU Civil Protection experts should the UCPM response require so. Two ECHO field experts in the region are also being deployed.

The ERCC is being supported by and coordinating closely and the EU Delegation in Antananarivo who have shared the logistical information below. EU Member States and UCPM Participating States are invited to consult CECIS for the most up-to-date operational and logistical information, including contact details and documentation requirements.

### Operational and logistical arrangements

Ivato International Airport (Antananarivo) is designated for large air cargo requiring longer runways, while Toamasina Airport can receive other cargo. The ERCC remains in contact with the national authorities regarding ground handling, storage and offloading capacities.

All shipping documents must indicate the Bureau National de Gestion des Risques et des Catastrophes (BNGRC), Antananarivo, as the official consignee. Required customs clearance documentation includes the Bill of Lading or Air Waybill, Packing List, Commercial Invoice and Donation Certificate/Deed of Gift, all issued in the name of BNGRC.

### ERCC activities and analytical support

Since 10 February, the ERCC has been actively supporting situational awareness and coordination. An Analytical Brief was issued ahead of landfall, and EU Member States and UCPM Participating States were informed through the Civil Protection coordination meeting.

The ERCC activated the Copernicus Emergency Management Service ([EMSR867](#)), with 3 mapping products delivered to date. In addition, the Joint Research Centre (JRC) was requested to assess potential chemical risks in Toamasina, and the ARISTOTLE scientific service produced a comprehensive emergency

report covering Madagascar and Mozambique, which has been shared with EU Member States and UCPM Participating States.

## **DG ECHO Humanitarian Aid**

Immediate assistance was mobilised through DG ECHO funded ongoing actions managed by partners ACF and HI for an amount of EUR 288 000. Interventions include rapid multi-sectoral assessments, multi-purpose cash assistance, inclusive support to persons with disabilities, WASH assistance, mental health and psychosocial support, as well as logistical support and access restoration.

Start Ready (Start Network) has activated its Anticipatory Action protocol for both cyclones Fytia and Gezani with ECHO funds for an amount of EUR 718 000 for multi-sectoral interventions.

On 12 February, BNGRC sent a request to the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) for support including the deployment of the SADC Emergency Response Team supported by DG ECHO through WFP. Two IFRC-DREF activations were received for tropical cyclones Fytia and Gezani and are under consideration. Under ReliefEU capacities, the deployment of logistics and information management experts in support to the overall humanitarian response coordination is also under consideration.