

Cyclone Batsirai kills at least 10 in Madagascar, destroying homes and cutting power

Ten people have died, including some caught in the collapse of a house in the town of Ambalavao, as cyclone Batsirai triggered floods in Madagascar.

A cyclone has killed at least 10 people in southeastern Madagascar, triggering floods, bringing down buildings and cutting power, officials say.

One of the worst-hit towns was Nosy Varika on the east coast where almost 95 per cent of buildings were destroyed “as if we had just been bombed” and floods cut access, an official said.

Cyclone Batsirai swept inland late on Saturday, slamming into the eastern coastline with heavy rain and wind speeds of 165 kilometres per hour.

It was projected it could displace as many as 150,000 people.

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Thinking of those affected by Cyclone #Batsirai in #Madagascar. Heavy rains continue. Proud of field teams in direct contact with affected people. @UNICEF is providing clean #water, essential medicines & is making sure protection services are in places for #children at shelters.

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