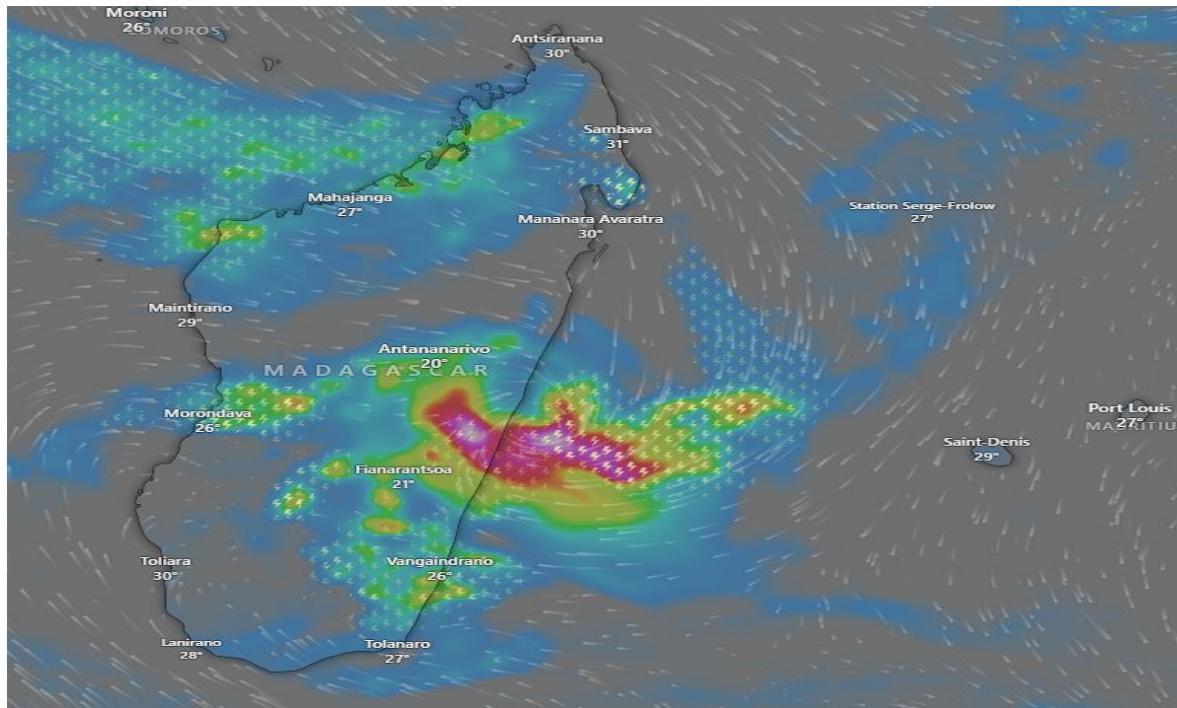




Jan 30, 2026

Heavy Rainfall and Thunderstorm Risk – Madagascar



Affected Areas

Central and eastern Madagascar, with highest risk in the Haute Matsiatra region Analamanga Vakinankaratra, Atsinanana (Toamasina coast).

Duration

January 30– February 2, 2026

Hazard Types

Heavy to torrential rainfall (primary hazard), frequent thunderstorms with lightning, strong gusty winds, reduced visibility, flash flooding and urban inundation, river overflows.

Hazard Summary

A large area of deep atmospheric instability combined with high moisture and orographic lift over Madagascar's central highlands and eastern escarpment is producing widespread heavy rain and embedded intense thunderstorms. The map highlights extreme precipitation cores (likely 100–250+ mm in 24–48 hours in hotspots around Fianarantsoa and nearby highlands), raising significant risks of flash floods, riverine flooding, urban inundation in Antananarivo, and landslides on saturated slopes. Thunderstorms may deliver short-duration extreme rainfall rates, lightning hazards, and gusty winds disrupting transport, power, agriculture, and daily life across the central and eastern regions.