CYCLONE IVAN

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Nearly 145,000 people have been left homeless by a cyclone that tore through Madagascar, killing 44 people. The figures double previous estimates of the havoc wreaked by the category three cyclone and have raised fears of a humanitarian catastrophe.

Cyclone Ivan struck the island's east coast last Sunday, and was followed by torrential rains which caused flooding, leaving many communities cut off.

Winds gusting at more than 230km/h (140mph) caused widespread damage.

With large areas of the huge Indian Ocean island still only accessible by air or water, infectious diseases such as diarrhoea are reported to be on the rise.

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