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Tropical Storm Freddy Wreaks Havoc in Southern Malawi

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**CYCLONE FREDDY CLAIMS 99 LIVES**  
By Cathy M

**CYCLONE FREDDY**  
By Justin Mkweu

The Department of Disaster Management Affairs (Dodma) has said that, as of yesterday evening, 99 people were confirmed dead in some Southern Region districts.

**KALEMBA**— Floods, landslides and heavy winds are likely to continue

**RESCUE EFFORT**— Soldiers and other rescuers comb through the rubble—Picture by Jane Nazomba

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The main Chirimba road

Tragic stories are coming from Malawi where Tropical Storm Freddy has brought cyclonic winds and rain causing flooding, landslides, collapsing houses and roads, loss of electricity and water supplies throughout the southern regions.

The known death toll is now reported as being about 200, a number likely to rise as the storm abates and information is received. The majority of deaths reported to date have occurred in Blantyre, especially in the heavily populated townships of Chilobwe, Ndirande, Chirimba, Mbayani, Chilomoni and others. News from areas around the lower Shire (Nsanje, Chickwawa) is expected to reveal widespread flooding and damage to homes and crops.



The river bordering the Orbus property (photos above and below) has flooded, crops will be damaged, but thankfully all students, including the 200 boarding students on site, their families, and teachers and staff are all reported to be okay. Water supply has been reduced to one well. I have been in communication with people at Orbus and have received news of housing collapsing in surrounding villages and many people directly affected by the storm. Eight staff have had houses collapse but their families have escaped unhurt.



Some video clips sent to me will be posted on the Orbus Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/orbusministries>

Please pray for Malawi. These times are reminders and warnings to us all that we live in a fallen world, this is not heaven. We need a Saviour and there is but one name under heaven by which we can be saved: Jesus the Saviour. (Acts 4:12). Tragedy can come out of nowhere and will eventually come for each one of us in the form of earthly death. Please seek this name while you still can. Call on the name of Jesus to save you.

In times like this we all want to do practical things to help. As part of Orbus' involvement in providing relief and development in Malawi, donations to Orbus Ministries Australia Inc. are tax deductible for Australian donors.

If anyone would like to contribute to relief and recovery efforts, funds directed through Orbus Ministries Australia Inc. can be channelled to areas of need in Malawi both directly and through our partner church, the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) – Blantyre Synod, who are well placed to provide assistance. Please specify your instructions clearly when making online donations at: <https://www.orbusministries.org/donate.html>

Please feel free to make contact should you require any further information.

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*“I called on your name, Lord, from the depths of the pit.  
You heard my plea: “Do not close your ears to my cry for relief.”  
You came near when I called you, and you said, “Do not fear.”  
(1 Cor. 15:57-58)*



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