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**SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) Six (6) – Assessment Continues following Heavy rains from trough Systems on 24th – 25th December**

Area or Agency: **National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO) - St. Vincent and the Grenadines**

**Date:** 29th December 2013

**Person reporting**:Michelle Forbes –Deputy Director

**Time:** 1700

**1.0** **The Event**

During the period 24th – 25th December, 2013 St. Vincent and the Grenadines experienced severe rains and gusty winds from a Low Level Trough System that affected the Eastern Caribbean. The Meteorological Office reported 79.22mm (3.11inches) at the E. T. Joshua Airport during that period.

Nine (9) persons have been confirmed dead and three (3) persons are missing.

An estimated fifty-thousand persons are without water. The road network, bridges and housing were severely impacted. Emergency vehicles can now access the most north windward communities; these communities with a population of 3,856 persons were isolated for several days.

**2.0 Declaration**

The Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines has declared a level two (2) Disaster for St. Vincent and the Grenadines. A level two (2) disaster is declared when the damage is severe and for which local resources and response capacity are limited and specialized external assistance is requested.

Disaster areas with a combined impacted population of 13,029 have been declared for:

* The Vermont Valley, all the way down to Buccament Bay (including the villages of Francois, Retreat, Hog Hole, Cane Grove, Penniston and Pembroke). This area has a combined population of approximate 4,684 persons.
* Spring Village, Rose Bank and Dark View on the Leeward Side (including the villages of Petit Bordel, Chateaubelair, Fitz-Hughes, Richmond Vale, Spring Village, Gordon Yard, Cumberland and Troumaka). This area has a combined population of approximately 5,731 persons.
* South Rivers, with a population of 1,213 persons
* O’Brien’s Valley- Georgetown and Spring Village - Georgetown with a population size of 1,401 persons.

1. **The Impact**

**Preliminary reports on the impacts of the the Low Level Trough System is as follows:**

**3.1 Persons Affected:**

Dead: 9

Missing: 3

Injured: 37

Homeless: 500

Provided with Shelter: 237

**3.2 Housing**

Number Destroyed: 30

Number Damaged: 125

Assessments are on-going and these numbers are expected to increase.

**3.3 Infrastructure**

Several roads and bridges in the impacted areas have broken, washed away or severely undermined. River defences along most of the rivers have been destroyed. The Roads, Building and General Services Authority and the Ministry of Transport and Works are continuing their assessments.

**3.4 Health**

The Ministry of Health has conducted an initial damage assessment of the damages sustained at the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital (MCMH) and the estimated cost of damage to the facility is EC$2 million. A number of records and essential pieces of equipment were damaged.

**3.5. Water**

In total, some 75% of the Country’s supply was disrupted in the space of a few hours. Preliminary estimated cost of full restoration and remedial measures to the affected systems could run into EC$20 million.

Fifty percent (50%) of consumers (approximately 50,000 persons) are without pipe borne water and it is expected that by Tuesday 85% of consumers will have water.

Eight (8) of the eleven (11) water systems of the CWSA were simultaneously put out of commission over a period of three hours by the torrential rains and subsequent overtopping of as many as 30 major rivers island-wide including those traversed by the CWSA’s transmission mains from many sources.

**5.0 Brief Description of Actions Taken so far:**

The National Emergency Management Organisation continues to coordinate the response to this emergency.

***5.1*** Access to all communities has been restored and cleanup operations by BRAGSA and Ministry of Transport and Works continue.

***5.2*** The Initial Damage Assessment Process using the USAID/OFDA Methodology commenced on Christmas Day on the Leeward Side and is on-going.

***5.3*** Social Assessments began on Boxing Day in the communities of South Rivers and Buccament followd by Spring Village on Friday. This is being led by the Ministry of National Mobilisation and the Central Planning Division. Assessments will continue Monday.

**5.4** The Central Water and Sewage Authority is trucking water into the affected areas and repairs are ongoing on various systems

**6.0 Immediate Needs**

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| SER | QUANTITY | ITEM DESCRIPTION |
| 1 | 1000 | MATTRESSES (SINGLE AND FULL ZIZE) |
| 2 | 5000 | COLLAPSIBLE WATER JUGS |
| 3 |  | CLOTHING (NEW) |
| 4 | 1000 | SHEET SETS |
| 5 | 3,000 | GALVANISE SHEETING |
| 6 | 15,000 | CONSTRUCION PLYWOOD |
| 7 | 1,000 KITS | TOILETRIES (TOOTHPASTE, SOAP, TOOTHBRUSH, DEODORANT ETC) |
| 8 | 1,000 | TOWELS |
| 9 | 50 CASES (ASSORTED SIZE) | BABY DIAPERS |
| 10 | 50 CASES | ADULT DIAPERS |
| 11 | 1,000 | HYGIENE KITS/COMFORT KITS |
| 12 | 20 | WATER TANKS (5,000 OR 8,000 GALLON) |
| 13 | 1,000 | CLEANING KITS (MOPS, BUCKETS, POWER WASH EQUIPMENT, SOAP POWDER, DISINFECTANT) |
| 14 | 10 | GENERATORS |
| 15 | 500 | COTS |

HEALTH SECTOR

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| **SER** | **QUANTITY** | **ITEM DESCRIPTION** |
| **16** | 5 | WATER TANKS |
| **17** |  | AUTOCLAVES – CENTRAL STERILISING UNIT |
| **18** |  | CT SCAN MACHINE |
| **19** |  | INDUSTRIAL WASHING MACHINE |
| **20** |  | INDUSTRIAL DRYERS |
| **21** |  | DELIVERY BEDS |
| **22** |  | REFRIGERATORS |
| **23** |  | MEDICATION TROLLEYS |
| **24** |  | INCUBATORS |
| **25** |  | OXYGEN PLANT AIR COMPRESSOR |
| **26** |  | REUSABE SHEETS |
| **27** |  | DRAPES |
| **28** |  | PILLOW CASES |
| **29** |  | DISPOSABLE PILLOW CASES |
| **30** |  | DISPOSABLE SHEETS |
| **31** |  | MATTRESS COVERS |
| **32** |  | PAPER SHEETS |
| **33** |  | TOILET PAPER ROLLS |
| **34** |  | PAPER TOWEL ROLLS |
| **35** |  | ADULT DISPOSABLE DIAPERS |
| **36** |  | CHILDREN DISPOSABLE DIAPERS |
| **37** |  | DISPOSABLE OPERATING THEATRE SUPPLIES |
| **38** |  | HOUSEKEEPING CLEANING SUPPLIES |
| **39** |  | HOSPITAL RECORD SUPPLIES |
| **40** |  | FURNITURE |