

Flooding in Guyana - Situation Report #6 as of 1900 hours, February 12, 2012.

The National Emergency Operations Centre in Guyana has issued the following report on flooding in several regions of the country.

EVENTS:

The heavy rainfall that commenced on January 28, 2012, resulted in flooding in several communities in Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, particularly, those communities located on the Coastal Plain and along the Abary, Mahaica, Mahaicony Rivers, Pomeroon, Black Bush Polder and Canal Polders.

Light to moderate showers are being experienced and water has receded in most of these areas. The release of water from the East Demerara Water Conservancy (EDWC) into the Mahaica River through the Maduni Sluice has been stopped.

PROGNOSIS:

It was forecasted by the Hydrometeorological Department of the Ministry of Agriculture that brief isolated showers are expected along the coast and near inland areas over the next 12 hours. The average rainfall expected is between 0.5mm and 0.10mm.

IMPACT

Total loss and the total number of persons affected to date are yet to be determined.

AREAS AFFECTED

Region 1 - BARIMA-WAINI

The Sand Jose to Kumaka dam, one of the main access road in the region, remains inundated despite three consecutive days of sunshine.

Region 2 - POMEROON-SUPENAAM

The Regional Administration reported that the water receded in the affected communities along the Pomeroon River and situation in the region is back to normal. It was noted, that the rice farmers are now in need water for cultivation.

Region 3 - ESSEQUIBO ISLANDS-WEST DEMERARA

There was no report of flooding in this region and the water from the affected communities has receded.

Representatives from the NDCs and NDIA continue to monitor the sluices and pumps within the region.

Region 4 - DEMERARA-MAHAICA

No reports of flooding, except for the communities along the Mahaica River.

Representatives from NDIA continue to monitor the sluices and pumps and conduct preventative work within the region. Unserviceable pumps were also repaired and additional pumps were deployed to the most critical areas.

Region 5 - MAHAICA-BERBICE

Water continues to recede in the affected communities.

Region 6 - EAST BERBICE-CORENTYNE

The Regional Democratic Council of this region reported flooding in the residential and cultivated areas in Black Bush Polder, Johanna and Yakusari. The water is receding slowly.

NDIA has reported that all pumps and sluices in these areas are operational and continue to be monitored and preventative works are being conducted within the region as the need arises.

PUBLIC BUILDING UPDATES

Schools

Nothing further to report.

ACTIONS BY THE CIVIL DEFENCE COMMISSION

The Commission continues to monitor and assess the vulnerable communities and conservancies which are usually affected by the heavy rains.

ACTION BY OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Ministry of Health

Nothing further to report.

Ministry of Agriculture

The Ministry of Agriculture continues to conduct assessment of affected areas and representatives from the National Drainage and Irrigation Authority continue to monitor the pumps, sluices and conservancies in all the affected regions.

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Nothing further to report.

NEEDS

The Commission has identified the following immediate needs:

- Damage Assessments including an aerial reconnaissance to be conducted to identify and quantify the extent of the flooding in the regions
- Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping of all the affected communities to determine the water level and to assist in decision making.

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