TROPICAL STORM ELSA

SITUATION REPORT No. 3
AS OF 4:00 PM ON JULY 6, 2021

Elsa downgraded to a Tropical Storm

Elsa upgraded around 7:45 am (AST) on Friday July 2, 2021. Elsa impacted Barbados with maximum sustained winds near 75 mph, with higher gusts. Elsa continued its path west-northwest near 28 mph (44 km/h) and passed near or over portions of the Windward Islands or the southern Leeward Islands. As of 11:00 am EDT Monday July 5 Tropical Storm Elsa had passed Jamaica, Haiti and the Cayman Islands. No other CDEMA Participating States are threatened at this time.
Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) Actions

- The Regional Coordination Plan (RCP) remains activated as well as the Regional Coordination Centre (RCC).
- CDEMA Coordinating Unit (CU) continues to operate in accordance with the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) of the RCP which includes maintaining contact with the threatened/impacted states and RRM partners.
- The Regional Deployment teams – Rapid Needs Assessment Team (RNAT), CARICOM Operational Support Team (COST), the CARICOM Disaster Assessment and Coordination (CDAC), the CARICOM Disaster Relief Unit (CDRU) and the Regional Search and Rescue (RSAR) remain on Alert.
- The RCC continues to communicate with the impacted States to determine how their immediate needs can be met through the sub-regional warehouses.
- Prepared an Operational Plan of possible impact scenarios and responses, and coordinating initial needs identified from Participating States.
- Issued two (2) Information Notes and three (3) Situation Reports.
- Convened four (4) CDPG Meetings and briefed the CARICOM Secretary General and CDEMA Council Chair.

Updates from Impacted CDEMA Participating States

The Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) made contact with the National Disaster Coordinators in the impacted states and the following was reported:

BARBADOS - CENTRAL SUB-REGIONAL FOCAL POINT

- As of 8:00pm on July 5, 2021, three (3) shelters remained open with thirty-four (34) occupants.
- Reports of infrastructural damage continued to be reported to the OEC. The updated infrastructural damage reported were:
  - 1,233 of these reports are on roof damage, partial or full.
  - 254 reports of houses damage other than roofs.
  - 114 collapsed houses.
- Personnel from the Welfare Department, which falls under the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs, were in the field conducting socio-economic assessments of affected persons/households.
- Initial Damage Assessment continued with assessments being completed on 463 households. Repairs started and 16 were completed with 38 in progress.
- Multi-stakeholder teams coordinated assistance in the clearing of fallen trees and debris from roadways.
- Teams from the Royal Barbados Police Force and the Barbados Defence Force continued to provide Drone Teams for aerial damage assessment.
- Power was restored to 87% of the island and the Barbados Light & Power was working with the Barbados Water Authority (BWA) to get all pumping stations onto the grid.
Updates from Impacted CDEMA Participating States

SAINT LUCIA

- One (1) death was reported in Soufriere.
- Damages were reported and recorded for the Water sector, but the road network was mainly untouched except for blockages due to fallen trees, branches and lines.
- Housing - significant damage to roofs including three (3) Government apartment buildings.
- Telecommunication - offline cell sites, resulting in challenges with connectivity, were being restored.
- Electricity – fallen trees which caused damage to power lines and homes had to be de-energised contributing to the disruption. Approximately 30% of customers were without electricity.
- Water – approximately 60% disruption in the sector.
- Impacts were observed across the Agriculture and Fisheries sectors.
- Tourism – no major damage reported in the sector.

ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES

- Light to moderate damages in the yellow and red zones with six (6) lahar signals recorded by the monitoring network on July 2, associated with heavy rainfall from the passage of Hurricane Elsa.
- The communication network monitoring La Soufriere volcano was affected by the passage of Hurricane Elsa; as a result only four seismic stations are currently being transmitted to Trinidad.

JAMAICA

- All indications are that no major damages sustained. Flooded and blocked roadways are being cleared and power restored in affected areas.
- All parish EOCs deactivated throughout the course of the day following debriefings and post event assessments. Parishes with ongoing assessments, rehabilitation activities and humanitarian responses will remain for St. Thomas, Kingston & St. Andrew, St. Catherine and Clarendon.
- Notwithstanding the challenges in the above parishes; response and recovery actions remaining should effectively be coordinated by the respective Parish Disaster Committees and National Sector.
- No shelters currently activated.
- Some support may still be required for special humanitarian and infrastructure projects. These will be facilitate as needed with the respective lead entities.
- No regional support requested.
Updates from Impacted CDEMA Participating States

Images from Jamaica courtesy of the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM)

- Kemps Hill – Roadway and houses flooded
- Colbeck Housing Scheme, Old Harbour, St. Catherine—Perimeter wall damaged by floodwaters traversing the Colbeck to Planters Main Road
- Tivoli Gardens, KSA – 1 McKenzie Drive, collapsed house
- Big Pond, Old Harbour, St. Catherine—Roadways flooded
Updates from Impacted CDEMA Participating States

HAITI

- Almost all shelters have been evacuated.
- Fallen trees causing blockage in some roads. Roofs damage for 21 houses and two schools.
- Impacts on the agricultural sectors have been reported in the Southern region, particularly plantain and fruit plantation devastation.
- No significant impacts reported on the livestock.
- The National and Departmental EOC are now deactivated.
- Final report to be prepared.

GRENADA

- Heavy rains caused flooding throughout most parts in low lying areas. There were several landslides in different parts of the country.
- As of Saturday July 3, all major roads were cleared throughout Grenada and traffic was flowing freely.
- No reports of agricultural damages (the wind did not present a major threat).
- National Water and Sewerage Authority reported most of their systems running in most areas.
- Welfare/Relief: None.

COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA

- Reports of fallen trees and poles resulting in some road blockage.

CAYMAN ISLANDS

- Little to no damage except for power outages in Little Cayman Islands

Regional Response Mechanism (RRM) Partners Actions

- The UN Resident's Office offered support for any teams to be deployed, e.g. RNAT and CDAC.
- IOM informed at the CDPG yesterday that the government of Japan has provided some support for upgrading of shelters in SVG for the hurricane season beginning at the end of July.