

### **HURRICANE BERYL**

### SITUATION REPORT #7

5:00 PM on 5th, August 2024

CDEMA and its Partners continue to provide response and relief to Participating States impacted by Hurricane Beryl.



#### SITUATION OVERVIEW:

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Hurricane Beryl has moved out of the area and is no longer a threat to Caribbean States that are a part of the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management (CDEMA) System. Following the passage of Beryl and its impact on ten (10) Participating States, the focus is on the continued provision of humanitarian relief to Grenada and its Grenadines of Carriacou and Petite Martinique, and the Grenadine islands of Beguia, Union Island, Canouan and Mayreau in St. Vincent, and early recovery.

CDEMA Participating States as well as the regional and international partners continue to support the ongoing response efforts being coordinated through the Regional Response Mechanism (RRM).

### **Situation Updates from Impacted Participating States**



### **GRENADA**

### The following updates were provided during the CDPG Meeting held on July 31, 2024 from NADMA:

- Clean-up work has started on the mainland as well as Carriacou and Petite Martinique, however the work hours have been shortened due to a heat wave being experienced on the island.
- NaDMA continues to coordinate with 25 humanitarian relief agencies to ensure full service on Petite Martinique and Carriacou.
- Shelter-Box is working with the Rotary Club to provide 600 tents on Carriacou and Petite Martinique.

#### **Shelters**

- Twenty-nine (29) shelters are opened to:
  - ✓ Mainland :1
  - ✓ Petite Martinique: 1
  - ✓ Carriacou:27
- Total Shelterees: 416 persons: (167 Males) (156 Females) (36 Boys) (36 Girls) (21 children 0-5 years old) according
  to the Shelter Committee headed by the Ministry of Education.

### **Relief Operations**

- Operations continue with priority being given to the implementation of the CDEMA Logistic System. However, staffing
  of the system by locals will be a challenge for NaDMA and it has made a request for additional human resources
  when the system is handed over by regional partners for all three islands.
- There is an adequate supply of bottled water on Carriacou and Petite Martinique but an updated needs list is to be provided by NaDMA.

### **Electricity**

• Steady progress is being made to have full restoration of electricity in Carriacou and Petite Martinique.

### **Airport Terminal**

- Repair works are ongoing on the building and scheduled flight are anticipated to resume on August 02nd, 2024 by SVG Air.
- The Ministry of Social Development is supporting elderly evacuees from Carriacou and Petite Martinique who have been relocated to the mainland in Grenada.

### **Debris Removal**

- Two hundred (200) volunteers are assisting with cleanup efforts on both islands.
- The Grenada Solid Waste Management Authority (GSWMA) has two officials on site, who are leading the removal of debris on the islands.

### **Psycho-social Support**

- Psycho-social support is being provided to the residents.
- Dialogue is taking place with key stakeholders on the potential impact from another tropical hazard during the current season. Discussions for a contingency plan is taking place to prepare for any eventuality.

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### **Situation Updates from Impacted Participating States**



### **GRENADA**

Guidance from the Government of Grenada on Relief: The Cabinet of Grenada made the following decision 4 July 2024:

- To manage the efficient coordination and logistical arrangements, vessels delivering relief items are advised that Port St.
   Georges is their first port of entry.



### DONATIONS GRENADA





The Government of Grenada will accept cash contributions through the above bank account. Additionally, a needs list has been published above and the Government will accept contributions <u>based on items in the list</u>. Persons interested in making donations are advised to contact the Grenada NEOC at <u>relief@gov.gd</u> to indicate what will be sent before finalising shipping arrangements. <u>Only items on the needs list will be accepted by the Government of Grenada.</u>



### ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

### The following updates were provided during the CDPG Meeting on July 31st, 2024 from NEMO:

#### **EOC**

- The NEOC remains activated to coordinate the national response.
- There is a focus on debris removal. Companies have been contracted to cleanup on Mayreau and Union Island.

### Health

- There has been a dengue outbreak over the threshold and there has been an increase in COVID-19 cases.
- Health officials are monitoring the situation and distributing public advisories as part of a promotional campaign.
- There has been an increase in mosquito breeding and the vector control including fogging is ongoing on SVG.

### **Relief Operations**

- · Relief support is ongoing.
- The need for water remains constant for the Grenadines, primarily on Union Island and Canouan.
- The CDEMA Logistics System is being used to ensure that supplies from all official channels are being captured.
- The warehouse on Union Island is useable and being restored.
- The needs list shared in mid-July still holds, however an updated needs list from the sectors continues to be requested from the NEOC and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- The Ministry of Housing is continuing to repair roofs and other structures with supplies received from the Government of Guyana.

### Shelter/Food security

- There were 1333 people in 72 active emergency shelters, both on the mainland and in the Grenadines, as at Tuesday, July 30, 2024.
- On the mainland, there are 166 displaced shelterees in facilities located close to the capital, Kingstown.
- Twenty-one (21) of the emergency shelters being used are schools. However, efforts are being made to reduce the number of people within those facilities to have them prepared for the new school term which starts in September.
- An additional 26 schools were damaged by Hurricane Beryl but the NEOC is awaiting word from the Ministry of Education on plans for a school repair programme.

### **Early Recovery Operations**

- There are no major issues with utilities on the mainland and Bequia.
- In Canouan, electricity has been restored to the police station and clinic but there remains some limited water challenges in public places.
- In Mayreau, rain-water harvesting is ongoing to provide access to the public, however with respect to electricity generators are the only source of power.
- On Union Island, water is being 'trucked in' and a small desalination plant is being used to provide limited water access. Electricity is being provided through the use of generators.
- A Catamaran chartered by CDEMA and WFP is being used to assist with transportation between the islands.

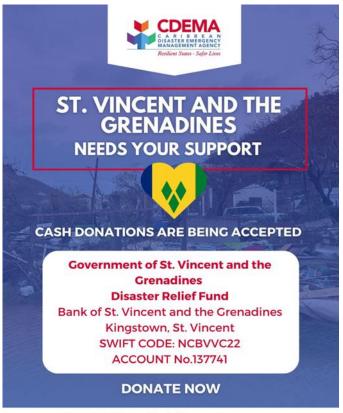
#### Concerns

- Evacuation is a major consideration in the event of any future threats from hurricane systems.
- Most of the shelters are public buildings, especially schools. The Ministry of Tourism has been requested to find new shelter spaces.



### ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

The Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines has expressed a preference for cash contributions and has set up a Disaster Relief Fund. Donations can be sent to the following account:



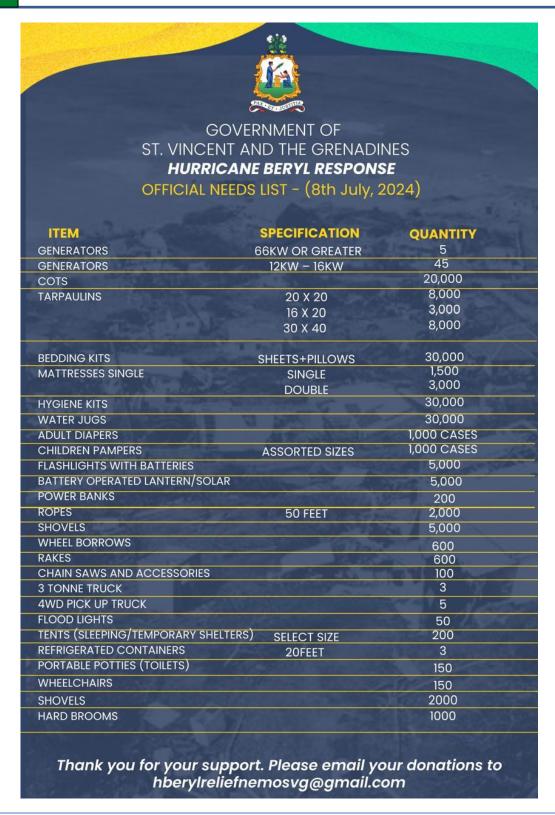
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### **UPDATED NEEDS LIST - ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES**



# Monetary donations to support CDEMA's response operations may be made to:

### Company Name and Address

# CARIBBEAN DISASTER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (CDEMA)

Resilience Way, Lower Estate, St. Michael, Barbados, West Indies

### **Bank Details**

### Intermediary Bank:

Bank Wells Fargo Bank, NA

SWIFT Code PNBPUS3NNYC
ABA Routing # 026 005 092
Account Number 2000192003913

Bank Address 11 Penn Plaza, 4th Floor,

New York, NY

### Beneficiary Bank:

Bank Address CIBC FirstCaribbean International Bank
Rendezvous, Christ Church, Barbados

Swift Code FCIBBBBB

Name of Beneficiary Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency

Account Number 3666589

Currency of Account BARBADOS DOLLARS



# **CDEMA Coordinating Unit (CU) and the Thematic Groups**

### **Regional Coordination: CDEMA**

- Executive Director of CDEMA, Ms. Elizabeth Riley completed a High-Level Mission of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Grenada from July 8-12, where she met with Senior Government Officials of both islands, toured the impacted areas and met with Regional Response Mechanism (RRM) teams deployed to those countries.
- ✓ CDEMA and the UNRCO Eastern Caribbean and Barbados co-chaired a Caribbean Development Partners Group (CDPG) Meeting on Wednesday, July 31, 2024.
- ✓ CDEMA continues coordinating the deployment of Rapid Needs Assessment Teams (RNATs), CARICOM Operational Support Teams (COST) and CARICOM Disaster Relief Units (CDRU) to Grenada and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. The deployments are being supported by the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) and the governments of the UK and Canada.
- ✓ A Transshipment Hub continues to be operational in partnership with the World Food Programme (WFP) and with the support of the Bridgetown Port. A Surface Market Place (SMP) and an Information Management Logistics System (IMLS) are operational.
- ✓ The Regional Coordination Center (RCC) remains activated to support the affected Participating States.

### Coordination Group - CDEMA CU, UN OCHA, UNETT, UN Resident Coordinators' Office

- ✓ Three (3) teams have been deployed to both Grenada and St Vincent and the Grenadines.
- ✓ CDEMA has deployed a CDRU team consisting of 18 persons to St Vincent and the Grenadines to provide support to relief and logistics.
- ✓ CDEMA has also deployed a three-member COST team to mainland St. Vincent to provide support to the NEOC.
- The Field Medical Hospital on Union Island remains operational as an emergency shelter facility for displaced persons and first responders.
- ✓ CDEMA has deployed a CDRU team consisting of 24 persons to Grenada- 23 personnel are on Carriacou supporting the relief and logistics operations and one (1) person is stationed at the NEOC on mainland Grenada.
- ✓ CDEMA has deployed a 4-member COST team in Grenada, one person stationed on each of the impacted islands.
- ✓ There is a Logistician who is implementing a relief and logistics plan in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.
- ✓ Two personnel are also on the ground as part of CARICOM Emergency Telecommunications Team (CETT) providing support for the restoration of radio communications.
- ✓ OCHA's response appeal to assist Grenada and SVG has been accepted and a Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) is now available for any projects identified on the two affected islands.

### Wash Sector Group:- CAWASA, UNICEF

- On Carriacou, water distribution plants are operational and providing potable water.
- ✓ On Petite Martinique, leaks on the distribution network have been repaired and about 90 percent of customers have been connected and receiving water.
- ✓ NAWASA has given the assurance that all water being pumped from the system meets the WHO standards in Grenada.
- ✓ Ministry of Health teams are on the ground in Grenada providing Risk Communication information.



# CDEMA Coordinating Unit (CU) and the Thematic Groups cont'd

### Wash Sector Group:- CAWASA, UNICEF cont'd

- ✓ CWA is assisting with cleaning and sanitizing of cisterns at the hospitals and that residents can flush and disinfect their home systems.
- ✓ There is support from the Barbados Water Authority which has provided two water tankers to support water distribution in the affected States.

### **Health Sector Group:- CARPHA, PAHO**

- ✓ Discussions were held with PAHO and other agencies on how to create a space to input assessment findings and identified items on the SVG and Grenada needs list and how the group can support.
- ✓ A two-person Emergency Response team has been deployed to SVG to provide support in Shelter Surveilence.in Union Island and Carriacou. Additional staff trained in Environmental Health and Emergency Response will be deployed to Grenada.
- ✓ Procured and disseminated medical supplies using the Regional Security System (RSS) to Grenada and SVG.
- ✓ There are ongoing comprehensive health sector needs assessments from St. Vincent, with Grenada's assessment anticipated. Health risk assessments include evaluating risks related to waterborne diseases, respiratory issues, vector control, maternal and neonatal health, immunization, and non-communicable diseases (NCDs). Efforts are being made to address complications due to compromised vaccines and other health commodities.

### Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Sector Group – UWI DRRC, CANPA

- ✓ The team has been working to get an update of the situation and coordination efforts in the two impacted states and will use the information to identify service gaps to respond to specific requests and provide volunteers.
- ✓ Reports that both affected individuals and relief/response support personnel in Grenada and St Vincent and the Grenadines will require MHPSS services.
- ✓ Various partners, including government, UN agencies, and civil society, are involved in supporting MHPSS needs in Grenada and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

### **Emergency Shelter Sector Group - IOM**

- ✓ Four sector coordination meetings were held with around 20 partners.
- ✓ Active shelter partners are working in Grenada and SVG.
- ✓ An initial review was shared with CDEMA and a technical working group is being established.
- ✓ Data on non-food items (NFIs) and damage surveys has been provided. Shelter needs and demographic profiles are being assessed.
- ✓ Noted that rapid needs assessments were conducted from July 3rd, focusing on shelter needs, basic services, and displacement.
- ✓ Informed by these assessments, midterm reports are being developed as well as a dashboard with demographic profiles and needs.



# CDEMA Coordinating Unit (CU) and Thematic Groups cont'd

### **Protection Sector Group – UN Women**

- Reported that the protection sector is integrated with other sectors to address various risks and needs during crises.
- ✓ Key risks identified include increased vulnerability to gender-based violence, violence against children, psychological distress, and risks related to displacement and social cohesion.
- ✓ The protection pillars of focus are:
  - > Relief Supplies and Services: providing gender-specific relief, hygiene kits, and care packs.
  - > Psychosocial Support: Deployment of self-care toolkits and psychosocial support resources, including printed materials and mobile units.
  - > Training: Ongoing with various volunteer groups and specialists to assist with capacity building and fill any identified gaps in Grenada.
  - > Safe Shelters: Ensuring all shelters, including those for specific vulnerable groups, are safe and functional. Collaborating on shelter reconstruction and safe spaces.
  - ➤ Addressing Gender-Based Violence (GBV): Risk assessments and capacity building for GBV response, updating GBV pathways, and strengthening gender-based violence protection systems.
- ✓ Ongoing collaboration with UN agencies and local governments to enhance protection measures and integrate efforts across sectors.

### Education Sector Group - UNICEF, UNESCO

- ✓ There is pressure to prepare for school reopening in six (6) weeks and a need for guidance on transition plans.
- ✓ Highlighted the importance of the mental health support for students, teachers, duty bearers and administrators.
- ✓ Draft strategies are expected shortly from UNICEF and UNESCO to provide technical assistance.
- ✓ Lessons learned from Antigua and Barbuda (2017 hurricane season) regarding infrastructure repair and student relocation are relevant.
- ✓ There has been significant damage to textbooks and equipment and therefore consideration is being given to online/hybrid learning despite internet connectivity issues.
- ✓ The additional needs include classroom furniture, early childhood education kits, and ICT infrastructure improvements.
- ✓ Reported that meetings of development partners are scheduled for Grenada and St Vincent and the Grenadines.

### **Emergency Telecoms - CETT CDEMA**

- ✓ The team has been deployed to Grenada whose primary task was to assist the Broadcast Stations on Carriacou and Petite Martinique in getting back on air.
- ✓ The CETT was also deployed as part of the CDRU in Grenada and SVG to establish and maintain communications connectivity for the Unit and other emergency services in the impacted areas.
- ✓ The team provided satellite voice and internet connectivity, Radio Frequency (RF) Communication and portable solar powered solutions, to NEMO St Vincent and the Grenadines, RNAT teams, CDRU Teams and other emergency services on Mainland St. Vincent, Union, Canouan and Carriacou.
- ✓ The group has identified some early recommendations for advancing emergency telecommunications support in regional response operations:
  - Explore options for the provision of connectivity to the wider affected population.
  - Explore the addition of Public Broadcasting capabilities.
  - Create a CDEMA regional telecommunications hub in collaboration with thematic partners for the storage, utilization and distribution of equipment.
  - ➤ After-Action Reviews should include partners- Telecoms Sans Frontières, SpaceX and other NGOs providing Emergency ICT solutions.



## CDEMA Coordinating Unit (CU) and Thematic Groups cont'd

### Logistics - CDEMA, WFP

- ✓ In Grenada, supporting NaDMA with CDEMA Logistics System (CLS) training as part of the ongoing warehouse operations in Carriacou and mainland Grenada.
- ✓ The CDEMA/WFP Logistics Cell is also supporting NaDMA with its Physical Inventory exercise in mainland Grenada and Carriacou EOC warehouse.
- ✓ A greenlight/process has been drafted and presented by the CDEMA/WFP Logistics Cell to NaDMA to guide partners who plan to send in-kind items to the country.
- ✓ In St. Vincent, supporting NEMO with CDEMA Logistics System (CLS) training as part of the ongoing warehouse operations.
- ✓ upstream data from incoming shipments have been captured to provide a better visibility and operations planning for NEMO and partners on the ground.
- ✓ Additional storage is required in SVG. Discussions are ongoing with NEMO about the feasibility and possibility of mounting Mobile Storage Units.
- ✓ In Jamaica, WFP has embedded a staff member within the Ministry of Labour and Social Security (MLSS) to support optimization of food assistance to affected parishes.
- ✓ Alternatives to fill strategic gaps in power supply and handling equipment to support current operations are being sought.
- ✓ Two (2) ships left Barbados, one with heavy duty equipment supported by the Barbados Coast Guard and another with UNICEF supplies comprising early childhood kits, hygiene kits, recreation kits.
- ✓ Reguests from Partners for temporary storage to consolidate supplies are being addressed.
- ✓ Expected to finalize a contract with a provider to support the continued delivery of small relief items and passenger transport to the impacted states.

## For more information on Partner Support to date, please see the link below: Partner Support

For the past updates on support from Regional Response Mechanism (RRM) partners, please see below links to previous Situation Reports:

- Hurricane Beryl Situation Report #2
- Hurricane Beryl Situation Report #3
- Hurricane Beryl Situation Report #4
- Hurricane Beryl Situation Report #5
- Hurricane Beryl Situation Report #6

