

#### **SURINAME FLOODING**

#### SITUATION REPORT No. 3 UPDATE

AS OF 6:00 PM ON 13 JUNE 2022

## Severe flooding in the Interior and southern areas of Suriname

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

**What:** Severe flooding in the Interior and southern areas of the country.

**Main areas affected:** Brokopondo and Sipaliwini.

**Outlook:** Expected heavy rainfall between June and August.



Image: CDEMA Advance Team

#### **SITUATION:**

- A number of communities were declared disaster areas by the Government of Suriname on 25th May after experiencing widespread flooding which began in March 2022.
- The districts affected were Brokopondo, Sipaliwini, Marowijne, Para, Saramacca, Coronie and Nickerie, which are all located in the interior and Southern sections of the country.
- Following the government's declaration on May 25th, an Inter-Ministerial Crisis Team was set up to deal with the crisis and provide assistance to the affected families. The team comprises six working groups: Shelter, Security, Health, Finance, Media and Agriculture.
- The outlook by MET officials is for above-normal rainfall between the months of June to August 2022 and this has created major concern about continued flooding, particularly in the already affected communities.
- Rising water due to heavy rainfall in Upper Suriname (on the southern side of the Afobaka Lake) has resulted in a number of villages in the area starting to flood.

### **Updates from Impacted CDEMA Participating State**



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The following report was provided by the NCCR, Suriname as at June 09th, 2022:

- The Inter-Ministerial Crisis Team continues to meet daily to coordinate the relief efforts.
- The NCCR has indicated that 6,076 people have been affected in the Brokopondo and Sipaliwini
- communities: approximately 1,262 in Brokopondo and 4,814 in Sipaliwini.
- The NCCR is collaborating with the Military's Engineering Division to construct seven temporary shelters at the following locations: Brokopondo Centrum (3) Klaaskreek (1) Leiding 7A (1) Leiding 7B (1) Kapasikele (1).
- Two more shelters are currently under construction at Djumu and Guyaba.
- Vector control is focusing on eradicating mosquitoes in the Brokopondo district. Mosquito nets were distributed in the district of Brokopondo and the village of Djumu.
- Concerns have been raised regarding food supplies in the Interior, as crops were lost because of flooding.
- Three centres have been set up to provide relief distribution and sheltering for the affected communities:
  - Zorg en Hoop will provide relief for villages in Sipaliwini,
  - Stoelmanseiland will supply villages on the French Guiana border,
  - Atjoni will support the villages above the hydraulic dam.
- The Brazil Meteorological Office has shared a comprehensive 3 weeks forecast with the MET office of Suriname.





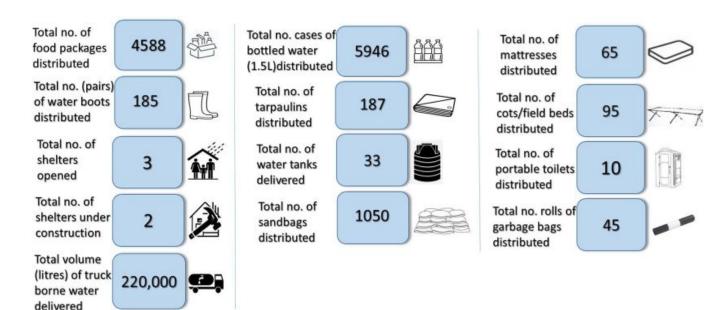
Images: CDEMA Advance Team

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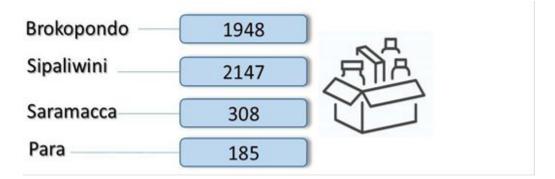


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# Humanitarian Aid Provided by the NCCR March 09- May 31, 2022



## NCCR Food Package Distribution per District March 09 - May 31, 2022



Source: NCCR Situation Report #3



#### The Regional Response Mechanism (RRM)



Image: Flooding in Wanica, Suriname

## CARIBBEAN DISASTER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (CDEMA) Actions:

- The CDEMA Co-ordinating Unit continues to provide support to Suriname and the NCCR.
- A CARICOM Operational Support Team (COST) was deployed for support on the ground, through the provision of data management, data processing and GIS assistance.
- Training in EOC Management was provided to the NCCR team members.
- Training in GEO-Cris and hazard mapping has been facilitated for members of the NCCR Information Management through the COST.
- Future deployments will support ICT assessment and strengthening.
- CDEMA CU is working with partners to secure satellite imagery of the affected areas.
- CDEMA CU has been coordinating support with partners at the regional and international levels through participation in the CDPG and the International Partners' Coordination (IPC) meetings.



#### The Regional Response Mechanism (RRM)

#### CARPHA, CWWA, CAWASA:

 Are on standby to deploy experts in emergency disease surveillance, shelter management and water and waste management as required by the Suriname government.









#### **Support from Regional and International Partners**



#### Map shows the bilateral support to Suriname



Humanitarian support for the affected communities in Suriname has been received or pledged from across the globe.



## **Support from Regional and International Partners**



#### **Table shows the multilateral support to Suriname**

IDB	An emergency Technical Cooperation Grant of US\$200,000, which will be bolstered with an additional US\$50,000, from C&D funds, for immediate response. In addition, they are prepared to mobilise around US\$2 million from the Contingent Credit Facility for Natural Disaster Emergencies pending a response from the government.	unicef	Currently procuring 1000 packages comprising education supplies and 45 packages of cleaning supplies. In addition, UNICEF is working on the need for nutrition in the far South villages for food packages and child friendly items. Support on W.A.S.H. is being developed with national counterparts.
THE WORLD BANK	The World Bank is prepared to activate the emergency response under the Saramacca canal project to support with flood relief once a formal request has been received from the Ministries of Finance and Public Works.	WFP	Two inflatable boats and motors have been obtained to support the major logistical challenges. In addition, one emergency staff member has been deployed in the field.
U N D P	Together with the Ministry of Natural Resources, a total of 97 durotanks and platforms have been purchased: 65 for Sipaliwini, 32 for Brokopondo	//€A®	USD15,000 in emergency funding has been approved by IICA's Director General for the Maroon villages in the hinterland to purchase agricultural inputs which will assist in reestablishing agricultural production in the short to medium term to avoid any potential food shortages. IICA will also continue to provide technical assistance to ensure establishment and management of the new crops and farms utilizing sustainable practices to mitigate future occurrences.
F	FAO has provided food packages for vulnerable households and agriculture support consisting of seeds, seedlings, plants and tools (together with LVV).	WOMEN #	UN Women has provided direct monetary support to NCCR and is specifically addressing the need for personal care kits.
Pan American Health Organization	Two technical advisors have been deployed to support the preparation of damage and needs assessments to health facilities as well as the preparation of a W.A.S.H assessment. Visits have been conducted to five facilities, one of which (Pokigron) has expressed immediate needs. PAHO has also procured and donated:  - Cleaning Supplies  - An integrated emergency health kit including medical supplies and consumables  - Thirty (30) field medical backpacks  - Five Hundred (500) collapsible 5L water containers  - Three Hundred (300) Mosquito Nets  - Deployment bags (4) for emergencies to the NCCR		

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