

HURRICANE BERYL

SITUATION REPORT #8

12:00 PM on 17th August 2024

CDEMA AND PARTNERS CONTINUE TO PROVIDE RELIEF SUPPORT TO ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES AND GRENADA POST HURRICANE BERYL



Photo credit: NEMO, SVG – Officers from the Bahamas arrived in St. Vincent and the Grenadines to support other uniformed officers from the CARICOM Disaster Relief Unit (CDRU), a component of the regional response mechanism, coordinated by CDEMA, operating in the Southern Grenadines.



Above - CDEMA's Logistics Specialist, Mr. Kevon Campbell, supporting the establishment of an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at Union Island St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Bottom Right - The US Embassy and USAID Officials visited NaDMA Headquarters and donated items to the relief efforts in Grenada including a generator, tarpaulins, and shelter kits, which will enable the proper installation of roof covering for those who need it most.



Photo Credit: NaDMA, Grenada - Food Hub donated relief items to NaDMA.



Situation Updates from Impacted Participating States



GRENADA

The following updates were provided during the CDPG Meeting held on August 14, 2024:



COORDINATION

- Surge support continues to be provided through the CARICOM Operational Team (COST) to the EOCs on mainland, Grenada, Petite Martinique and Carriacou.
- Another CDEMA Logistics System (CLS) training is scheduled for the week of August 19, 2024.



SHELTER

- There are 31 shelters in operation 29 on Carriacou, 1 on Mainland Grenada and 1 on Petite Martinique with 326 occupants
- Shelter boxes with 600 tents are scheduled to arrive in Carriacou and Petite Martinique to distribute to persons currently
 in schools being used as shelters.



EARLY RECOVERY

- Recovery operations continue to restore water on Petite Martinique and Carriacou. There is currently an issue with the desalination plant on Petite Martinique, therefore 5000 gallons of water are on standby.
- Clean-up operations continue on Petite Martinique, Carriacou and mainland (northern Grenada); focus is on clean up in Carriacou and Petite Martinique.
- Steady progress with restoration of electricity on both Petite Martinique and Carriacou, with support from regional teams;
 almost 100% has been restored on the mainland.
- Airport terminal building on Carriacou has been repaired; SVG Air has resumed flights, with occasional chartered flights.
- The Guyana Defence Force continues to support the repair of roofs and assist with schools and other buildings.
- Transportation of goods among the islands is a challenge, both the availability and cost. New vessels may have to be introduced to assist.

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HEALTH

Health services are being provided through the field hospital in Carriacou established by Samaritan's Purse



The Government announced that schools will be reopened in September 2024 on both Carriacou and Petite Martinique;
 one school is scheduled to be rebuilt because it was destroyed.



The government is having discussions with companies on the temporary housing of citizens. The Ministry of Housing
and Housing Authority has drafted a policy for re-housing; discussions on temporary housing are ongoing.



Productive Sectors (Tourism, Agriculture, Fisheries)

- Consultations with these sectors in Carriacou and Petite Martinique are ongoing; During a consultation on Friday, August
 9, a number of relief measures were outlined, including a decision as it relates to taxes on building materials and other things needed for recovery construction.
- Financial packages will be available for farmers, fishermen and other workers in the productive sectors.





National Disaster Management Agency (NaDMA), Grenada

NEEDS LIST AUGUST 8TH, 2024

CASH

35,000 Tarpaulins (25ft x 25ft) or larger

9,500 Cots Bottled Water Non-perishable food

Peas and Beans Baby Formula 4,000 Pillows

4,000 mattresses - various sizes

5,000 Adult Diapers 10,000 Baby Diapers

Baby Wipes Hygiene Wipes

Household/Disinfecting Wipes

8,000 Blankets Toiletries

Bleach and disinfectant 5,000 Hygiene Kits for Women 3,000 Hygiene Kits for Children 3,000 Hygiene Kits for Men 5,000 (5 gallon) Jerry Cans

200 First Aid Kits

200 fuel cans – gasoline and diesel 500 Raincoats (various sizes) 2,000 pairs construction gloves 500 reflective vests

20 Collapsible Water Bladders (3,000

Gallons and Bigger)

2,500 solar/battery operated AM/FM radios

5,000 Flashlights/Solar Lights

200 Generators (5,000 watts and upward)

150 chain saws (18-32 inch blades)

50 Electric Chain Sharpeners (Chain saw)

Games for adults and children

1,000 Tabletop cookers

2,000 cooking sets

Garbage bags - Various sizes

200 Steel tip boots - various sizes - Size 9

and above

3,000 Rubber boots - various sizes - Size 9

and above

4,000 mosquito nets Insect repellant

500 Garden Forks

500 spades

500 shovels

500 hand saws

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2,000 hammers

500 hard hats

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:

- During the period ending 31 July 2024, all relief items coming to Grenada should be addressed to the National
 Disaster Management Agency (NaDMA). Relief items coming in and addressed to individuals or other organizations will
 be treated as normal goods except if these are turned over to NaDMA.
- To manage the efficient coordination and logistical arrangements, vessels delivering relief items are advised that Port St.
 Georges is their first port of entry.



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. *Only items on the needs list will be accepted by the Government of Grenada*.



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COORDINATION

- The NEOC has been activated since June 29, 2024, and continues operations; operations have expanded primarily in Union Island as it was most impacted.
- A smaller EOC has been established on Union Island to serve persons in shelters; joint briefings are conducted to provide critical updates and provide support to matters arising such as health.
- The NEOC on Union Island is to be outfitted with planning personnel to develop recovery plans.
- Damage assessments are still needed to inform repairs and allow families to return home. Support is required.



HEALTH

- The island has seen an uptake in COVID-19 and Dengue Cases due to stagnation of water.
- Maintenance work is being done at the Ashton Hard Court washroom facility to accommodate the Field Hospital on Union Island.
- NEMO's Health Sub-Committee continues psychosocial support sessions. The first activity specifically geared to male shelterees, was held on August 7th, 2024, at the Kingstown Government School.



SHELTER

- There are 1183 persons in both formal and informal shelters 51 in Bequia, 98 in Canouan, 44 in Mayreau, 340 in Union island.
- There are 650 persons in 35 shelters on mainland St. Vincent, 20 of which are schools.
- Hotel accommodation has been identified for persons seeking shelter in schools, and they will be provided with food supplies through the Ministry of National Mobilization.



HOUSING

The housing programme has started as they approach the beginning of the recovery phase.



DEBRIS MANAGEMENT

- An international partner has supported the cleanup in Union Island, Canouan and Mayreau.
- Waste management is a challenge encountered on Union Island.
- The Central Water and Sewerage Authority (CWSA) will assist with cleaning the drains and waterways.
- A team of divers inspecting the coastal areas found significant debris, including galvanise underwater it's not safe to access beaches.



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- The transition out of schools has started, four (4) schools have been cleared for the repairs programme.
- The school in Mayreau is 70% complete the roof is on, and minor repairs are being completed.
- The policy for schools has been strategized where there is schooling on mainland St. Vincent for persons from Union Island who are also provided with accommodation.
- The second option is to have personal schooling on Union Island, following consultations with residents of the Island.
- Over 12000 students will benefit from the Government's expansion of its Back to School Grant.
- The Ministry of Education will be offering TVET courses to youths and adults from the Southern Grenadines, who were affected by the passage of Hurricane Beryl and are now on the mainland.
- Roads, Buildings & General Services Authority (BRAGSA) commences work on the Adelphi Secondary School to replace the roof which was damaged during the passage of Hurricane Beryl.
- The Return to Happiness Programme, in collaboration with UNICEF Eastern Caribbean, the SVG Health Ministry, and the SVG Education Media Unit, is being conducted in twenty-nine (29) communities, including shelters, across St. Vincent and the Grenadines.
- The programme is also being offered in the Grenadines, specifically on Mayreau and Bequia. A total of 519 children—290 males and 219 females—are benefiting from this initiative. The programme commenced on July 23rd in the Central Leeward zone and on July 29th in the remaining shelters and communities.



AGRICULTURE

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Rural Transformation, Industry and Labour held the first in a series of
consultations aimed at sensitizing farmers on the recovery process in the aftermath of Hurricane Beryl. The event
took place at the Richland Park Government School Grounds on Monday 12th August 2024.



TOURISM

- Ministry of Tourism, Civil Aviation, Sustainable Development and Culture and the SVG Tourism Authority held consultations on August 8th 2024, to discuss rebuilding efforts with tourism stakeholders in the Southern Grenadines (Union Island, Mayreau and Canouan).
- Officials from the Ministry of Tourism, Civil Aviation, Sustainable Development and Culture in its capacity within the Shelter Management Sub-Committee of the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) have begun evaluation of properties to be used as private shelters for persons displaced by Hurricane Beryl.



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EARLY RECOVERY

- Major public buildings in Mayreau have electricity, with the aim of having homes energised by the weekend.
- The situation is more severe in Union Island, and the aim is to have electricity by month end as some poles need to be replanted.
- The plan is to roll out generators to assist across the island, a new generator from mainland St. Vincent will be deployed to Union Island to provide electricity in the capital.
- Work is ongoing to restore the roof on the clinic in Union Island.
- Work is been done to retrofit the local police building and schools.

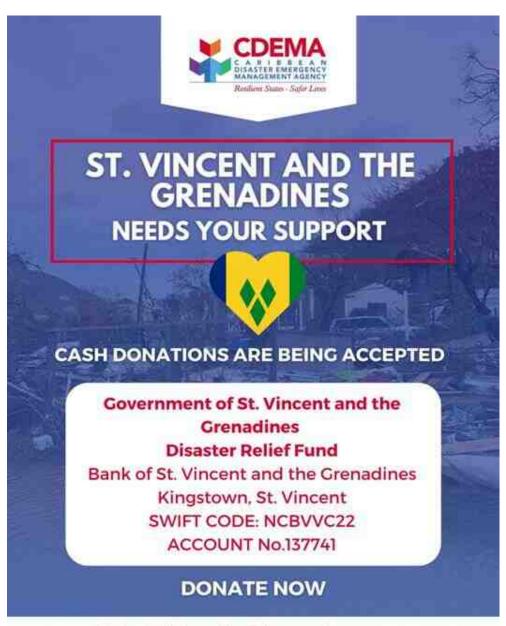


RELIEF MANAGEMENT

- The National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) continues to supply residents in the Southern Grenadines with generators, mattresses, tarpaulins, hygiene kits, and other emergency supplies
- The SVG Red Cross continues to provide support through their volunteer mechanism in receiving and distributing relief items to the most vulnerable.
- A new staging area is being explored for relief supplies as they look to bring the airport back into operation. This included areas for the storage and distribution of relief supplies
- · Work is ongoing to regularly distribute food and water



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:



For further information visit: www.cdema.org



CDEMA Coordinating Unit (CU) and the Regional Response Mechanism (RRM)

Regional Coordination:

- ✓ CDEMA and the UNRCO Eastern Caribbean and Barbados co-chaired thirteen (13) Caribbean Development Partners Group (CDPG) Meetings to date for this response
- The Regional Coordination Center (RCC) remains activated to support the affected Participating States.
- ✓ CDEMA continues to work with stakeholders on the effective response and early recovery in Grenada and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Relief and Logistics Thematic Group

The Relief and Logistics Thematic Group co-chaired by CDEMA & the WFP continue to operate the Relief Transshipment Hub at Shed 1 of the Barbados Port Inc.

CARICOM Disaster Relief Unit (CDRU)

- ✓ CDRU Officers Remain on the ground in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, specifically Union Island and Canouan
- ✓ The final rotation of CDRU officers will be deployed to Grenada early next week

CARICOM Operational Support Team (COST)

✓ On August 16, 2024, the final rotation of the COST was dispatched, three (3) operatives in Grenada and one (1) in Saint Vincent

Rapid Needs Assessment Team (RNAT) - St. Vincent and the Grenadines

✓ RNAT Reports for Grenada and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines have been completed and submitted.

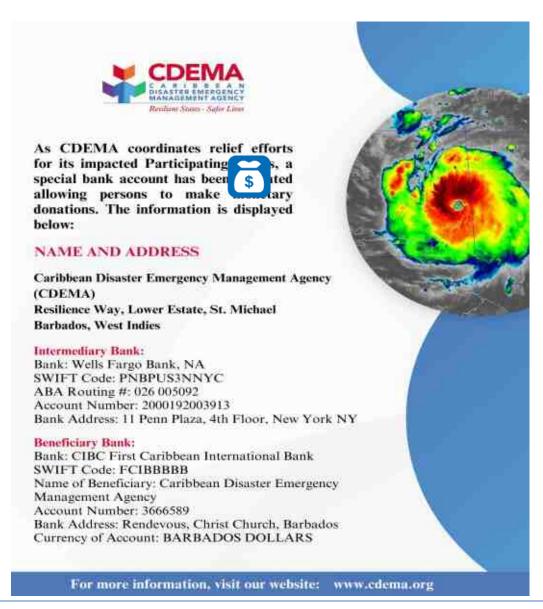


Support from CDEMA Participating States & Partners

CASH DONATIONS

- Government of the Turks and Caicos Islands donated USD \$750,000.00 to assist with relief efforts for Hurricane Beryl
- Government of Montserrat donated USD \$36,806.65 to support countries affected by Hurricane Beryl
- CARICOM Secretariat Staff donated USD \$11,257.00 to support Hurricane Beryl relief efforts
- Central Bank of Barbados donated BBD \$10,565.00 to support Hurricane relief efforts

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





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The following updates were provided during the CDPG Meeting held on August 7, 2024:



- ✓ UNICEF has held WASH coordination meetings
- ✓ Exploring partnership with Water Mission towards improving WASH infrastructure, supplies and risk communication in SVG
- ✓ Seeking guidance on the logistics systems for tracking movement of relief supplies
- ✓ Working with SVG Ministry of Health (MoH) in risk communication and identifying health champions
- Encouraged partners to indicate their interest in working with Water Mission in GRN to implement similar interventions to those planned for SVG.



- ✓ CARPHA continues to support regional disaster response efforts
- ✓ Completed SVG deployment August 2nd (2 specialists were supporting heath surveillance)
- ✓ Public Health supplies were handed over to GRN Friday, 2nd August
- Continue to maintain discussions with partners and MoH in impacted territories
- ✓ Continue to monitor longer-term public health risks that the disaster may have presented.
- ✓ PAHO continues to provide technical support and supplies to both countries MOHs (SVG and GRN)
- ✓ Continue to support the Health Sector and MHPSS Coordination meetings
- ✓ SVG team on the ground supporting environmental health, logs and coordination, damage assessment, surveillance & MHPSS. The team has received request for extension for another month and working to facilitate that extension.
- ✓ A team is on the ground in GRN to support damage assessment of health facilities. Assessment completed on the 6th August and report presented to MoH coordination committee inclusive of cost estimates for full restoration.
- ✓ The MHPSS expert is also on the ground working with the three ministries responsible for MHPSS, to activate their MHPSS technical working group and currently doing the 4Ws to understand who are the personnel in country supporting MHPSS.
- ✓ Continue to support surveillance and supporting the MOH in developing their weekly shelter surveillance bulletin; also working with the MoH to develop and disseminate water safety and dengue prevention educational materials.
- ✓ Awaiting the CERF funds to continue the implementation of the key areas as outlined.



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Shelter Thematic Group

- ✓ IOM reported that 5 Shelter/NFIs (NFI = Non-Food Items) coordination meeting taken place since 3rd July 2024; over 20 partners from government and international agencies participating regularly and that there are 9 active Shelter partners operating across both Island States in SVG (3 partners) and GRN (6 partners)
- ✓ Presented figures on NFIs distributed by shelter sector partners on the OCHA 3Ws as of 1st Aug 2024 (noted that the figures do not include distributions by local authorities), most have been distributed in Carriacou
- ✓ IOM has conducted interviews with affected person in shelters (survey done in partnership with Taraji Foundation, Min of Education); 81% indicated unable to return to their houses due to level of damage and 19% indicated an intention to return to their homes
- ✓ The next steps are to continue to support shelter occupants and explore repairs to shelters
- ✓ CDRU and OCHA conducted damage assessment on Union Island; 723 HH with L3 and L4 damage reported.
- Exploring possibility of UNOPS modelling to support damage assessment and costing of debris removal and analysis of building damage using Copernicus satellite data.



Education Thematic Group

- ✓ Coordination meetings held with GRN and SVG and noted the priority areas for both countries
- ✓ Noted the need to fully cost damage assessment and full restoration costs for the sector; need for updated student, staff and shelter damage data, to make it more accurate
- ✓ Continued support for adolescents and youth safe spaces to play
- ✓ Expanded social protection programmes are a priority need such as increased school feeding, textbook loan programmes/eBooks and extended uniform support programmes
- ✓ CDEMA, OECS and CARICOM have agreed to support PS in developing detailed school re-opening plans and deployed a joint team to the affected islands.
- ✓ PAHO noted that they were collaborating with UNICEF, prior to the impact, to build capacity for MHPSS within the schools and the planning for this proposed training will be resumed



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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: Please note that a detailed list of the support will be updated and shared with all partners.

- 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
- Hurricane Beryl Situation Report #7

