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Eastern Caribbean Area Office

HURRICANE BERYL Situation Report 02

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Highlights

The full extent of the destruction wrought by Hurricane Beryl in the subregion as it swept through the south-east Caribbean from the early hours of 1 July is still emerging. It is a sobering picture of widespread damage and destruction as authorities work steadily to restore services such as telecommunications, electricity, water - and a semblance of normality - to as many communities as possible.

Grenada, where three deaths have been confirmed, is one of the countries bearing the brunt of the damage, especially the islands of Carriacou and Petite Martinique which make up the tri-island state. On Petite Martinique, 100 per cent of homes have been damaged or destroyed, and across the mainland more than 380 people are in shelters.

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines was also severely affected, with one death being reported. Islands such as Bequia and Union have suffered considerable destruction. Approximately 700 people have been evacuated from Union. Ninety-eight per cent of the buildings on that island, including the airport, are damaged, many of them extensively. Some 1,362 people in total have relocated to 49 shelters.

Situation in Numbers



6, 754
children in need



22, 880
people in need
(Grenada: 6,980
Saint Vincent and the
Grenadines: 15,900)



1, 362
#people in shelters
(Saint Vincent and the
Grenadines)



383
people in shelters
(Grenada)



4
Confirmed dead
(3 Grenada, 1 Saint Vincent and
the Grenadines)

Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

UNICEF is providing humanitarian support to children and families affected by Hurricane Beryl, which impacted Grenada and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines with 140 mph winds on 1 July. Response efforts are being coordinated through the Regional Response Mechanism led by the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA). The initial rapid needs assessment commenced on 2 July with the deployment of the multidisciplinary Rapid Needs Assessment Team (RNAT) and a detailed damage assessment began in Carriacou on 3 July. UNICEF has prepositioned technical assistance as well as hygiene and dignity supplies ready for delivery to reach the most vulnerable children and adolescents.

Funding Overview and Partnerships

To meet the immediate response needs, UNICEF has reallocated US\$108,000 from Regular Resources to procure urgent emergency supplies. While the immediate response plan is being finalized, UNICEF estimates the overall funding needs to be US\$995, 000, although this may rise considering that assessments are still ongoing.

Summary Analysis of Programme Response

Child Protection/Gender-based violence

Child protection rapid needs assessments to identify vulnerabilities and tailor interventions are already underway in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. UNICEF, UNFPA and UN Women are working together to establish a protection coordination working group as an outcome of the first meeting on Shelter and Logistics. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is reinstating the child protection working group to coordinate responses. As most children are displaced with their families in shelters across Grenada and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, key initial asks from Government counterparts include gender-based risk mitigation in and around shelters, the need for specialised and general mental health and psychosocial support, messaging around prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse and child safeguarding. No unaccompanied and separated children have been identified. Efforts are underway to roll-out the Return to Happiness psychosocial programme and assess shelters for safe areas to establish child-friendly spaces for both psychosocial support and recreational activities, fostering emotional recovery and resilience.

Education/Psychosocial support

Contact was re-established with all the safe school focal points in the ministries of education in Grenada and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. Together with CDEMA and the Caribbean Safe School Initiative focal points, UNICEF is supporting the rapid assessment of the situation in the affected areas. For immediate relief, UNICEF staff, with ministry of education counterparts, will focus attention on all children in shelters and, based on that assessment, suitable relief and rehabilitation activities will be included in the response plan and implemented accordingly. Summer holidays have started in the affected countries. However, UNICEF will support care and educational activities for children of all ages who are in the shelters for their psychosocial support as well as to establish a routine, create a sense of normality and provide them with opportunities to be with their peers. Besides being used as shelters, initial reports coming from the field suggest many schools were damaged by the storm and before they can reopen after the holidays there will be need for refurbishment and repairs.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

A technical support team will be participating in the rapid needs assessment for WASH in Grenada to better understand the situation in relation to access to safe and adequate drinking water, handwashing and functional sanitation facilities, as well as personal hygiene items and hygiene practices related to water and sanitation. This information will inform UNICEF's hygiene promotion and messaging. The technical support team will also facilitate the deployment of WASH supplies to the affected islands. Over 800 dignity kits have been shipped to families in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Social and Behaviour Change (SBC)

UNICEF disseminated preparatory, potentially life-saving messaging to affected countries after the issuing of the tropical storm/hurricane warning status ahead of the arrival of Hurricane Beryl. As a part of the immediate response, thematic messaging has been developed for WASH, gender-based violence prevention, mental health and nutrition for dissemination in shelters and via media. On completion of needs assessments, a further response plan will be developed.

Humanitarian Leadership, Coordination and Strategy

The country response to the emergency is led by each national government and their respective sectorial ministries. The subregional UN response mechanism (UNETT) has been activated and is functional. UNICEF ECA has established partnerships with national and regional actors to provide direct support to communities and sectorial ministries. A development partners' group has already been established. The main support priorities for UNICEF currently are WASH promotion, child protection and psychosocial support for the most vulnerable children and adolescents. UNICEF is also committed to ensuring that children on summer break are well supported and that early childhood development services are maintained. Participation and engagement of families, children and adolescents in the recovery efforts will be encouraged and promoted.

Human Interest Stories and External Media

UNICEF on the ground

<https://www.facebook.com/UNICEFeasterncaribbean/posts/pfbid0LLKTzwSpNNZdAaP5aMEqaMBMWmXHgLx2NmXiSTa89D95KAMqCAGmgnZhEZkmJKwxl>

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Summary of Programme Results

Sector	High frequency indicators	Estimate method	Target (Grenada)	Target (SVG)	Total Target
Child Protection	# children, parents and caregivers accessing mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS)	PIN (25%)	1,684	2,430	4,114
	# children who have received individual case management	CHIN (25%)	456	496	952
	# people reached with awareness activities and community mobilization interventions on PSEA	PIN	6,734	9,719	16,453
	# women, girls and boys accessing GBV risk mitigation, prevention or response interventions	Total Female + Boys	4,295	5,228	9,523
	% unaccompanied and separated children provided with alternative care or reunified	100%	100%	100%	100%
Education	# of children accessing formal or non-formal education, including early learning	PIN	1684	2430	4114
	# of teachers trained on EiE including psychosocial support, education preparedness and response	100%	TBC	TBC	100%
WASH	Number of people reached with critical water, sanitation and hygiene supplies.	PIN	6,734	9,719	16,453
Social Protection	# households reached with UNICEF funded multi-purpose humanitarian cash transfer	PIN	2,245	3,240	5,484
CE, SBC & AAP	# target population (children, their caregivers, and community members) reached with appropriate and life saving information	PIN	6,734	9,719	16,453
	# people reached through messaging on prevention and access to services	PIN	6,734	9,719	16,453
	# people sharing their concerns and asking questions/clarifications to address their needs through established feedback mechanisms	PIN	6,734	9,719	16,453

PIN - People in need

CHIN - Children in need