



Destruction in Carriacou
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HURRICANE BERYL SitRep 01

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Highlights

Hurricane Beryl, as a powerful Category 4 tropical cyclone, swept through the south-east Caribbean from the early hours of 1 July 2024, causing widespread damage, destruction, power outages and disruption to water supplies and telecommunications. After hitting Barbados with high winds and storm surge, the hurricane continued its path, causing further damage to Saint Lucia, and, more extensively, to Grenada, where one death has been reported on the mainland. Its two sister islands of Carriacou and Petite Martinique have been badly affected, with two further deaths reported on the former. There is an urgent need for temporary housing given that 95 per cent of homes have been damaged or destroyed and over 400 people are reportedly in shelters across mainland Grenada.

In addition, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines has suffered extensively, with government buildings, schools and churches affected. More than 1,700 people are now in shelters. Its islands of Bequia and Union have borne the brunt and one death has been confirmed in the latter and 90 per cent of buildings have been severely damaged or destroyed, including the airport

Funding Overview and Partnerships

To meet the immediate response needs, UNICEF has reallocated US\$120,000 from Regular Resources to procure urgent emergency supplies. While the immediate response plan is being finalized, UNICEF estimates the funding needs to be US\$500, 000.

Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

Hurricane Beryl made landfall as a Category 4, with maximum sustained winds of 140 mph affecting particularly Grenada and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. UNICEF is providing humanitarian support to affected children and families through the Regional Response Mechanism lead 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). UNICEF has prepositioned technical assistance as well as hygiene and dignity supplies ready for delivery to reach the most vulnerable children and adolescents.

Situation in Numbers



Caden Julien in Grenada with his younger siblings, in the aftermath of Hurricane Beryl
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Summary Analysis of Programme Response

Child Protection/Gender-based violence

UNICEF is working with national systems to conduct a comprehensive child protection rapid needs assessment to identify vulnerabilities and tailor interventions accordingly. UNICEF will also support the establishment of coordinating mechanisms in both Grenada and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to work with local authorities, NGOs, and international agencies to ensure a cohesive and effective child protection response. Given the serious impact on children's psychosocial well-being, UNICEF will work in collaboration with child protection and education stakeholders to roll-out the Return to Happiness psychosocial programme and set up child-friendly spaces within shelters to provide psychosocial support and recreational activities, fostering emotional recovery and resilience. UNICEF will also work with UN, regional, government and civil society partners to implement measures to mitigate gender-based violence risks including safe spaces for children and support services for survivors. This will also include integrating child protection standards into all shelters to ensure safety and prevent exploitation and abuse.

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 persons, 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 island. However, UNICEF will support care and educational activities for children all ages who are in the shelters for their psychosocial support as well as to establish 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 schools can reopen after the holidays there will be need for school refurbishments and repairs.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

UNICEF will provide immediate assistance with pre-positioned supplies for WASH, as well as dignity and hygiene kits for people and children in shelters. Additionally, hygiene promotion and life-saving messages are being tailored for shelters. A technical support team is ready to undertake a rapid needs assessment to further guide response efforts for the WASH sector focusing on access to safe and adequate drinking water, handwashing facilities, functional sanitation facilities, and personal hygiene items. In the medium term, UNICEF will conduct WASH assessments in schools given that, as stated above, schools are used as shelters.

Social and Behaviour Change (SBC)

UNICEF disseminated life-saving and preparatory messaging to affected countries with the issuing of the tropical storm/hurricane warning status ahead of Beryl's arrival. As a part of the immediate response, thematic messaging is being developed for WASH, child protection and gender-based violence, and nutrition for production and dissemination in shelters. On completion of needs assessments, a further response plan will be developed.

Humanitarian Leadership, Coordination and Strategy

The national response to the emergency is led by each national government and their respective sectorial ministries. The subregional UN response mechanism (UNETT) was 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 and is functional. The main support priorities for UNICEF at this moment 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 promoted.

Human Interest Stories and External Media

Regional Press Release

<https://www.unicef.org/easterncaribbean/press-releases/least-3-million-children-risk-hurricane-beryl-hits-caribbean>

Nightmare Hurricane Beryl causes pain in the Eastern Caribbean

<https://www.unicef.org/easterncaribbean/stories/nightmare-hurricane-beryl-causes-pain-eastern-caribbean>

UNICEF Representative pledges support for families affected by Hurricane Beryl

<https://www.unicef.org/easterncaribbean/stories/unicef-representative-pledges-support-families-affected-hurricane-beryl>

<https://fb.watch/t4Fpv0FrJq/>

Effects on Union Island (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)

<https://www.facebook.com/UNICEFeasterncaribbean/posts/pfbid0Ji4xu6YupvQrkJtaJZfjxg7UXyi29vgtiNHyQnfq3BobTFSFxfaH1QAMftabWogsI>

Scenes of devastation in Carriacou (Grenada)

<https://www.facebook.com/UNICEFeasterncaribbean/posts/pfbid07hByVVMLsASdWYeNhfhc6k8cRyDPokW2RseTc15HdMYadxRgiwwKYPFuWABTYi5FI>

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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				
	# of teachers trained on EiE including psychosocial support, education preparedness and response				
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
Cross-Sectoral	# 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