



# CIVIL DEFENCE COMMISSION

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## **SITUATION REPORT # 9 as of 19:30 hours, Wednesday May 24, 2017**

**SUBJECT:** Flooding in Regions 7 & 8

### **EVENT:**

Flooding in villages in Regions 7 (Cuyuni/Mazaruni) and 8 (Potaro/Siparuni) as a result of heavy rainfall.

### **PROGNOSIS:**

The Guyana Hydrometeorological Service has forecasted that partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered light to moderate showers can be expected throughout Guyana; some inland and interior locations can expect possible isolated thundershowers. Rainfall is expected to range between 0.0 mm and 25.0 mm (0.0 in and 1.0 in).

### **AREAS AFFECTED**

#### **Region 2**

Reports received from the Regional Democratic Council (RDC)<sup>1</sup> indicate that there is some small water accumulation on the land, however there is no major flooding in the Pomeroon region.

#### **Region 7**

The joint field assessments continue in the Region to investigate the level and extent of flooding, in addition to the impacts to the communities.

#### **Kako**

The Regional Democratic Council (RDC) has indicated that information has been received indicating that a total of sixty-five (65) households were affected by the recent flooding.

#### **Quebenang**

Information received has indicated that a total of forty-one (41) households in Quebenang were impacted by the flooding.

<sup>1</sup> Regional Chairman – Mr. Davanand Ramdatt

## **Kamarang (Warawatta)**

The RDC has indicated that information has revealed seventeen (17) households that were impacted by the flooding in Warawatta, Kamarang.

## **Paruima**

Assessments in the village of Paruima revealed that a total of three (3) houses in the community were flooded, with the highest water level in homes being approximately 6 ft.

All the farms in the community, which total approximately eighty-five (85), were affected as a result of the flooding.

## **Region 8**

No new information has been received on impacts in the flood-affected communities of Region 8.

## **REGION 10**

The RDC Chairman of Region 10 reported that there have been five (5) accidents in five days along the damaged road between the communities of Ituni, 7 Mile and Wismar

## **PUBLIC BUILDING UPDATES**

No additional information on impacts to public buildings has been received.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES**

Reports were received that the airstrip in Paruima (Region 7), which is approximately 60ft above the normal level of the river, was flooded. Additionally, erosion of the river bank has started to occur. There are also reports that the pipe system which supplies water to the community from springs located in the mountains, are heavily silted.

It was reported that the road that serves the Ituni, 7 Mile and Wismar (Region 10) remains impassable.

## **ACTIONS BY THE CIVIL DEFENCE COMMISSION:**

A representative from the Civil Defence Commission continues to participate in a joint team which is currently investigating the extent and impact of flooding within several communities across Region 7.

Additional actions taken by the CDC can be summarized as follows:

- Distributed twenty (20) food relief hampers to the community of Chiung Mouth
- Preparing to deploy addition relief supplies to the Kamarang tomorrow (May 25, 2017), for distribution to flood affected communities by the RDC
- Engaging stakeholders to ensure coordinated effort for recovery and reconstruction operations.

## **ACTIONS BY THE REGIONAL DEMOCRATIC COUNCIL**

The RDC of Region 7 continues to lead a joint field visit to several of the flood affected communities across the Region to ascertain the extent and impacts of flooding, and to investigate the needs at this time.

The RDC Region 7 has also established a Forward Operations Centre at Kamarang, from which the relief operations will now be coordinated and relief supplies will be shuttled to affected communities in the Region.

Additional actions taken by the RDC can be summarized as follows:

- Distributed 2 cases of bleach and medical flood relief to the community of Paruima
- Received (from the CDC) relief supplies, and facilitated the dispatch of these to affected households in Kako
- Continues to monitor and provide updates

## **ACTIONS BY OTHER ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS:**

### **Guyana Water Incorporated**

Personnel from the Guyana Water Inc. (GWI) are currently in the communities of Itabac and Kanapang conducting water quality assessments, and also setting up water filtration systems for use by the residents.

### **Guyana Defence Force**

Engineers from the Guyana Defence Force (GDF) are currently in Region 8 conducting further assessment on the damages to roads, houses and schools. The GDF also provided transportation of relief supplies to Kamarang for distribution, and have previously supported several transportation missions of relief supplies to Region 8.

### **Ministry of Public Health**

Five (5) personnel from the Ministry of Public Health's Regional Health System were deployed to the Forward Operations Centre at Orinduik to aid in the medical response to the flood-affected communities. Three (3) of these personnel have subsequently deployed to the communities of Itabac and Kanapang.

### **Ministry of Indigenous Peoples' Affairs**

The Ministry of Indigenous Peoples' Affairs (MoIPA) has continued to donate and receive donations on behalf of the flood affected residents in Regions 7 and 8. Today, they have donated several items to the CDC to be distributed in Region 7, including peas, beans, channa, sugar, rice, biscuits, flour, sardine, other foodstuff and cleaning supplies.

## **DIGICEL Guyana**

DIGICEL Guyana, in collaboration with the Amerindian Peoples Association (APA) donated several items including flour, sugar, rice, cooking oil, sardines, sausages, powdered milk, Marvex bleach and Lysol to the relief efforts.

## **National Data Management Authority (NDMA)**

National Data Management Authority (NDMA) donated several foodstuff and cleaning items including salt, sardines, butter, tea, milk, oil, bleach and cornbeef to the flood affected residents in Regions 7.

## **Guyana Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists**

The Guyana Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists donated several items towards the relief efforts, including flour, sugar, rice, cooking oil, powdered milk, biscuits and soap powder.

## **Amerindian Peoples Association**

The Amerindian Peoples' Association (APA) has continued to donate and receive donations on behalf of the flood affected residents in Regions 7 and 8. Today, they have donated several items to the CDC to be distributed in Region 7, including rice, mutton, sardines, peas, red beans, macaroni, salt, other foodstuff and cleaning supplies.

## **Global Shapers Community – Georgetown Hub**

The Global Shapers Community – Georgetown Hub donated several items to aid the flood relief operations, including bleach, rice, water, toilet paper, oil, biscuits, soap powder, matches and sausages.

## **ExxonMobil Guyana**

ExxonMobil Guyana today demonstrated their commitment to aiding in the flood relief efforts through their donation of \$5M.

## **Ms. Manisha Wong**

Ms. Manisha Wong donated several boxes of juice to be distributed to flood-affected residents in Region 7.

## **NEEDS**

<b>SER</b>	<b>RELIEF SUPPLIES</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>
1	Fuel (gasoline/diesel)	3 gal diesel, 10 gallon gasoline, 2 bottles mixture
2	Boat & outboard engine	15/25 hp –aluminum
3	Tents	5 1/2 by 5 1/2 (family size)
4	Sanitary napkins	60 regular packs

5	Hammocks	500 treated
6	Mattresses	100 – single
7	Tarpaulin	50 – 20*20
8	Insect repellent	1000
9	Mosquito nets	400
10	Water purification tablets	400 cards (small)
11	Filtration cans/jerry cans	60
12	Water tanks	20
13	Buckets	200
14	Disposable baby diapers	600 (medium & large)
15	Rechargeable (solar) lamps	4
16	Torchlight/lamps & batteries	Maglights, D size batteries ((team), 300 regular torch,
17	Farine	For 1000 household
18	Tasso/dried meat	For 1000 household
19	Powdered milk	400 1 kg packet
20	Canned food	2000 tins



**Image showing erosion of river bank at Paruima**



**Image showing handing over of cleaning and medical supplies at Paruima**



**Image of relief supplies being loaded onto plane for transportation to  
Kamarang**





**Images of hampers arriving and being distributed in Kamarang**







**Images of some of today's donations being presented**

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