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SITUATION REPORT # 12 as of 08:00 hours, Sunday May 28, 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 and sunny skies with possible brief passing showers are expected throughout Guyana today. Parts of Regions 7 to 10 may also experience afternoon cloudiness with possible isolated thundershowers. Rainfall is forecast to range between 10 mm and 35 mm over locations with thundershowers and between 0 mm and 10 mm elsewhere.

AREAS AFFECTED

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.

Kamarang (Warawatta)

Personnel at the Forward Operations Centre at Kamarang received reports from a Guyana Geology and Mines Commission officer¹ that mining operations in the area have been affected as a result of the recent flooding. He indicated that there are a total of three (3) mining areas and six (6) mining operations existing in Kamarang (Warawatta); some of these camps were flooded causing losses to production as well as equipment in some instances.

PUBLIC BUILDING UPDATES

No new information was received on impacts to public buildings.

UTILITIES UPDATE

No new information on impacts to utilities was received.

¹ Mr. Maxwell Reid, Guyana Geology and Mines Commission Officer

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES

The main section of the Chenapau community is located on a hill; however the roads of the community in that area were flooded.

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, as well as coordinating operations at the Forward Operations Centre based at Kamarang.

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

- Deployed additional supplies for the packaging of relief food hampers to Kamarang for distribution to flood affected communities in Region 7
- Deployed footwear, bottled water, farine, and several tools including cutlasses, box file, pickaxes, hand saws, shovels, spades, hoes, axes and forks to Kamarang for distribution to affected communities to aid in the recovery process
- Deployed additional foodstuff to the Forward Operations Centre at Orinduik to complete the preparation of additional relief hampers for affected communities in the Region
- Deployed bottles water, farine, and several tools including pickaxes, cutlasses, box files, shovels, forks, axes, spades, hoes and rope to Orinduik for distribution to the affected communities to aid in the recovery process
- Distributed three (3) boat loads of additional relief supplies to the residents of Kaibarupai.
- Deployed relief hampers to Chi Chi (Region 7) for distribution to the flood affected residents in Chinowieng,
- Deployed relief supplies to Kamana (Region 8) for distribution to the flood affected residents
- Engaging stakeholders to ensure coordinated effort for rehabilitation 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.

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

- Handed over forty-eight (48) relief hampers for distribution to the residents of Quebenang, and ten (10) for use at the school's kitchen. The RDC also handed over several items to the community including ten (10) treated mosquito nets, ten (10) packs fernleaf milk, 10 packs flour, other foodstuff and twenty-five (25) soap hampers.
- Handed over sixty-five (65) relief hampers for distribution to the residents of Jawalla, and ten (10) for use at the school's kitchen. The RDC also handed over several items to the community including ten (10) treated mosquito nets, one (1) jerry can, other foodstuff and fifteen (15) soap hampers.

- Handed over thirty (30) relief hampers for distribution to the residents of Kamarang (Warawatta). The RDC also handed over several items to the community including two (2) bottles of bleach, two (2) cutlasses, eight (8) packs of farine, other foodstuff and ten (10) soap hampers.
- Preparing relief hampers for distribution to representatives of Imbaimadai, Waramadong and Paruima
- Continues to monitor and provide updates

ACTIONS BY OTHER ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS:

Roraima Airways

The Roraima Airways pilot who delivered additional relief supplies from Georgetown to the Forward Operations Centre at Orinduik voluntarily delivered the relief supplies to the flood affected community of Kamana.

Ministry of Public Health

Personnel from the Ministry of Public Health continue to conduct assessments on the impacts to the health sector in the flood affected communities in both Regions 7 and 8.

Queensway Security Services Incorporated

Queensway Security Services Incorporated donated willingly towards the flood relief efforts. Mr. Desmond Phillips, representative of the company yesterday (27-05-2017) made the organisation's donation of 20 pieces of 20 x 30 tarpaulin and 2 units of Stihl MS 361 chainsaws. The company is also covering the cost of charter of one islander aircraft to Orinduik to deliver these and other supplies. The total value of their donation amounts to GY\$706,047.

Global Tech

Global Tech, which was represented by Mr. Amar Ramessar, donated clothing and toilet paper to the flood relief efforts in the hinterland communities.

NEEDS

SER	RELIEF SUPPLIES	QUANTITY
1	Boat & outboard engine	15/25 hp –aluminum
2	Tarpaulin	50 – 20*20
3	Sanitary napkins	60 regular packs
4	Hammocks	500 treated
5	Insect repellent	1000
6	Mosquito nets (treated)	400
7	Water purification tablets	400 cards (small)
8	Water tanks	20
9	Disposable baby diapers	600 (medium & large)
10	Rechargeable (solar) lamps	4
11	Farine	For 1000 household

12	Tasso/dried meat	For 1000 household
13	Canned food	2000 tins
14	Powdered milk	400- 1 kg packet
15	Collapsible Bottle	105
16	Rice	12 bags- 1kg packets
17	Flour	10 bags – 1 kg Packets
18	Sugar	8 bags – 1 kg Packets



Image of Roraima Airways Crew who volunteered to deliver relief supplies to Kamana community



Image showing arrival of relief hampers at Orinduik



Image of handing over of relief hampers at Forward Operations Centre at Orinduik



(Before)



(After)

Images showing drop in water level at Kamarang Landing





Images of representative from Queensway Security Services Inc. making donation yesterday (27-05-2017)

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