

Above normal rainfall and hinterland flooding in Guyana

An update from Guyana's Civil Defense Commission (CDC) on 10 June, 2021 reported the following:

- A Tropical Wave embedded within the ITCZ is currently affecting Guyana resulting in heavy rainfall during the month of May, which has continued into June.
- Spatial comparison between the total rainfall for May 2021 against the May Normal (average for 1991-2020) suggests that there was significant increase in rainfall across the country during May of this year.
- Rainfall totals for May (2021) was 607.7mm, the second highest rainfall total for the month of May across the country since 1981.
- The latest seasonal rainfall outlook suggests that wetter than usual or above normal rainfall can be expected through Guyana during the period June to August 2021.
- During this period, an increase in the number of wet days and 7 days extreme wet spells can be expected.



LEVEL 2 EVENT

- Flooding remains a concern at least for period June into mid July especially in areas that are already under water and mudslides are a concern over hilly areas.
- Critical and extremely affected Regions in Guyana are being monitored closely to evaluate the impact of observed weather conditions over the next two 2 weeks on current flood levels and resulting impacts.

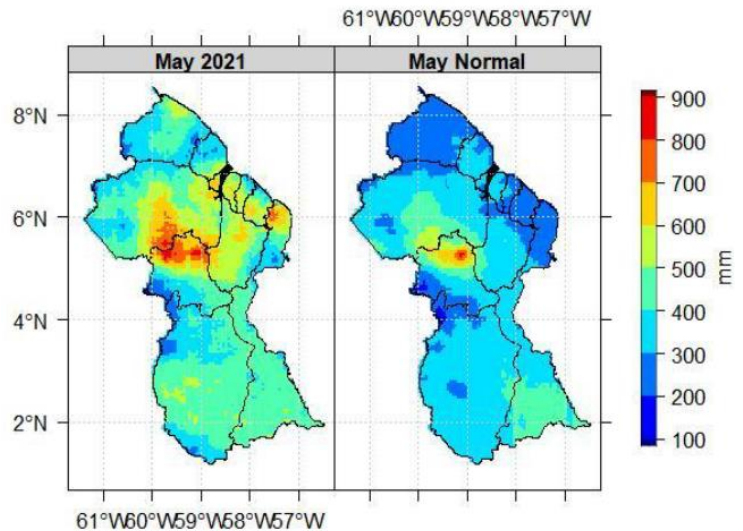


Updates from Impacted CDEMA Participating State

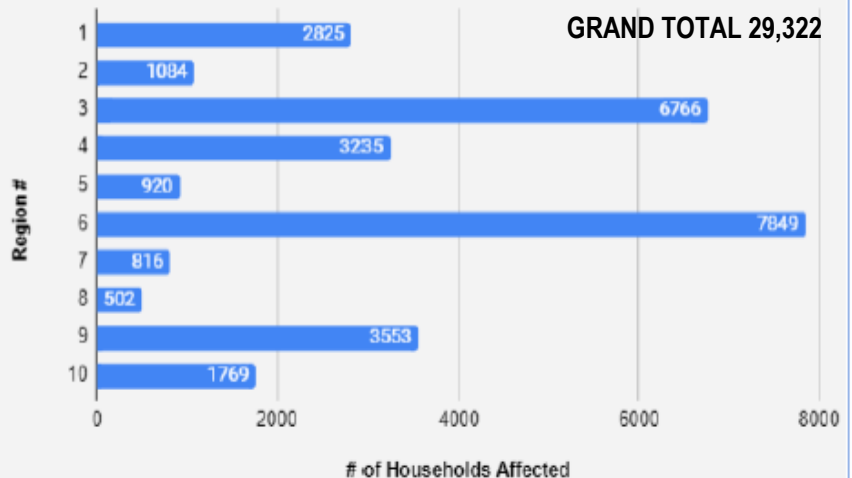
The Situation Report by the Civil Defence Commission (CDC) issued on 11 June, 2021 stated the following:

- On 10 June, Head of State, His Excellency Mohammed Irfaan Ali, after visiting and assessing some of the affected areas, designated the flooding as a Level 2 event and declared a disaster in the Cooperative Republic of Guyana citing the specific areas of Region 2 (Pomeroon-Supenaam), Region 5 (Mahaica-Berbice), Region 6 (East Berbice-Corentyne), Region 7 (Cuyuni-Mazaruni) and Region 10 (Upper Demerara-Upper Berbice).
- Over the past 22 hours, the Civil Defence Commission (CDC) has continued to receive reports of flooding across the country. Further, the CDC has continued its verifications of flood reports, in addition to the deployment of personnel and resources to support in flood response.
- The CDC continues to give direct support in the areas of shelter management, evacuation, relief distribution in Kwakwani (Region 10) where excessively high-water levels are being experienced, almost fully covering homes in some instances. Technical teams also continue to give support in Region 7.
- The CDC continues to receive and verify reports of severe flooding across communities with water entering homes, livestock and domestic animals in distress and farmlands inundated and resulting crop damages.
- The CDC has recommended that situation within the country be classified as a **Level 2 Event** - the national capacity to respond is not overwhelmed but some external assistance is hereby required and being sought through CDEMA's Regional Response Mechanism (RRM) to augment efforts in a bid to effectively protect lives, livelihoods, and the environment within these localities and the country at large.

May 2021 Rainfall compared to May Normal



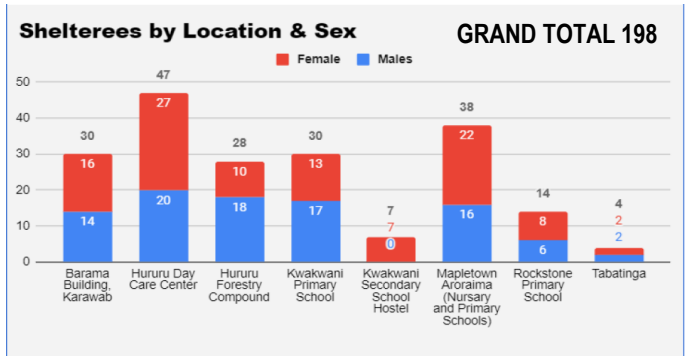
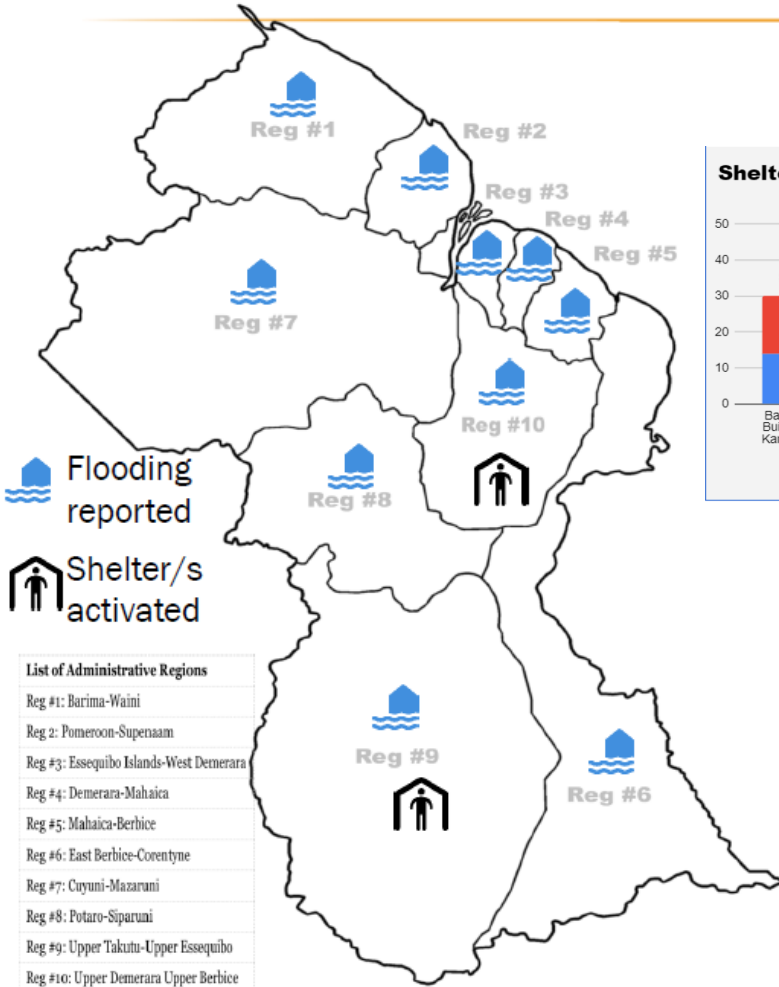
Households Affected by Region (Reported)



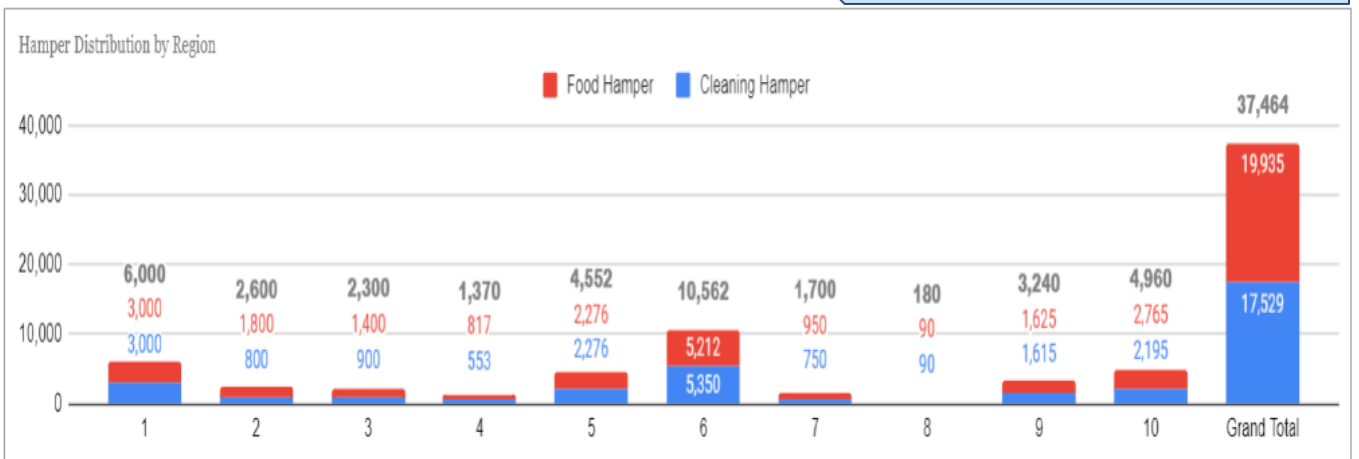


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Humanitarian Assistance



During the period of 18 May to 11 June, 2021 a total of **17,829** cleaning hampers and **20,535** food hampers have been distributed across the Regions as a form of emergency relief





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CIVIL DEFENCE COMMISSION (CDC) GUYANA ACTIONS



TO DATE

- Advised the President that the country is now at a Level 2 event with regards to the flood situation
- Continues to manage shelter operations in Region 10 at Kwakwani including the establishment of an additional shelter at Hururu
- Continues on ground support and assessments in Upper Mazaruni in Region 7
- Continues to engage CDEMA, other regional and international stakeholders for support to national flood response
- Providing support to RDC of Region 2 and 5 in the establishment of emergency shelters in the Pomeroon River and at Gordon Table respectively
- Kept the public updated through regular press releases, interviews and alerts
- Provided technical support to the Regional Emergency Response System
- Continues to acquired financial support and relief supplies from the Private Sector, NGOs and private citizens
- Director General of the CDC formed part of a team that visited flood affected villages in Region 6 to assess flood levels and residents' needs

GOING FORWARD

- The CDC will work with local government organs to ensure that timely assessments and responses are done in keeping with the processes set out in the Regional DRM Plans.
- Engage with the NDIA, NAREI, GLDA, MOH and MoPW to address key emergency concerns in communities.
- Distribution of food and non-food items to affected residents as needed on demand.
- Establish and manage temporary shelters as needed.
- Conduct detailed damage assessments as needed.

NEEDS LIST

A needs list is being coordinated through the CDC

MONETARY DONATIONS

For Direct Money Transfers into CDC Flood Relief Republic Bank Account

Acc #: 962356519938 and Swift Code: RBGLGYGG

Kindly:

1. Indicate that the transfer is for "GUYANA FLOOD RELIEF"
2. Send a confirmation note to telephone number (592) 604-9967

Coordination of the Regional Response Mechanism (RRM)

- CDEMA provided 500 cots with the support of the Regional Security System over 3 and 6 June. The cots were a donation from the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.
- The Caribbean Development Partners Group (CDPG) convened meetings to coordinate relief efforts and was briefed by the CDC Director on 10 June.
- CDEMA has placed the Regional Response Mechanism (RRM) on stand-by to support Guyana.
- Arrangements have been initiated by the CDEMA CU to provide support through coordination of a Detailed Damage Sectoral Assessment Team to support the assessment process.
- CDEMA will continue to engage regional and international partners in support of Guyana.



The first of 3 shipments of 500 cots donated by CDEMA to support flood relief efforts in Guyana was handed over to the CDC on 3 June. Photo credit CDC

Support being provided by RRM and Other Partners

- Barbados has pledged 500 military cots to arrive in Guyana on 21 June. Additional relief items specifically 1200 blankets; 2500 N95 masks; 480 Hand sanitizers; 1000 mini hygiene kits and 65 family necessity kits will arrive with the shipment of military cots.
- The National Disaster Coordinator for Trinidad and Tobago, the sub-regional focal point for the Southern Sub-Region, has been briefed on the situation and stands ready to support Guyana as required.