

# HURRICANE BERYL

Barbados, Grenada, Saint Lucia and St Vincent & the Grenadines

# PAHO



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## Situation Report #2 - 1-July-2024 / 1700 AST

### HIGHLIGHTS

- As of 17:00 today, the US National Hurricane Center reported that hurricane and tropical storm watches and warnings are still in effect in some countries, with Grenada, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Lucia, and Martinique in the Eastern Caribbean on Tropical Storm Warning.
- Barbados did not suffer major destruction according to preliminary reports, power outage and water service interruption were experienced throughout country. Queen Elizabeth Hospital did not suffer any significant damage, hence it remained operational.
- Preliminary reports from VCT NEMO indicate private homes, private and public infrastructure have lost roofs, and major roads are blocked, including extensive damage in the Grenadines. While some health infrastructure are reportedly functional in St Vincent, the Ministry of Health have yet to hear any indication from health facilities staff in the Grenadines as they lost contact with them.
- In Grenada, Mount Gay Psychiatric Hospital was reported to have lost a section of its room resulting to the transfer of patient to another facility,
- PAHO maintains its ongoing coordination efforts with the Ministries of Health (MOHs) in the affected countries. PAHO's regional response team has been activated and are on stand-by for deployment if required.

### IN NUMBERS

**673,018**

**Potentially exposed<sup>1</sup>**

**0 Deaths<sup>2</sup>**

**0 Injured<sup>3</sup>**

**0 Missing<sup>4</sup>**

**0 Evacuated<sup>5</sup>**

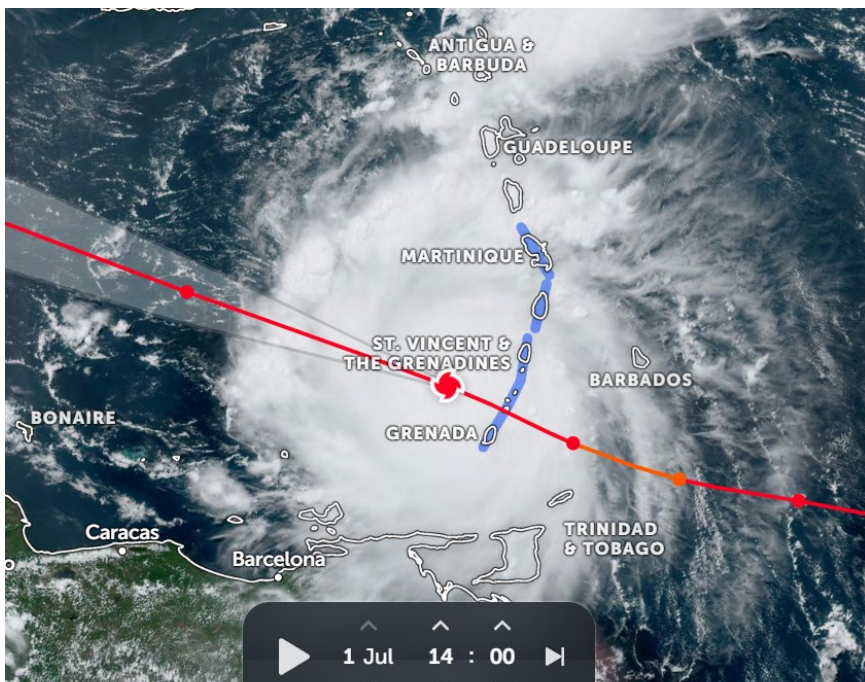
**2 Partially**

**Damaged Health facilities<sup>6</sup>**

1: Country latest census data – Barbados, Grenada, St Vincent & the Grenadines, and Saint Lucia.

2,3,4,5: Assessments are still ongoing and preliminary information is not available yet.

6: Two partially damaged: Mount Gay Hospital in St Vincent & the Grenadines, and MCMH Laboratory in Grenada.



Source: <https://zoom.earth/storms/beryl-2024/>

**Barbados:**

- Ministry of Health EOC is operational and virtual.
- Power outage and water lockoff in some areas.
- Queen Elizabeth Hospital is functioning well, sufficient staffing in place with no reported issues.
- Preliminary information from MOH indicates no major impact on health facilities, apart from minor roof leak at the psychiatric hospital and the need to refuel the generator at the geriatric hospital.
- Water and Electricity are in place, vaccines secured.

**St Vincent and the Grenadines:**

- Chateaubelair Smart Hospital remains operational with appropriate staffing and no complaints. Four patients (2 Gastro without fever, 1 diabetic wound, & 1 safe keeping).
- MCNH staffing is sufficient, and no issues reported. 1 emergency surgery last night. The total patient census is 52 with 3 admissions last night. 2 patients in ICU.
- MMDC staff and patients are well, no issues reported.
- Some healthcare staff lost roofs and have damages to their homes in the Grenadines.
- The MCMH laboratory has some infrastructure damage but the equipment are intact, according to laboratory personnel.

**Grenada:**

- Mount Gay Psychiatric Hospital lost a section of the roof resulting in patients needing to be transferred, according to the PM. Number of patients not yet reported.

**Saint Lucia:**

- Health system readiness was assessed by MOH, and things are in place including staffing schedule and transportation, protection of vaccines.
- Adequate water storage of 20,000 gallons in place at the hospital.
- A notice went out this afternoon with respect to the cancellation of elective surgeries and that all clinics at the hospital will be closed.
- All health centers are on standby. The Gros Islet Polyclinic and Dennery Hospital will remain open for 24 hours to manage people who require healthcare.
- COPD vulnerable persons are being transported to the St. Jude hospital and Comfort Bay (senior citizen home) where there are oxygen concentrators. Ambulances are in place for transportation.
- As current projections indicate that the south of the country will most likely be impacted. St Jude Hospital may be heavily affected as its infrastructure may not be able to sustain a Category 4 hurricane.
- The oxygen plant (private contractor) will provide additional cylinders.

**HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT**

Reports on injuries to staff in St Vincent and the Grenadines, but not life threatening. Details not yet available.

**INFRASTRUCTURE****Barbados:**

- Loss of power and water in some areas. 25% of persons are currently without electricity
  - Airport, businesses and nonessential services remained closed.
  - Some report off high sea surges in some areas.
- Approximately 40 homes reported some form of damage including roof loss.

### Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:

- Prime Minister informed the public that all persons should be “off the road from sunset” yesterday, 30 June 2024.
- Electricity shut off yesterday evening in 3 areas, which run from the hydroelectric plant, and all other areas supplied by diesel plan was closed early tomorrow today, 1 July 2024.
- National closed down Monday, 1 July with no schools, businesses, government departments except the essential services.
- National Emergency Operations Centre (NEMO) have lost all telephones lines.
- Electricity and water supply off in some areas.
- Two major powerlines and several small ones are down.
- Airport, schools and businesses are closed.
- There is storm surge in excess of 20 feet in St Vincent and in Grenadines.
- Part of the roof at one of the emergency shelters and a section of the roof of the elderly care facility was damaged.

### Saint Lucia:

- Power outages in various areas of the country.
- No damage to health facilities reported at this time. The Ministry of Health will assess damage of primary care health facilities from tomorrow.
- St Jude Hospital was on generator from this morning. Generally all elective cases were postponed and only emergency surgeries will be conducted.

### Grenada

Based on PM statement:

- There is significant impact on Carriacou and Petite Martinique.
- Several reports of lost roofs and roof damage in the country.
- Central Police Station in Grenada lost section of the roof.
- Section of Mount Gay Psychiatric Hospital roof damaged.
- Rapid assessment by Government of Carriacou expected to be done at 4pm today, 1 July 2024.



### WASH

Water interruptions in the affected areas were reported, but details yet to be confirmed.



### NUTRITION

No information available.



### SHELTERS

### Barbados:

- Over 400 persons were in shelters across the Island when the all clear was given.

### Saint Lucia:

- The homeless shelters will be activated at 1:00pm today, 30 June 2024.
- 23 persons at the Vigie shelter for the homeless
- 3 other shelters were open: Laborie, Soufriere, and Beanfield

## Saint Vincent and the Grenadines: @11:30PM 30 June

- 817 persons in Shelter in 34 shelters

### Grenada:

- 100 Shelters open across the Islands of Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique with approx.. 2062 Occupants. 124 of these occupants are in Carriacou
- Based on PM Address at Approximately 1pm, there were over 3000 persons in shelters across Grenada, Carriacou, and Petite Martinique.



## HEALTH NEEDS

Still to be confirmed.



## RESPONSE

### GOVERNMENT RESPONSE:

#### Barbados:

- Public transportation will close at 7:00pm and airport will close at 6pm on 30 June 2024
- All businesses are closed by 7:00pm and public transportation will shut down at 8pm on 30 June 2024
- Emergency shelters will be opened at 6:00pm yesterday, 30 June 2024.
- Power outage and water lock off in some areas.
- High sea swells and flooding in some areas.
- Schools remained closed.
- All Clear was given at 2:06 pm today, 1 July 2024

#### Grenada:

- The National Emergency Operating Centre as well as the district disaster committees from the NEOC was activated at 12:00pm, 30 June 2024.
- Updates from the NEOC led by the Prime Minister will be provided every 3 hours.
- State of Emergency as of 7:00pm last night, 30 June 2024.
- Health Disaster Coordinator is off island, so health emergency coordination is being done by the CMO.
- Shelters are activated but the public is reminded to first move to family and friends and only when those aren't an option, then to consider the shelter.
- State of Emergency issued from 7pm, 30 June 2024.

#### Saint Lucia

- At 8am, 1 July 2024, the hurricane warning for Saint Lucia was discontinued and a tropical storm warning is in effect.
- The population was reminded to stay indoors. All clear not yet given.

### PAHO RESPONSE:

- PAHO Barbados and Eastern Caribbean (ECC) office BCP and contingency plan were activated.
- The Crisis Management Team (CMT) met yesterday to ensure the completion of the country office closure procedures and readiness activities. Shutters were in place and the office was secured. Server has been shut down.
- The staff call tree was activated, and an exercise was conducted yesterday 30 June 2024.

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- Close contact with staff is being made, either through email and WhatsApp. Staff were reminded of personal and family preparedness.
  - All personnel accounted for and are safe since the passing of Beryl.
  - CMT met today, 1 July at 2pm to assess the situation and determine the next steps.
  - PAHO ECC office remained closed today until an assessment of the building is completed tomorrow 2 July at 9am. Staff was on telework today, 1 July 2024.
  - Ongoing coordination with the MOHs (PSs, CMOs, MOH Disaster coordinators or focal points) in countries.

### Coordination

- The Caribbean Development Partners Group chaired by CDEMA and UNRC met yesterday, 30 June 2024, and provided an update on Hurricane Beryl's projections and the readiness of countries and partner agencies. The UNETT was activated in order to support UN readiness and coordination activities.
  - PAHO's regional response team was put on standby for deployment (if needed); particularly for health coordination, health facility damage assessment, and WASH.
  - The CMT remains active and continues to follow up with the MOHs as we await further information.
  - Contact remains with CDEMA, CARPHA, UN agencies, and other relevant organizations.
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