

Situation Report #5 - 4-July-2024 / 1500 AST



HIGHLIGHTS

- Grenada Prime Minister reported that the north of mainland Grenada was also significantly affected by the storm, with St. Patrick parish most severely affected of which 98% of its residents is still without power.
- Today, 4 July, a 12-member team of Ministry of Health Grenada is travelling to Carriacou and Petite Martinique to provide support to the health care workers and present them with care packages. Approximately 3 members will stay in Carriacou to provide support to identify at risk patients so emergency transfers to mainland Grenada will be reduced.
- Approximately 1000 persons have been evacuated from the southern Grenadine Islands.
- The immediate needs for St. Vincent and the Grenadines are:
 - Repairs to the roofs on the clinics in Union and Mayreau
 - Safe shelter/accommodation for health staff of the affected islands
 - Staff relief
- In Carriacou, Grenada, the Samaritan Purse established an EMT Type 1 field hospital. In Union Island, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Samaritan Purse is setting up an EMT Type 1 field hospital with 2 doctors, some nurses and WASH experts. They will assist with repairs to some buildings in both countries.
- Essential health emergency supplies procured by PAHO for the Ministry of Health, St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Awaiting needs list for Ministry of Health, Grenada.
- Three members of the PAHO response team expected to arrive in St. Vincent and the Grenadines early next week to cover damage assessment, environmental health and mental health and psychosocial support. A PAHO expert awaiting deployment of the Rapid Needs Assessment Team (RNAT) to Grenada.

IN NUMBERS

215,530

**Potentially
exposed¹**

08 Deaths²

30 Injured³

02 Missing⁴

1000 Evacuated⁵

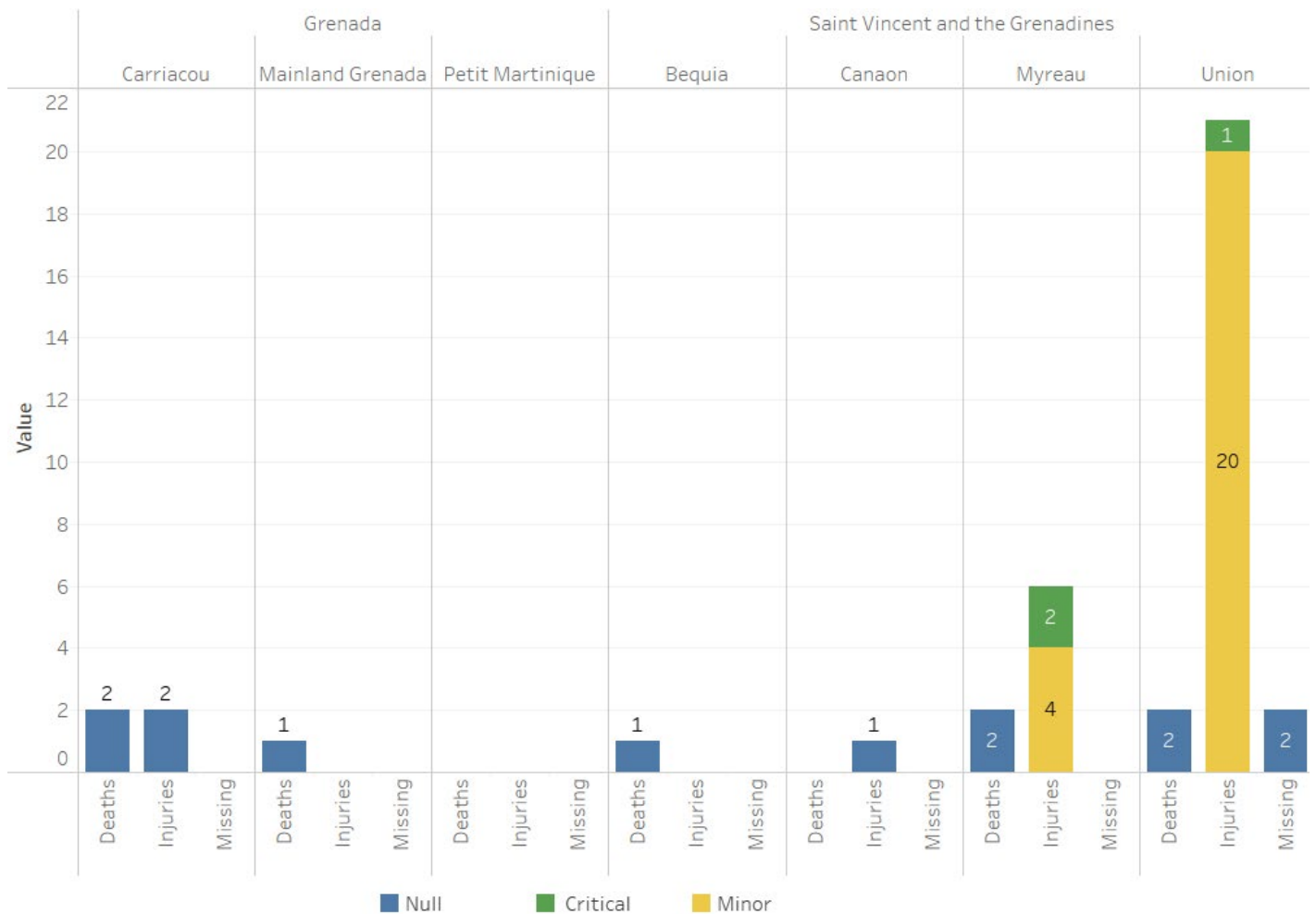
**11 Damaged
health facilities⁶**

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

2,3,4,5: Assessments are still ongoing
and what is reported are based on
preliminary information.

6: Ministry of Health initial report

GRENADA AND ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES



GRENADA

- Hillsborough Health Centre in Carriacou is operational to provide health services, although its solar heating system was lost, and they suffered minor damage.
- Today, 4 July 2024, a team from the Ministry of Social and Community Development, Housing and Gender Affairs will travel to Carriacou to provide psychosocial support to the residents of Carriacou and Petite Martinique.

ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

- Roof and water damage at the Canouan and Mayreau clinics
- 16 Healthcare workers are currently in need of housing - 11 Union, 2 Myreau, 1 Canouan.

Current health staff on islands:

Union Island		Canouan Island		Mayreau Island	
Clinics	Hospital	Clinics	Hospital	Clinics	Hospital
Registered Nurses	2	Registered Nurses	4	Staff Nurses	2
Community Health Aide	2	Ward Manager	1	Nursing Assistant	1
Doctors	2	Nursing Assistant	1	Community Health Aide	1
		Doctor			
		Pharmacist			



HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT

GRENADA and ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

- Limited connectivity may impact on the surveillance system, especially early detection and timely reporting of diseases.
- High risk for disease outbreak due to unavailability of running water.
- Burnt out of health care workers due to the impact of the event, long working hours, no replacement and working conditions.
- Possible spread of communicable diseases and gender-based violence in communities and shelters.
- With the level of damage to some of the health facilities there is some limitation in the type of health services that can be provided.

ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

- Vaccine cold chain compromised in the Grenadines, concern about interruption in vaccine services for all ages according to the vaccination schedule.



INFRASTRUCTURE

CARRIACOU, PETIT MARTINIQUE AND UNION ISLAND

- The Samaritan Purse has established and EMT Type 1 field hospital in Carriacou.
- 5 out of the 6 health facilities in Carriacou and Petite Martinique have sustained significant damage, including the Princess Royal Hospital which sustained over 75% roof damage. The Facility is not functional at present.
- All health care workers suffered significant damage to their homes, some lost the roof to their properties.
- The Celina Clouden SMART Hospital in Union Island suffered severe roof damage: 60% of galvanize gone, the whole eastern side of the roof and part of the southern side. Also, on the eastern side much cladding damaged, broken off allowing windblown damage as well as severe flooding throughout the hospital.
- At the hospital the generator is working, but most of the fuse boxes and wiring suffered wind and water damage and the hospital is without electricity and water.



WASH

The water situation remains the same for both countries.

A PAHO WASH expert was deployed to St. Vincent and the Grenadines as part of the Rabid Needs Assessment Team (RNAT), the day after the event.



NUTRITION

In both countries food and water have been identified as critical needs.



GRENADA

As of 5PM, 4 July 2024

- Mainland, Grenada – 2 opened with 34 persons
- Numbers for Carriacou and Petit Martinique not yet received.

SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

- Awaiting information on the total number of shelters and occupants.



GRENADA AND ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

- Urgent repair of the damaged health facilities.
- Rehabilitation of water storage facilities in the damaged health facilities.
- Safe shelter/accommodation for health staff of the affected islands.
- Healthcare staff replacement to relieve those who had been on duty for long hours.



GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

- The National Emergency Operation Center is operational. It is activated under the authority of the National Emergency Advisory Council. It is a multi-sectorial meeting with National actors.
- The Health Disaster Committee continues to meet as necessary.

PAHO RESPONSE

- PAHO ECC Crisis Management Team continues to be activated. The office reopened today, 4 July 2024.
- Suspension of all non-emergency related activities for Grenada and St Vincent and the Grenadines.
- A member of the PAHO regional response team (RRT) is being deployed for logistics and operational support. Other RRT members were alerted on impending deployment based on health needs mentioned above.
- PAHO is preparing a team for deployment to St Vincent and the Grenadines starting with Health Facility Damage Assessment and Environmental Health. The two experts will be deployed by Saturday, 6 of July for 2 weeks and 1 week respectively. The expert for Mental Health and Psychosocial Support is being prepared to be deployed by early next week for a period of 2 weeks.
- Awaiting confirmation from Grenada if there are needs for PAHO support for Health Facility Assessment, WASH and EMT.
- In St. Vincent and the Grenadines, PAHO locally procured cleaning chemicals and supplies, chlorine for water disinfection and water pumps.

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- Essential health emergency supplies procured by PAHO for the Ministry of Health, St. Vincent and the Grenadines.
 - Ongoing coordination with the MOHs (PSs, CMOs, MOH Disaster coordinators and focal points) in countries.

COORDINATION

- PAHO participated in the First Shelter/NFI thematic Group meeting on 3 July 2024.
 - PAHO provided input to the Regional Overview and Flash Appeals for St Vincent and the Grenadines, Grenada, and Jamaica.
 - 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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