UNICEF Humanitarian Situation Report
St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Dominica

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Highlights

- Severe rains and high winds due to a Low Level Trough System have impacted the Participating States of CDEMA’s Central Sub-Region of Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Dominica through Monday, 23 to Wednesday, 25 December, 2013 which resulted in flooding, landslides and destruction of roads and bridges.
- In total, there are 15 confirmed deaths, three (3) persons are missing, some 4,000 persons isolated for days and an estimated 65,000 persons without water. The road network, bridges, electricity, houses, schools and health centers have been severely impacted.
- Countries have responded swiftly with support from CDEMA, neighbouring countries, and partners from the Eastern Caribbean Partnership Group such as PAHO and UNICEF.
- Focus is on the continued immediate needs of the small number of persons in shelters, the rehabilitation of infrastructure with support from partners such as the Caribbean Development Bank, the opening of schools and health centers and providing psycho-social support to children in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and St. Lucia.

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs — (Sources: the SitReps from CDEMA, the NEMO’s in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, PAHO Assessment and 2010 St. Lucia Census)

ST. LUCIA
- Affected communities include Canaris, Anse La raye, Bexon/Marc, Micoud, Vieu-Fort South in the South East with an estimated population of 15,000
- Death: 6 men
- Persons are confirmed to have been re-located to shelters
- 4 primary schools and 2 health centers damaged. The Schools lost substantial instructional materials.
- Infrastructure: electricity blackouts, landslides, damage and blockage to roads, bridges and homes across the island. Canaries Bridge has been confirmed damaged and impassable. The Piaye bridge impassable. LUCELEC Energy Company estimates that 15% of its customer base was initially without power- which has been restored.

ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES
- Affected population: 50,000 persons are without water with 3,856 persons isolated for several days.
- Dead: 9
- Missing: 3
- Injured: 37
- Homeless: 500
- In shelters: 23
- Number houses destroyed: 30
- Number houses damaged: 125

The Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines has declared a level two (2) Disaster for a combined impacted population of 13,029 in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. A level two (2) disaster is declared when the damage is severe and for which local resources and response capacity are limited and specialized external assistance is requested.
DOMINICA

- Households impacted: 65
- Persons impacted: 185
- Homes destroyed: 6
- Roads have been cleared and Government of Dominica is directly supporting the impacted persons.

Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships

- UNICEF is actively participating in the meetings of the Eastern Caribbean Development Partnerships Group for Disaster Management that are led by the Executive Director of CDEMA and the UN Resident Coordinator for Barbados and the OECS.
- It is within this framework and through bilateral and direct contact with partners in the affected countries that UNICEF is coordinating its response and assistance.

Programme Response

WASH

ST. LUCIA

- On the 28th of December, UNICEF sent 3,650 Water Purification tablets through CDEMA to the National Emergency Management Office for the Ministry of Health in St. Lucia.

ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

- On 31 December, UNICEF shipped 100 Adult Hygiene Kits to Office of the Prime Minister for distribution to those families who have been relocated to shelters.

Child Protection/Education

ST. LUCIA

- To support the 4 Primary schools with substantial damages, UNICEF sent the following supplies: 4 Recreation Kits, 10 School-in-a-Box kits, 2 ECD kits, 50 boxes Hand Sanitizers, 100 Adult Hygiene Kits.

- Upon request, UNICEF will support the Ministry of Social Transformation Local Government and Community Empowerment in collaboration with the Ministry of Education to the roll-out of a ‘Return to Happiness’ (RTH) programme January 6th – 10th 2014 for girls and boys in the affected areas to cope with the impact of the trough on their lives. A total of 550 children will benefit from the Return from RTH between the ages of 5 to 14. The children have been selected based on household data collected by NEMO volunteers and Ministry of Social Transformation Officers in the various communities during the initial damage assessment exercise.

- Along with materials previously shipped, the following items are being shipped today and will support the roll-out of a return to Happiness programme in affected communities as well as provide school materials for children returning to school on Monday: 10 School-in-a-Box kits, 5 ECD kits, 20 scissors, 48 wax crayons, 24 construction paper, 24 bottles glue, 48 colouring pencils sets, 48 paint sets, 48 modelling clay, 115 boxes ORS.

ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

- Upon request, UNICEF will support the Ministry of Education to the roll-out of a ‘Return to Happiness’ (RTH) programme for girls and boys in the affected areas to cope with their impact of the trough on their lives. To support the implementation of a RTH programme and the opening of schools in the
affected communities, the following items were sent: 4 Recreation Kits, 10 School-in-a-Box kits, 10 ECD kits and 50 boxes Hand Sanitizers.

**Human Resources**

No surge capacity is expected.

**Photos**
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