



COVID 19 RESPONSE SITUATION UPDATE FOR GUYANA

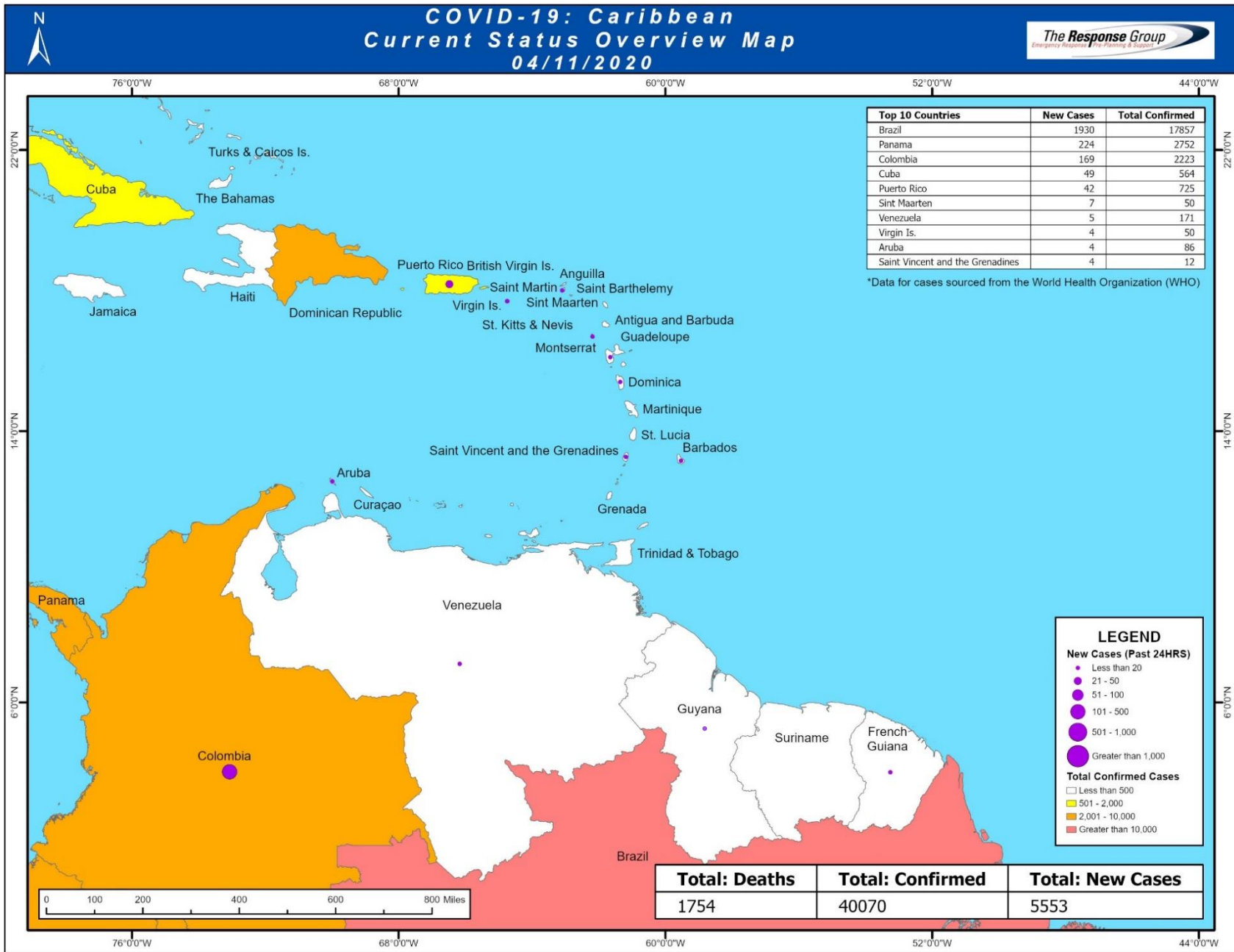
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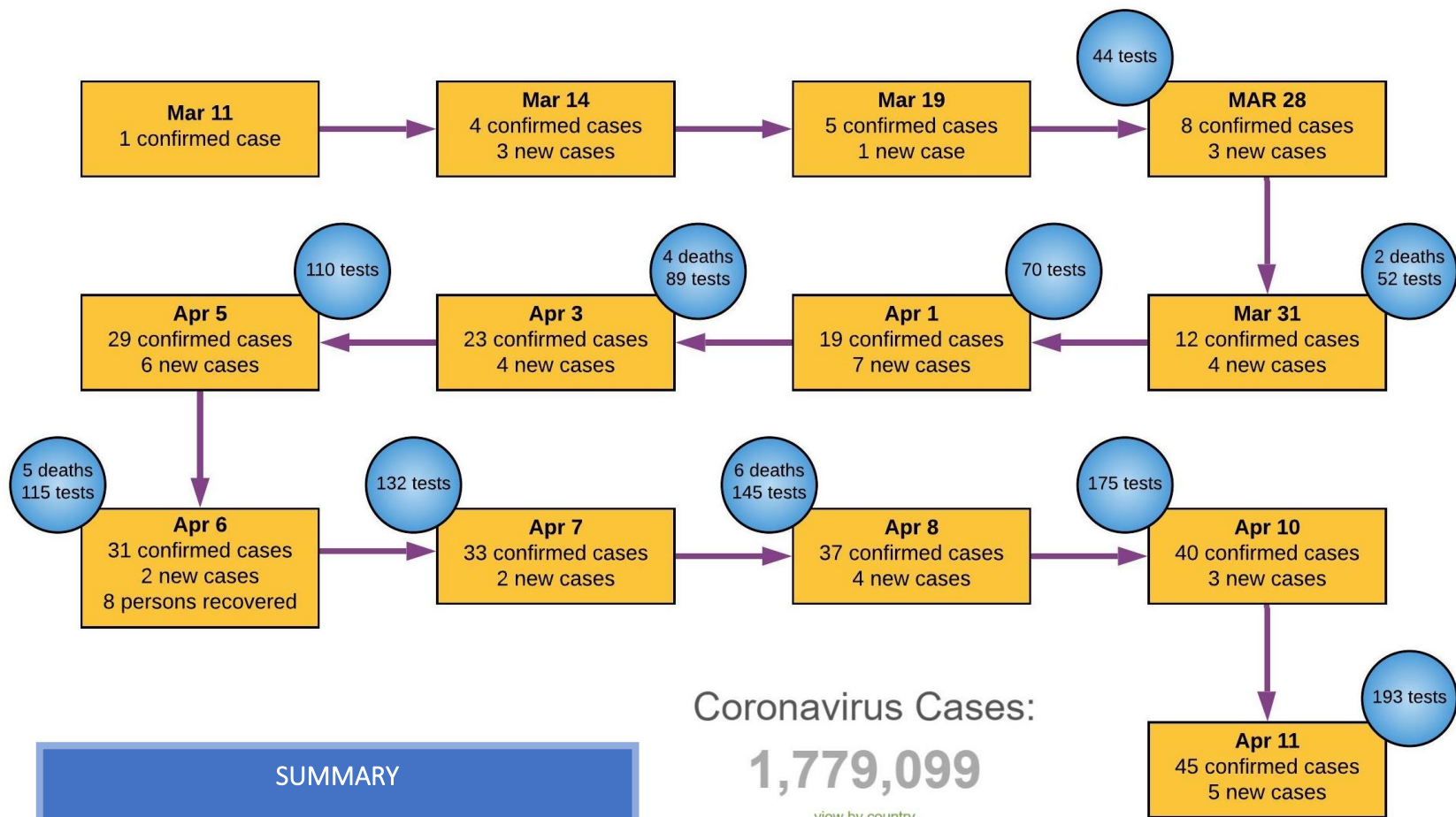
SUMMARY FOR THE PERIOD (MARCH 31 – APRIL 11, 2020)

This update offers a summary of the COVID 19 Pandemic in Guyana. It also outlines the response actions taken by the country to mitigate the impacts and prevent the transmission of COVID 19. This report highlights progress made and outlines key challenges confronted to date. Recommendations will also be presented as a mechanism to arrive at robust solutions to ultimately save lives and return the country to normalcy as quickly as possible.

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GLOBAL AND CARIBBEAN REGIONAL SITUATION





SUMMARY
of persons recovered – 8
of persons in institutional isolation – 31
of persons in institutional quarantine – 13
of tests conducted – 193
of deaths – 6
of confirmed cases - 45

Coronavirus Cases:

1,779,099

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Deaths:

108,770

Recovered:

402,709

Source: worldometers.info

NATIONAL RESPONSE

EXECUTIVE	TRANSPORT	HEALTH & CLINICAL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID 19 Task Force established – Mar 13 • HEOC Activated – Mar 15 • NEOC Activated – Mar 31 • Emergency Order issued by Minister of Public Health outlining restrictions on social activities, curfew, restrictions for non-essential workers, and travel – Apr 3 for one month • National curfew implemented from 6pm to 6am with only essential services allowed to be operational during that time of the day – from Apr 3 for one month • Stay at Home Order was issued • Staff of public service agencies to work from home and in some cases remain on call • Minister of Health issues second emergency order – Apr 9 • Citizens mandated to wear masks in businesses and on essential services' premises – Apr 9 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Canawaima Ferry that traverses the Guyana to Suriname route was suspended – Mar 18 • The Cheddi Jagan International Airport (CJIA) and Eugene F. Correia International Airport (EFCIA) are closed – Mar 18 and has been extended to May 4 • Only cargo flights and those specially permitted will be allowed to land including emergency stops. • All Border Entry Points (formal and informal) that are shared with Suriname, Brazil and Venezuela are closed • All ground, sea and air transport services are mandated to promote and practice social distancing by only carrying a maximum of 50% of passengers at any one time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Reference Laboratory Conducting COVID 19 Tests • Establishment of Isolation Facilities • Establishment of Quarantine Facilities • Home Quarantine • Contact Tracing • Clinical Care and Management • Intensive Care • Testing • Institutional Quarantine for all persons who have had established contacts with positive persons • Institutional Isolation for all positive persons • Use of Face Masks, Personal Hygiene and Social Distancing indicated as key prevention methods • Temperature and Travel History Screening of arriving persons • Mandatory Quarantine and Isolation of suspected cases • Persons in isolation and quarantine are provided psychological support through the Mental Health Unit of the MOSP • Sanitisation of public building and facilities • 14 Ventilators and 1800 testing kits for COVID 19 procured • Screening of visitors and employees on hospital grounds

ECONOMIC	EDUCATION	GENERAL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of food hampers to 1,759 households across regions # 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10. The CDC and other private institutions and NGOs • Central Bank Advises flexible terms for banking services • Central Bank Advises flexible terms for banking services • VAT removed from water and electricity – Apr 1 to Jun 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID 19 Symposium conducted • COVID 19 Hotline implemented • Public Health Advisories circulated • Messages translated into four indigenous languages: Wapichan, Makushi, Akawaio and Patamona • CSEC and NCSA Postponed • Closure of Public Schools – Mar 16 to Apr 20 • MOE Online Tutoring Platform – Mar 18 • University of Guyana Campus Closed and delivering classes virtually 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All field inspections and surveys suspended by the Guyana Lands and Surveys Commission • Production and distribution of locally made face masks • Installation of public sinks with running water by Rotary • Visitation ceased to the following sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hugo Chavez Rehabilitation and Reintegration Center ○ New Opportunity Corps ○ Palms & Geriatric Facilities ○ Night Shelter

NATIONAL QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION FACILITIES

STATUS	NAME OF FACILITY	FACILITIES AND SPECIAL EQUIPMENT	CAPACITY	# OF COVID 19 PATIENTS
ACTIVE	Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation	Intensive Care Unit for COVID-19 patients, isolation facilities, medical equipment and personnel	16	6
	West Demerara Regional Hospital	Isolation and quarantine facilities for COVID-19 patients, medical equipment and personnel	36	17
	Diamond Diagnostic Center	Isolation facility, medical equipment and personnel	70	9
	Madewini Youth Center	Quarantine facilities, medical personnel	132	8 (2 children)
PLANNED	Ocean View International Hotel	Proposed isolation and treatment facility for COVID-19 patients	TBD	0
	Cliff Anderson Sports Hall	Proposed quarantine facility	350	0
	National Gymnasium	Proposed quarantine facility	200	0

REGIONAL RESPONSE

ACTION	REGIONS									
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10
Cancellation or Postponed Public Events	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Curfew from 6pm to 6 am	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sanitisation Exercises targeting Public Facilities				✓		✓				✓
Public Information Campaign										✓
Activation of REOC/Disaster Committee	✓				✓					✓
Designated Isolation and Quarantine Facilities	✓		✓	✓		✓				
Health Workers trained to Respond to COVID 19	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Managing Positive Cases	✓		✓	✓		✓				
Established COVID-19 Hotlines	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Private Institutions Referring and Reporting										

PARTNER ACTIONS

PRIVATE SECTOR	
Organisation	Action
PSC, GCCI, GMSA	Donation of medical supplies to MoPH, care hampers to vulnerable communities, supported M&CC in sanitising markets
Courts Guyana	Donated an ambulance to MOPH
National Hardware Ltd.	Donation of N95 masks to GPHC
David Persaud Investments Inc.	Financial donations to the response effort
Ontario Inc.	Financial donations to the response effort
Urban Oasis Salon & Cosmetology	Financial donations to the response effort

BILATERAL & MULTILATERAL	
Organisation	Action
United Nations (UN)	Responded positively to NEOC's request for Communications and socio-economic support; working to finalise same with NEOC
UNICEF (Guyana)	Working with CDC/NEOC to finalise terms for provision of financial support for hamper distribution
PAHO/WHO	Donated PPEs and medical equipment, technical advice to MoPH
UNHCR	Provision of translation services, finalising provision of remanufactured housing units for quarantining
IOM	Translation support, finalising possibility of provision of hampers to migrants
UNAIDS	Working with MoPH on reprogramming of available funds towards health system response and social support for families affected by or vulnerable to HIV infection

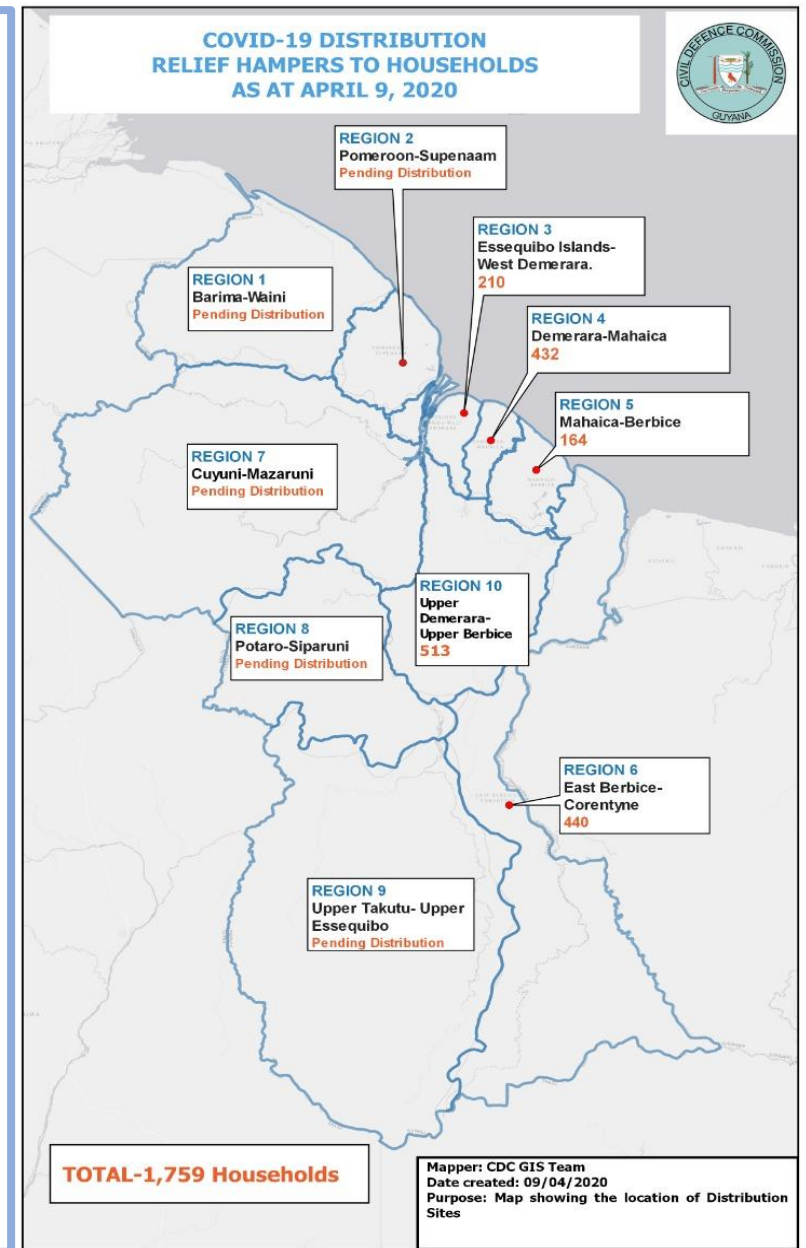
CIVIL SOCIETY & NGOs	
Organisation	Action
National Coordinating Coalition	Provided volunteers for hamper packing and distribution
St. John's Ambulance Brigade	Provided volunteers for hamper packing and distribution
Food for the Poor	Distributed food supplies to orphanages, provided cots for facilities
Guyana Red Cross Society	Provided volunteers for hamper packing and distribution.
Rotary Guyana	Installed hand washing and drinking water stations, donation of sanitation care packages and food hampers, launched public education and fundraising campaign, commenced production of facemasks, supporting CDC/NEOC in reconnaissance and distribution of hampers, donated medical gloves to West Demerara Regional Hospital
Lion's Club of Georgetown	Provided volunteers for hamper packing and distribution

PUBLIC SECTOR	
Organisation	Action
Guyana Defence Force	Supporting CDC in packing and distribution of hampers, providing transportation support and personnel
Guyana Prison Service	Supported CDC in distribution of hampers
Guyana Police Force	Providing vehicle escorts, and security for isolation and quarantine facilities

OTHERS	
Organisation	Action
PPP/C	Established COVID-19 Response Multi-Stakeholder forum, distributed masks and food hampers
TCI	Hamper distribution

CIVIL DEFENCE COMMISSION'S ACTIONS

- Coordinating the assessment and distribution of food hampers to vulnerable communities across Guyana
- Liaised closely with the Health Emergency Center (HEOC) to enhance operational efficiency
- Providing key recommendations to members of the Task Force on strategic and tactical consideration to guide national response efforts
- Leading the establishment and functioning of the National Emergency Operations Center (NEOC)
- Maintaining a ready and functioning 24 hours National Emergency Monitoring System to augment the national response
- Established pathways for funding into locally establish banking accounts to aid operations
- Supported the activation of Emergency Operations Centers in Guyana's Administrative Regions
- Donated locally produced face masks to frontline workers including medical practitioners and customs officials
- Coordinating and managing volunteers engaged in various roles and functions of the response
- Conducted joint assessments to identify suitable locations that may be used as isolation and quarantine facilities
- Engaged with the public to keep them informed of key developments and initiatives that are mounted to bring relief to everyone
- The Logistics and Mobilisation Group is conducting a 24 hrs packaging operation to ensure that food hampers are ready for household distribution
- CDC Volunteer Corps (CDC VC) and Voluntary Emergency Response Team (VERT) supporting community reconnaissance, packing and distribution of hampers



CHALLENGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

CHALLENGES	RECOMMENDATIONS
Low adherence to stay home and social distancing orders	Enforcement of strict penalties for violators of orders
High level of misconceptions about the Coronavirus, recommendations and current mitigative and preventative actions	Coordination of press conferences on COVID-19 through the Joint Information Center of the NEOC to ensure authenticity of reports

Contact the CDC

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6674, 624-3067, 180, 181

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654-0405, 697-0656

Region 8: (592) 608-7517

Region 9: (592) 777-2206

Region 10: (592) 444-3007

URGENT NEEDS

- Financial resources for procurement and/or donations of additional items (food and sanitation) for hampers
- Medical supplies and equipment (including Personal Protective Equipment) to support medical response
- Laboratory agents and consumables for testing

PRIORITY ACTIONS

- Coordination of Press Conference of National Emergency Operations Centre
- Retrofitting/equipping of planned quarantine facilities
- Confirmation of numbers of households in vulnerable communities for distribution of relief hampers