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Information Bulletin

Caribbean: Hurricane Beryl

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of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

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| Red Cross Movement actors currently involved in the operation: The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the French Red Cross-PIRAC (Regional Intervention Platform for the Americas and the Caribbean), Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross Society (ABRCS), British Red Cross overseas branches, Dominica Red Cross Society (DRCS), Haiti Red Cross Society, the Netherlands Red Cross overseas branches, Saint Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society; Partner National Societies (PNSs) such as American Red Cross, Canadian Red Cross Society, German Red Cross, Italian Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross and Spanish Red Cross. | |
| N° of other partner organizations involved in the operation: Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), Saint Kitts and Nevis' National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) | |

This bulletin is being issued for information only; it reflects the current situation and details available at this time.

The situation

The United States of America's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)'s National Hurricane Centre (NHC) issued an alert at 500 PM Atlantic Standard Time (AST) (2100 Coordinated Universal Time [UTC]) on 6 July 2018 that Hurricane Beryl's centre was located near latitude 10.6 North, longitude 47.8 West. The alert indicates that Beryl that a faster westward to west-north-westward motion is expected to begin over the weekend and continue through early next week. On the forecast track, Beryl's centre will approach the Lesser Antilles over the weekend and cross the island chain late Sunday, 8 July 2018 or Monday, 9 July 2018.

According to NOAA, maximum sustained winds are near 80 mph (130 km/h) with higher gusts. Some strengthening is forecast during the next couple of days, and Beryl could still be a hurricane when it reaches the Lesser Antilles late Sunday or Monday. Weakening is expected once Beryl reaches the eastern Caribbean Sea on Monday; however, the system may not degenerate into an open trough until it reaches the vicinity of Hispaniola and the central Caribbean Sea. Hurricane-force winds extend outward up to 10 miles (20 km) from the centre, and tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 35 miles (55 km). The



Predicted trajectory of Hurricane Beryl as of 5 PM AST, 6 July 2018. **Source:** NOAA

estimated minimum central pressure is 994 mb (29.36 inches).

Watches and Warnings

Hurricane Watch is in effect for:

- Dominica

A Tropical Storm Watch is in effect for:

- Martinique
- Guadeloupe
- Saint Martin
- Saint Barthelemy

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

IFRC actions:

- Close monitoring of the situation
- Coordination between the Country Cluster Support Team (CCST) and operational teams in Dominica, Antigua and Barbuda, Saint Kitts and Nevis and St Lucia
- Coordination with IFRC human resources in the region
- Coordination with National Societies
- Sharing of two informational messages
- Development of a [Dashboard for monitoring purpose](#)
- Declaration of Alert II
- IFRC is reviewing field operations preparedness in Dominica, Antigua and Barbuda, Saint Kitts and Nevis and St Lucia, including checklist for field office tent
- All Red Cross field staff have been briefed on the situation
- Activation of the Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) in Panama.

National Societies Action

🔴 Dominica Red Cross Society (DRCS)

- The IFRC and DRCS has provided training of shelter management, damage assessment, search and rescue for disaster officers and selected volunteers at branches and have put them to standby
- DRCS has Disaster Management Committees at the community level.
- DRCS has put Community Disaster Response Teams (CDRTs) on standby.
- DRCS has issued public messages to remind the community about preparedness, mitigation and response actions and measures.
- DRCS has good linkages with government, particularly with the Office of Disaster Management, Health, Welfare for Tracing Missing Persons.
- DRCS, in agreement with government, has stationed first aid workers at area hospitals
- DRCS, in agreement with government, has ensured that there will be food, general supplies, logistical and administrative support for the affected population if needed

🔴 Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross Society

- ABRCS and IFRC leadership have met to discuss the situation and review organizational preparedness measures.
- ABRCS has launched social media and public awareness bulletins to remind the community about preparedness actions and measures.
- ABRCS has reviewed non-food item (NFI) stocks and activated a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for alternative headquarters locations in the event of a disaster
- All-staff meeting conducted to highlight household preparedness measures and reinforce staff roles and responsibilities during emergencies.

↘ Saint Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society (SKNRCS)

- IFRC operations manager and SKNRCS director general have discussed hurricane preparedness and readiness measures for an emergency response.
- SKNRCS is assessing its headquarters to prepare for inclement weather
- Saint Kitts and Nevis' NEMA is disseminating public awareness messages about preparedness actions

↘ Saint Lucia Red Cross (SLRC)

- SLRC has NFIs such as blankets, sleeping mats, tarpaulins, cleaning kits, water containers and comfort kits for 1,500 families.
- SLRC's headquarters has put all its branch presidents and volunteers on standby.

↘ Barbados Red Cross Society (BRCS)

- BRCS has put all its staff and volunteers on standby.

↘ Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross Society (SVGRCS)

- All suppliers have been alerted for support in case support is needed
- All Red Cross personnel, groups and CDRTs have been alerted
- The SVGRCS participated in several collective centre inspection and management meetings in June 2018
- Water and sanitation teams and stakeholders have been alerted and are ready to be mobilized if needed

Pre-positioned supplies available for an emergency response:

Jerry cans - 70 Homes
 Blankets - 150 families
 Tarpaulins - 300 homes
 Aqua Tabs - 10,000 tabs
 Buckets - None
 Hygiene Kits - None
 Cleaning Kits - None
 Shelter Kits - None

Table: Available IFRC and National Societies Stocks in the Caribbean:

| Standard Items | Saint Kitts and Nevis Red Cross Society | Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross Society | Dominica Red Cross Society |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Quantity | Quantity | Quantity |
| Blanket- light thermal | 1,210 | 0 | 1,605 |
| Blanket- medium thermal | 0 | 0 | 803 |
| Plastic buckets | 220 | 150 | 18 |
| Family tents | 0 | 20 | 1,391 |
| Hygiene kits | 131 | 1,100 | 7,871 |
| Jerry cans | 503 | 150 | 1,369 |
| Kitchen sets | 270 | 100 | 4,979 |
| Long-lasting insecticide treated (mosquito) nets | 460 | 800 | 577 |
| Shelter toolkits | 135 | 100 | 16 |
| Household kits | 0 | 0 | 1,932 |
| Tarpaulins | 77 | 375 | 101 |
| Tropical mobile storage units and Warehouse tent | 0 | 0 | 5 |

See also [Annex 1 for stock level dashboard.](#)

Regional Stock (IFRC)

| | RLU- Panama | Guatemala | Nicaragua | Honduras |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Standard items | Stock Quantity | Stock Quantity | Stock Quantity | Stock Quantity |
| Blanket light thermal | - | 1,260 | 4,400 | 2,500 |
| Blanket medium thermal | 17 | | | 2,500 |
| Bucket plastic | 5,038 | - | | |
| Family tent | - | | | 50 |
| Hygiene kit | 1,325 | | | - |
| Jerrycan | 14,415 | - | 1,100 | - |
| Kitchen set | 3,520 | 280 | 650 | - |
| Mosquito net | 10,044 | - | 1,400 | - |
| Shelter tool kit | 3,579 | - | | - |
| Shelter KIT (2 tarpaulins + tools) | 579 | - | - | - |
| Household kits | - | | | |
| Tarpaulin | 5,283 | - | 1,150 | 8 |

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1. Click [here](#) to view map of forecast trajectory
2. [Annex](#): Summary Dashboard on Stocks

How we work

All IFRC assistance seeks to adhere to the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) in Disaster Relief and the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (Sphere) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The IFRC's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

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The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:

1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.

1. Summary Dashboard on Stocks

CARIBBEAN RED CROSS STOCKS LEVEL DASHBOARD

Select Country

Country

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Dominica
- Saint Kitts and Nevis

Population by Country

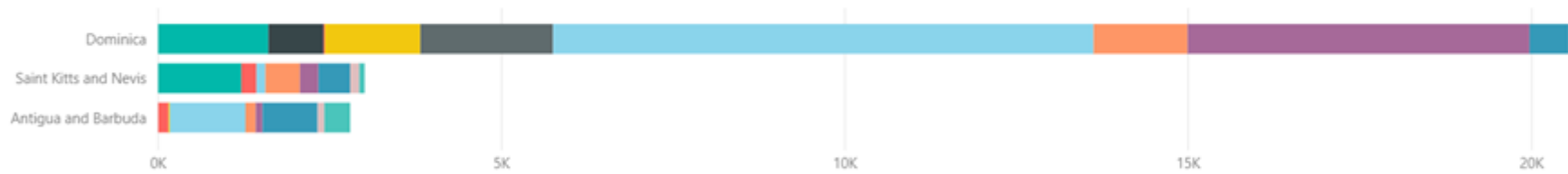


Country Map

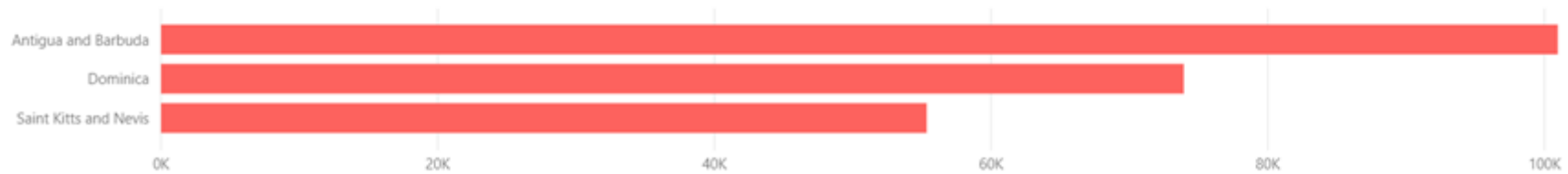


Stock Amount By Country

- Blanket Light thermal
- Blanket Medium thermal
- Bucket Plastic
- Family Tent
- Household kits
- Hygiene Kit
- Jerrycan
- Kitchen Set
- Mosquito net
- Shelter toolkit
- Tarpaulin
- TMSU and Warehouse tent

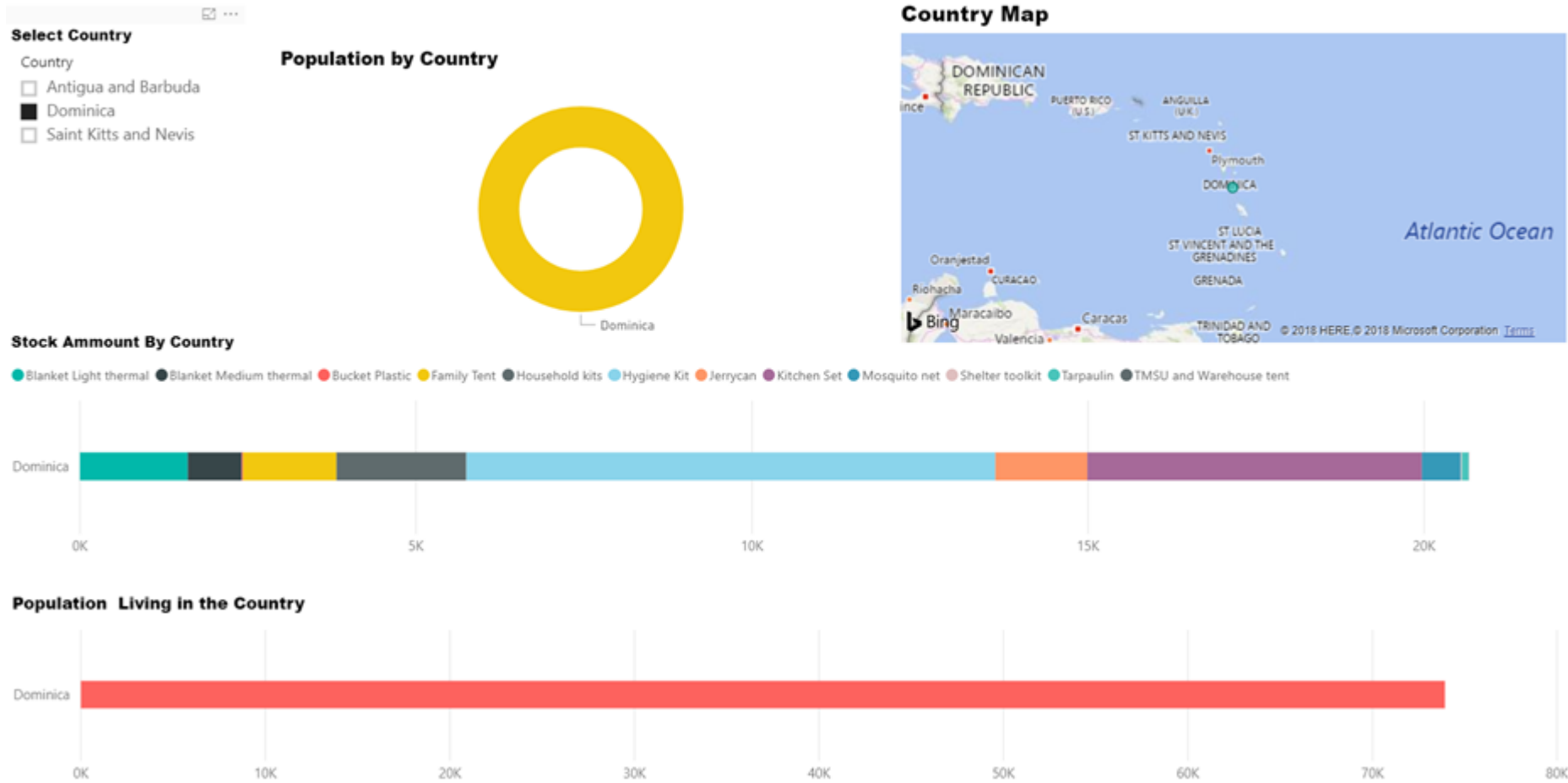


Population Living in the Country



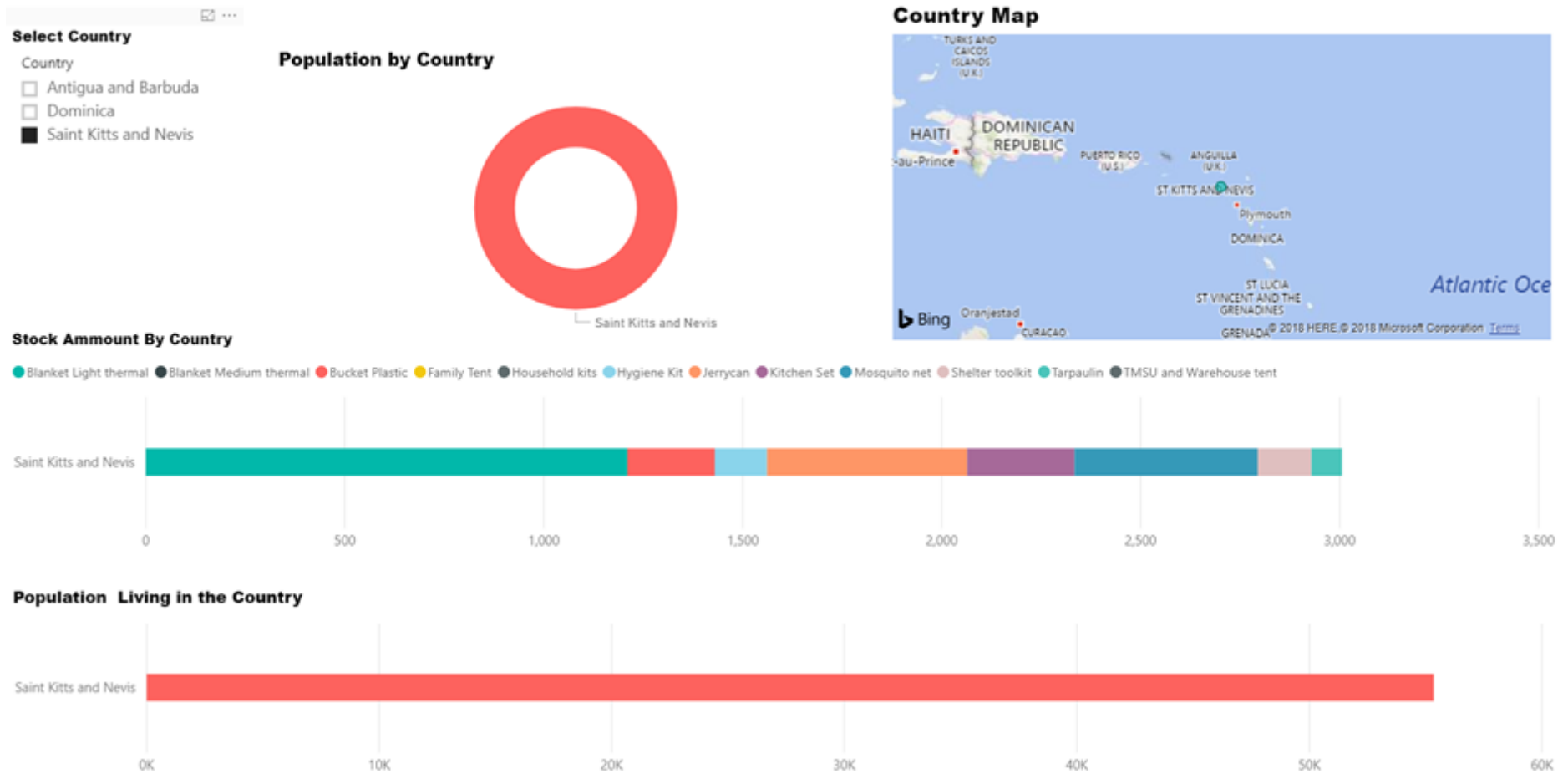
2. Stocks Level in Dominica Red Cross

CARIBBEAN RED CROSS STOCKS LEVEL DASHBOARD



3. Stocks Level in Saint Kitts & Nevis Red Cross Society

CARIBBEAN RED CROSS STOCKS LEVEL DASHBOARD



4. Stocks Level in Antigua & Barbuda Red Cross Society

CARIBBEAN RED CROSS STOCKS LEVEL DASHBOARD

