

# Hurricane Beryl

## SITUATION REPORT #1

Latin America & the Caribbean Response Plan  
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## Our Response

Airlink has activated its Latin America & the Caribbean Regional Response Plan following the impact of Hurricane Beryl in the Caribbean. Airlink is coordinating with humanitarian, logistics, and airline partners in the region to assess main needs and response capabilities and will continue to monitor the situation to best support partners' responses. Please reach out to [ops@airlinkflight.org](mailto:ops@airlinkflight.org) if your organization is planning to respond and/or has a request for transportation assistance.

## The Situation

Airlink is closely monitoring the impacts and anticipated impacts of Hurricane Beryl, the earliest Category 5 hurricane on record, that has left at least 740,000 people exposed to hurricane conditions in the region.

On July 1, Hurricane Beryl passed through St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Grenada, making landfall on Grenada's Carriacou and Petite Martinique islands as a Category 4 storm with sustained winds of 138 mph. The storm also affected Barbados, Dominica, Martinique, St. Lucia, and Trinidad and Tobago. Damage assessments are underway, and preliminary reports indicate significant power outages across several islands, affecting multiple hospitals. Extreme infrastructure damage, communications damage, and a lack of clean water are reported in Grenada and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. There is a need for shelter items (particularly tarpaulins and ropes), and other non-food items such as solar lamps and hygiene and dignity kits.

The southern coast of Hispaniola remains under a tropical storm warning, and the southwestern peninsula of Haiti is under a hurricane watch, as the country could experience up to six inches of rainfall and a storm surge of up to three feet throughout Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

## SERVICE DELIVERY

Airlink is assisting nonprofit partners collaborating with local organizations and coordination mechanisms in the affected countries through cargo and personnel support.

### Cargo Support

Airlink is supporting cargo movement from major airports in the United States, Europe, and Central/South America. Additional origins will be considered, dependent on demand. All major international airports will be considered, including BGI, SVD, and GND. Airlift solutions to regional airports will additionally be considered on demand.

### Personnel Flights

Airlink is supporting round-trip passenger flights or responders, including emergency responders, health professionals, logisticians, and additional programmatic staff. All major international airports will be considered, primarily looking at GND, SVD, and BGI. Airlift solutions to regional airports will additionally be considered on demand.



# The Situation

Beryl is projected to continue northwestward, passing just south of Jamaica on Wednesday evening as a Category 3 hurricane, and then near the Cayman Islands on Thursday, bringing life-threatening storm surges and rainfall. Beryl is expected to make landfall over the Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico, on Friday as a Category 1 hurricane. Preparations are also underway for potential impacts in Cuba, Belize, and Guatemala. Airlink is monitoring the storm's development closely and is ready to support requests for the repositioning or immediate deployment of humanitarian supplies and personnel across the impacted countries. The Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) is coordinating the response, with the logistics and shelter sectors co-led by the World Food Programme (WFP) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

## Humanitarian Logistics Overview

The humanitarian response to the affected islands faces significant logistical hurdles due to geographical dispersion and limited infrastructure. Particularly difficult to access are the remote islands with shorter runways, as smaller aircraft have strict limitations on cargo weight and size, making it more challenging to transport necessary supplies. Smaller passenger flights will have strict weight limits for cargo of up to 20-70 kg and size limits of 48 x 40 x 35 inches. Access constraints can delay the arrival of essential supplies and aid personnel. In addition, unrequested donations can overwhelm response mechanisms. Ensuring a clear and coordinated humanitarian response is essential for an effective response.

## Airport Status

Major airports with the capacity to handle large-scale relief operations:

- St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVD): Only open to humanitarian aid flights until July 3rd or July 4th
- Grenada (GND): Open with no interruptions
- Barbados (BGI): Open with no interruptions
- Trinidad and Tobago (TDT): Open with no interruptions
- Dominica (DOM): Open with no interruptions
- St. Lucia (UVF): Open with no interruptions
- Martinique (FDF): Open with no interruptions

NOTE: Final mile logistics solutions to Carriacou, Canouan, Union Island, Mustique, and Bequia via fixed-wing aircraft or helicopters will be considered based on demand.

Monitoring airports in the possible impact path of Hurricane Beryl:

- Jamaica (KIN): Scheduled to close July 2nd at 10:00 pm, and will reopen based on post-storm assessments
- Jamaica (MBJ): Scheduled to close July 2nd at 11:59 pm, and will reopen based on post-storm assessments
- Haiti (PAP): Open, final-mile challenges from PAP
- Cayman Islands (GCM): Open with no interruptions
- Cuba (HAV): Open with no interruptions
- Belize (BZE): Open with no interruptions
- Guatemala (GUA): Open with no interruptions
- Mexico (CUN): Open with no interruptions





## RESPONDING PARTNER AGENCIES

If you don't see your organization listed and you are responding, please email [ops@airlinkflight.org](mailto:ops@airlinkflight.org).

## ACTIVE NGO PARTNERS

- All Hands and Hearts
- Community Organized Relief Efforts (CORE)
- Global Empowerment Mission (GEM)
- Global Support and Development (GSD)
- Good360
- Heart to Heart International
- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)
- Mobile Medics International
- Sol Relief
- Water Mission
- World Central Kitchen

## ACTIVE AIRLINE & LOGISTICS PARTNERS

- Air Canada
- American Airlines
- American Logistics Aid Network (ALAN)
- British Airways
- Southwest Airlines
- United Airlines
- Virgin Atlantic



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