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NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEMO IS HOSTING A SERIES OF MEETINGS TO VALIDATE THE RESULTS OF THE APPLICATION OF THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY RISK INFORMATION TOOL (CCRIT) IN ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES AUGUST 22- 23, 2023

The National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO) in collaboration with the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) Coordinating Unit and the University of the West Indies (The UWI) is hosting a series of Stakeholders Meetings to validate the results of the application of the Caribbean Community Risk Information Tool (CCRIT) in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

The objective of the meetings are to discuss the implementation of the CCRIT in Calliaqua and Colonaire which are two of the three most vulnerable communities identified based on the application of the tool in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. The spatial location of past hazardous events and census data was digitized and spatially represented to identify, quantify, and visualize the most at-risk communities in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. These variables were used to define the multiple dimensions of vulnerability and risk in the country.

The first meeting commenced at 5:30 p.m. today at the George Stephens Secondary School in Colonaire. This will be followed by a community meeting at the Calliaqua Town Hall on Wednesday 23rd August, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

There will also be a National Stakeholders Meeting on Wednesday 23rd August, 2023 to validate the results of the application of the Caribbean Community Risk Information Tool (CCRIT) in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. This meeting will take place at the Seventh Day Adventist Mission Conference Room. The Opening Ceremony will take place at 9:00 a.m.

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Additional Information:

The CCRIT is a community-based data collection tool that uses quantitative geospatial data and qualitative community socio-demographic data. It facilitates the identification of potential hazards and associated socio-economic vulnerabilities that can affect the respective communities. It can also assist in ascertaining the causative factors of disasters in the study area and can therefore aid in establishing the most at-risk communities in the country and the pinpointing of underlying disaster risk drivers including hazard exposure, socio-economic vulnerabilities and coping capacity strategies.