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<u>NEMO LAUNCHED MULTI-HAZRD PUBLIC AWARENESS WEEK OF ACTIVITIES IN</u> UNION ISLAND - JUNE 3-7, 2024

The National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO) in collaboration with the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency Coordinating Unit (CDEMA CU) launched a Multi-Hazard Public Awareness Week of Activities in Union Island on the 3rd of June, 2024.

The activities commenced with a meeting with key stakeholders on Monday 3rd June, 2024 to discuss existing and emerging Emergency Management and Disaster Risk Reduction issues on Union Island. This also included a presentation from the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Meteorological Services on the 2024 hurricane season, the ongoing dry spell and implications for the health and well-being of residents.

This was followed by Disaster Risk Reduction Presentations to all schools on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th June, 2024 with a primary focus on Geological Hazards, the ongoing dry spell, the 2024 Atlantic Hurricane Season, and the National Tsunami Program. As part of the activities, the National Emergency Management Organisation also supported the Union Island District Disaster Committee to host a community meeting in Ashton on Tuesday 4th June and in Clifton on Wednesday 5th June, 2024.

The activities continues today Thursday 6th June, 2024 with a Hurricane Preparedness Public Awareness Community Drive through/Whistlestop and a Community Emergency Response Equipment Training which will take place at the National Emergency Management Organisation's Warehouse at Clifton. This will be followed by a visit to Palm Island to orient persons on the various components of the island's vulnerability and the emergency management structure that is in place. The day's activities will end with a meeting to elect members to serve on the new executive of the Union Island District Disaster Committee.

On Friday 7th June, 2024, the week's activities will come to an end with a meeting of the newly elected members of the Union Island District Committee and a visit to Petit St. Vincent and Carriacou to discuss emergency management procedures.

The Union Island Multi-Hazard Public Awareness Week of Activities is funded by the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) Building the Resilience of the CARICFORUM States to Disaster Risks and Climate Change Impacts (BRICS) Project financed by the European Union, EDF 11. This week of activities also forms part of Activity 3: Project – Strengthening the National Tsunami Early Warning System in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

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