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Red Cross Press Release – Dignity in Disaster

SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, 29TH JULY, 2024 –It is nearly now one month since Hurricane Beryl passed through St. Vincent and the Grenadines leaving destruction in its wake on July 1st. Since July 2nd, the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross Society had teams on the ground, including in the Southern Grenadines. They have been quietly but effectively fulfilling the mandate to alleviate suffering in its position as auxiliary to government, and affording people dignity in this disaster. Here is a summary of what we have accomplished thus far:

- Set up distribution hubs in communities in the Southern Grenadines to get help to vulnerable faster and with better accountability.
- Partner with various organizations including Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to source relief supplies. To date, hundreds of tarps, toolkits, blankets, hygiene kits, cleaning kits, mosquito nets, kitchen sets, among other items, have been distributed.
- Partner with SVG Cadet Force Search and Rescue Medical Unit to provide medical checks to the affected on Union Island.
- Ongoing assessment of needs of persons affected.
- Provide on-gong psychosocial support to affected persons island wide with our partners.
- Set up relief infrastructure and offered its use to our coordinating partners to ensure that all in need receive aid in a timely manner in the Southern Grenadines.
- Restoring family links in which we locate and connect persons to their missing family members.
- Provide tents to increase shelter capacity in the Southern Grenadines.

The SVG Red Cross continues to reach everyone, everywhere in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, when they need help the most, with dignity. We are prepared and continue to prepare to serve St. Vincent and the Grenadines better because **together, we are our first aid**.

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