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Press Release

Completion ceremony of the first phase of the Indian grant Project “Enhanced Early Warning Services Delivery to Communities of Suriname in Order to Build their Resilience to Flooding due to Excess Rainfall”

This Morning (22.03.2024), the Ministry of Public Works, Suriname organized a ceremony to mark the completion of the first phase of the Indian grant Project “Enhanced Early Warning Services Delivery to Communities of Suriname in Order to Build their Resilience to Flooding due to Excess Rainfall”. The Project is being undertaken by UNDP at a cost of USD 246,852.71 fully financed from an Indian grant assistance of USD 1 million announced by Hon’ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2019 on the UNGA margins for each CARICOM member country. From the balance of the amount, two other projects - repair of a sports complex (\$400,000) and the construction of a building for a Center of Excellence for Information Technology (\$350,000) in Nickerie have been approved.

During the Ceremony, two Laptops and eight all-in-one desktop computers installed with ArcGIS software were handed over along with certificates to the candidates who had been trained to handle the technical aspects. Hon’ble Minister for Public Works Dr. Riad Nurmohamed, Ambassador Dr. S. Balachandran, Mr. Sergio Kadosoe, Director, Ministry of Public Works and Mr. Berdi Berdiyev, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative addressed the gathering and did the honours. In his remarks, Ambassador Dr. S. Balachandran congratulated the UNDP and the Ministry of Public Works and said that this collaborative effort would equip Suriname to tackle the perennial challenge of floods with greater preparedness and resilience and would help the citizens of Suriname at large.

Amb Joan Ilahi, Project Adviser, and Mrs. Sachi Sukhoe, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Business and International Cooperation along with stakeholders were present at the ceremony.

In the second phase, upgradation of the National Hydro-Met Network through the installation of an automatic weather station and water level station that would enable an accurate flood forecasting and timely warning systems would be undertaken.

A few photographs of the events are enclosed.

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