

**GUYANA** 

# UPPER DEMERARA-UPPER BERBICE

**NDPBA SUBNATIONAL PROFILE** 



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# UPPER DEMERARA-UPPER BERBICE

**CAPITAL: LINDEN** 

Area: 16,705 km2



# RISK AND VULNERABILITY

**COMPONENT SCORE** 



**MULTI-HAZARD RISK (MHR) -**

**Very Low** 

Score: 0.384 • Rank: 9/10



Population (2012 Census)

39,992



**RESILIENCE (R) - Very High** Score: 0.635 • Rank: 2/10



Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)

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**MULTI-HAZARD EXPOSURE** 

(MHE) - Moderate

Score: 0.420 • Rank: 6/10



Households in Lowest Wealth Quintile

23.3%



**VULNERABILITY (V) - Very Low** 

Score:0.337 • Rank: 9/10



Households with Improved Drinking Water Source

90.0%



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**COPING CAPACITY (CC) - High** 

Score: 0.606 • Rank: 3/10



Adult Illiteracy

4.6%

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# MULTI-HAZARD EXPOSURE (MHE)

**RANK: 6 / 10 REGIONS** 

**SCORE: 0.420** 



MHE 0.420

Raw MHE 0.311

Relative MHE 0.530

# **ESTIMATED EXPOSURE TO EACH HAZARD:**



**Coastal Flooding** 

<1%

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Critical Infrastructure Exposed:



Flash Flooding

97%

**37,987** 

\$490 Million

Critical Infrastructure Exposed: 93%



**Drought** 

100%

**39.297** 

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**Riverine Flooding** 

32%

**12,684** 

\$8.49 Million

Critical Infrastructure Exposed: 56%



**Extreme Heat** 

100%

**39.302** 

\$495 Million

Critical Infrastructure Exposed: 100%

**Critical Infrastructure Exposed:** 



Wildfire

44%

**17,268** 

\$130 Million

Critical Infrastructure Exposed: 36%



# VULNERABILITY (V)

**RANK: 9 / 10 REGIONS ASSESSED** 

**SCORE: 0.337** 

Vulnerability in Upper Demerara-Upper Berbice is primarily driven by Environmental Stress and Vulnerable Groups. The bar charts indicate the socioeconomic themes contributing to the overall Vulnerability score.



# **Environmental Stress**



**SCORE: 0.850 RANK: 1/10 REGIONS ASSESSED** 

28.9% Households Affected by Drainage Issues

30.5% Households Affected by Waste Disposal

21.3% Households Affected by Soil Erosion 38.6% Households Affected by Water Contamination

-74.03 Change in Intact Forest Area

40.7 Livestock Density (per sq km)



# Socio-Demographic Vulnerability



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**RANK: 10/10 REGIONS ASSESSED** 



# **Population Pressures**



**SCORE: 0.144** 

**RANK: 10/10 REGIONS ASSESSED** 

-0.27

Change

Population

-0.57 Average Annual Net Migration Rate



# **Human Development Vulnerability**



**SCORE: 0.168** 

**RANK: 9/10 REGIONS ASSESSED** 

**RANK: 7/10 REGIONS ASSESSED** 

**RANK: 10/10 REGIONS ASSESSED** 

# Standard of Living

90.0% Households with Improved Drinking Water Source

95.6% Households with Improved

Sanitation

2.0% Households with Water Source over 30 minutes from Home

SCORE: 0.199 1.5%

Households Cooking with Solid Fuels

SCORE: 0.052

17.4% Households with a Private

Vehicle

30.6% Population with Internet

Access

82.5% Households

Access

with Television

58.1% Households with Radio Access

# Vulnerable Health Status 49

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Rate

Adolescent Birth Rate

4.2% Children Under Age 5

Wasting

Information Access **Vulnerability** 

18.3%

Adults with Less than Secondary Education

4.6% Adult Illiteracy 91.0% Net Primary School **Enrollment** 

**Economic Constraints** 

Rate

**SCORE: 0.328** 

SCORE: 0.092

**RANK: 6/10 REGIONS ASSESSED** 

**RANK: 10/10 REGIONS ASSESSED** 

63.2

23.3% Unemployment 15.2% Unemployment Rate

Dependency Ratio

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**RANK: 9 / 10 REGIONS ASSESSED** 

**SCORE: 0.337** 

**SCORE: 0.056** 



# Socio-Demographic Vulnerability (Continued...)



# **Vulnerable Groups**

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SCORE: 0.312 RANK: 9/10 REGIONS ASSESSED

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2.7%

Disabled Population

# **Gender Inequality**

1.01

Female to Male Labor Participation

0.52

Parity in Secondary Education Enrollment



# **COPING CAPACITY (CC)**

**RANK: 3 / 10 REGIONS ASSESSED** 

**RANK: 4/10 REGIONS ASSESSED** 

**RANK: 6/10 REGIONS ASSESSED** 

**SCORE: 0.606** 

Upper Demerara-Upper Berbice exhibits weaker Coping Capacity in the areas of Governance and Economic Capacity. The bar charts indicate the socioeconomic themes contributing to the overall Coping Capacity score.



# **Economic Capacity**

10.0% Concentration of Wealth

16.3% Population Receiving Remittances

69.2% Households with a Bank Account



# Governance

**SCORE: 0.352 RANK: 7/10 REGIONS ASSESSED** 

**SCORE: 0.715** 

50.2 Crime Rate per 10,000 persons

42.8% Trust in Government 33.3% Community Involvement

11.6% Local Government Participation 20.6% Prevalence of Corruption



# **Environmental Capacity**

**SCORE: 0.454 RANK: 6/10 REGIONS ASSESSED** 

<1% Percent Protected Area

81.0% State Managed Forest Area -3050 Average Annual Net Carbon Flux

# Infrastructure Capacity



# **Emergency Services and Health Care Capacity**

90.0% 26.8 9.2 6.3 Average Average Immunization

Average Distance to Distance to Distance to Police Station Coverage Fire Station Hospital (km) (km) (km)



**RANK: 3/10 REGIONS ASSESSED SCORE: 0.598** 

**SCORE: 0.766** 

0.09 Road Density (km per sq km)

4.7 Average Distance to Port/Airport

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# **COPING CAPACITY (CC)**

**RANK: 3 / 10 REGIONS ASSESSED** 

**SCORE: 0.606** 



# Infrastructure Capacity (Continued...)



SCORE: 0.894

**RANK: 2/10 REGIONS ASSESSED** 

73.3% Households with Mobile Phones

**51.1%**Households with Fixed Phones

100% Cell Tower Coverage Area



# Energy Capacity

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SCORE: 0.503 RANK: 6/10 REGIONS ASSESSED

88.4% Households with Electricity **48.1%**Households
Using Gas as
Main Cooking
Fuel

**1.5** Fuel Stations per 10,000 Persons



# **RESILIENCE (R)**

RANK: 2 / 10 REGIONS ASSESSED

**SCORE: 0.635** 

Upper Demerara-Upper Berbice's score and ranking are due to Very Low Vulnerability combined with High Coping Capacity scores.

# Below are the four thematic areas with the weakest relative scores:







**Vulnerable Groups** 



Governance



**Economic Capacity** 

# **KEY FACTORS INFLUENCING RESILIENCE**



# **Environmental Stress**

Environmental stressors such as the depletion or contamination of natural resources can exacerbate natural hazards and negatively impact the health, safety, and economic security of the population.



# **Vulnerable Groups**

Marginalized populations are less likely to have their needs met under pre-disaster conditions, and therefore become even more susceptible to harm during times of disaster. Increase gender-based inclusion and involvement of persons with disabilities and their caregivers in all phases of disaster management, ensuring implementation at subnational and local levels. Plans and strategies must consider the special needs and accommodations of disabled populations during response and recovery, including evacuation and sheltering. Courses of action must consider the roles of women in society and support changes to policies and programs to promote gender-equal access.



# Governance

Instability of institutional structures can make a region more susceptible to the negative effects of a disaster event. Increasing stability increases the likelihood that emergencies can be better managed at the local level and supports a quick return to normal functions.



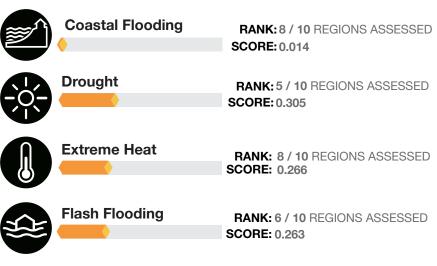
# **Economic Capacity**

A strong economic foundation provides an indication of a region's ability to absorb economic losses and quickly mobilize financial assets for preparedness, response and recovery activities. Limited economic capacity correlates to disproportionate disaster impacts.

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# **HAZARD-SPECIFIC RISK (HSR)**









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# **MULTI-HAZARD RISK (MHR)**



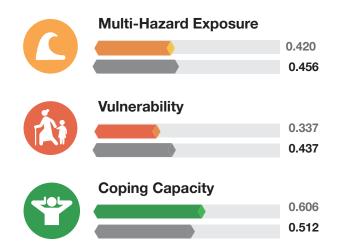
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RANK WITHIN REGIONS Score: 0.384

Upper Demerara-Upper Berbice's score and ranking are due to Moderate Multi-hazard Exposure combined with Very Low Vulnerability and High Coping Capacity scores.

Multi-hazard risk component scores compared to overall average country scores:





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