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Grenada Commissions 500,000-Gallon Water Tank to Boost Climate Resilience

St. George's, Grenada – February 13, 2026: The National Water and Sewerage Authority (NAWASA) has commissioned a 500,000-gallon water storage tank in Mirabeau as part of a broader push to strengthen the island's water security in the face of intensifying climate change.

The new facility, developed under the Climate-Resilient Water Sector in Grenada (G-CREWS) Project, is expected to serve more than 3,000 residents and reduce water shortages during the dry season, when communities across the island are increasingly vulnerable to drought and supply disruptions.

The project is backed by the Green Climate Fund and the Government of Germany, reflecting growing international support for climate adaptation efforts in small island developing states.
Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell, who also holds responsibility for Public Utilities, said the investment goes beyond infrastructure. "Before we speak of resilience, we must guarantee access," Mitchell said at the commissioning ceremony. "No Grenadian should be without clean, potable water."

Grenada, like many Caribbean nations, faces mounting pressure from extreme weather events, prolonged dry spells, and aging infrastructure. The Mirabeau tank increases both raw and treated water storage capacity, allowing NAWASA to maintain supply during system disruptions and periods of peak demand.

On a policy level, NAWASA Board Chairman Mr. Phillip Alexander, underscored the importance of strategic water distribution in advancing national development, highlighting the need to move water from source-rich areas in the north to high-demand communities in the south and southeast. He noted that "water is development, and water is life."

NAWASA General Manager Kenrick St. Louis described the facility as part of a wider modernization effort. "This facility strengthens our raw and finished water storage capacity and supports NAWASA's modernization strategy, including improved asset management, reduced water loss, enhanced maintenance planning, and the integration of fit-for-purpose technology," Mr. St. Louis noted.

The G-CREWS initiative includes seven additional storage tanks, pipeline upgrades, renewable energy integration, and the creation of a Water Resources Management Unit aimed at protecting watersheds and improving long-term planning.

German officials attending the ceremony said the project demonstrates how bilateral cooperation can deliver tangible climate adaptation outcomes. Martin Langer, Deputy Head of Mission at the German Embassy in Port of Spain, said investments like the Mirabeau tank are critical for small island states confronting disproportionate climate risks.

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Ms. Marion Geiss, Head of Projects at GIZ, the project also supports institutional reforms, including updated procurement systems, green financing mechanisms, plumbing training programs, and the promotion of rainwater harvesting and water-efficient technologies.

Member of Parliament for St. Andrew North West, Delma Thomas, said the facility will improve supply reliability for households, schools, and health facilities in the constituency.

For communities in Mirabeau, the tank represents something more immediate: fewer disruptions, improved water pressure, and greater security during drought periods. NAWASA credits its engineers, technicians, project managers and contractors for delivering the facility, noting that the project reflects years of planning and coordination across successive leadership teams.

The commissioning ended with a ribbon-cutting and blessing, formally marking the tank's entry into service. As climate pressures intensify across the Caribbean, Grenada's latest infrastructure investment underscores a central reality for island nations, water security is climate resilience.

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