



MEDIA RELEASE

RESPONSE TO THE PASSAGE OF HURRICANE IRMA

PORT OF SPAIN: 8TH SEPTEMBER, 2017

The Honourable Stuart Young, Ag. Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs and Ag. Minister of National Security, convened a meeting of key stakeholders to address the impact of and response to the passage of Hurricane Irma. Attendees included representatives of the following entities:-

- Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs
- Ministry of National Security:
 - Defence Force
 - Immigration Division
 - Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM)
- Caribbean Airlines Limited

Discussions at the meeting focussed on:

1. Coordinating mechanisms for providing assistance to Trinidad and Tobago nationals currently located in the affected territories.
2. Direct assistance by Trinidad and Tobago.
3. Trinidad and Tobago's supporting role in the regional response - the ODPM, as a partner within the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), has identified persons to form part of a Rapid Needs Assessment Team and an Operational Support Team. The Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF), as a supporting agency, has also readied personnel and other assets.
4. Coordination of efforts by members of the public desirous of providing assistance.

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AFFECTED NATIONALS

Nationals and or their family members in the affected territories are reminded to forward the following information to the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs to consular@foreign.gov.tt. Contact can also be made via telephone to **868-715-2154**:

- Names
- Dates of Birth
- Passport bio-data
- Contact information

PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE

Individuals and organisations wishing to provide assistance to affected countries should contact the Office of the Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM), the coordinating agency, via telephone at **emergency number 511** or via email at publicinfo.odpm@gmail.com

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