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Public Advisory

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ODPM PROVIDES UPDATES ON RELIEF AND RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

The Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM) continues to support relief and recovery efforts to impacted areas caused by severe weather conditions resulting in widespread flooding across the nation.

The National response mechanism has been activated as of Wednesday 18th October 2017, as calls from the ODPM's Regional Coordinators were being made to Regional Corporations' Disaster Management Units. The following activities have been recorded in impacted Regional Corporations to this present time, in no specified order, as seen below:

Penal/ Debe Regional Corporation Disaster Management Unit (PDRC DMU):

- 265 reports of affected persons were received.
- The majority of the reports pertained to floods, while other reports were as a result of fallen trees, landslides and leaking roofs.
- Shelters at the Clarke Rochard Government Primary School and Woodland Hindu School were closed, due to flood waters subsiding.
- Agencies coordinated to assist with the completion of 85 damage assessments activity was conducted today; the same was scheduled to commence, today, October 21, 2017 at 0800 hrs/0830 hrs. Fifty-five (55) assessments were completed, by a team of the Disaster Management Unit (DMU), Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society (TTRCS) and Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF) personnel.
- Penal Debe Regional Corporation utilised their dinghies to distribute water and food supplies to marooned persons.

Siparia Regional Corporation Disaster Management Unit (SRCDMU):

- 250 reports were received.
- The majority of reports were flood-related, while other reports consisted of fallen trees.

- the SRC DMU team is conducting site visits and visited affected locations for relief distributions of bleach, garbage bags, sandbags and mattresses. Councillors are also providing assistance by distributing relief items alongside their volunteers.

Mayaro /Rio Claro Regional Corporation Disaster Management Unit (MRCRC DMU):

- 800 reports have been received.
- A majority of reports are flood related.
- The DMU is responding to numerous reports with TTDF personnel assisting the DMU with damage assessments and is assisting in relief item distribution and assessment of houses.
- Impacted areas in the region include the following areas:
 - Navet Village
 - Poole Valley
 - Jairam Trace
 - Poole
 - Cedar Grove
 - Mafeking

Sangre Grande Regional Corporation Disaster Management Unit (SGRC DMU):

- 76 reports have been recorded thus far.
- Primary report are related to flooding incidents.
- The DMU is currently in the field assisting clean-up efforts in various areas including:
 - Sangre Chiquito
 - Brooklyn Settlement
 - North Oropouche-Guy Trace, Riley Land Settlement 1 & 2, Leemond
 - Fishing Pond
 - Vega de Oropouche (Melajo)
 - La Sieva, Foster Road
 - Marchack, Foster Road
 - Valencia
 - Guaico Tamana
 - Sou Sou Lands Cunaripo

Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo Regional Corporation Disaster Management Unit (CTTRC DMU):

- 248 reports have been received.
- Primary reports are flood related.

- A landslide in the immediate vicinity of the Brasso Police Station blocking the Brasso Caparo Road has been cleared by the Ministry of Works and Transport and traffic is flowing.
- Impacted areas include:
 - Gasparillo
 - Carapichaima
 - Caparo
 - Mamoral
 - Couva
 - Claxton Bay
 - Freeport
 - Williamsville
 - Tabaquite
- Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force teams have been deployed to do Damage And Needs Assessments (DANA).

Princes Town Regional Corporation Disaster Management Unit (PTRC DMU):

- 350 reports recorded thus far.
- Primarily flooding reports have been received.
- Two (2) reported landslides in La Lune and Gran Chemin that were blocking the roadway. However, the Ministry of Works and Transport has cleared these pathways.
- Impacted areas include:

BARRACKPORE:

- Rochard Douglas Main Road
- Cunjal Road North
- Cunjal Road South
- Teelucksingh Trace
- Oropouche South Trace
- Ramlal Trace
- Khanhai Road North
- Khanahi Road South
- Gilbert Trace
- Manan Trace
- Mattbar Trace
- Batthan Trace
- Oropouche River Road

ST MARY'S VILLAGE, MORUGA:

- White Trace
- Western Trace
- Saunders Trace
- Baboram Trace
- Mantacool Trace

- Glodd Road, Tableland

MORUGA MAIN ROAD:

- Maitland Trace
- Happy Hill
- Bois Jean Jean
- La Ruffin Road
- La Fortune Trace
- Figari Trace
- Edward Trace
- Basse Terre Main Road

PRINCES TOWN:

- St. Croix
- Borde Narve
- Realise Road
- Hope Road

WILLAMSVILLE:

- Hardbargin Navet Trace

REFORM:

- Tateco Avenue, Reform
- Lynap Street, Reform
- Riversdale Garden, Harmony Hall
- New Settlement, Harmony Hall

CORINTH:

- Railway line, Victoria Villlage, Ciperro Road
- Rooplal Ave, Victoria Village, Ciperro Road

The Trinidad and Tobago Meteorological Office has issued a Discontinuation of Riverine Flood Alert bulletin # 9 for Trinidad. Even though showery activity has decreased somewhat, a Tropical Wave is expected to bring more rainfall in 36-48 hours. TTMET will issue a further update on the incoming weather system. In light of this the ODPM is liaising closely with the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government to review their operational plans in anticipation of the event.

The ODPM reminds all citizens that if they have been affected by ongoing weather conditions, to please contact the Call Center numbers listed below, or the ODPM's Customer Care Centre at 511 or 999 if unsuccessful: -

Regional Corporation (Disaster Management Unit)	Hotline Numbers
Diego Martin Regional Corporation	800-DMRC (3672)
San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation	800-SLRC (7572)

Arima Borough Corporation	800-2ABC (2222)
Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation	800-TPRC (8272)
Port-of-Spain City Corporation	800-PSCC (7722)
Sangre Grande Regional Corporation	800-SGRC (7472)
Chaguanas Borough Corporation	800-DCBC (3222)
Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo Regional Corporation	800-CTTC (2882)
Mayaro/Rio Claro Regional Corporation	800-4MRC (4672)
Princes Town Regional Corporation	800-PTRC (7872)
Point Fortin Borough Corporation	800-PFCB (7322)
San Fernando City Corporation	800-SCDU (7238)
Penal/Debe Regional Corporation	800-PDRC (7372)
Siparia Regional Corporation	800-4SRC (4772)

Consequently, we continue to underscore the following:-

- After heavy rainfall, stay inside until water levels have subsided and it is safe to venture outside.
- Do not walk/drive through flood waters.
- Be cautious when walking/driving along hillsides or landslide-prone areas.

The ODPM continues to closely monitor this situation through the TTMET Office.

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