

ADVERSE WEATHER RESULTED IN SEVERE FLOODING IN TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

SITUATION REPORT No. 1

AS OF 10:00AM ON OCTOBER 22, 2018

The Situation

On Friday October 19, 2018, torrential rains resulted in widespread flooding mainly in Eastern & Central Trinidad. The Trinidad and Tobago Meteorological Service (TTMS) issued an **Adverse Weather Alert #3 – Orange Level** for Trinidad and Tobago, extending the period from **Thursday 18th October, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. to Tuesday 23rd October, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** The TTMS advised that an active Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) continues to produce intermittent periods of rain/showers and thunderstorm activity which can lead to **flash flooding and exacerbate existing riverine flooding**. Showers can be heavy to torrential at times and produce **damaging gusty winds**. **Landslides/landslips are also likely in areas so prone**. Citizens are reminded that the **Riverine Flood Alert #2 – Red Level** is still in effect until **Friday 26th October 2018 at 12:00 p.m.**

Summary of Impact

The CDEMA Coordinating Unit remains in regular contact with the National Disaster Coordinator at the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM) in Trinidad and Tobago. There has been no request for external assistance however, the CDEMA CU continues to monitor the situation and will provide updates as necessary.

The following is a report from the ODPM on the level of impact. The Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government (MORDLG) and the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services (MSDFS) will conduct initial damage assessments of all persons affected by the adverse weather. Assessments will be conducted from today Monday 22nd October, 2018. The National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) continues to coordinate the distribution of relief across Trinidad and Tobago.



100,000 – 150,000 persons affected



800 persons evacuated



300 persons in 10 shelters

The MORDLG advised that the following areas remain inundated by flood waters:

- St Helena
- Kelly Village
- Santa Monica
- Madras
- Vega Oropuche
- North Oropuche

The four (4) main areas affected by the Adverse Weather and Riverine Flooding are: the Sangre Grande Regional Corporation; the Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation; the Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo Regional Corporation; the Mayaro/Rio Claro Regional Corporation (please refer to map on page 2).

The Diego Martin Regional Corporation was impacted by flooding on Sunday 21st October, 2018 however, flood waters have subsided in the Diego Martin and Maraval areas.

MAP OF FLOOD IMPACTED AREAS

Map of Impacted Municipal Corporations from the Adverse Weather

Wednesday 17th October, 2018 – Sunday 21st October, 2018 (12:00 noon)



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Legend

- Flood Impacted Areas
- Communities
- Regional Corporation

Map Summary:

This Map shows areas impacted by flooding due to adverse weather conditions occurring from 17th October 2018.

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Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management
 Municipal Corporations
 Adverse Weather From 17th October 2018 Flood Impacted Areas

