



# **National Emergency Management Organization**

## ***“Preserving Life and Property”***

### **ADVISORY NO. 3**

#### **HEAVY RAINFALL AFFECTING BELIZE**

**SATURDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2015 as at 12:00 midday**

The National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) hereby informs the general public that the potential for flooding is increasing mainly for communities living in Blue Creek and along the Mopan; Macal; Belize; North Stann Creek; Bladden; Rio Grande, and Moho Rivers.

Flooded rivers and creeks in the south continue to rise. Bladden River is 12 feet above normal, Temash is 9 feet above normal, water is 6 feet above the Aguacate bridge, 11 feet above the Blue Creek bridge and the road is closed. Jordan is 11 feet above normal.

NEMO TOLEDO COMMITTEE is opening shelters today for people in Bella Vista, Cow Pen, Monkey River, Golden Stream and Blue Creek to assist families affected by flood waters.

The Ministry of Works is addressing road problems in Marcus Canul area-Orange Walk, Santa Elena-Cayo, the coastal highway, St. Margaret's, Cow Pen, and Bella Vista.

The Stann Creek and Toledo Districts Emergency Committees are activated and responding to the needs of the people affected by flood waters. Search and Rescue personnel from the BDF and BASAR are deployed to assist the affected communities.

#### **IMPASSABLE ROADS:**

Gracie Rock, Spanish lookout via Baking Pot Ferry and Iguana Creek Bridge (access through Bullet Tree open), the Succothz ferry is closed. Hopkins Sittie River road is impassable to small vehicles, Cow Pen diversion road being prepared by MOW. Road access to Blue Creek, Aguacate and other communities is cut off.

Other flood prone areas of concern are Corozal Town; Sarteneja; Orange Walk; villages along the old northern highway; Belize City; the coastal highway; Gales Point; Mullins River; Sarawee, Hope Creek and Dangriga.

The Belize Coast Guard is on standby to ferry people between Sarteneja and Corozal Town.

People at risk to flooding are advised to take the necessary precaution to protect life and property, move to higher grounds with family or friends or to a community shelter, place important items high above areas likely to flood, reach out to family members and neighbours in need of assistance and keep the authorities informed of your situation. Do not wait until it's too late to take action. (PLEASE REPEAT THIS PARAGRAPH)

NEMO Emergency Coordinators can be reached as follows; **Corozal**, Mr. Williard Levy at 668 9515; **Orange Walk**, Ms. Suliema Celiz at 605 5046, **Northern Regional Coordinator**, Mr. Aragon at 636 6094; **Belize District**, Mr. Calbert Budd at 602 8632 and Mr. Kevin Pollard at 621 2275; **San Pedro**, Ms. Timrose Augustine at 600 8672; **Belmopan**, Ms. Clare Moody at 630 9791; **Cayo**, Mr. Al Westby at 630 3224; **Stann Creek**, Mr. Victor Castillo at 630 9780; and **Toledo**, Mr. Kenton Parham at 630 9787. The NEMO Emergency Hotline is 936.

Drivers are asked to drive with care and attention, and to put on their hazard lights when driving through rain. Road users must pay attention to the approaches of Deep River and Golden Stream. More rains are expected thorough out the day and tonight.

The public is asked to continue pay close attention the National Meteorological Service weather reports and NEMO advisories.

**NEMO supporting agencies are asked to remain alert over the weekend as NEMO continues to respond to localized flooding.**

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