



National Emergency Management Organization
“Preserving Life and Property”

ADVISORY NO. 7

HEAVY RAINFALL AFFECTING BELIZE

SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2015 as at 7:00 a.m.

The National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) hereby informs the general public that moist and unstable conditions persist over Belize, the risk of flooding continues.

In the Toledo District at this time as the flood water recedes the Southern highway remains impassable to small vehicles. Buses are being allowed to go through to Deep River/Medina Bank from where people are being ferried by a BDF truck. In Bladden and Golden Stream the water is going down but still impassable. In Blue Creek the water is receding it's about one foot on the bridge.

The Toledo Emergency Committee reported that four shelters were occupied throughout the night. 30 families sheltered in the church in Bladden, in Golden Stream about 20 families sheltered in the community centre and church and in Trio about 25 families sheltered in the church. In Big Falls and San Miguel about five families sheltered with their family.

The North Stann Creek River has receded however in new site Dangriga the water rose about one foot. The Stann Creek Committee is meeting. A team has been dispatched to check on the people in Sarawee. Another Team will be heading out to assist people in MAYA MOPAN, RED BANK, SAN ROMAN and COWPEN. Other flood prone areas of concern are villages in the Belize River valley and those along the old northern highway as the Belize River is now rising. People are asked to remain vigilant and to start making plans for the flood waters.

Road conditions: Road access to Blue Creek, Aguacate and other communities remains limited.

The southern highway in areas of Deep River, Golden Stream, Swasey and Bladden, is impassable. Other impassable areas are the roads leading into Gracie Rock, Spanish lookout via Baking Pot Ferry and Iguana Creek Bridge, the access route through Bullet Tree Falls village via the Bullet Tree Bridge is passable. The Roaring Creek Bridge is however passable. The wooden bridge across the Macal is open. People using the Hammock bridge in Calla Creek needs to monitor the Mopan River. The Succothz ferry is operational. The Cow Pen diversion road built by the MOW is accessible.

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. Do not wait until it's too late to take action. Drivers are asked to respect the temporary road closures along the Southern Highway until NEMO announces that the reopening of the Southern highway. Drivers are asked to drive with due care and attention when driving through rain. The public is asked to continue to pay close attention to all weather reports and advisories.

NEMO Emergency Coordinators for central and southern Belize can be reached as follows: **Belize District**, Mr. Calbert Budd at 602 8632 and Mr. Kevin Pollard at 621 2275; **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.

NEMO continues to respond to flooding in central and southern Belize and to assist people in need.

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