



National Emergency Management Organization

“Preserving Life and Property”

DATE: 16th, November 2015

TIME: 11:00 am

ADVISORY NO. 10

FLOOD SITUATION IN BELIZE

The National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) hereby informs the general public that even though the weather is improving flood waters continue to threatened the following communities in the Cayo District: Arenal; Succothz; Calla Creek; La Clarissa; Siete Millas; Barton Creek; San Marcos; Billy White; Central Farm; Buena Vista; Providencien; Ramonal; Paslow Falls, Bullet Tree Falls; Santa Familia, Branch Mouth, villages along the George Price Highway, Roaring Creek, More Tomorrow in the Cayo. *All shelterees in Belmopan and Teakettle went home.*

People in the following villages must start taking immediate flood response actions; St. Paul's Bank; Willows Bank; Double Head Cabbage; Bermudian Landing; Isabela Bank; Flowers Bank; May Pen; Scotland half-moon; Burrel Boom; Lord's Bank; and Ladyville. Areas of concern are: Bomba, Maskall, St. Anns; Santana; Lucky Strike; Rockstone Pond and Boston. Farmers with livestock **MUST** take the necessary actions before it is too late. The Willows bank livestock facility is available for use. People living in La Democracia; coastal highway community; Gales Point; Mullins River; Gracie Rock; Hattieville; Freetown Sibun, and Butcher Burns are advised to take note of this advisory. The BDF and the Coast Guard are on standby for river rescue missions.

In the Toledo District the **current situation is as follows:** Bladen River has receded to 7 ft. above normal, Blue Creek River is at normal level, Temash River (Crique Sarco) is 5 ft. above normal, Aguacate is 2 ft. above normal, Big falls river is 13ft below the bridge and continues to recede, two (2) homes still have about 2 feet of water. One family is sheltering with relatives and the other family is in the community center. In **San Miguel** the river receded to 3 ft. below the deck of bridge. Six (6) inches of water is still in one of the four homes that were affected. Affected families are staying with relatives.

In **Golden Stream** all twenty (20) families affected have left the shelter. The relief supplies personnel have assessed all affected household and distributed immediate food relief to twenty (20) homes. In **Bladden** village twenty nine (29) families are sheltering in the Catholic and the Baptist Church, these families have received water and food. In **Bella Vista** fifteen (15) families had to be evacuated. In **Trio** 26 families that were affected received water and food. An overall assessment is being conducted of homes and farms to determine their losses and follow up assistance; including relief distribution and medical visits, which are underway.

Road conditions: All major highways namely, the Philip Goldson, George Price and the Southern Highway are open to traffic from border to border. In Bomba the road is impassable to small vehicles. Other impassable roads are those 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 remains open. ATM and Barton Creek caves are closed. The wooden bridge across the Macal River is closed. People using the Hammock bridge in Calla Creek needs to closely monitor the Mopan River. La Clarrisa Falls road is only accessible to high vehicles. The Succothz ferry is closed. Digging of drains must be done only after consultation with the utility companies.

People are being strongly encouraged to move to higher grounds to protect life. Seek shelter with families or friends or go to a community shelter. MOVE OUT of areas that are likely to flood. **Do not:** cross flood waters, especially at night. **Do not:** touch power lines, electrical wires and electrical equipments in areas that are flooded; and **Do not:** turn on lights or appliances until an electrician has checked the circuit. Turn off electricity and gas at the main switch and valve. Upon entering your homes be alert for gas leaks. **Do not:** use matches or an open flame unless you know that the gas has been turned off. Water must be boiled for at least one minute and cooled before drinking. If you are not using bottled water, use 8 drops of Clorox or bleach to one gallon of water stir it well before use. Drivers are reminded to drive with due care and attention.

NEMO continues to respond to flooding.

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