



# **National Emergency Management Organization**

*“Preserving Life and Property”*

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## **ADVISORY NO. 1**

### **TROPICAL WAVE APPROACHING BELIZE AFTER AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE CROSSED THE COUNTRY OVER THE WEEKEND SUNDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2022 As at 9:00 PM**

The National Met Service hereby informs that an approaching tropical wave will cross tomorrow after the area of low pressure that crossed over the weekend. As a result of the passage of the area of low pressure, some areas in the Orange Walk and Corozal districts received as much as five inches of rainfall during the past 48 hours. The approaching tropical wave will continue to support very wet conditions persisting at least through to mid-week. Heavy showers and thunderstorms are expected over most areas of the country producing daily rainfall totals of 1 to 3 inches with locally higher amounts. A flood watch remains in effect in keeping with the flood advisories issued for areas prone to flooding as the weather is expected to get worse in the coming days. The hydrology department will continue to provide flood forecasts.

NEMO hereby informs that shelters are opened in the villages of Carmelita and San Jose in the Orange Walk District to support ten and two families respectively. The Orange Walk Emergency Committee chairman, and the Area Reps are in communication with the minister of NEMO. The Ministry responsible for NEMO Emergency Coordinating group was activated today.

The Ministry of Infrastructure Development and the Town Council have deployed to clear drains and repair the culvert by Tower Hill which was partially washed away. Traffic is being diverted through the Guinea Grass Palmar road. Village Council chairpersons are asked to be on the alert for persons who may need assistance. The numbers to contact for NEMO Orange Walk are 302-2232, 302 3228, 614 7177 or 615 7452. Other parts of the country which have received lesser amounts of rainfall are being monitored.

People living near to rivers, creeks, and low-lying areas, are cautioned to be on the alert and take the necessary actions to save life, move to safety. Drivers are asked to drive slowly and to put on their hazard lights when driving in the rain. Review your family emergency plan. Stay alert, be prepared. **NEMO** staff remains on alert.

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