

# TROPICAL DEPRESSION (KAREN)

## SITUATION REPORT No. 1

AS OF 5:00 PM ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

Status of Tropical Depression (Karen) as at 5:00 PM (AST) September 23, 2019

(Source: National Hurricane Center - [nhc.noaa.gov](http://nhc.noaa.gov))

Winds	Speed	Longitude	Latitude
35 MPH	13 MPH	15.9 North	65.6 West

## SUMMARY OF UPDATES



### BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS: DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT

- The country is currently under a Tropical Storm Warning.
- Convened a meeting at 9:30 AM Monday September 23, 2019 with the Governor, Premier and key agencies including the police force and fire department to discuss the preparations for Tropical Storm Karen.
- The NEOC was deactivated at 11:00 AM on Saturday Sept. 21, 2019 for TS Jerry, however national preparations for Tropical Storm Jerry remain in effect for Tropical Storm Karen.
- Further to the 5:00PM update on Tropical Storm Karen today, a decision will be taken on the activation of the NEOC, and closure of the public service. Decisions will also be made on the activation of shelters and other emergency support functions.
- The key concern is flooding as a result of the forecast rainfall. Work is ongoing to clear drains and waterways to minimize flooding.



### GRENADA: NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AGENCY (NaDMA)

- No damage was reported



### ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES: NATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION (NEMO)

- As at 8:00 AM Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup>, the National Emergency Operational Centre (NEOC) was activated.
- Minor damage and temporary disruption in electrical services were reported.
- There was a reported landslide in the community of Acres in the interior of the Island.
- 8 persons reported to shelters: 5 in Mayreau and 3 in Canouan.
- Due to rough seas ferry services have been suspended until further notice.
- Assessments are ongoing. Regional response is not needed at this time.

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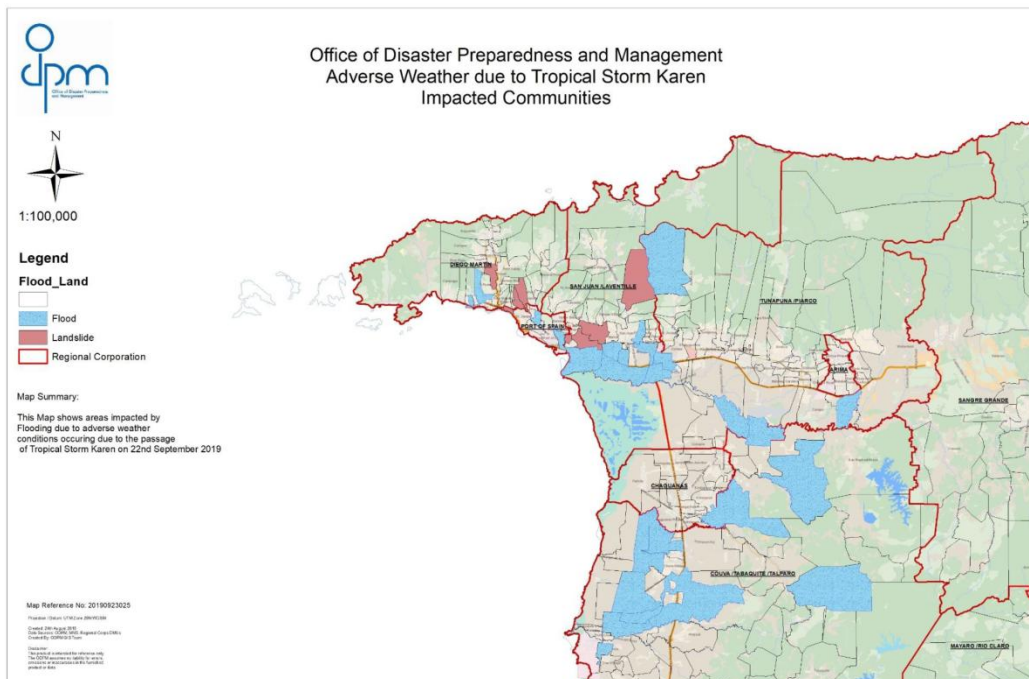
### TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO: OFFICE OF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND MANAGEMENT (ODPM)

#### TRINIDAD

- Six (6) municipalities in Trinidad were impacted and are involved in recovery: 1. Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation; 2. Sangre Grande Regional Corporation; 3. Port of Spain Regional Corporation; 4. Chaguanas Borough Corporation; 5. Diego Martin Regional Corporation; 6. San Juan/Laventille Regional Corporation.
- Landslides and flooding were reported in San Juan/Laventille, Diego Martin, Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo, Tunapuna/Piarco, Port of Spain, and Sangre Grande
- Families are being evacuated from Bamboo Settlement No.3 at this time. The emergency shelter at Bamboo Government Primary School has been activated and the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard is on the ground assisting in the evacuation.
- Beetham Community shelter remains open.
- Seventy-six (76) areas in Trinidad experienced power outages September 21-22, 2019.
- Items distributed from the ODPM Warehouse: bedding kits, mattresses, tarpaulin, raincoats, mop buckets, mop heads and handles, military cots, Meals-Ready-to-Eat.

#### TOBAGO

- The Tobago Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) reported that the Tobago Emergency Operations Centre (TEOC) has received approximately one hundred and thirty-four (134) reports of incidents as a result of Tropical Storm Karen varying from blown off roofs, fallen trees and utility poles in the roadway, flooding, landslides, strong winds and damage to residential and commercial properties.
- Nine (9) shelters were opened and they were subsequently closed at 1700hrs on Monday September 23, 2019.
- The water levels have receded and clean-up operations have begun.
- Thirteen (13) areas in Tobago experienced power outages September 21-22, 2019.



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## **Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) Actions**

- CDEMA has maintained communication with its Participating States to discuss preparatory measures and to ascertain preliminary needs at this time.
- The Regional Response Teams remain on ALERT: CARICOM Disaster Assessment and Coordination (CDAC), CARICOM Operational Support Team (COST), Rapid Needs Assessment Team (RNAT), the Multi-National Civil Military Coordination Cell (MNCCC) and the CARICOM Disaster Relief Unit (CDRU).
- CDEMA has verified regional warehousing stocks in the sub-regional warehouses and is exploring logistical arrangements for distribution to impacted states, if necessary.
- CDEMA CU urges all Participating States and members of the Regional Response Mechanism (RRM) to continue to monitor the progress of this system.
- CDEMA CU will continue to monitor Tropical Storm Karen and provide updates as necessary.