

Message: Dominica Prime Minister Declares nine 9 Special Disaster Areas. Priority needs identified.

EVENT:

Tropical Storm Erika became the fifth named storm of this year's Atlantic Hurricane Season on August 24, 2015. Erika began impacting the CDEMA Participating States from Wednesday, August 26 and degenerated to a trough of low pressure on Saturday, August 29, 2015.

The Canefield Airport near the capital of Roseau, Dominica, recorded 12.64 inches of rain in a 12-hour period from Erika on Thursday, August 2. This resulted in severe flooding and landslides and wide spread damage across the island. As of August 28, 2015, twenty persons have been confirmed dead and several others are reported missing.

The Government of Dominica has declared nine (9) Special Disaster Areas. The Prime Minister's address to the nation and declaration can be accessed at <https://soundcloud.com/rooseveltskerit>

Dominica

Impact

The centre of Tropical Storm Erika passed about 90 miles to the North of Dominica at its nearest point with the storm producing intense rainfall across the island. The Canefield station recorded 12.64 inches of rain in a 12-hour period from Erika on Thursday, August 2015. Heavy rains caused flash flooding which affected most parts of the island.

A hotline has been established with the Office of Disaster Management (ODM) and the Dominica Red Cross to offer assistance to persons seeking information on family members. The number is 1 (767) 448-8280.

Additionally, the Government of Dominica has established an account at the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank to receive contributions in support of its recovery and reconstruction efforts following the passage of Tropical Storm Erika.

The account details are as follows:

United States Dollars (USD)
Federal Reserve Bank (NY)
SWIFT: FRNYUS33
ECCB's account number at the FED: 021083695
FFC Government of Dominica account 310301005

Declaration of Special Disaster Areas

The Government of Dominica has declared nine (9) Special Disaster Areas. These are:

- Petite Savanne
- Pichelin
- Good Hope
- Bath Estate (Paradise Valley)
- Dubique
- Campbell
- Coulibistrie
- San Sauveur
- Petite Soufriere

Immediate needs

The list of the immediate needs is listed below. Both priority needs and the list of required medical supplies can be accessed at

- <http://www.opm.gov.dm/?p=1096> - List of Medical Supplies
- <http://www.opm.gov.dm/?p=1091> - List of Priority needs

CDEMA will continue to provide updates on the response as necessary.

CONTACT DETAILS: The CDEMA CU 24-hour contact number 1(246) 434-4880