

TROPICAL STORM KAREN

SITUATION REPORT No. 2

AS OF 2:00 PM ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

Status of Tropical Storm Karen as at 11:00 AM (AST) September 25, 2019

(Source: National Hurricane Center - nhc.noaa.gov)

Winds	Speed	Longitude	Latitude
45 MPH	15 MPH	21.7 North	64.9 West

SUMMARY OF UPDATES



BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS: DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT (DDM)

- The National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) was deactivated on Wednesday 25 September 2019 at 0500 hours.
- The NEOC's reconnaissance and reports received from heads of essential services and critical public service providers, have confirmed little to no damage to the Territory and as such it is within our capacity to address the minor impacts.
- Water and Power – Electricity was restored with minimal impact to a few communities; there was no disruption to the water supply.
- Telecommunications – Telecom providers continued to provide service without interruption.
- Road Networks – The entire main road network was cleared, making all roads accessible; minor damages have been addressed.
- Debris Management – No special arrangements are required at this time.
- Health/Medical – No surge in injuries or persons seeking medical assistance were observed.
- Airports – Resumed normal operations on Wednesday 25th September 2019.
- Airport & Sea Ports – Resumed international flights at the Terrance B. Lettsome International Airport and domestic ferry transport between the islands. Resumption of additional international service will depend on the reopening of the ports in the US Virgin Islands.
- Schools – Schools have been reopened on Wednesday 25 September since there were no reported damages.
- Private Sector – resumed operations on Wednesday 25 September 2019 as per usual. No damages were reported in this sector.



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

- At 7:00 PM Tuesday September 23, 2019, the NEOC was deactivated.

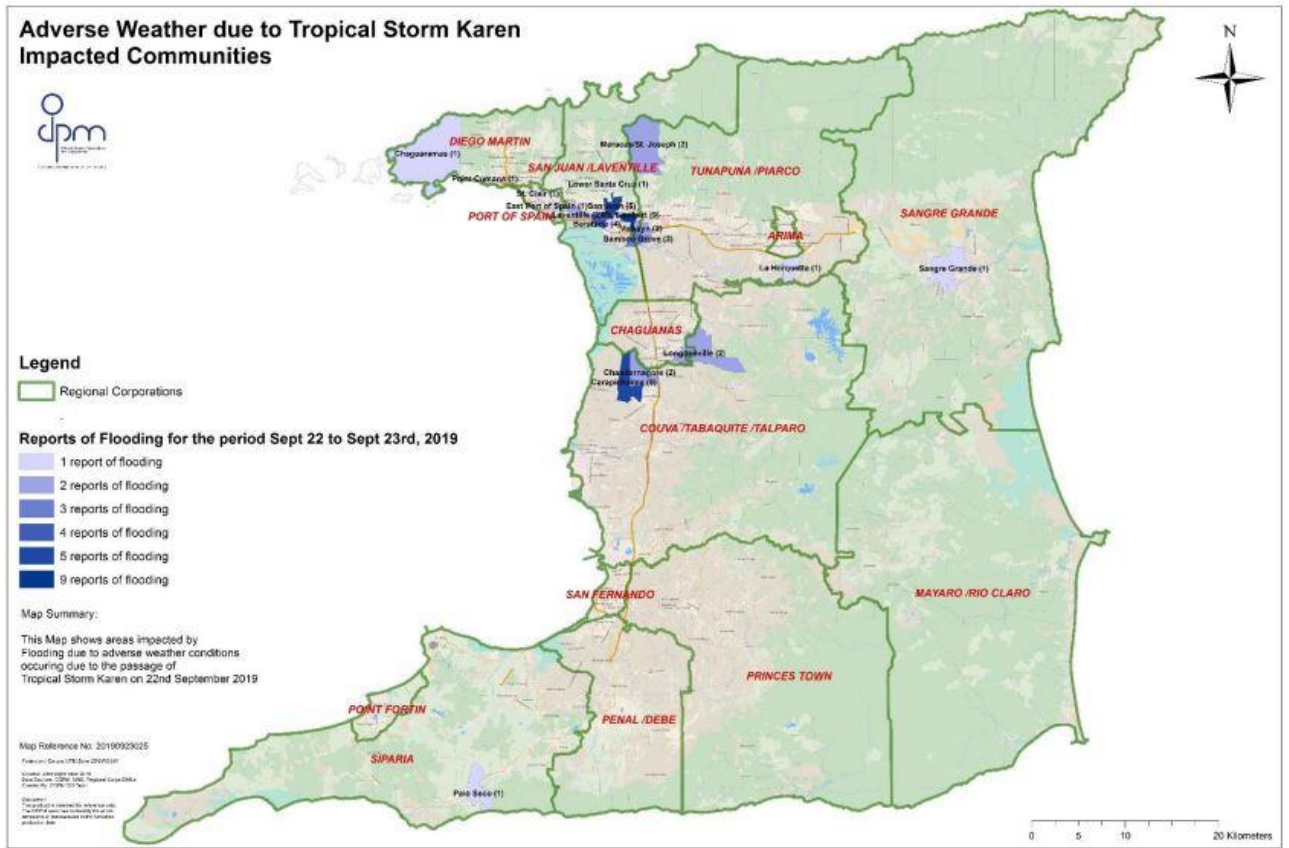
TRINIDAD

- Ten (10) 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 7. Siparia Regional Corporation 8. Point Fortin Corporation, 9. Couva/Tabaquite Talparo Regional Corporation, 10. Arima
- Landslides and flooding were reported in San Juan/Laventille, Diego Martin, Couva/Tabaquite/Talparo, Tunapuna/Piarco, Port of Spain, Chaguanas, Siparia, Arima and Sangre Grande.
- Major clean up activities are ongoing: sandbags were distributed to affected homes, pumps are being used to remove water from the affected area and roadways were cleared.
- All services have been restored to Rampanalgas and Toco communities.
- Items distributed from the ODPM Warehouse to St. Joseph Constituency Office: 15 mouth shovels, 3 100-ft hoses, 30 mattresses, 10 mop heads, 10 mop handles, 20 broom heads, 20 broom handles, 30 rubber boots.

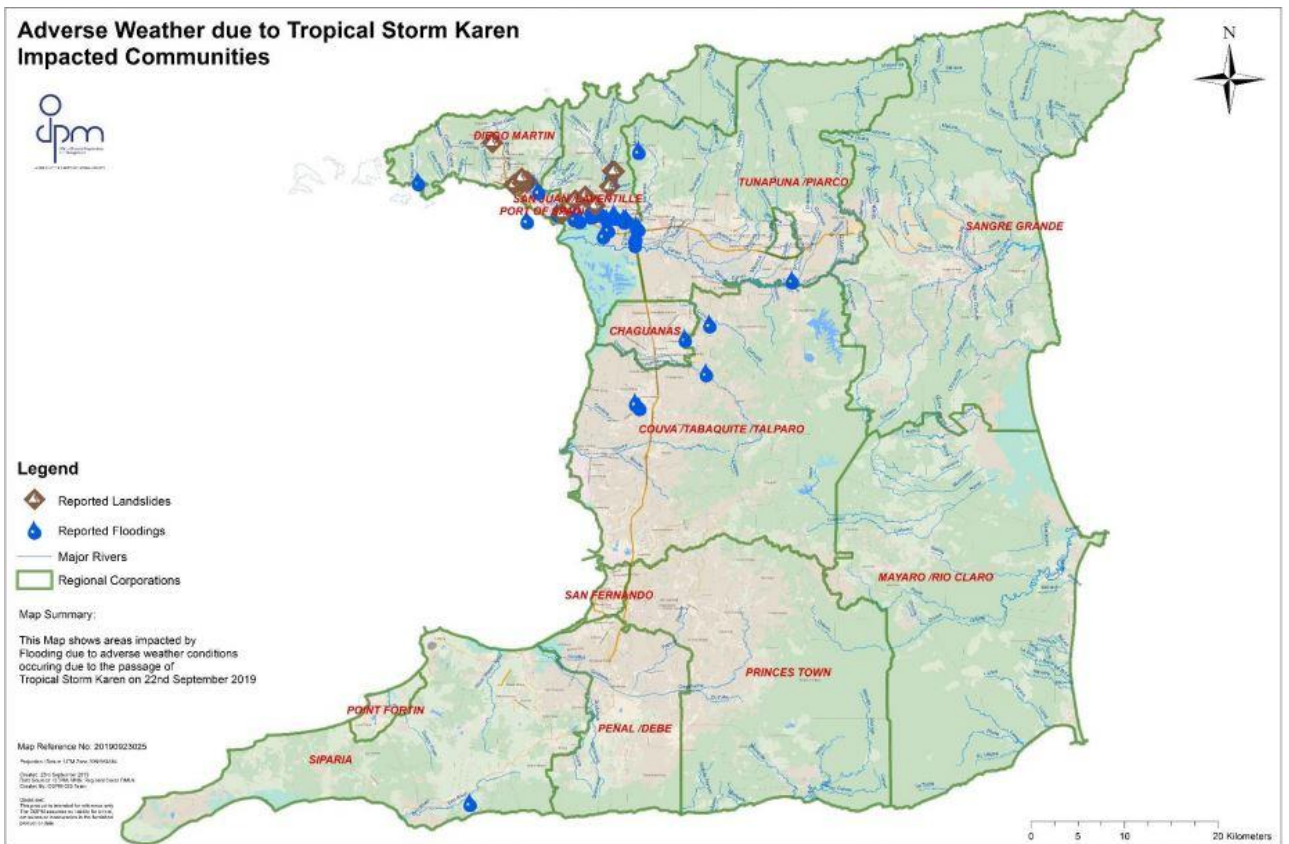
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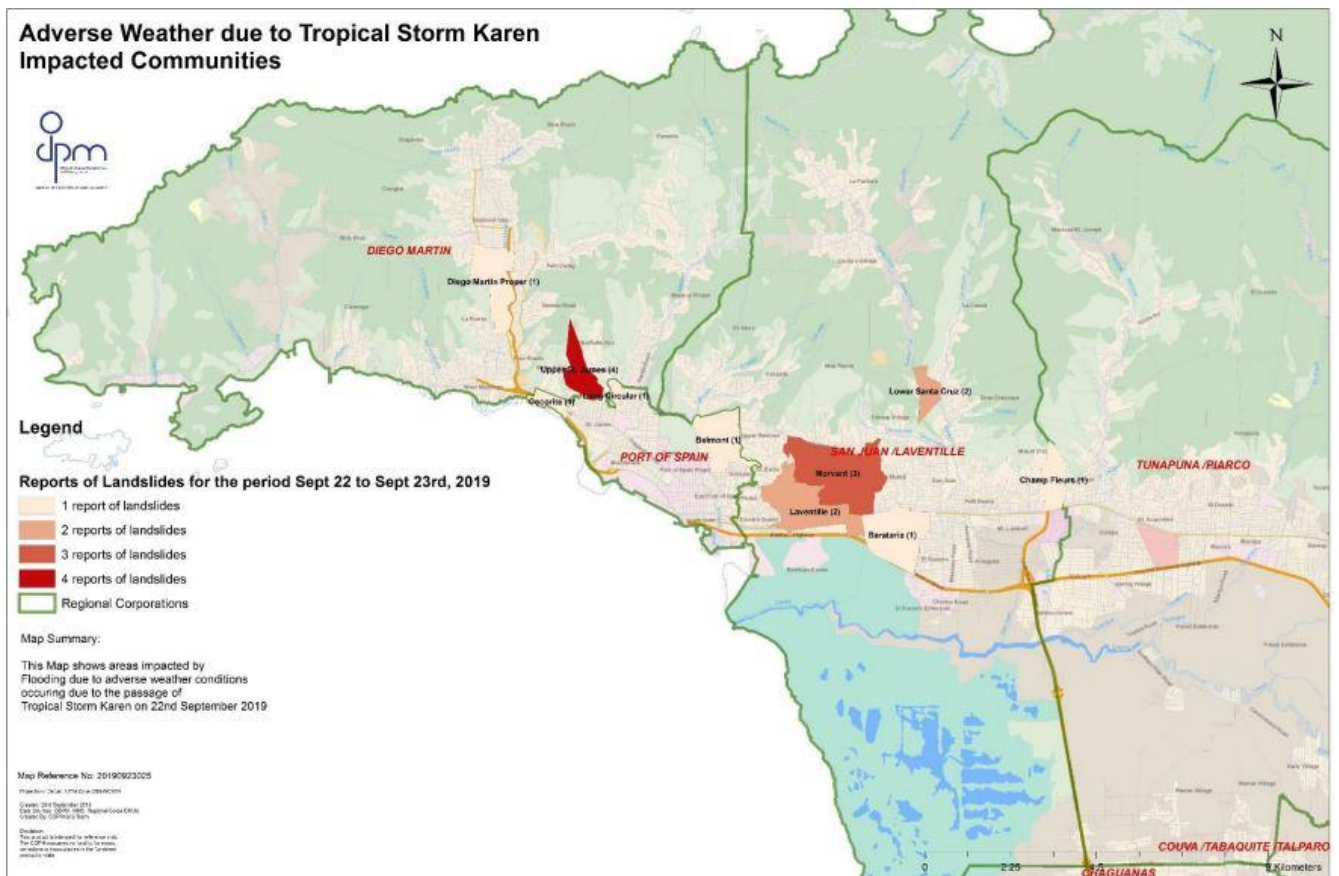
- The Tobago Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) reported that the Tobago Emergency Operations Centre (TEOC) has received approximately one hundred and thirty-three (133) reports of incidents as a result of Tropical Storm Karen varying from damaged residential roofs, fallen trees blocking roadways, landslides.
- All telecommunication services have been restored.
- All airport operations are normal and all flights have resumed. Caribbean Airlines has added 2 additional flights to Tobago to assist in clearing the backlog of passengers.
- TEOC remains activated. General emergency coordination being conducted by TEMA.
- Reconnaissance continues to be conducted by CERT teams, TTFS, TTR, and TTPS.
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Map 1: Communities affected by flooding associated with TS Karen in Trinidad



Map 2: Cumulative Map of Landslides and Flooding Associated with Tropical Storm Karen in Trinidad





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.