

TROPICAL STORM FIONA

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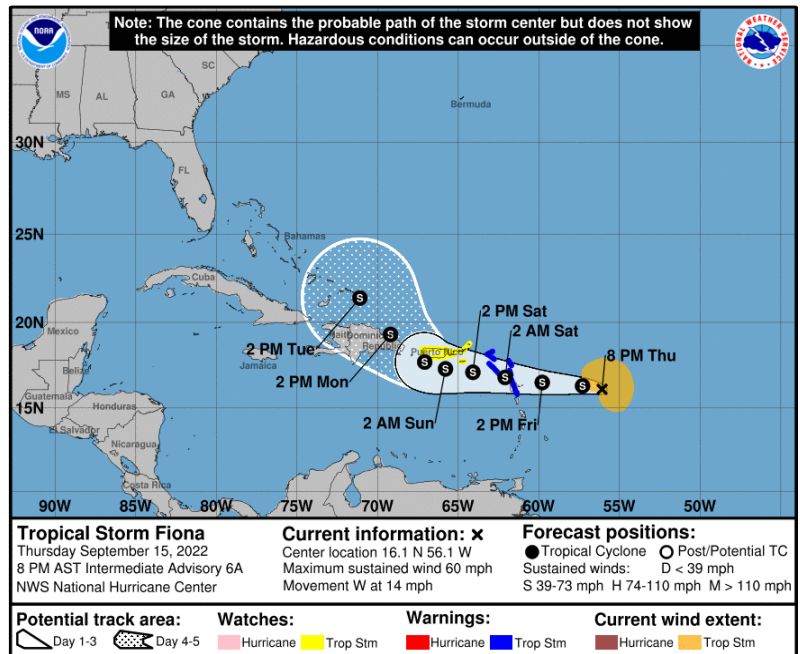
Synopsis of Tropical Storm Fiona

**LOCATION: 16.6° N , 53.6° E of
 THE LEEWARD ISLANDS**

**PRESENT MOVEMENT: WEST- AT
 13 MPH**

***MINIMAL PRESSURE: 1002MB**

***MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS:
 50 MPH**



National Hurricane Center Updates

- According to the National Hurricane Centre, Tropical Storm (TS) conditions are possible in portions of the northern Leeward Islands by Friday night.
- However, heavy rain from TS Fiona will reach the northern Leeward Islands on Friday afternoon and this may produce flash and urban flooding along with isolated mudslides in areas of higher terrain.
- TS Fiona is expected to move near the Virgin Islands on the weekend and early next week and Tropical Storm Watches will likely be issued for some of these areas today.

Tropical Storm Watches

A Tropical Storm Warning is in effect for:

- Sint. Maarten
- Antigua & Barbuda
- St. Kitts & Nevis
- Montserrat
- Anguilla

A Tropical Storm Warning means that tropical storm conditions are expected somewhere within the warning area within 36 hours. *A Tropical Storm Watch* means that tropical storm conditions are possible within the watch area, in this case within 36 hours.

Updates from the CDEMA Participating States



St. Kitts and Nevis

- According to the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), the national disaster management system has been placed on alert.
- The National Sub-Committees are on standby and senior Government officials have been briefed.
- Briefings have been undertaken with the National Met Service, Public Works, utility companies, vulnerable communities among many other national stakeholders were undertaken and they are all on-board in ensuring their readiness to respond.
- NEMA will also be leading the national level pre-impact vulnerability analysis to target support to special vulnerable groups.
- NEMA will undertake a broader consultation with several of the key sectors across the country to ensure their readiness to respond.
- Updates will be provided.



Sint. Maarten

- The system is being continually monitored with the MET Office
- Personnel from the EOC met with the Prime Minister today to review the system and plan for next steps
- Public Information messages are continually being issued



Montserrat

- Governor's office has been briefed.
- Constantly updating the public on the progress of the storm via the Radio Station and other online platforms.
- Expecting to be impacted by 50 mph winds with possibly stronger gusts, but the major threat may be from rain and associated flash flooding
- The authorities not expecting to activate shelters
- The population has been asked to assess their individual risks and to start activating family emergency plans.



Anguilla

- Public advisories have been issued, particularly indicating the possibility of localized flooding
- An NDMC meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 15th,
- The authorities have been making general preparations for the impact from TS Fiona.



Virgin Islands - UK

- The acting Governor and acting Premier have been briefed
- Satellite Phone checks have been completed
- The District Coordinators in the Sister Islands are to commence/review preparatory actions, particularly regarding Emergency Sheltering as 60 – 70 mph winds are anticipated.
- Public Information messages have been ongoing
- Constant communications with NODS ABD
- Awaiting 1100 am NHC update before making any further decisions

Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) Actions:

Following are the regional actions undertaken by the CDEMA to date:

- The Regional Co-ordination Plan has been activated.
- The CDEMA CU continues to operate in accordance with the standard operating procedures (SOPs) of the RCP which includes maintaining contact with the threatened states and preparing for an RCC/RRM activation.
- The CU has reached out to the Participating States threatened to receive preparation updates from them.
- The CU continues to be in contact with the Caribbean Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology (CIMH), to gain a better understanding of threat to CDEMA Participating States.
- The CU convened the CDPG Meeting at 1.00 PM today.
- The CDEMA CU will continue to monitor the progress of TS Fiona and provide updates as necessary.

CDEMA Partner Updates:

UN RESIDENT OFFICE

- The Technical team is monitoring the situation and is in a state of readiness to respond.
- The UN Resident Office has updated its contingency plan and is prepared to offer any assistance, including the provision of impact assessments to any PS that may be affected.

OCHA

- Closely monitoring the TS and is prepared to support CDEMA and the Participating States which may be impacted.

UNFPA

- The UNFPA could provide "Dignity Kits" which are already positioned in Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, and Barbados
- GBVS assessment tools and comprehensive assessment tools could be deployed as needed for safety audits in shelters.
- There are additional personnel available in the Barbados and Jamaica offices which could provide surge to counterparts on the ground in the event of an impact in any of the PS.

UN WOMEN

- The organization is prepared to provide priority needs that include food packages and Dignity Kits to the National Gender Mechanisms (NGMs).
- Shelter management guidelines are also available which could be used as a guide to alleviate any gender-based violence concerns and UN Women could provide such training for shelter managers and volunteers.

Partner Updates

UNICEF

- UNICEF is monitoring the TS and is in contact with the Education Ministries in the Participating States under TS Watch and its ready to provide additional expertise through its Global Network as needed.
- UNICEF has also mobilized its Immediate Response Team (IRT) made up of staff with expertise in the areas of Water and Sanitation, Child Protection, Education and Social Protection who can be deployed in any of the states that may be impacted.

THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE RED CROSS

- The IFRC remains on standby to activate its response programme.
- St. Kitts & Nevis and the Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross Associations have agreed to provide 100 families with blankets, tarpaulins, mosquito nets, kitchen and hygiene kits, cleaning kits, shelter tool kits if required.

CARDI

- CARDI is prepared to offer support and lend assistance where necessary in any of the impacted states with assessments and evaluations, particularly in the agricultural sector.

SANDALS FOUNDATION

- The organization is monitoring developments with Tropical Storm Fiona and is committed to assist as needed.

CWWA

- Remains on standby to provide assistance as needed in any of the impacted states.

Partner Updates

PAHO

- The team is on stand-by with pre-stocked supplies in Panama and Barbados.
- Contacts have been established with all of the Ministries of Health through their Permanent Secretaries and Disaster Coordinators.
- The PAHO staff is also working in Antigua and Anguilla

WFP

- The WFP in partnership with CDEMA remains on stand-by to offer any support that may be requested for food assistance, cash transfers, logistics, emergency telecoms.