

SITUATION REPORT #4

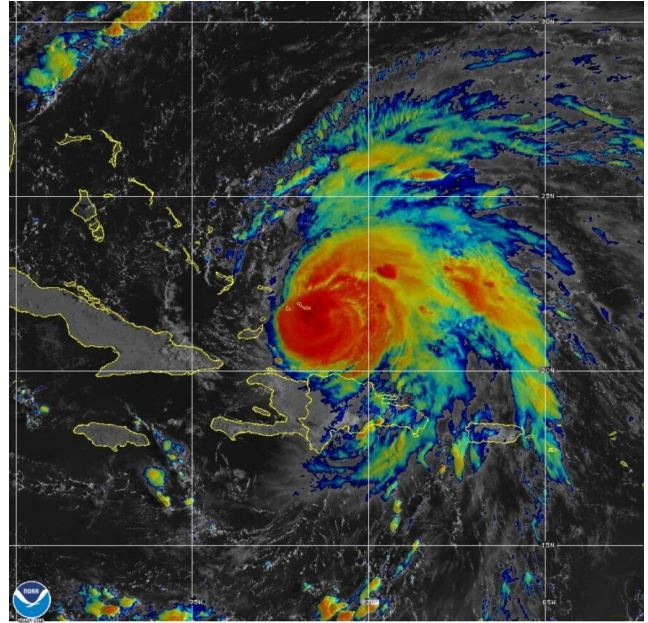
Final report on Hurricane Fiona

as of 7:00 PM on September 24, 2022

Hurricane Fiona impacted Turks and Caicos and The Bahamas

Key Messages:

- Hurricane Fiona strengthened into a Category 3 storm and became the first major Hurricane of the season.
- At approximately 2 p.m. on Monday September 19, the storm started to impact the Turks and Caicos, moving north-northwest at 9 mph. It was centered about 30 miles north-northeast of Grand Turks Island with maximum sustained winds of 115 mph.
- The Government of the Bahamas discontinued all warnings for the Turks and Caicos Islands and the south-eastern Bahamas on Tuesday 20th September.



Updates from CDEMA Participating States



BAHAMAS

- There was minimal damage to Mayaguana (the most easterly of the Bahamas).
- There was no housing damage.
- An assessment flight was undertaken to Mayaguana by the acting Prime Minister that included, the Minister of State, the Permanent Secretary, the Director of NEMO and representatives from the Ministry of Works, Ministry of Social Services, Bahamas Light & Power, Water & Sewage.
- Evacuees have been returned to their homes.



TURKS AND CAICOS

- Early assessment suggests that the impact was not as severe as it could potentially have been.
- The acting Governor and Premier conducted flyovers of the islands to get a rapid overview of the situation.
- An IDA was completed for Providenciales and other islands.
- Largest impact appeared to have been in Grand Turk, including some minimal damage to the roof of the prison.
- On Grand Turk, ongoing assistance was being provided by the HMS Medway to fix airport fencing and the prison roof.
- The Carnival Cruise Port Excursion was damaged but Carnival's management will make its own impact assessment.
- The causeway between North and Middle Caicos was damaged and remains impassable; the Public Works department has started repairs.
- On South Caicos, extensive clean-up was required and there was damage to a few government buildings with the exception of schools.
- Social development support has been identified as a need. on South Caicos.
- TCI expressed gratitude for the support from the CDEMA system and partners.
- Assessments are still being completed.



September 21, 2022-The TCI Marines were in North Caicos repairing a roof following the passage of Hurricane Fiona (Source: DDME Facebook page).



September 21, 2022-Following the passage of Hurricane Fiona, the TCI Marines erected the Met Station and restored the generator at the Provo Airport (Source: DDME Facebook page).

Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA)

Actions:

Following were the regional actions undertaken by the CDEMA :

- The CDEMA Regional Coordination Plan was activated.
- The CDEMA Regional Coordination Center (RCC) was partially activated:
 - remained in contact with the NDOs TCI and Bahamas, and received updates from them.
 - collaborated with countries on the provision of remote operational support
- A seventh (7th) CDPG meeting was convened on Wednesday 21st September 2022 - to brief and receive briefings from affected PS, other PSs and Development Partners
- A briefing on Hurricane Fiona and Invest 98L was received from the Caribbean Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology (CIMH), to inform the planning and operational arrangements of the RRM.
- The RCC has issued Information Notes and Situation Reports on the system since its development.
- Will issue a SAVINGRAM to the CARICOM in due course to provide a synopsis of the situation and guidance on actions that could be taken.
- The Chair of CDEMA, CARICOM SG were briefed during the process.
- Logistics – CDEMA initiated contact with regional airlines and shipping lines
- The CDEMA CU liaised with CARICOM and UN Partners to confirm if RNAT/COST participation was needed
- The MNCCC (B) remained on alert
- Telecommunications tests with Participating States were undertaken.

Partner Updates:

- There were no new partner updates