

## Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management

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## **PUBLIC INFORMATION**

## Thursday, June 12, 2025

On Thursday, June 12, 2025, 6:36 pm, the ODPM issued its third National Public Alert (PANS). The alert warns the public that the Trantrill Road, St Augustine South, is impassable due to severe flooding, and person should seek alternate routes. Trantrill Road is the link road that provides access to the St. Augustine South Community from the Southern Main Road, North of the Caroni Roundabout.

The Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM) has been actively monitoring and coordinating efforts, during this current period of adverse weather. Yesterday, upon a request from the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government (MRDLG), the ODPM coordinated with the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF) to deploy troop carriers to ensure school children living in flood prone areas, who were scheduled to sit the CSEC and CAPE exams, got to and from their exams on time. These actions became necessary following the Trinidad and Tobago Meteorological Service's (TTMS) issue of an Orange Level Riverine Alert on Wednesday, June 11, 2025.

The ODPM has also partially activated its National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) and placed its Volunteers on standby to assist in the event that the Disaster Management Units (DMUs) of the MRDLG requested further support. Two, Public Alert Notification System (PANS) messages were sent out to advise persons of the high riverine levels and to prepare for floods. Additional information and updates were provided on our social media platforms, website and new WhatsApp Channel.

Earlier today the ODPM hosted a virtual coordination meeting with National Agencies inclusive of the TTMS, Tobago Emergency Management Agency (TEMA), Water Resources Agency (WRA), Senior Disaster Management Coordinator of the MRDLG. This meeting served to ensure all Agencies were updated and solutions found to challenges caused by the inclement weather. Coordination efforts will continue with these organisations along with the T&T Defence Force, Police Operations Centre, Public Utilities and other relevant Agencies to ensure the safety and security of citizens.

The public is advised to obtain and share information only from authorised Agencies. Secure and waterproof your documents, preserve property, tend to livestock and pets, have personal and family grab and go bags ready. Stay safe, be alert, monitor and act responsibly, do not wade through moving waters or swim in flood waters.

Cooperate with your MRDLG's Disaster Management Unit, and members of the Defence Force and Protective Services.

