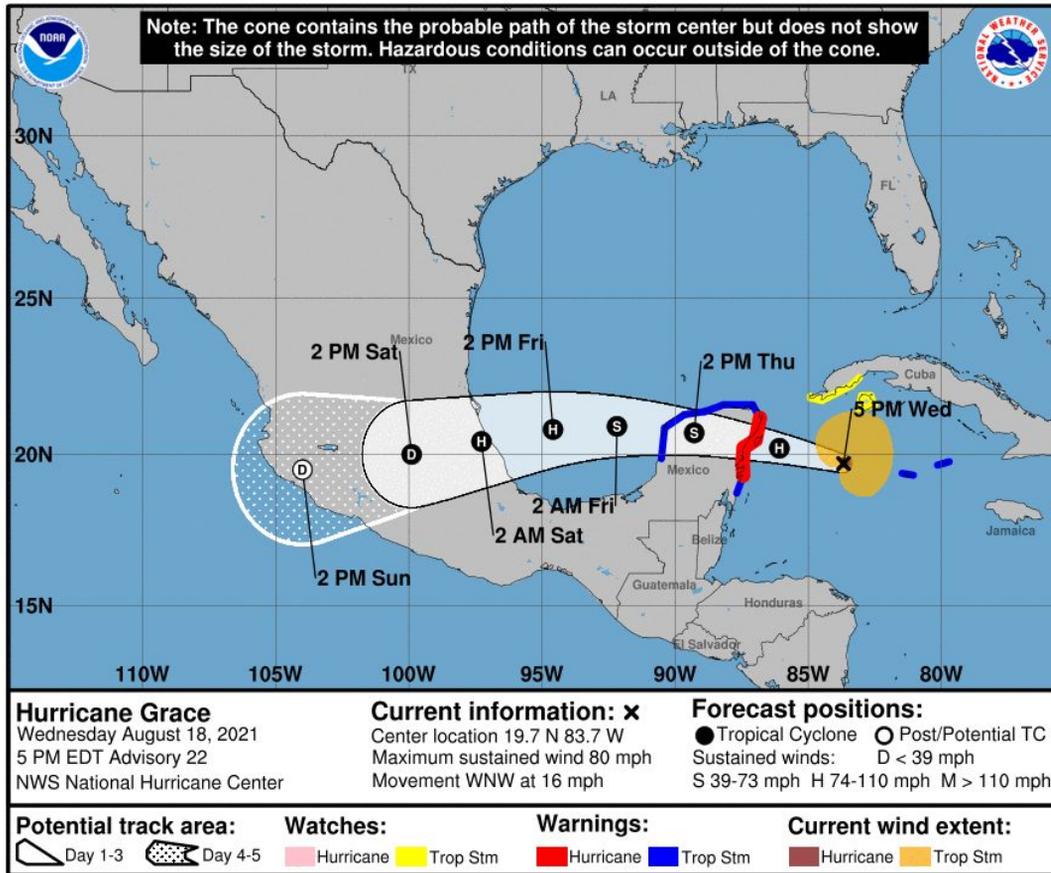


HURRICANE GRACE

SITUATION REPORT No. 1

AS OF 5:00 PM ON August 18, 2021

Grace impacts Jamaica and the Cayman Islands



SITUATION

According to the NHC, at 500 PM EDT (2100 UTC), the center of Hurricane Grace was located near latitude 19.7 North, longitude 83.7 West. Grace is moving toward the west-northwest near 16 mph (26 km/h). A general west-northwestward to westward motion is expected for the next several days. On the forecast track, Grace is expected to make landfall in the eastern Yucatan Peninsula Thursday morning, move over the Yucatan Peninsula on Thursday, and move over the southwest Gulf of Mexico Thursday night or early Friday. Maximum sustained winds are near 80 mph (130 km/h) with higher gusts. Some strengthening is possible before the center of Grace reaches the Yucatan Peninsula.

Updates from Impacted CDEMA Participating States

The Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) made contact with the National Disaster Coordinators in the impacted states and the following was reported:



CAYMAN ISLANDS

- Tropical storm Grace matured into a Category One hurricane just west of Grand Cayman
- Government offices were closed on Wednesday, August 18, 2021
- Little Cayman reporting no major damage from Hurricane Grace. Issued the all-clear at 1:00pm today for Little Cayman and Cayman Brac.
- Travel Cayman Teams, which have been working throughout the severe weather event, monitored and supported more than 1300 persons quarantining privately or at Government facilities.
- The Department of Public Safety Communications has dealt with more than 130 calls in the last 24 hours.
- Shelters were opened on Grand Cayman, Cayman Brac and Little Cayman. Representatives of the NEOC's Human Concerns Cluster noted that 36 persons were in shelters on Grand Cayman and 5 on Little Cayman.
- The NEOC's Utility Cluster noted the severe weather has impacted telecommunications, power and water supplies.
- The NEOCs Debris Clearance Committee in Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac are working to clear blocked roads among other tasks.



JAMAICA

- The Meteorological Service of Jamaica (MSJ) advised that a Tropical Storm Watch was in effect as at 7pm Tuesday August 17. National Emergency Operations Center (NEOC) was activated to facilitate coordination of response in relation to the effects of Tropical Storm Grace.
- Widespread rainfall and increased winds were experienced across all parishes.
- Seven (7) shelters in the parishes of Kingston and St. Andrew, St. Mary, Clarendon and St. Thomas were opened but only one (1) was activated and 16 persons were in that shelter *at the time of the report*
- Power outages were experienced in several communities throughout the island.
- Reports of blocked roads due to fallen trees, downed power lines, land slippage and flooded rivers and gullies were reported mainly in northern and eastern parishes
- As at 11:00 am on Wednesday, August 18 Tropical Storm Grace had moved away from Jamaica and the conditions of seas around Jamaica were gradually returning to normal as the system continues westward.
- No regional support requested.

Images from Jamaica courtesy of the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM)



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ODPEM SITREP No.2

Coordination of the Regional Response Mechanism (RRM)

- The Regional Coordination Plan (RCP) remains activated as well as the Regional Coordination Centre (RCC).
- CDEMA Coordinating Unit (CU) continues to operate in accordance with the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) of the RCP which includes maintaining contact with the threatened/impacted states and RRM partners.
- The Regional Deployment teams – Rapid Needs Assessment Team (RNAT), CARICOM Operational Support Team (COST), the CARICOM Disaster Assessment and Coordination (CDAC), the CARICOM Disaster Relief Unit (CDRU) and the Regional Search and Rescue (RSAR) remain on Alert.
- The RCC continues to communicate with the impacted States to determine how their immediate needs can be met through the sub-regional warehouses.
- Issued three (3) Information Notes on TS Grace.
- Convened four (4) CDPG Meetings and briefed the CARICOM Secretary General and CDEMA Council Chair.
- The UN Resident's Office offered support for any teams to be deployed, e.g. RNAT and CDAC.