



# FACT Sheet

## Schedule of Events for Earthquake Awareness Campaign, January 7- 13, 2018

### **“Preparing for the quake, helps reduce damage after the shakes”**

Jamaica’s location along the northern margin of the Caribbean Plate and the presence of active faults on the island makes it vulnerable to earthquakes, coupled with the crippling effects of the January 2010 earthquake on Haiti and Jamaica’s role in the recovery process, it is quite timely that the nation pause to reflect, share expertise and ensure that we are ready for this type of hazard.

Thus, the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM) has created a campaign, to be observed during the month of January 2018 as the Earthquake Awareness Campaign, focusing on earthquake readiness with the Theme **“Preparing for the quake, help reduce damage after the shake”**

A series of activities have been planned for the quarter with an aim at increasing the general awareness of the Jamaican public of the importance of preparing for an earthquake.

### **1. Press Launch**

**Date - Monday January 8, 2018**

Earthquake Awareness Activities will commence with a Press Launch at the ODPEM from 10am to 12:00pm.

### **2. Day for Schools & Live Outside Broadcast**

**Date - Wednesday January 17, 2018**

A total of 40 Schools both primary/preparatory and high schools from Kingston, St. Andrew, St. Catherine, Portland and St. Thomas will take part in a Cultural Exchange to be held at Fort Charles in Port Royal.

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### **3. Day for Business**

*Date - Thursday January 11, 2018*

The ODPEM will engage businesses across the island to increase awareness and encourage Earthquake safety practices.

### **4. Commemoration for 1907 and 1993 Earthquake: Live Outside Broadcast**

*Date - Saturday January 13, 2018*

The ODPEM will commemorate the Great Kingston Earthquake which struck on January 14, 1907 with a live outside broadcast.

### **5. Regional Activities**

The Parish Disaster Coordinators (PDC) event schedules will be incorporated in the activities

### **6. St Ann Earthquake Awareness Activities**

The following activities are planned for the Parish of St. Ann in the month of January 2018.

#### **Church Service**

Request Churches to offer prayer in recognition of Earthquake Awareness under the **Theme** : Safety from Earthquakes. Participating Churches includes:

- St. Ann's Bay Methodist
- Faith Tabernacle Church
- Blood Bought Church
- Shiloh Apostolic
- Exchange New Testament
- New Covenant Faith Tabernacle
- Stand fast Apostolic Church
- Grateful Hill Baptist
- Clarksonville Baptist
- Emmanuelle Apostolic Pentecostal Church

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#### **School Presentations**

- Launch of Earthquake Awareness Competition in schools
- Earthquake/Tsunami Drill

These activities will be held at

#### **Primary Schools:**

- York Castle Primary
- Moneague Primary
- Mckenzie Primary
- Mt Moriah Primary
- Discovery Bay Primary

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**High Schools:**

- York Castle High

**Special Education:**

- St. Christopher School for the Deaf

**Presentation to Business**

Scheduled for Runaway HEART Academy

- Earthquake Response Drill
- Public Education Sensitization Exercise

**Community Sensitization Exercise** These activities are scheduled for

- Bamboo CDRC
- Lime Hall CDRC

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