



FACT Sheet

Schedule of Events for Disaster Preparedness Month, June 2012

“Embrace Climate Change Realities... Build Disaster Resilient Communities”

The Office of Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Management (ODPEM) will be observing Disaster Preparedness Month in June 2012 under the theme, **“Embrace climate change realities...Build Disaster Resilient Communities”**

During this time we aim to increase the general awareness of the Jamaican public to the importance of reducing our risk to those hazards that regularly affect the country through more active preparedness measures. A series of activities have been planned for this month:

1. Press Conference to Launch Disaster Preparedness Month ODPEM, June 1, 2012:

The ODPEM will be holding a Press Conference in the ODPEM National Emergency Operation Center on Friday, June 1, 2012 from 10am-11:30am. At the Press Conference members of the media will hear from the ODPEM and several of our partner agencies.

2. National Church Service with Saturday Worshippers, June 2, 2012:

This year's Disaster Preparedness Month National Church Service with Saturday worshippers will be held at various churches across the island where a message will be read to commemorate the Month's theme.

3. National Church Service with Sunday Worshippers, June 3, 2012:

This year the Rt. Hon. Portia Simpson-Miller will be in attendance to the Disaster Preparedness Month National Church Service held at the St. Luke's Anglican Church, 89 Slipse Road, Kingston 5. This will take place on Sunday, June 3, 2012 from 8:00am-11.00am.

4. ODPEM/ Jamaica Observer Disaster Preparedness Month Supplement, June 4, 2012:

Once again, in partnership with the Jamaica Observer Ltd., the ODPEM will publish its Disaster Preparedness Month Supplement on Monday, June 4, 2012

5. ODPEM/ Gleaner Company Disaster Preparedness Month Supplement, June 5, 2012:

Once again, in partnership with the Gleaner Company Ltd., the ODPEM will publish its Disaster Preparedness Month Supplement on Tuesday, June 5, 2012

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6. ODPEM Parish Activities, June, 2012:

Special events will take place within the parishes of Jamaica as follows:

1. Kingston & St. Andrew, May 26- June 10, 2012:

- SDC/KSAC Downtown Kingston Clean Competition Project Presentations.

2. St. Catherine, June 18-September, 2012:

- Essay Competition Launch **Disaster Risk Reduction Begins in Schools** under theme: "Prevent disruption and think disaster risk reduction.....Do your part..... Be climate smart!!" Funded by Meteorological Service/EU/UNEP.

▪ **Portmore, June 3 & 16, 2012:**

- Church Service at New Testament Church of God, Bayside, Portmore.
- Disaster Preparedness and Information Fair to be held at Portmore HEART Academy. Partnership with Help Age International and Christian Aid.

3. St. Thomas, June 3, 2012:

- Parish Service held at Gateway Assemblies of God.

4. St. Elizabeth, June, 2012:

- Awareness Display Booth – Black River Square Exposition **June 1-30**
- Poster Competition **June 12**

5. Portland, June, 2012:

- Church Service –Shiloh Apostolic Church, Port Antonio **June 10**
- Public Awareness in Schools in select schools **June 1-15**
- Reactivation of Community Disaster Risk Management Committee (formerly Zonal Committee), Long Bay and Norwich, **June 4**
- Public Education CDRMC and agency Representative, Chepstowe, **June 7**
- Public Education CDRMC and agency representative, Windsor Castle, **June 11**
- Public Education CDRMC and agency representative Hectors River, **June 12**
- Public Education CDRMC and agency representative Nonsuch, **June 13**
- Public Education CDRMC and agency representative, Port Antonio, **June 14**
- Public Awareness in Businesses, Selected businesses in the Parish, **June 18-22**
- Public Education CDRMC and agency representative, Hope Bay, **June 18**
- Public Education CDRMC and agency representative, Swift River, **June 19**
- Public Education CDRMC and agency representative, Fairy Hill, **June 20**
- Public Education CDRMC and agency representative, Manchioneal, **June 21**
- Reactivation of Community Disaster Risk Management Committee (CDRMC), Buff Bay, **June 27**
- Emergency Operations Sub-Committee Meeting and Fellowship, Port Antonio, **June 27**
- Public Education CDRMC and agency representative, Fellowship **June 28**

6. St. Mary, June, 2012:

- Emergency Operations and Health and Welfare Sub-Committees meeting, MLSS, Port Maria, **June 1**
- Public Awareness in Schools, selected schools in the parish, **June 1-15**
- Church Service, Oracabessa New Testament Church, **June 3**
- Re-organization of Community Disaster Risk Management Committee (CDRMC), Annotto Bay, **June 13**
- Public Awareness in businesses, Selected businesses in the parish, **June 18-22**
- Reactivation of Community Disaster Risk Management Committee, Highgate, **June 26**
- Reactivation of Community Disaster Risk Management Committee, Port Maria, **June 28**
- Expo, H-Lo Car Park, Port Maria, **June 29**

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7. St. Ann, June, 2012:

- Public Awareness in Schools, Selected Schools in the parish, **June 1-15**
- Health and Welfare Sub-Committee meeting, MLSS St. Ann's Bay, **June 4**
- Climate Change Workshop and Expo (World Environment Day), Ocho Rios, **June 5**
- Parish Disaster Committee Expo, St. Ann's Bay, **June 8**
- Emergency Operations Sub-Committee meeting, St. Ann's Bay, **June 13**
- Parish Disaster Committee Expo, Brown's Town, **June 15**
- Public Awareness in Businesses, Selected businesses in the parish, **June 18-22**
- Parish Disaster Committee Expo, Ocho Rios, **June 22**
- Private Sector Luncheon and Expo in Turtle River Park. Partner with PIOJ **June 5**
- Reactivation of CDRMC, Moneague, **date to be announced**
- Reactivation of CDRMC, Discovery Bay, **date to be announced**
- Reactivation of CDRMC, Alexandria, **date to be announced**
- Reactivation of CDRMC, St. Ann's Bay, **date to be announced**
- Initial Damage Assessment (IDA) Training (Agency Representatives), St. Ann's Bay, **date to be announced**

8. Hanover, June, 2012:

- Display at the Hanover Parish Library, **June 1**
- Forum – Talk about Disaster Preparedness at Hanover Parish Library / Lucea Town Hall (**date to be announced**)

9. Trelawny, June, 2012:

- Church Service held at Lowe River United Church **June 10**
- Shelter Manager's Training **(date to be announced)**
 - Presentations to Schools
- Community Simulation Exercise, Test SOP for Shelter Activation **June 26**
- Display at Parish Library **June 1-30**
- Broadcast on Local Cable Channel **June 1-30**
- Disaster Month Church Service **June 10**
- Disaster Preparedness Day for Schools
 - Falmouth SDA Primary School **June 11**
 - Albert Town All-Age **June 12**
 - Cedric Titus High School **June 19**

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