

# Tropical Depression Nine

## INFORMATION NOTE No. 1

**UPDATED AS AT 7:00 PM (AST) ON  
SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

### Declaration of Disaster Alert and Evacuation Order for Northern Bahamas

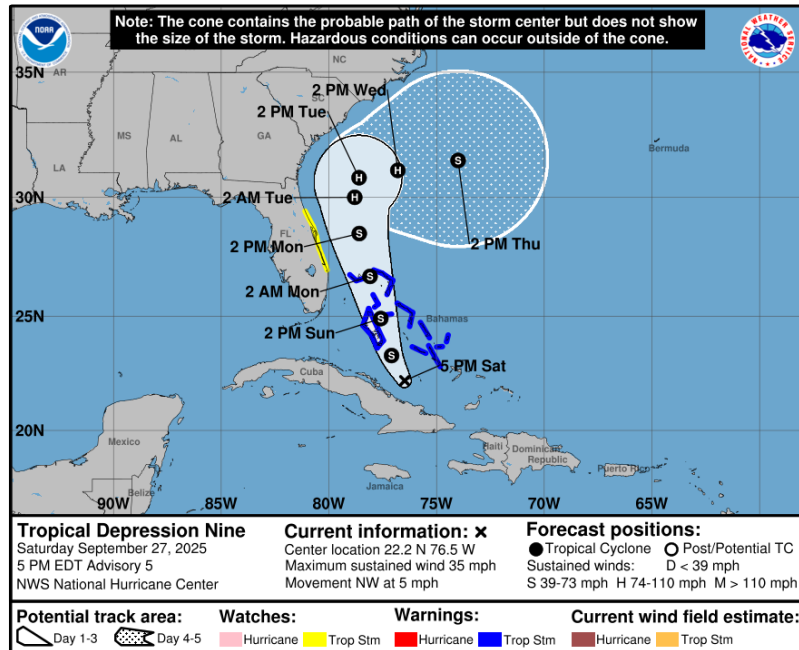
**A TROPICAL STORM WARNING IS IN EFFECT FOR CENTRAL BAHAMAS AND PORTIONS OF NORTHWESTERN BAHAMAS**

**LOCATION: 22.2 N 76.5 W ABOUT 105 MI OR 170 KM SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF CENTRAL BAHAMAS.**

**MAX SUSTAINED WINDS : 35 MPH (55 KM/H)**

**MIN CENTRAL PRESSURE: 1005 MB (29.68 INCHES)**

**PRESENT MOVEMENT: NORTHWEST OR 315 DEGREES AT 5 MPH (7 KM/H)**



Source: <https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/> at 5:00 PM 20250927

### National Hurricane Centre Update (NHC)

The system remains a tropical depression with maximum sustained wind speeds of approximately 35 mph and a broad, somewhat disorganized center. The system is drifting north-northwest and is expected to cross the central and northwestern Bahamas through early Monday and approach the southeast U.S. coast by Tuesday. Steady strengthening is likely despite some wind shear, and the system could reach hurricane strength within 2–3 days. After Tuesday, forecast confidence decreases; interaction with Hurricane Humberto may weaken steering currents, causing the system to slow and meander near the southeastern coast of the U.S.

Parts of the central and northwestern Bahamas should anticipate tropical-storm conditions through Sunday night with gusty winds, heavy rain, and rough seas. Eastern Cuba, Hispaniola, and Jamaica will experience heavy rainfall this weekend, with flash/urban flooding and mudslides possible in higher terrain.

# Caribbean Institute For Meteorology And Hydrology (CIMH) Analysis.

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At 11:00 a.m. ECT on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Potential Tropical Cyclone Nine was upgraded to a Tropical Depression. The National Hurricane Center indicates a high likelihood of further strengthening to a tropical storm within the next 24 hours.

## The Bahamas

- Approximately 4–8 inches of rainfall expected, with the heaviest cells shifting over the Central Bahamas later today into early Sunday and the Northwestern Bahamas on Sunday. Isolated rainfall of up to 12 inches are possible. Flooding is likely in low lying and poorly drained areas.

## Haiti

- Significant rainfall of approximately 2–4 inches is expected today. This may trigger flash flooding in urban and poorly drained areas and mudslides/landslides, particularly across higher elevations of the Southern Peninsula.

## Jamaica

- The heaviest convection developed overnight, with an additional 2–4 inches of rain expected today. This may lead to flash flooding in urban and poorly drained areas and landslides on steep or saturated terrain.

## Turks and Caicos Islands

- Trailing thunderstorms and scattered showers are possible, with localized downpours; however, the area is not expected to receive the core rainfall associated with Potential Tropical Cyclone Nine.

CIMH reinforced the threat of heavy rainfall and flash flooding in Haiti, with particular concern for the southeastern peninsula. Jamaica may still experience significant rainfall even if the system's core tracks to the north. Partners are requested to closely monitor watersheds and flood-prone areas for rapid rises, flash floods, and landslide potential.

## Updates from the Threatened Participating States



### THE BAHAMAS

#### Report from the Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Authority

- A **Tropical Storm Warning** is in effect for Central and Northwestern Bahamas effective 5:00 PM Friday September 26, 2025.
- The Prime Minister and Cabinet are being regularly briefed.
- The National Emergency Operations Center (NEOC) was activated at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, 27 September 2025.
- The Island Administrators in the threatened family islands have been briefed.
- The Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Authority has conducted communication tests with key stakeholders.

# Updates from the Threatened Participating States



## THE BAHAMAS continued

- Pursuant to section 50 of the Disaster Risk Management Act, 2022, the Prime Minister has declared the following, effective 27–30 September 2025:
  - i. Disaster Risk Management (Declaration of Disaster Alert) (Northern Bahamas) Order, 2025; and
  - ii. Disaster Risk Management (Evacuation) (Northern Bahamas) Order, 2025.
- The Declaration of Disaster Alert and the Evacuation Order apply to the following areas:
  - a) East Grand Bahama, including the settlements of Freetown, High Rock, Pelican Point, and McLean's Town, and the associated cays: August Cay, McLean's Town Cay, Big Harbour Cay, Little Harbour Cay, Bonefish Cay, Sweeting's Cay, Water Cay, Deep Water Cay, Lightbourne Cay, Big Cross Cay, Michael's Cay, and Long Cay; and the Abaco cays of Grand Cay and Walker's Cay.
  - b) The RV Trailer Park site adjacent to the Government Complex, Marsh Harbour, Abaco.
- All persons residing in, or currently present within, the specified areas are directed to proceed immediately to designated emergency shelters or safe zones, or to seek refuge in any other location deemed safe.
- All emergency shelters are prepared and on standby; several have already opened to receive evacuees. A dedicated shelter has been established to accommodate persons with special needs.
- The DRM Authority has pre-positioned relief items for rapid distribution, if required.
- The Ministry of Works has been mobilized for pre-impact clean-up including clearing drains and waterways and trimming of overhanging trees, and they will pre-position teams and equipment to support post-impact clearance where needed.
- The Bahamas Department of Meteorology continues to issue periodic updates. The system is expected to clear the Bahamas by Monday September 29, 2025.



## HAITI

### Report from Haiti

- Isolated wind damage and pockets of localized flooding have been reported.
- Adverse weather conditions persist across the country.
- The General Directorate of Civil Protection (DGPC) continues to monitor the situation and will issue further updates and guidance as required.

# Updates from the Threatened Participating States



## JAMAICA

### Report from Jamaica

- National disaster management systems have not been activated.
- Rainfall has been minimal, with light showers reported in some areas.
- Authorities continue to monitor the system and issue public updates.



## TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

### Report from the Department of Disaster Management and Emergencies

- The National Disaster Advisory Committee, Executive and Operations groups have been briefed.
- Public Works completed final checks and cleaning of drainage systems.
- The NEOC and EOCs are not activated, but personnel have been placed on standby.
- The public has been kept informed of the system and potential impacts.
- Sandbag filling and distribution continued through 7:00 PM on Friday September 26, 2025.
- Marine conditions are not yet favorable; marine advisories remain in effect.
- No major impacts have been reported to date; intermittent showers remain a concern.

# Updates from the CDPG Thematic Working Groups (TWG)

## Coordination Thematic Working Group

- The CDEMA Executive Director authorized the activation of the Regional Coordination Plan (RCP) as at 5:00 PM on Friday September 26, 2025.
- All Regional Response Teams have been placed on ALERT.
- Communication has been established with all the threatened states and the northwestern sub-regional focal point – Jamaica
- A meeting of the Caribbean Development Partners Group (CDPG) was concerned at 1:00 PM September 27, 2025, to facilitate coordination and information exchange.

## Relief and Logistics Thematic Working Group

- The Regional Logistics Hub in Barbados is stocked with relief supplies.
- Additional supplies are available from the sub-regional warehouse in Jamaica and the UN Humanitarian Depot in Panama
- Surge Support can be mobilized if required.

## Health Thematic Working Group

- No health impacts reported and requests for support received; the TWG remains on standby to assist if required.

# Updates from the CDPG Thematic Working Groups (TWG)

## Emergency Telecoms Working Group

- Communication systems remain functional.
- Partners including, ITU, and Vodafone are on standby with equipment and support if required.

## Water Sanitation & Hygiene Thematic Working Group

- Partners remain prepared to support WASH interventions

## Emergency Shelter Thematic Working Group

- Weekly coordination meetings with key partners are ongoing.
- Shelter response stocks are pre-positioned in Panama.
- Partners remain on standby for deployment, as required.

## Civil-Military Coordination Thematic Working Group

- Situational awareness products are being disseminated to regional and international military coordination bodies.

## Protection Thematic Working Group

- The Caribbean Gender Alliance and CARE International have activated pre-positioned protection funding through Bahamian CSOs.
- Partners stand ready to deploy support, if required.

## Private Sector Thematic Working Group

- The private sector partners remain engaged and on standby to support, if required.

## Early Recovery Thematic Working Group

- The partners remain on high alert and stand ready to support early recovery if needed.

## Summary

- The Bahamas remains the primary concern given the system's current location and forecast.
- CDEMA thanks all RRM partners for their continued support to regional preparedness, response and recovery.
- CDEMA will maintain communication with the threatened Participating States and provide updates as necessary