



## National Emergency Management Organization

*"Preserving Life and Property"*

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### **ADVISORY #7**

#### **TROPICAL STORM NANA APPROACHING BELIZE EXPECTED TO BECOME CATEGORY 1 HURRICANE NANA BEFORE LANDFALL BELIZE UNDER A HURRICANE WARNING**

**WEDNESDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER, 2020 as at 5:00 PM**

The National Meteorological Services of Belize and the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) advise that Tropical Storm Nana was located near latitude 17.0N, longitude 85.9W or about 156 miles east of Belize City. This position is also about 190 miles East-Southeast of Corozal Town, 150 miles East-Southeast of San Pedro Ambergris Caye, 154 miles East of Dangriga and 202 miles East-Northeast of Punta Gorda Town. Nana was moving to the west at 15mph with maximum sustained winds of 60mph and minimum central pressure of 999mb. Some strengthening is still expected before landfall and Nana could become a hurricane later tonight before it reaches the coast.

Nana is forecast to continue moving west with some decrease in forward speed and then a westward to west-southwestward motion is expected tonight. On this track, Nana is expected to make landfall between midnight and 6am early Thursday morning over southern Belize as a category one hurricane. Residents especially those southward of Belize City should be prepared for category 1 hurricane force winds between 74 and 95 mph. This system could also produce rainfall of 3-6 inches with isolated amounts of 8 inches over southern and central Belize which could lead to flash flooding and possible landslides. Residents along coastal areas near the area of landfall should be on the alert for the possibility of a storm surge of up to 3-5 feet. The NMS of Belize will continue to monitor the system and update NEMO and the general public accordingly.

Shelters are opening around the country. **PLEASE SEE LIST ATTACHED.** We implore all seeking shelter to wear a mask, practice social distance, clean hand regularly and practice good cough and sneeze etiquette. You are encouraged to bring along your food, water and basic needs. Police patrol is requested to monitor fuel stations. **COVID 19 SHELTER PROTOCOLS AND NEMO CONTACT INFORMATION: SEE ATTACHMENT.**

We are asking people not to panic, stay calm, don't listen to rumours. Stay tuned for and adhere to the official release from NEMO and the National Met Service and stay alert. Prepare, and move without alarm, scare mongering does more harm than good considering some people's medical condition. NEMO will keep the general public updated. Do not panic Belize we have faced tropical cyclones many times before, the bigger threat is COVID 19 we must wear our masks, social distance and clean our hands and all surfaces on a regular basis. **All are advised to seek shelter before last light, batten down and weather the storm.** The COVID 9pm to 5am curfew is still in effect.

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## **COVID 19 SHELTER PROTOCOLS**

All persons in high-risk coastal areas are reminded IF the need arises for you to evacuate and you are (1) not COVID positive, (2) not in quarantine, (3) not awaiting a test result or (4) being contact traced, and (5) not showing symptoms, move early! You must wear a mask. Know which shelter you will go to, take along your essential necessities required for you to survive. The elderly and persons with underlying health conditions must not occupy the same space with normal persons. Note, people showing symptoms will be contained in a separate section of the shelter building. Hand washing /sanitizing must be done before entering a shelter. Shelter Wardens will allocate shelter space. Social distance must be adhered to and shelters must be sanitized on a regular basis. Garbage must be properly disposed of. Proper cleaning and disinfection must be done on a regular basis. Shelter Managers must monitor and correct hygiene and cough /sneeze etiquette. The Ministry of Health (MoH) will conduct daily monitoring of shelters to detect people who are sick and showing signs of COVID19. The Shelter Management Team (Public Officers/ Volunteers) MUST use PPE.

### **PREPAREDNESS TIPS BEFORE A STORM ARRIVAL:**

(1) Avoid being near the coast if your home is not safe if you live on the cayes and along the coast be familiar with the evacuation routes. Know which shelter you will need to go to.

(2) protect windows with plywood or shutters,

(3) review your family emergency plan, consider all COVID 19 measures,

(4) if you can afford to purchase non-perishable foods and water.

(5) Keep an extra supply of medication. If a member of your household is bed-ridden, seek medical advice. Notify authorities ahead of time if you have persons in your neighbourhood require special assistance to evacuate due to a medical condition.

(6) Secure your important documents and identification. Save the emergency contact numbers for NEMO, the police, fire, and medical facility in your cell phone.

(7) Pets are not allowed in shelters, make plans for your pets, continue to trim trees, clear drains, and secure outdoor items. Farmers make plans to move your animals to higher ground and stockpile feed when required.

### **NEMO'S IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION**

The NEMO Emergency Hotline is 936. NEMO's Emergency Coordinators can be reached as follows:

1. **Corozal**, Mr. Ronnie Hernandez at 614 7140;
2. **Orange Walk**, Mr. Aragon at 615 2264; or Mr. Leiva at 614 7177;
3. **Belize District Rural**, Mr. Alphius Gillett at 614 4735; Mr. Pollard at 6143244;
4. **San Pedro**, Ms. Vanessa Parham at 614 5865;
5. **Belize City**, Mr. Al Westby at 614 8604 or Mr. Kwame Scott at 615 7644;
6. **Belmopan**, Ms. Clare Moody at 614 5705; or Mr. Eiley at 624 2365;
7. **Cayo**, Mr. Al Westby at 6148604 or Mr. Johnny Ramclam at 614 5891;
8. **Stann Creek -Coastal-** Dangriga including Mullins River to Independence), Mr. Kevin Flores at 604 3632;
9. **Stann Creek -Interior-** Hummingbird and Southern highway communities, Mr. David Cruz at 614 8514; and for
10. **Toledo**, Mr. Kenton Parham at 614 2158 or Mr. Dennis Williams at 614 2393

# **HURRICANE SHELTERS**

## **Belize City**

1. St. Martins De Porres
2. Unity Presbyterian School
3. All Saints Primary School
4. St. Luke's Methodist
5. Maud Will High
6. Queen Square Primary

## **Orange Walk**

1. Trial Farm Gov't School
2. San Jose Gov't School
3. San Juan Gov't School
4. San Pablo Gov't School
5. Louisiana Gov't School

## **Belize Rural District**

1. Burrell Boom Comm. Center
2. Bermudian Landing Primary
3. Sandhill Community Center
4. Lucky Strike Community Center
5. Burrell Methodist , Sandhill Poncotto, B/ Landing baboon sanctuary
6. Kings College / Crooked Tree Disaster Shelter

## **Belmopan**

1. UB 3 building, scarlet 8 rooms & gym
2. Evergreen Upper – 3 building
3. Belmopan Comprehensive -2 building
4. Garden City - 3 buildings

## **Stann Creek**

1. Russell Chistie Garcia Auditorium
2. Hope Creek High School
3. Ecumenical High School
4. Independence High School

## **CorozalTown**

<b>Ser.</b>	<b>School / Building</b>
1	Itvet Building
2	Alta Mira – Guadalupe RC School
3	Chula Vista – Guadalupe RC School
4	Downtown – Czl Comm. College & Junior College
5	Finca Solana Area – Guadalupe RC School

6	Halls Layout – Czl Comm. College & Junior College
7	Joscilio Layout – Czl Comm. College & Junior College
8	Potzal – Church of Christ Primary School
9	Rainbow Town – Czl Comm. College & Junior College
10	Santa Rita Layout – Czl Comm. College & Junior College
11	South End – Maryhill RC School
12	Venezuelan Site – Church of Christ Primary School

### Corozal District

Ser.	School / Building
1	Buena Vista – RC Primary School
2	Calcutta – Calcutta Adventist Pr. School
3	Caledonia – Rc School
4	Carolina – Calcutta Adventist School
5	Chan Chen/ Santa Elena – Chan Chen Gov't School
6	Chunox – St. Victor High School
7	Concepcion – Conc. Comm. Presbyterian Prim School
8	Consejo – Czl Comm. College
9	Copper Bank – FarioEncinido Inst.
10	Cristo Rey – Cristo Rey Presbyterian Presbyterain School
11	Fireburn – Francisco Magana Bldg
12	Libertad – Libertad RC School
13	Louisville – Louisville RC School
14	Paraiso – Paraiso Gov't School
15	Patchakan – Patchakan RC School
16	Progreso – Our Lady Guad. RC School
17	Ranchito – Ranchito Gov't School
18	San Andres – Mary Hill RC School

### Cayo

Ser.	School / Building
1	Faith Nazarene Primary School (San Ignacio)
2	Billy White Gov't School (bldg.that is no longer in use)
3	Baptist Primary School (Santa Elena)
4	Mount Carmel High School (Benque Viejo)
5	Bishop Martin Primary School (San Ignacio)
6	Alvin L. Young Nazarene High School (Succotz)
7	Arms of Love Pre-School (San Ignacio)
8	Church of God 7 <sup>th</sup> Day ( Billy White)

**Toledo**

<b>Ser.</b>	<b>School / Building</b>	
1	Punta Gorda Sports Complex	
2	Victor Sanchez Football Stadium	
3	<b>Bella Vista</b>	Bella Vista RC School
	<b>San Isidro</b>	San Isidro Gov't School
	<b>Bladen</b>	San Isidro Gov't School Bladen
	<b>Monkey River</b>	Monkey River Comm. Centre
	<b>Swasey</b>	San Isidro Gov't School
	<b>Trio</b>	Trio Government School
	Mango Walk	Independence Junior College
	<b>Punta Negra</b>	TCC
	<b>Indianville, Water Supply</b>	S.B. Daniels
	<b>Mercyrook/Ce ntral</b>	UB Admin Building
	<b>Magoon</b>	St. Peter Claver
	<b>Indianville</b>	St. Benedict Church
	<b>Hopeville/Holl ywood</b>	TCC
	<b>Cerro/Indianv ille</b>	El Bethel Adventist
	<b>Cattle Landing</b>	St. Phillips RC School
	<b>Boom Creek</b>	UB Building (Tapir)
	<b>Eldridge</b>	Community Centre
<b>Forest Home</b>	Forest Home Methodist Church	
<b>Barranco</b>	Barranco RC School	
<b>Midway</b>	Midway Government School	