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Public Information Statement (Seismic Activity)

Introduction:

The Tsunami Warning Focal point (911) at Police Telecoms has notified the Agency of a series of earthquakes affecting the Southern part of Puerto Rico over the course of Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th January some of which would have caused structural damage in several parts of the Island.

Data reported to date prior 9:00 a.m. 7th January 2020:

- Monday 6th: a total of 4 quakes ranging from 4 and above the highest being preliminary 5.8 magnitude
- Tuesday 7th a total of 19 quakes ranging from 4.0 and above) the largest preliminary being 6.5 in magnitude

Stakeholder Engagements:

The NEMA has engaged the following: Agency Staff, National Sub Committee Chairs and District/Assistant Managers MET Office, The physical Planning Department, Police Telecomms, Mitigation Minister and the National security Officials to include.

Updates from the Seismic Research Centre, reports from Dr. Erouscilla Joseph, Director has indicated that there is the possibility of a stronger quake in the very near future. She also noted that the activities (epicentre) is located on the southern side of the island making the Caribbean Seas and the islands in close proximity are vulnerable to potential rise in sea levels particularly affecting coastal communities.

Coastal Communities that can be affected:

On St. Kitts the coastal Communities; Southeast to the northwestern part of the island to include Basseterre, Frigate Bay, Southeast, Half Moon, Conaree, Sandy Point, Fig-Tree, Old Road spanning the New Guinea Area, Dieppe Bay, Lyches, Parsons.

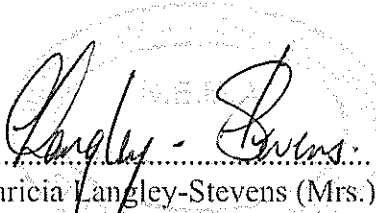
On Nevis the Coastal Communities running North Westerly includes (Bart Village in the Southwest via Stoney Grove, Oualie, Cades Bay, Jessup's, Penney's, Charlestown and New Castle in the Northeast.

Regional Engagements:

Seismic Research Centre and CDEMA.

Further updates will be provided as they become necessary. The Agency is also using Eathquake Alert! which can be found on Google Play Store.

Regards,



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