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**GOVERNMENT OF DOMINICA UPDATE FOLLOWING IMPACT OF
TROUGH SYSTEM**

Roseau, Dominica – April 27, 2026: The Government of Dominica has moved decisively to implement a coordinated national response following the passage of a trough system on Sunday, April 26, 2026, which brought heavy rainfall, flooding and landslides, particularly in the East and Northeast of the island.

At an emergency meeting on Sunday evening Cabinet reviewed the evolving situation and approved a series of immediate interventions aimed at securing lives, restoring access and supporting affected households and productive sectors.

Key Decisions of Cabinet:

- **Activation of National Emergency Response Protocols**
The National Emergency Planning Organization (NEPO) is fully activated, with all relevant agencies engaged. The emergency shelter in Atkinson is operational, and additional shelters in Castle Bruce and the Kalinago Territory will be opened if necessary.
- **Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment**
Teams from all relevant ministries, including the Office of the Prime Minister, Office of Disaster Management, Ministry of Public Works, Local Government Department and the Ministry of Health, will be deployed early on Monday morning (April 27) to conduct rapid assessments of infrastructure, homes and agricultural losses. Cabinet will be reconvened on Monday evening to review updates.
- **Temporary School Closures Where Necessary**
In the interest of student and staff safety, the following schools will remain closed pending safety clearance.
 - Concord Primary

- Atkinson Primary
- Salybia Primary
- Sineku Primary
- Castle Bruce Primary
- San Sauveur Primary
- Temple Seventh Day Adventist
- Wesley Primary
- Wills Strathmore Stevens (WS Stevens) Primary
- Castle Bruce Secondary
- North East Comprehensive

➤ **Road Clearance and Infrastructure Restoration**

Priority has been given to the clearance of landslides and restoration of access along the road network. The Ministry of Public Works has mobilized heavy equipment to affected areas, and work is ongoing to reopen the routes as quickly and safely as possible. The Douglas-Charles Airport remains accessible.

➤ **Utility Restoration and Monitoring**

The Ministry of Public Works will continue to coordinate with utility providers to restore electricity and water services in affected areas.

➤ **Agricultural Support Measures**

The Ministry of Agriculture has initiated assessments of damage to crops and livestock. This will continue on Monday, April 28, with a report to Cabinet to inform assistance measures.

➤ **Health and Social Impact Assessment**

No casualties or major injuries have been reported to date. Medical teams remain fully mobilized and on standby, with continuous monitoring in place due to the risk of further rainfall and landslides. The San Sauveur Health Centre is designated as the primary emergency care centre for that area.

Preliminary assessments in Atkinson indicate that seven households, comprising approximately fifteen individuals, have been affected. Some are currently accommodated in shelters, while others are staying with relatives or neighbours. These households have been prioritized for further assessment and targeted social support.

Over the next 24 hours, multisectoral teams will be deployed to conduct detailed on-the-ground assessments to guide response measures, resource allocation and further Cabinet decisions.



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➤ **Public Safety Advisory**

The Meteorological Service continues to monitor the weather and will provide timely information to the public.

Residents in affected areas are strongly urged to exercise extreme caution, particularly between Wesley and Rosalie where saturated soils may lead to landslides and falling rocks. Residents should remain indoors, avoid unnecessary travel and stay alert in flood- or landslide-prone areas. Those who feel at risk should move to a safer location and evacuate immediately if unusual sounds such as cracking or rumbling are heard. Any signs of landslide activity should be reported promptly to the relevant authorities.

Motorists are advised to proceed with caution and avoid flooded or unstable areas. They should not walk or drive through floodwater and should avoid contact with floodwater. The public is also advised to stay clear of tall trees, power lines and any downed lines or unstable ground.

The Government of Dominica is committed to supporting all affected individuals and communities. Every effort is being made to ensure a swift and coordinated recovery, with the safety and well-being of all citizens remaining the highest priority.

Further updates will be provided as more information becomes available.

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