

ODPEM flood damage report - Tuesday, June 07, 2011

With the flash floods warning remaining in effect for low-lying and flood-prone areas of all parishes until 5:00 am tomorrow, the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM) says it has received the following reports.

Flooding: *Reports of flooding have come from the Clarendon communities of Rock River, Osbourne Store, Milk River, Comfort Road, Whitehall Road, Havanna Heights, Four Paths and Long Pond Road. Elsewhere in the parish, a microburst damaged two houses damaged in Swansea and Osbourne Store and a landslide has marooned a community in Elgins, Blackwood. * In St Catherine flooding has been reported in McKenzie Drive, Linstead. Meantime the overflow of the Adair Gully have caused flooding in the Waterford communities of Adair Drive, Goodwood Way, Hopewell Road, Rupert Way, Portmore East and Port Antonio East. **Roads and infrastructure:** * The Cupid to Colonel Ridge and the Trout Hall to Frankfield roads in Clarendon have been blocked. * In Kingston and St Andrew a landslide has left the Industrial Village road passable to small vehicles only. The ford has washed out across on the Mahoganyvale Road, affecting the Hagley Gap community. *A section of road has collapsed on a house in Dunkheld, Richmond in St Mary. * A landslide has damaged the Treadways road in St Catherine. Sections of the Bog Walk Gorge are blocked by debris and sections of the hillside appear unstable, according to an eyewitness. *In Trelawny the Martha Brae to Perth Stone road is blocked with debris near the Parchment Block factory. The alternative route is via Kinloss to Clarks Town. *Debris has blocked Hobbes Avenue in St James, leaving the roadway damaged and impassable. The alternative route is Claude Clarke Avenue. Meanwhile a retaining wall has collapsed on the North Coast Highway in the vicinity of Norwood Gardens, where motorists are advised to proceed with caution.