



## NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AGENCY (NaDMA)

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#### **ST. PATRICK TO BECOME THE FIRST TSUNAMI READY PARISH IN GRENADA**

***St. George's, Grenada – Tuesday September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018.***

The Northern Parish of St. Patrick is to become the first Tsunami Ready community in the state of Grenada.

The project which started in 2017 was a collaborative initiative between the National Disaster Management Agency (NaDMA), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and UNESCO, through the Caribbean Tsunami Warning Program.

Valued at US\$40,000, the project included the installation of warning signs, the design of inundations maps specific to the parish and the creation of a Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the parish in the event of a Tsunami.

The community based initiative saw the inclusion of parishioners through consultation meetings, one on one public interface, house to house mobilization, sectoral presentations and media interventions.

Through direct interventions from NaDMA's secretariat and the District team, we observed a growing interest in what can be considered a new hazard to islanders. And due to the community's close proximity to the lone active submarine volcano in the Eastern Caribbean, community members saw it as a special opportunity to know the right procedure to remaining safe.

Now that this model initiative is complete in St. Patrick it is government's overall target to have all 7 Parishes certified Tsunami Ready.

A verification team comprising of members from the region together with locals will visit the parish on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September to ensure the requisite task under the program was completed and the official recognition ceremony will be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 at the St. Patrick's Anglican School.

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