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Fellow Dominicans and Friends of Dominica,

Our nation island, the Commonwealth of Dominica is in crisis. Tropical Storm Erika devastated the island, several people lost their lives, and infrastructure damage is expected to be in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

As of 3:00pm on Wednesday August 26th, heavy rain battered Dominica, causing major landslides and damage to infrastructure. Main roads, such as the E.O. LeBlanc Highway leading to the Douglas Charles Airport, and the Layou Road, are severely damaged. The *Douglas Charles Airport* is under water. The *Petro Caribe* plant and many other businesses are destroyed. Every community in Dominica has been affected, and water and electricity are slowly being restored. Access continues to be a major problem to some areas such as Petite Savanne, which has been cut off from the rest of the island by a major landslide. The community of Petite Savanne appears to have the highest fatalities.

Government officials are assessing the damage and identifying what the immediate needs are. That information is expected later today and we will advise you immediately, once we receive it.

I am appealing to our nationals and friends, to support legitimate funding processes that will help to provide immediate funds to do the work required. Again, these costs are expected to run in the hundreds of millions of dollars, so Dominica needs your urgent and generous support.

You can help immediately by supporting the following initiatives:

- Dominica Day (*Help Dominica Day*) Saturday August 29th - 100% of all Donations will be collected throughout the event will go to Dominica Relief efforts.
- Donate to the Commonwealth of Dominica, Ontario Association Emergency Fund (CDOEF) Bank of Montreal, Transit # 2924 Account #8330-256
- Funding campaign:
- <http://www.gofundme.com/DA-ErikaReliefFund>

Other fundraising events and funding campaigns are planned over the next weeks and I will continue to update you as things unfold. In the meantime, please continue to hold The Commonwealth of Dominica in your prayers.

Respectfully,

Frances DelSol
Trade & Investment Commissioner for Dominica (in Canada)



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