

October 29, 2018

**IN THE WAKE OF THE WORST FLOODING IN HALF A CENTURY
IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, BP ADAMS TO JOIN CARIBBEAN-
AMERICAN BROOKLYNITES IN LAUNCHING A SUPPLY RELIEF
DRIVE FOR VICTIMS IMPACTED BY THE FLOODWATERS**

9:30 AM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

BROOKLYN BOROUGH HALL – ROTUNDA

209 JORALEMON STREET

DOWNTOWN BROOKLYN

Tomorrow at 9:30 AM, Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams and the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CACCI) will join the Trinidad and Tobago Overseas Coalition (TTOC) in launching a comprehensive supply relief drive for victims impacted by floods that hit Trinidad and Tobago following torrential rains, which hit the Caribbean islands during the weekend of Friday, October 19th to Sunday, October 21st. Over 100,000 people have had their homes submerged under muddy, brown, and dirty floodwaters; in addition, the islands were also hit by two earthquakes measuring 5.8 on the Richter scale. Many of the islands' residents have climbed onto their roofs and slept overnight under open skies to prevent disease. Over 50,000 Brooklyn residents were born in Trinidad and Tobago — constituting a significant portion of the Caribbean-American community in the borough.

The drive, which will run from Tuesday, October 30th to Wednesday, November 7th, will accept items including: canned and other non-expired, non-perishable food; blankets, linens, and portable and inflatable mattresses; clothing items including underwear and outerwear for women, men, and children of all sizes; shoes and slippers; personal items such as body soap, lotions, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and sanitary pads; diapers of all sizes for children and adults; school supplies including notebooks, pencils, pens, and backpacks; cleaning detergents and disinfectants; mops and brooms; flashlights and batteries; portable solar powered lights; and medical supplies including saline solution, bandages, and syringes. Borough President Adams will emphasize the need to unite in assisting Trinidad and Tobago during their time of need.

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