Best Practice – St. Kitts and Nevis

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1. Objectives

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2. Overview

In 1960 a massive earthquake destroyed the then Jamestown (St. Thomas) on the island of Nevis recording significant damage from a Tidal Wave.

No response mechanisms (National or Regional)

No technology to monitor Seismic Activities

Government legislated Emergency response

Establishment of Disaster Management Offices on both Islands
2. Tsunami Readiness SKN

- Develop draft SOP’s (revised) 2016
- Revise National Disaster Plan
- Stakeholder Consultation
- Develop Inundation Maps
Stakeholders

~ The Physical Planning Department
~ Police
~ Volunteer Consultant
~ Public Works Department
~ Local Media
Challenges

~ No Nation wide alerting system

~ Lack of Funding

~ Dwellings located along coastline

~ Extended waiting periods for Government approval of maps

~ Lack of Bathymetric Data

~ High cost related to PSA/education
Strengths

~ Strong collaboration with Disaster Management Offices and Physical Planning

~ Ongoing PSA’s via local media

~ Support of Government, UNESCO, CDEMA, CTWP

~ Good Building Codes/Monitoring

~NEOC Headquarters in safe zone
Sustainable Actions

~ Establish nationwide alerting

~ Strengthen partnerships with Ministry of Education via School Safety Program

~ Erecting more signs, train stakeholders in tsunami map use; Staff, Districts, Media

~ Continued partnership with regional partners eg CDEMA, CTWP

~ Enhance public awareness
World Tsunami Awareness Day – Commemoration in the Caribbean
20 October 2016

NEOC (upstairs)
NEMA Headquarter

24hr Tsunami Monitoring
Police Headquarters, Basseterre

EOC – Nevis
NDMD Facility, Long Point
3. Recommendations and Conclusions

~ Encourage governments to invest in Early Warning Systems

~ Communications service providers to partner with Disaster Management Offices for Mass Texting

~ Lobby for Governments to budget for DRR related matters in National Budgets
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