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Harmonisation of Regional Planning and Response: The Role of the ACS

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Summary

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- Emergency Planning
- Response
- Damage and Needs Assessment
- Disaster Relief
- Reconstruction
- Coordination
- ACS DRR Procedure

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Emergency Planning

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- Design of hazard-specific emergency plans
- Involvement of all stakeholders: government, private sector, social organisations, communities, media, individuals
- Establish a continuous planning process «Planning is a process, not a product» Plans die...

Emergency Planning



- Design emergency plans at all levels: National, District/Parish, communities, families. They are not secret.
- Design Plans and procedures for specific committees/subcommittees and Emergency Response Functions
- Design Sectoral Emergency Plans. Tourism, Education, Health

Emergency Planning



- Design Disaster Risk Management Plans (National, sectors)
- Consultants
- DO NOT REINVENT THE WHEEL. (Tourism, etc.)
<http://www.onecaribbean.org/content/files/OASDisasterManual2009final.pdf>
- Design a Greater Caribbean Plan

Response



- Adequate early warning systems
- Test plans, resources and procedures through simulation exercises
- Update regularly plans, procedures, etc. Personnel changes, resources change, so does planning

Response



- A good response is only the reflection of good planning and a good level of preparedness
- Inform the population at all times before, during and after. (Tell the truth!)
- Evacuate. Areas at risk. Hotels.
- Coordinate from the EOC. EOC CDEMA procedures

Damage and Needs Assessment



- Design a National Damage and Needs Assessment Plan and procedures for gathering information at the community, District/Parish, national and sectoral levels
- Gathering information takes time. Countries willing to help should be patient
- Needs respond to damage
- The DANA establishes what is needed (and what is not)

Damage and Needs Assessment



- Flash Appeals. Distribution
- Damage and Loss Assessments (DaLA)
- Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA)

- **Evaluate the Response**

http://siteresources.worldbank.org/EXTLACREGTOPNUT/Resources/4160377-1357590589927/8996498-1357590799892/8996560-1357606712727/CDERA_2005.pdf

- Learn from experiences from similar disasters
(Grenada-Dominica BVI)
(CDEMA CIDA IVAN Project)

Disaster Relief



- Design of a Disaster Relief National Plan
- Disaster Relief responds to the DANA
- Ask only for what is needed, do not accept what is not
- Send only what is needed, do not send what is not

Disaster Relief



- Always coordinate with regional and national agencies (Country affected)
- Distribute according to what is needed and where and according to information from the EOC
- Transparency
- Donate according to Flash Appeals and its projects

Reconstruction

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- DaLA and PDNA (Evaluation of the response)
- Build better (Sendai)
- Build better, not faster
- There is no going back to «**normal**», but going to «**better**»

Reconstruction



- Reconstruction Plan aiming at a better state: construction, vulnerability, preparedness, response capacity, infrastructure
- Monitoring and evaluation of Reconstruction Plan
- Reduce vulnerability effectively
- Let us be vigilant: We do not know when another similar magnitude hazard will come

Coordination



- Communities. Involve the in the whole process
- Countries
- Regional organisations
- International organisations
- Climate change community.
Disasters and Climate Change. CRMI. UNDP.

Coordination



- Environment community. Disasters and the Environment. OECS Protocols for Harmonisation of DRR and NEMS
- Academy. Disasters and Research
- Communities
- Private sector
- Disasters and Gender

Coordination



- Consultants
- Other countries and sub regions. Sharing experiences.
- Learning from each other
- Learn English. Learn Spanish. Learn French.
- Work together. Share experiences continuously.

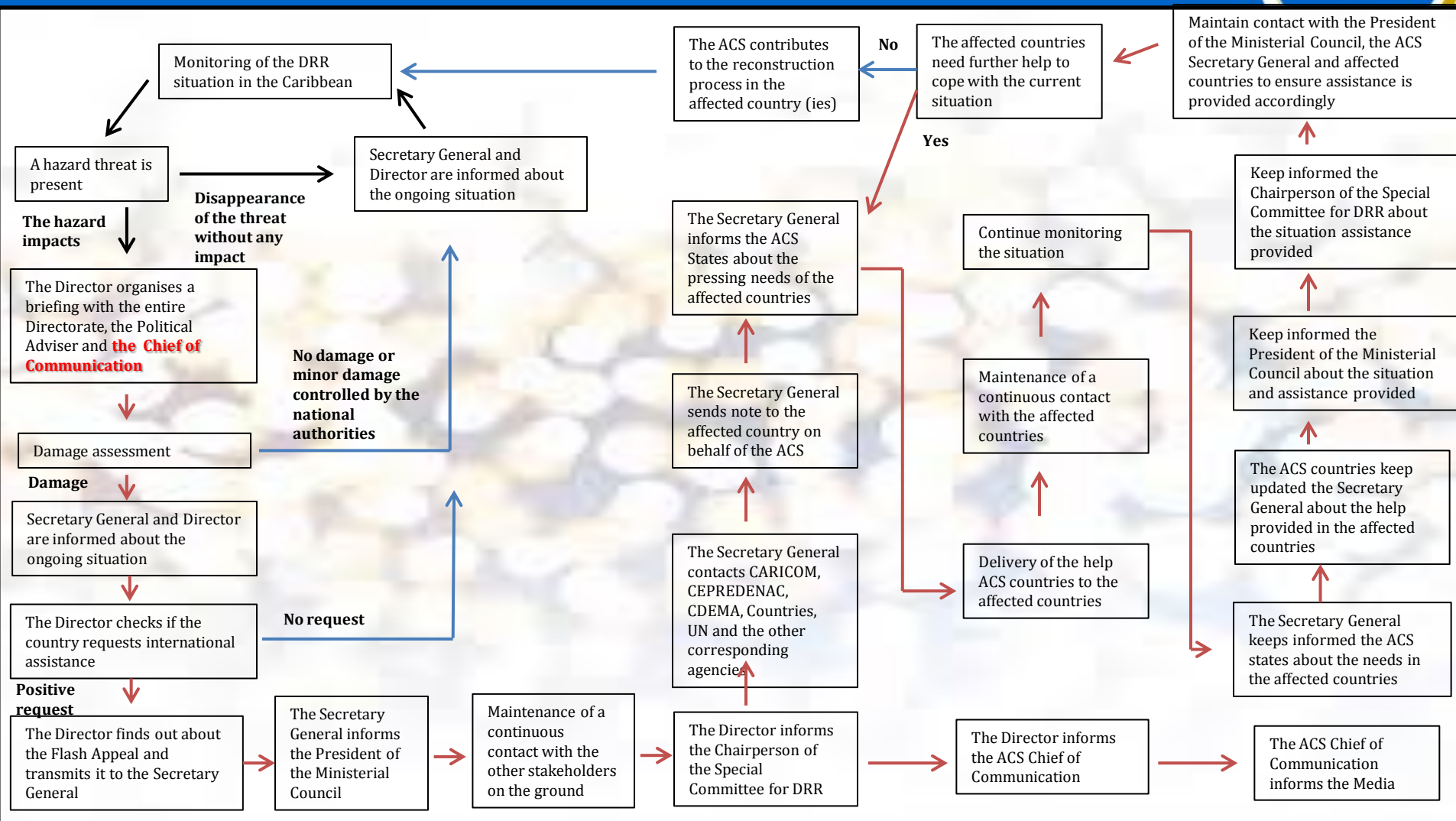
Coordination



- Harmonisation of regional response plans.
- New Plan
- Procedures
- Workshop
- Others

ACS Procedure DRR-001 - Activities regarding natural hazards

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Thank You!

