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

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Summary

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

- 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...
• 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.)
- 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
- 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

• 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

A hazard threat is present

The hazard impacts

The Director organises a briefing with the entire Directorate, the Political Adviser and the Chief of Communication.

Monitoring of the DRR situation in the Caribbean

Secretary General and Director are informed about the ongoing situation.

Disappearance of the threat without any impact

No damage or minor damage controlled by the national authorities

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Damage assessment

Damage

The Director checks if the country requests international assistance.

No request

The Director informs the Chairperson of the Special Committee for DRR about the situation assistance provided.

Positive request

The Director finds out about the Flash Appeal and transmits it to the Secretary General.

The Secretary General contacts CARICOM, CEPREDENAC, CDEMA, Countries, UN and the other corresponding agencies.

The Secretary General informs the ACS about the pressing needs of the affected countries.

The Secretary General informs the ACS Chief of Communication.

The ACS contributes to the reconstruction process in the affected country (ies).

The affected countries need further help to cope with the current situation.

No

Yes

Continue monitoring the situation.

Maintenance of a continuous contact with the affected countries.

Delivery of the help to the affected countries.

The ACS countries keep updated the Secretary General about the help provided in the affected countries.

The Secretary General keeps informed the ACS states about the needs in the affected countries.

Keep informed the Chairperson of the Special Committee for DRR about the situation assistance provided.

Keep informed the President of the Ministerial Council about the situation and assistance provided.

The Secretary General informs the ACS Chief of Communication.

The ACS Chief of Communication informs the Media.

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