

FROM VULNERABILITY TO RESILIENCE - EXCHANGE OF DRR EXPERIENCES IN THE GREATER CARIBBEAN REGION

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CDEMA - North-Eastern Sub-Regional Focal Point (NE-SRFP) Category Five (5) Hurricanes IRMA and MARIA September 2017

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Platform: Capability & Challenges

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The CDEMA Mechanism facilitate the establishment of operational centers to facilitate operations within specific Sub-regions

1. These Sub-Regional Disaster Emergency Operational Unit (SDEROU) Provide a platform to accommodate regional and international aid
2. Funding of center; identified regional vs state
 1. (Esp. when SRFP is also be impacted)
3. The provision of surge capacity to run such operation is essential, CDEMA staff deployed to assist
4. Two instances of Mass island evacuation for NE-SRFP
 1. 1995 – Volcanic Eruption - Montserrat - ANU
 2. 2017 - Hurricane IRMA – ANU (BAR/Dom)

MASS EVAC: SHELTER OPs



Trans-located pop, across state lines,

1. Aircraft/Vessel capacity; National, Sub-Regional plan
 1. MoUs;
 1. private sectors/industry (Aviation, Tourism)
 2. Military
2. Reception/Immigration requirements (Free Movement MoUs)
 1. The Undocumented and unaccompanied youth
3. Services
 1. Health – casualties, chronic illnesses
 2. Education

Prolonged operations Issues

- Voting of displaced populations /electoral process



SUPPLIES: RELIEF

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1. The challenges associated with monitoring and assisting multiple operations:
 1. Communication; Impacted states and status of receiving ports
 2. Trans-shipment of items Port capability vs Donor-shared transports
 3. Storage capacity and Pre-positioned stockpiled supplies
2. Supply and Demand Competition for local market
 1. Sourcing material to transship vs local operations
 2. Impacted state shortages
 1. (construction, food etc)
3. Port Challenges
 1. Tracking of supplies,
 2. Challenging periods (e.g Christmas)



OPERATIONS: Access & Transport



1. Inter-island transport limited vehicular capacity by Sea and air
 1. Impacts to the pace of recovery reconstructions activities
 2. Extending length of operational days in establishing rehabilitation priorities
2. Limited access via road/land – air and sea vessel distribution capability
 1. Concern in relief items between ANU –DOM
 2. Limited ability to facilitate night operations
 1. Flights
3. Pre-positioning of supplies by partner
 1. sector agreements for regional disbursement
 1. e.g UNICEF Antigua – BVI/ANG



EXTENDED OPERATIONS



Creating a platform to integrate incoming support into national operations

- The establishment of working thematic groups along lines that many actors are familiar with in the UN system
- The Co-Chairing of these groups by Local Agency and Humanitarian Agency partners.
- Partner agency emergency plans factoring extended operations.
- E.g. Shelter & Housing working groups
 - loss of engineers
 - pulled back to restart CWP



Recommendations

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Vulnerability of communication systems Communications and Back--ups

- Humanitarian support SAR
- Partners capability
- Strengthening Amateur Radio networks HAMS
- Alternative energy supply capability
- Port and NDO's comm. network

Expansion of National Disaster Offices

- Logistics/supplies storage

