Urban Search and Rescue: Initiatives in the Caribbean Region

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Briefing Agenda

• Rationale for USAR in CDERA Participating States
• CDERA USAR Initiatives
  • USAID/SOUTHCOM/OFDA
  • USAR Workshop
  • Government of Japan
• Other Activities - E/CAR SAR Committee
• Linkages between Initiatives
• Way forward
Rationale for USAR Capacity Building in CDERA Participating States

- CDERA function - Promote establishment, enhancement and maintenance of adequate disaster response capabilities
- > 75% of CDERA Participating States at risk to seismic hazards
- USAR a multi-hazard discipline - all CDERA PS at risk for hazards such as building collapse, technological hazards, fire
- Comprehensive Disaster Management (CDM)
The overarching goal to which the Comprehensive Disaster Management Strategy will contribute is sustainable development in the Caribbean.
COMPREHENSIVE DISASTER MANAGEMENT

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

Comprehensive Disaster Management is integrated into the development processes in CDERA member countries.
COMPREHENSIVE DISASTER MANAGEMENT

• Integrate disaster management into planning and development
• Integrated management of all hazards
• Management of all phases of Disaster Management Cycle:
  ▪ Prevention and Mitigation
  ▪ Preparedness and Response
  ▪ Recovery and Restoration/Rehabilitation
COMPREHENSIVE DISASTER MANAGEMENT

To achieve the CDM objective, the strategy will need to promote a “culture of safety” enlisting a broad coalition of interested partners – governments, insurance and banking institutions, schools, churches.

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COMPREHENSIVE DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Key Outcomes

• **Stronger regional and national institutions promote CDM**

• **Research, education and training support CDM**

• **Major regional institutions and donors incorporate CDM in their own programmes and promote CDM to their national members/clients**
Key Outcomes

• *Preparedness, response and mitigation capability is enhanced and integrated*

• *Hazard information is incorporated into development planning and decision making*
1 Technical Assistance for Search and Rescue Capacity Building in CDERA Participating States
USAID/OFDA/SOUTHCOM
2 Civilian/ Military Coordination in Urban Search and Rescue Workshop
3 Strengthening of the Urban Search and Rescue Capability of CDERA
Initiative 1

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE CAPACITY BUILDING IN CDERA PARTICIPATING STATES

BACKGROUND

• Funding Agency - USAID/OFDA/SOUTHCOM
• Implementing Agency - CDERA
• Project Value - US$ 275,000
• Duration - 1 year, Start August 2001
• 3 Stages
Initiative 1

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE CAPACITY BUILDING IN CDERA PARTICIPATING STATES

Project Structure

• STAGE 1
  ▪ August 2001 - July 2002
  ▪ Beneficiary States - CDERA Sub-regional focal points (SRFP’s)
  ▪ Focus - Develop a model national USAR Plan
    ▪ Adaptation of draft plan for SRFP’s
    ▪ Develop SOP’s for effective SAR response
    ▪ National USAR training in Jamaica
Initiative 1

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE CAPACITY BUILDING IN CDERA PARTICIPATING STATES

Project Structure continued

• Stage 1 Outputs
  ▪ Model plan for USAR in CDERA Participating States
  ▪ Mechanism for incorporating critical stakeholders in SAR planning
  ▪ Draft USAR plans in 4 CDERA Participating States
Initiative 1

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Project Structure continued

- STAGES 2 & 3
  - Stage 2 - April 2002 - July 2002
  - Stage 3 - May 2002 - July 2002
  - Focus - building national USAR capacity and develop regional capacity on this basis
Project Structure continued

- STAGES 2 & 3 OUTPUTS
  - Develop a programme for USAR training at the national level
  - Conduct training in 3 CDERA Participating States
  - Establish a regional USAR team
  - A regional exercise
  - Develop procedures to access, trigger, deploy and manage the regional team
Initiative 1

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE
CAPACITY BUILDING IN CDERA PARTICIPATING STATES

Activities to date

1. Draft National USAR Plan
   • Review of existing National SAR plans
   • Plan drafted by CDERA/CU
   • Circulation for comment
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Activities to date

2. CDERA Search and Rescue Advisory Group (CDERA/SARAG)

• Functions
  • Provide CDERA/CU with policy and technical advice in the development and sustainability of SAR capacity in the region
  • Forum for developing and reviewing policies, practices and procedure related to SAR
Initiative 1

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE CAPACITY BUILDING IN CDERA PARTICIPATING STATES

Activities to date

2. CDERA/ SARAG continued …
   • Membership - Core
     • CDERA - Chair
     • Pan American Health Organization
     • Regional Security System
     • Caribbean Association of Chief, Deputy and Assistant Chief Fire Officers
     • Lt. Horatio Tuitt - NDC Montserrat
Initiative 1

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Activities to date

2. CDERA/SARAG continued …

• Other Members
  • NDC - Host country
  • Any other as necessary
Initiative 1

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE CAPACITY BUILDING IN CDERA PARTICIPATING STATES

Activities to date

2. CDERA/SARAG continued …

- Work Programme
  - Review draft national USAR plan
  - Database of regional SAR personnel
  - Reviewing other project documentation
Initiative 2

STRENGTHENING OF THE URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE CAPABILITY OF CDERA

Background

- Funding Agency - Government of Japan
- Executing Agency - UNDP
- Implementing Agency - CDERA
- Project Value US$ 3 Million
- Expected Start - April 2002
- Duration - 3 years
Initiative 2:

STRENGTHENING OF THE URBAN
SEARCH AND RESCUE CAPABILITY OF CDERA

Project objectives

• Develop Search and Rescue capability at the national level – equipment and training
• Enhance the Regional warehousing programme to support land-based Search and Rescue
• Strengthen CDERA to lead and coordinate Search and Rescue emergencies
Objective 3
Civil/Military Coordination in USAR Workshop - Kingston
January 2002

- Objectives:
  - Familiarize participants with USAR concepts
  - Provide information on possible components of a USAR programme
  - Provide information on approaches to developing a regional programme
  - Identify components to be included in a regional USAR programme
Other Activities
3rd EASTERN CARIBBEAN SEARCH AND RESCUE COMMITTEE

- Examine Plan, Agreement, harmonization with Maritime SAR regional plan, Mass Casualty Incidents
- Centered around aviation
Linkages between Initiatives

ECAR/SAR Committee

USAID/OFDA/SOUTHCOM

Government of Japan

Civil/Military Workshop
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WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS
Discussions