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CARIBBEAN DISASTER MITIGATION PROJECT

Promoting the Adoption of Natural Disaster Preparedness and Loss Reduction Practices



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PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Reduce the vulnerability of basic infrastructure and lifeline facilities
- Improve building standards and practices to reduce natural hazard vulnerability
- Increase availability of and access to information on natural hazards and disaster risk
- Increase community awareness of and involvement in disaster preparedness
- Incorporate mitigation activities in post-disaster reconstruction and recovery

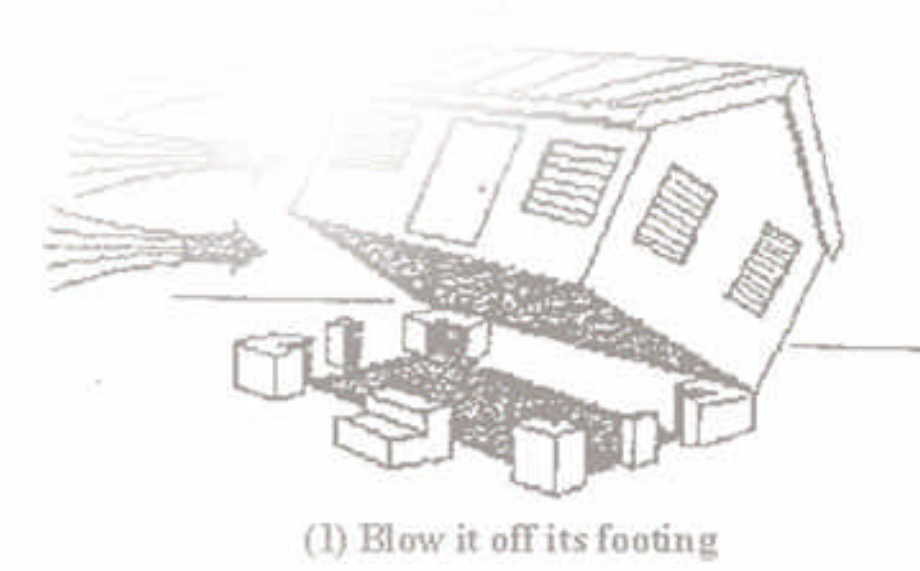
PROJECT GOAL

Promote sustainable development by creating a more disaster-resistant environment, which:

- Reduces casualties from natural hazards
- Reduces physical damage and economic losses
- Shortens post-disaster recovery
- Encourages public-private sector partnerships

CDMP ACHIEVEMENTS

- Assisted CARICOM countries in integrating hazard mitigation into development planning through national hazard mitigation policies and plans.
- Developed methodologies for reduction of vulnerability in lifeline infrastructure, including schools and emergency shelters and assisted regional organizations and national governments in applying these methodologies.
- Built capacity in the region for coastal storm hazard assessment and multi-hazard mapping.
- Promoted the integration of hazard mitigation in the public sector lending programs of the Caribbean Development Bank and the World Bank.
- Created civil society-private sector partnerships in the Dominican Republic and Haiti for the promotion of disaster preparedness and prevention in high risk communities.
- Established hurricane-resistant home improvement programs for lower income families in the Eastern Caribbean and developed safer housing training materials for builders and artisans in the region.
- Assisted CARICOM member states with the introduction of updated building codes.



PROJECT DETAILS

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