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CARIBBEAN DISASTER MITIGATION PROJECT

Promoting the Adoption of Natural Disaster Preparedness and Loss Reduction Practices



VULNERABILITY AND RISK AUDITS FOR LOSS REDUCTION IN LIFELINES AND CRITICAL FACILITIES

Successful performance of lifeline systems (electrical power and communications, water and sewage, transportation, gas and liquid fuels) is vital for prevention of severe human and economic losses from natural hazards and swift recovery after such events. The CDMP enables participating institutions to conduct risk audits for utilities, schools, shelters and other infrastructure and to identify means to implement their recommendations.



LOSS REDUCTION INCENTIVES AND HAZARD MITIGATION IN THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY

The CDMP works with the Caribbean insurance industry on various activities aimed at promoting loss reduction activities. Among these actions are:

- Support national insurance associations in organizing technical conferences and in disseminating hazard and risk information
- Produce hazard and risk maps and information to promote safer location of development
- Develop, in conjunction with CARICOM and the World Bank, policy recommendations for avoiding future crises in the insurance industry due to natural hazards.

INCORPORATION OF HAZARD MITIGATION INTO POST-DISASTER RECOVERY

While the preferred mode for providing technical assistance in disaster mitigation is to incorporate vulnerability reduction measures into all aspects of development projects, the reality is that often a disaster must strike before sufficient insitutional and technical interest exists. CDMP's post-disaster mitigation strategy has been to provide technical specialists to assist in the design of mitigation activities and the incorporation of these activities into reconstruction plans and projects. CDMP has also provided post-disaster training to builders and artisans on safer building practices.

