THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL FUNDING AGENCIES in CDERA (Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency) OPERATIONS

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CDERA Overview

- Genesis, Main Organs, Mandate
- Operating Environment
- CDERA's Comprehensive Disaster Management Strategy

Role of International Funding Agencies

CDERA ORGANISATION

- Regional Disaster Management Organisation
- Established by CARICOM in 1991
- Three Organs Council of Ministers, Board of Directors, Coordinating Unit
- Membership 16 English Speaking Caribbean States

CDERA Participating States (16)



Anguilla



Antigua and Barbuda



Bahamas



Barbados



Belize



British Virgin Islands



Dominica



Grenada



Guyana



Jamaica



Montserrat



Saint Kitts and Nevis



Saint Lucia



Saint Vincent and The Grenadines



Trinidad and Tobago



Turks and Caicos Islands

CDERA MANDATE

- To make "immediate & coordinated response" to disasters in Participating States (PS)
- To mobilize & coordinate disaster relief from governmental & non-governmental organizations for affected PS
- To promote the establishment, enhancement and maintenance of disaster response capabilities among PS.

Four (4) Sub-Regions with Sub-Regional Focal Points

- -Jamaica Belize. Bahamas, TCI
- -Antigua & Barbuda BVI, Anguilla St. Kitts/Nevis, Montserrat
- -Barbados Dominica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines
- -Trinidad & Tobago Grenada, Guyana

CDERA's Operating Environment

Multiple Hazards

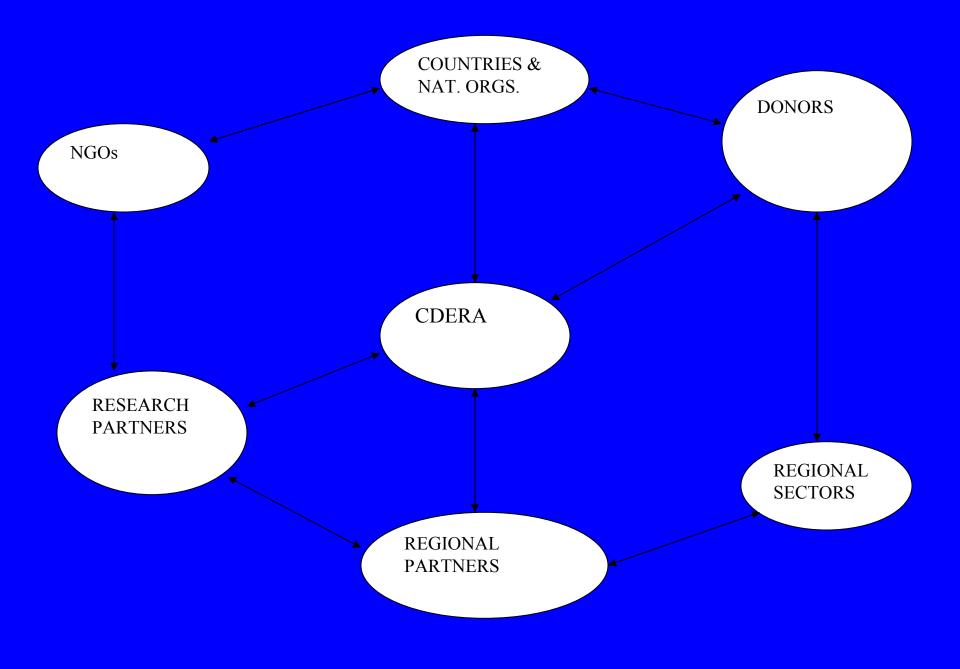
Many stakeholders

• Limited resources

Limited capacity

CDERA's Operating Strategy

- Strategic partner alliances
- Regular partner programming consultations
- Empowering of sector partners to lead dissemination and advocacy with their constituency



CDERA OUTPUTS: POLICY DEVELOPMENT

- Donations Management Policy
- National Relief Policy
- Technical Assistance Secondment protocol
- Human Resources Policy
- Emergency Assistance Policy
- National Hazard Mitigation Policy

OUTPUTS OF CDERA: TOOLS & PLANS

National Plans and SOPs

Model Legislation

Regional Coordination Plan

Regional Mechanism

CDERA OUTPUTS: TRAINING COURSES

- Courses on:
 - Emergency Telecommunications
 - Damage Assessment and Needs Analysis
 - Shelter Management
 - Basic and Advanced Disaster Management
 - Emergency Operations Centre Management

Public Education and Teaching Materials

CDERA FUNDING

- Members' annual Assessed Contributions
- Projects (Technical assistance, Grants, etc.)

THE ROLE OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUNDING AGENGIES (IFAs)

Role of IFAs: Incorporate CDM in institutional products & services

- Incorporate CDM in Bank Policy and Programme
- Give 'soft' loans for use of safer materials and the application of building standards & codes
- Assess adherence to building codes and standards in bank's site/inspection visits

Role of IFAs: Incorporate CDM in institutional products & services

- •Conduct targeted economic and financial impact assessments
- Institute post-event recovery support policy and programmes
- •Encourage Natural Hazard Impact Assessments (NHIAs)

Role of IFAs: Lead by Example

- Low risk siting/location of facilities
- Contingency and recovery plans
- Acquire hazard assessment/risk assessment info of Jurisdiction
- Management services for Catastrophy funds
- Staff retrofitting support programmes

Role of IFAs -Lead by Example

- Include disaster related risks in risk assessment portfolio for granting loans
- Investigate the availability of financing from Multi-lateral Institutions (e.g. CDB) to provide funding for 'soft loans'

Role of the IFAs: Incorporate CDM in the institution's Corporate Outreach Programmes:

- Encourage training and certification of builders and artisans
- Support regional hazard awareness programmes targeted at home owners
- Fund community mitigation projects
- Fund hazards research

The Role Of IFAs in CDERA Operations

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