



Pan American Development Foundation Talking Points

Event: Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Natural Disaster Reduction (IACNDR)

Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

1. PADF works across Latin America and the Caribbean to make our region stronger— more healthy, peaceful, just, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable for current and future generations. For 60 years, we've served the most marginalized communities, investing resources throughout the hemisphere in partnership with civil society, governments, and the private sector for the greater good of the region.
2. PADF maintains offices, staff, and partnerships with local organizations across the Caribbean. Our largest, most robust office is in Haiti where PADF has approximately 80 staff with experience carrying out community-driven development, disaster risk reduction activities, and disaster response. Most recently, PADF-Haiti delivered humanitarian assistance to over 13,000 people affected by the 2021 earthquake and tropical storm Grace.

Elsewhere in the Caribbean, PADF has staff and partners in the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana, Aruba, Curacao, St. Lucia, and Belize. In the event of an emergency, our teams are available to lend support to members of the Inter-American Committee, as needed, such as by conducting needs assessments, offering logistical support, and facilitating access to local organizations in the most marginalized communities in these countries.

3. PADF is part of a consortium of organizations that are working to reduce disaster risks and foster community resilience in the Eastern Caribbean. In the next few weeks, we will be launching a business resilience challenge to identify businesses and other revenue-generating community organizations interested in accessing flexible financing and technical assistance to improve business continuity planning and reduce vulnerabilities in supply and value chains. Referrals of businesses are welcome. PADF is carrying out this work with support from USAID-Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance.

Please feel free to contact Aaron Van Alstine if you would like to learn more.

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