Disaster Risk Management

Name of Initiative: Community Disaster Preparedness and Response: Building the Resilience of those Most Vulnerable

Duration: 2020 to 2023

Current participating Countries: Hemispheric (34 countries including U.S. and Canada)

Objective: To provide communities with disaster preparedness and response knowledge, skills, tools, and systems for organizing themselves in Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) to expand official preparedness and response capabilities.

Activities: Training of community members on CERT; community organization and implementation of local CERT within national disaster response systems; establishment of a Community of Practice of the Americas.

Cost and Funding: USD $2 million (USD $500K secured w/ participation of 13 Caribbean Member States)

Request from Partners: - Funding - Technical, financial and policy tools - Public-private Partnerships - Horizontal and Triangular Cooperation - Knowledge and Best Practice Sharing

Sub-themes
- Community Resilience
- Disaster Preparedness & Response
- Disaster Mitigation & Prevention
- CC Adaptation

Beneficiaries
- National Emergency Preparedness and Response Systems
- Local Communities & Governments
- Businesses

Expected Results
- Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and a Community of Practice of the Americas.

Partners
- FEMA
- CERT Latin Global
- Educational Portal of the Americas

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