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Operational Readiness

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Presentation outline

Green Paper on Operational Readiness

- ❖ What is Operational Readiness?
- ❖ Strengths
- ❖ Challenges
- ❖ Recommendations
 - Regional
 - National
- ❖ RRM review
- ❖ Informed by the Rapid Review November 2017 and the Comprehensive AAR March 2018

Operational Readiness

- ❖ Operational readiness refers to the *capability* of a disaster management system *to respond to* a hazard. It is dependent on the level of preparedness and resourcing of the system.
- ❖ Within the CDEMA System, operational readiness at the regional level is addressed through the Regional Response Mechanism (RRM).



The RRM

- ❖ Comprised of
 - regional and international partners
 - a small group of Response Units/Teams
 - a collection of Agreements, Memoranda of Understanding and Protocols.
 - Plans and Procedures
- ❖ Heavily dependent on the state of national readiness within the 18 Participating States since it is built through horizontal cooperation and draws on the national resources to deliver regionally.



Strengths

- ❖ It has demonstrated value and relevance to its Participating States (PS) and partners
- ❖ Regional Solidarity
- ❖ Network of public and private sector partners
- ❖ Committed personnel



Challenges

- ❖ A repeat of challenges and lessons identified from previous years
- ❖ The funding model
- ❖ The capacity of Participating States
- ❖ The logistics platform for timely delivery of personnel and supplies and by limited and unpredictable funding
- ❖ Emergency Telecommunication systems



Recommendations

Regional Strategic Recommendations

- ❖ Strengthening Political Engagement in the Regional Response
Mechanism: Articles of Agreement and responsibilities therein
- ❖ Financing the Regional Response Mechanism
- ❖ Revisit the structure and governance of RRM
- ❖ Develop CARICOM Policy on mass evacuation and mass displacement
- ❖ Improve information sharing
- ❖ Emergency telecommunications
- ❖ Better use of technology on operations



Recommendations

National Strategic Priorities

- ❖ Recognition of their role and responsibility in the RRM.
- ❖ The RRM is built on a framework of solidarity and mutual agreement, complementarily and the sharing of resources.
- ❖ Within this context, member countries are the owners of the RRM.
- ❖ It was designed by the Caribbean and executed for the Caribbean



Recommendations

National Strategic Priorities

❖ Revisit the

- legislative framework for disaster management;
- planning and development framework for infrastructure
- social and economic framework for a change in the mindset and overall national perspective as it pertains to disaster management.

Recommendations

National Strategic Priorities

- ❖ Building national level capacity for response is a priority.
 - Establishing a resilience programme for critical facilities including the NEOC and alternate NEOC;
 - an annual national readiness assessment and reporting facility and the strengthening of systems for continuation of government in time of crisis;
 - the development or enhancement of a welfare policy and programme for emergency operations personnel and volunteers;
 - and the development, promotion and implementation of protocols for managing humanitarian actions

Recommendations

CDEMA CU strategic recommendations

- ❖ Strong partnerships based on trust and mutual respect that facilitates information sharing and joint operations is critical.
- ❖ The CDEMA CU's capacity must be supported in the form of
 - resources (financial, personnel and assets),
 - mutual respect (for the role it plays and the role of others) and
 - partnerships (by all involved).

RRM review

- ❖ CDEMA CU had previously planned and is advancing a review of the Regional Response Mechanism.
- ❖ Emerging areas are:
 - Enhanced and updated Emergency Readiness and Response Procedures and Protocol at the national and regional levels
 - Determination of key human and material resource existing in the region, the capacity and deployment arrangements
 - Sustainable Resourcing of the Emergency Assistance Fund

Our new challenge

From Operational
Readiness to



Operational robustness



THANK YOU

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QUESTIONS?