

The Mainstreaming Climate Change into Disaster Risk Management for the Caribbean Region Project

Overview

With the onset of climate change and its many potentially crippling effects to sectors throughout the Caribbean, it is imperative that a programmatic approach to address these adverse effects is formulated. The Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency (CDERA) has therefore partnered with the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) to implement the **Mainstreaming Climate Change into Disaster Risk Management for the Caribbean Region project**. This project will aid in the reduction of risks created by climate change and disasters, by strengthening capacity throughout the region and promoting community resilience. The project directly supports the Comprehensive Disaster Management (CDM) Strategy and Programming Framework, Priority Outcome four (4) which promotes “*the enhancement of community resilience in CDERA states/territories to mitigate and respond to the adverse effects of climate change and disasters*” and; it contributes directly to the CDERA Work Programme Key Result Area three (KRA 3), the *Enhancement of Capacity of the Participating States*.

The project will target groups especially vulnerable to climate change and disaster utilizing gender-sensitive and participatory methods. A number of regional institutions, including the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC), the Caribbean Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology (CIMH), the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRCS) and the Caribbean Policy Development Centre (CPDC) will be key partners in the implementation of the project. This Mainstreaming Climate Change into Disaster Risk Management project is valued at € 689,425 and is expected to be implemented in the Region over a two year period, ending November 30th, 2010.

Project Objective

To strengthen regional, national and community level capacity for mitigation, management and coordinated response to natural and technological hazards and the effects of climate change.

Project Outcomes

The expected project outcomes are as follows:

1. Improved coordination and collaboration between community disaster organisations and other research/data partners including climate change entities for undertaking comprehensive disaster risk management
2. Enhanced community awareness and knowledge on disaster management and climate change adaptation procedures
3. Enhanced preparedness and response capacity (technical and managerial) for sub-regional and local level management and response

Major Outputs

The major outputs/ results expected include:

1. A regional programme for integration of climate change in the disaster risk reduction agenda
2. A regional plan of action for implementing the climate change and disaster risk reduction programme
3. A community-based disaster management planning programme incorporating climate change
4. An operational regional mechanism for coordination of community based disaster management initiatives
5. The strengthening of CDERA’s Sub-Regional Disaster Emergency Response Operational Units for enhanced response coordination

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