Disaster Preparedness makes a difference

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Disaster Preparedness ECHO

"the 5 elements"

- Anticipate
- Start at the community
- Living in a safer zone
- Local actions inspire upper level
- Unity bring strength

"DG ECHO's DISASTER RISK REDUCTION APPROACH"
A significant commitment in the region!

DG ECHO budget invested in Disaster Preparedness in the LAC region since 1994

More than 20 years of DP investment in the Latin American and Caribbean region (LAC)

Implemented by the Humanitarian Aid department of the European Commission and its partners
Disaster Preparedness
few figures (1994-2018)

Projects: 550
Millions EUR: 238
Countries: 037

A significant commitment!
> 10 million
People affected /year

With the increasing demographic pressure, urban settlements, stress on natural resources, climate anomalies and inequity, more and more people from the region are living in disaster prone area.

R: Response Capacity is required
E: Early action reduce losses
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Disaster Preparedness in LAC - at a glance
Investing in Disaster Preparedness
Action that pays off State of play
Key messages What’s new!
Investing in Preparedness

The best protection against disasters.
In disaster prone countries, a shift from responding to emergencies to proactive risk reduction is key to reducing loss of lives, property and other assets.
Optimize available resources dedicated to DP

1 - Capturing action that demonstrate the value

2 - Getting more and more people to step-up to the plate

DP investments are necessary but resources are limited.
Evidence based practice is an approach that helps to define priority for action to advocate for DRR.
Evidence based practice is inspired by the use of EBP in clinical decision making and is the combination of the best available evidences from 3 perspectives.
Capturing evidences is linked with questions

- People involved?
- Value demonstrated?
- Investment optimized?
- Which actions are or will make the difference?
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1. Evidence base approach: Action that pays off
2. Capturing actions that make a difference
3. Key messages: How to proceed?

European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations
EVIDENCES are usually related

with commitments

with a community taking the lead,

with an institution promoting a practice

with proven improvement in DRR practices
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Actions that pay off are:

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So far

- Drought bioindicators improve forecast - integrated in local contingency plan
Actions that pay off are:

- Water points for water trucking in emergency
- Water management contingency plan - officially endorsed.
- Institutional and community coordination - networks for prevention mitigation and Disaster Response.
- Mobile Shelters
Drought plan of the Ministry of agriculture created and definition of actions to be implemented.

Community resilience plan against the drought threat based on adjusted nutrition and water management practices.

Actions that pay off are:

- EWS improved - More accurate information
- Training is success
- Anticipated stock
- Inclusive response (no body left behind)

Cuba
Actions that pay off → People Empowered

Tools & Process endorsed & implemented

Changes in practices Partnerships

“Post emergency” analysis

What is not illustrated, quickly becomes invisible.
Capturing actions that pay off serves at least two functions:

1) will drive and optimize investments in DP and hopefully guide new investors.

2) should help to advocate on the DRR needs and to communicate on the relevance to invest in DRR.
New!

**Ignite stage** - Open for submissions, applications can be sent until 15 March 2019: https://www.unisdr.org/conference/2019/globalplatform/programme/ignite-stage

**Innovation Platform** - Submission deadline was extended until 31 January 2019: https://www.unisdr.org/conference/2019/globalplatform/programme/platform Sasakawa

**Award for Disaster Risk Reduction** - Nominations can be sent until 31 January 2019: https://www.unisdr.org/files/62115_sasakawaawardnominationform2019.pdf
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FOR NOW...

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