2021 Hurricane Season Readiness Meeting

Impact and intersectoral response: challenges and opportunities

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Presentation outline

- Multi – hazard context for 2020-2021
  - multiple realities
  - updated mechanisms
- Demonstrate the intersectoral coordination framework within the Caribbean
  - Focus on Volcanic Response
- Strengths and lesson learnt
The Operating Context: Multi Hazard, meteorological, health and biological, geotechnical, among others

Varied level of planning for pandemic

COVID19 – We are still learning …

Public health led PAHO and CARPHA

Complex multi-hazard environment – drought, hurricane season, COVID-19

All of Government and Society Response: Inter-sectoral

Regional Solidarity Inter-sectoral

Economic impact & livelihood implications
SVG Volcano Hazard Map
Soufriere moved to an explosive phase at approx 8:41am. Info from SRC.
La Soufrière, St Vincent and the Grenadines

Eruption
TerraSAR-X
March 2021

Post-eruption
TerraSAR-X
11 April 2021
2219 UTC

New volcanic vent has replaced the lava domes; estimated at 825 ± 750 m depth; depth not determined.

2021 dome

New deposits

New dome complex

TerraSAR-X/TanDEM-X © DLR e.V. 2021 Distribution A
The Basic Coordination Structure: Regional Response Mechanism

Coordinating Structure: Regional Coordination Center (RCC)

CARICOM Disaster Relief Unit (CDRU)
CARICOM Operational Support Team (COST)
CARICOM Damage Assessment and Coordination (CDAC)
Rapid Needs Assessment Team (RNAT)
Regional Search and Rescue Team (RSART)
Technical Teams

MOUs SOPs Agreements Acts of Parliament

Caribbean Development Partners Donor Group

Specialized Plans

Regional Coordination Plans

National Disaster Plans

Four (4) Sub-Regional Focal Points

Four (4) Sub-Regional Warehouses

REGIONAL RESPONSE MECHANISM (RRM)

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAMS

SUB-REGIONAL STRUCTURE
Multi-sectoral coordination: modification to RCC Coordination for COVID 19
CDEMA Operational and Coordination construct La Soufriere within the context of COVID 19
Intersectoral Coordination

Country readiness and coping strategies in the multi-hazard

- Heighten readiness at the Country Level for 2020 Hyper-active season
  - Weekly meetings
  - Guidelines docs from CDEMA CU – Shelters, logistics and supply chain-

- Level of Impact in CDEMA Participating States 2020
  - Predominantly \textit{level 1} impact
INTERSECTORAL COORDINATION

La Soufriere St Vincent and the Grenadines
## Intersectoral Coordination – Multi institutional support

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<td>Relief Management</td>
<td>CDRU</td>
<td>Excessive amounts of relief : unsolicited goods</td>
<td>Logistics and relief management support</td>
<td>CDEMA COVID 19 Deployment Protocols (CARPHA Guidelines)</td>
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<td>WFP support, MNCCC support</td>
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<td>NEOC Support</td>
<td>COST : GRN and CDEMA CU</td>
<td>Rotation of personnel over 3 months</td>
<td>Coordination and emergency support functions</td>
<td>National Guidelines for entry (quarantine and testing)</td>
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<td>Remote support</td>
<td><strong>Regional Coordination Centre (RCC) coordination of international support</strong></td>
<td>On the ground coordination is required <strong>Cross matching of national ESFs and international sectors and clusters</strong></td>
<td>Further coordination support at the national level</td>
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**Intersectoral coordination**

**Multi – institutional**

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<td>Sector focus assessment UNICEF, PAHO, CARDI, FAO, CWWA, CAWASA, CARILEC, National Authorities and others</td>
<td>Detailed Damage Sectoral Assessment (DDSA) (Stage 4 of the DANA Continuum)</td>
<td>Key Sectors – Macro Economic</td>
<td>Guide external financial support and recovery initiatives</td>
<td>COVID Vaccinations remains a major challenge</td>
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Lessons Learnt

Interim After Action Review on COVID 19 May 2021

- Started working cohesively after the threats
  - Started working more from a plan that covers all sectors, not just a health plan but how health impacts all sectors

- Use of CARICOM Institutional capacity
  - CARPHA – Public Health Lead
  - RSS (civ mil coordination)
  - CARICOM IMPACS
  - Others
Lesson Learnt

Interim After Action Review on COVID 19 May 2021

- Duration (well over a year)
  - Lasted long and starting to become relaxed in measures

- Social systems / the socio-economics impacts
Opportunities in Coordination

Key take aways

❖ Multi sectoral response at all levels – national, regional and international
❖ Standardized approach across the Caribbean region
❖ Build on the strengths
  ▪ Growth in Regional Partnership
  ▪ Civ- Mil Coordination
❖ Space for all actors
  ▪ Strengthen partnerships
❖ Adaption over time
THANK YOU