

**DISASTER MANAGEMENT
PERFORMANCE TARGETS
FOR CARIBBEAN STATES
HOW DOES YOUR COUNTRY MEASURE UP?**

- 1. Establish Emergency/Disaster Planning Group and define National Priorities.
- 2. Name National Disaster Coordinator.
- 3. Define Roles/Functions of key agencies in Emergency/Disaster Management and a system for regular review.
- 4. Review legal arrangements for disaster action.
- 5. Provide National Coordinator with adequate support including named Emergency Coordinator/Liason Officers with key Ministries, Emergency Services, utilities.
- 6. Review and catalogue past disaster events and list credible events.
- 7. Establish procedures for coping with the major disaster threats and test by simulations.
- 8. Develop list of key resources (Persons, Facilities, Equipment, Supplies, etc.)
- 9. Identify and name (where possible) areas with special problems (eg. flood prone areas, landslide prone areas).
- 10. Develop Emergency Shelter Policy and Programme (covering selection, management, training staff, etc.)
- 11. Review system for local mobilisation and counter disaster action in case of isolation.
- 12. Develop and maintain an emergency telecommunication system to ensure the coordination of Emergency Operations involving emergency services (Security, Health, Fire, Public Utilities); the private and voluntary sector (Amateur radio CB Operations).
- 13. Develop strategies for loss reduction in the public and private sector focussing on key areas such as critical facilities, housing, agriculture, tourism, ports and shipping, etc.
- 14. Develop a Damage Assessment System/Procedures to facilitate rapid and effective post impact actions.
- 15. Establish/Equip a suitable Emergency Operations Centre capable of handling emergency telecommunications and facilitating coordination of emergency response involving many services.
- 16. Implement a comprehensive Disaster Public Awareness, Information and Education Programme involving Government Information Houses, the Mass Media, Schools, Voluntary Agencies, etc.
- 17. Establish a three year programme for training of persons to support Emergency Management Action.
- 18. Establish a three year programme and task force to review loss reduction measures involving the Physical Planning, Town Planning, Building Inspection, Geological Research, Housing Agencies and Vocational Training Institutes as well as professional organizations (Engineers, Architects, etc).
- 19. Name Emergency Coordinators for key sectors such as Health, Public Works, etc., to support National Disaster Action.
- 20. Identify on-going (Bilateral/Multilateral) technical Cooperation Programmes which can facilitate development of National Programme Objectives.