

# CARIBBEAN SAFE SCHOOL MINISTERIAL FORUM



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## School Safety in the Caribbean

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# Outline

- Caribbean and Education Sector: Risk and Development
- Role of Education Sector in DRM
- Regional and National Actions for School Safety
- Way Forward

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# Caribbean Risk and Development

Caribbean

- High exposure to hazards
- High vulnerability
- Low capacity

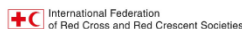
Education Sector

- Public Investment
- National and regional human resource development

Schools

- Vital public infrastructure
- Vulnerable populations
- Change agents

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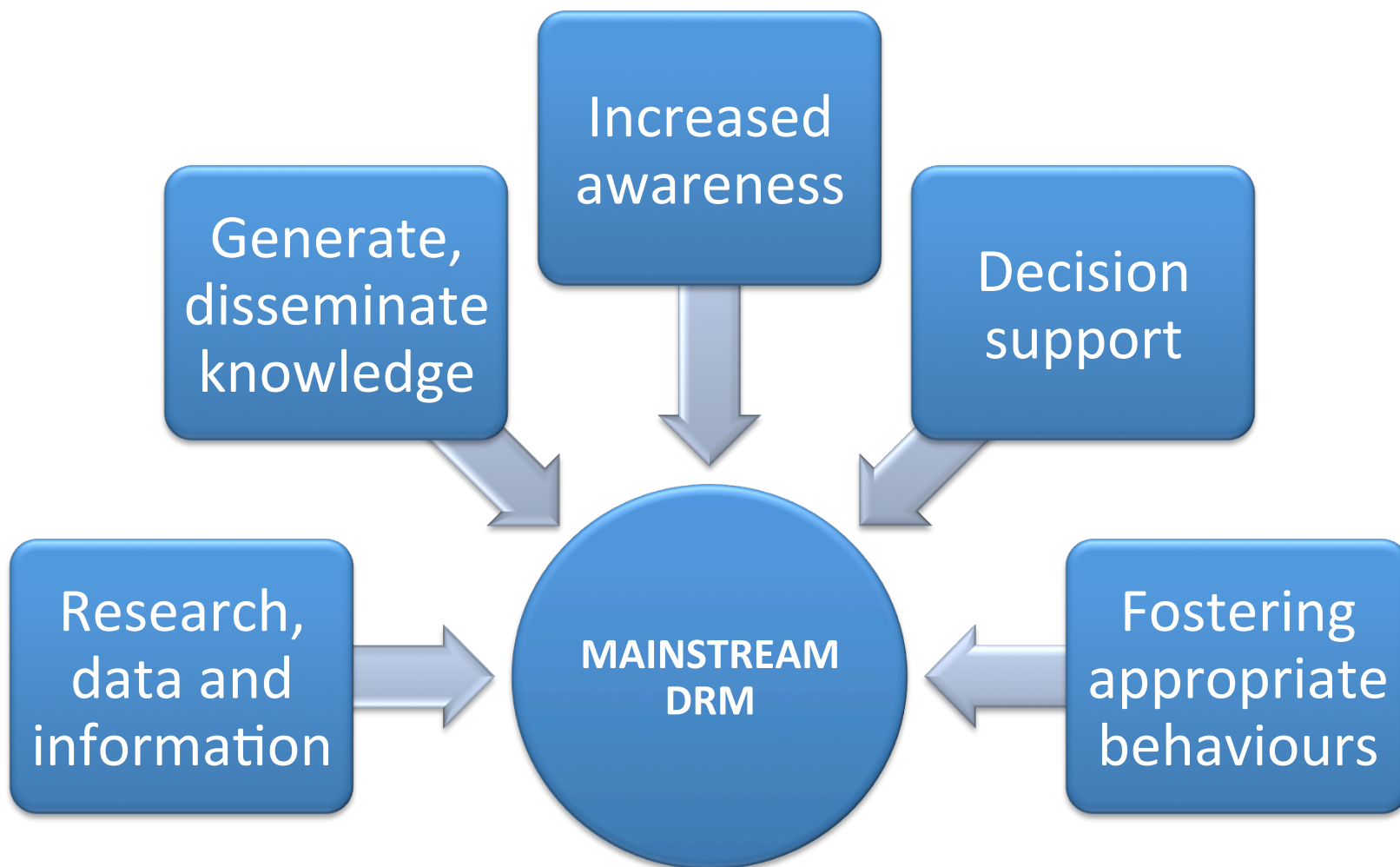


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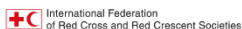


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# Role of Education Sector in DRM



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# Regional Actions- Past and Current

- **Regional CDM Strategy 2014-2024**
  - Pillar 2: Knowledge management and Learning
  - Education is a priority sector
  - Education Sector Sub-Committee (DRM)
- **School Disaster Management**
  - Model Safe School Programme (MSSP) for the Caribbean
  - School disaster plans, drills
  - **School safety training (OFDA)**
- **Resilience Education**
  - Tsunami Teacher resources
  - DRR Education Toolkit
  - **Update Guidelines for Child friendly DRM (UNICEF-CDEMA)**
- **Safe learning facilities**
  - **Roll-out MSSP in countries- UNISDR-CDEMA**
  - Maintenance as Mitigation
  - Living Schools project

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# National Actions to Date

## Safe Learning Facilities

- Policies on emergency and disaster management in schools, school safety, use of schools as shelters
- Hazard assessments

## School DM

- School Emergency Planning, testing and training (USAID OFDA)
- Safe School Safety, Child-friendly programmes

## Resilience Education

- Curriculum reform/integration of DRR
- DRR/CCA Public Awareness & Education (e.g. Grenada CDM Champions, Dominica CERT Camps, VI School)

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# Some Important Observations

- Demonstrated history of investing in safe learning environments
- Past and present actions at both national and regional level map to the CSS framework
- Shift towards more comprehensive approaches and robust enabling environment
- A lot of technical resources available
- Limited financial support

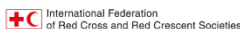
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# Way Forward for School Safety



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