



Project title:

***'Helping vulnerable populations and
communities to manage risks
associated with hurricanes and floods'***



Project Partners



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HelpAge International

ABOUT HELPAGE INTERNATIONAL

HelpAge International helps older people claim their rights, challenge discrimination and overcome poverty, so that they can lead dignified, secure, active and healthy lives.

Our work is strengthened through our global network of like-minded organisations – the only one of its kind in the world.

The HelpAge network is a unique worldwide alliance standing up for the rights of older people. We have over **80 affiliates** in more than **50 countries**.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The ten communities in the parish of St Catherine are among the worst to be affected by flooding, and/or wind and rain damage from hurricanes. Successive natural disasters have left homes either damaged or destroyed and caused loss of productive assets and livelihoods.

The project will seek to build the capacities of communities through training, establishment and equipping of disaster committees and the development of community risk management plans. It will also facilitate linkages and synergies between the community, parish and national levels.

LOCATION

Communities

The action will be implemented in ten vulnerable urban and rural communities in the parish of St. Catherine:

1. Brown's Hall
2. Content
3. Gibratore
4. Gregory Park
5. Princess Field
6. Riversdale
7. Rivoli
8. Spring Vale
9. Thompson Pen
10. Waterford

TARGET BENEFICIARIES

- Older people 60 years and over ;
- Physically challenged persons ;
- Students at schools serving the target communities;
- Members of senior citizens groups and citizens associations;
- Members of community development
- committees;
- Staff of the Spanish Town Infirmary;
- Parents, farmers, community workers, community health aides and other professionals working at the community level.

KEY PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Disaster Preparedness Information Fairs
- Disaster Risk Reduction Workshops
- Preparation of Family Disaster Plans
- Knowledge Attitude & Practice Survey in DRR
- Vulnerability Capacity Assessment
- Establishment of Community Disaster Response Teams
- Development/revision of Community Disaster Plans
- Micro-mitigation activities
- Stakeholders Meetings
- Disaster Preparedness Month Expo
- Disaster Preparedness Day in Schools
- Stockpiling of emergency relief supplies

Expected results & indicators

Sub-Sector	Expected Results
Local Disaster Management Components	Community disaster preparedness response structures and mechanisms are established and functioning.

Main Indicators

At least 20 people trained in Vulnerability Capacity Assessment methodologies and utilise these skills in conducting VCAs in the target communities.

Ten Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) are operational by month 8 and hold coordination meetings, undertake specialised support services for vulnerable people as well as implementing trainings for volunteers and Team Members on a regular basis.

Ten CERTs and seven schools have developed or updated Emergency Response Plans and include the needs of vulnerable groups (children, disabled and older people) by month 10.

Expected results & indicators

Sub-Sector	Expected Results
Information, education and communication	Local community residents, including older people, children and the disabled are better prepared to respond to natural hazards affecting their communities with information, and materials to minimise loss from natural disasters.

Main Indicators

- Approximately 1500 persons, 50% of whom are older people, children, and disabled people benefit from training in disaster preparedness, mitigation and management.
- At least 750 persons trained in disaster preparedness, mitigation and management retain knowledge six months after training.
- At least 2,500 vulnerable households have developed family disaster plans.

Expected results & indicators

Sub-Sector	Expected Results
Institutional linkages and advocacy	Linkages and partnerships between community level disaster management structures and the parish and national disaster management system are developed and strengthened
Main Indicators	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least 10 Community representatives sit on and attend at least 70% of meetings of Parish Disaster Committee.• At least 1 Parish Disaster Committee representative attends each meeting of Project Steering Committee.• At least 3 Joint inter-agency coordination meetings are held with key stakeholders in implementing parish, national and regional disaster risk reduction activities.	

Expected results & indicators

Sub-Sector	Expected Results
Small Scale Infrastructure and services	
Main Indicators	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10 community work teams are established and complete micro mitigation activities• Early warning systems are established and functioning in all 10 communities by the end of the project.	

Expected results & indicators

Sub-Sector	Expected Results
Stockpiling of emergency and relief supplies	
Main Indicators	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Emergency relief supplies for the target communities are pre-positioned and include essential items needed by older people and the physically challenged	

Characteristics that facilitate collaboration

- Consultative approach to project design, development and implementation.
- Complementing ODPEM & JRC in building resilient communities to augment national priorities.
- Contributing to fulfilling some of the strategic objectives of the Comprehensive Disaster Management of the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA).
- Working with the local Red Cross we are facilitating transfer of information and practices with the IFRC.

Collaboration in action

- **Steering Committee**

Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency

Management (national)

Portmore Municipal Council

St. Catherine Parish Council

National Council for Senior Citizens **

Social Development Commission

Jamaica Red Cross

Collaboration in action cont'd

International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction

Ministry of Labour and Social Security

Forestry Department

National Housing Trust

Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency
Management

Portmore Municipal Council

St. Catherine Parish Council

St. Catherine Parish Library

St Catherine Community Development Agency

Children First

Jamaica Red Cross

Mechanisms for collaboration with other local & regional stakeholders

- National Workshop
- Regional Workshop
 - IFRC
 - CDEMA
 - HelpAge Affiliates
- Disaster Preparedness Month Expo
- Country Profile Document

Areas of broadening drr perspectives

- ✓ **Gender mainstreaming – targeting of women in DRR interventions**
- ✓ **Capacity building of persons at the community level, thereby ensuring the sustainability of key elements at the community level.**

Areas of broadening disaster risk reduction perspectives

- ✓ **Targeting of vulnerable groups – older persons, children and persons with disability**





International day of disaster risk reduction

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