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Reducing the vulnerability of urban and rural populations in Haiti to disasters

Regional planning workshop - DIPECHO VIII

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Working in Haiti since 1994 : emergency response to Hurricane Gordon

- Livelihoods
- WASH
- Education
- Health & Nutrition
- Protection
- Peace Building
- Emergency response (1994, 1997, 2004, 2008, 2010 earthquake and cholera)

DRR



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Specific Objective : To improve the preparedness and response capacity to disasters of the population in La Gonave and Martissant through sensitization, capacity building and mitigation works at community level

High risk areas Anse-a-Galets and Point-a-Raquette, La
Gonave Island, West Department

Martissant, Port au Prince, West
Department

+ weaknesses/absence of local DPC institutions

+ population and local authorities need reinforced knowledge and basic equipment for response

- **Hazards:** hurricanes, floods, tropical storms, landslides, droughts, earthquakes, armed conflicts
- **Vulnerabilities:** exposure, with high population density, lack of infrastructure, increase in vulnerability due to the high levels of poverty, settlements built in
- **Population:** estimated 200,000 (24,858 /km²)
- **Population:** estimated 80,000 (8000 /km²)

Local disaster management components & institutional linkages and advocacy

Result 1:

Disaster Preparedness & Response Committees and Brigades are strengthened or established and are functional

Indicators:

- 40 committees and brigades are recognized by the DPC and have approved mandates
- 3 contingency plans are designed & approved by identified committees of La Gonâve and Martissant
- 3 contingency plans are diffused & acknowledged at community level by the end of the program
- 5 DRR related meetings are held by each of the identified committees of La Gonâve and Martissant
- 3 simulation drills are planned and conducted by the committees

Information, education, communications & stockpiling of emergency relief items

Result 2:

The population of vulnerable and disaster prone areas of La Gonâve and Martissant have increased knowledge and capacity to prepare and react to disasters

Indicators:

- 60% of the target population is reachable by an alert diffusion and communication system on La Gonâve and in Martissant before the 2012 hurricane season
- 60% of the targeted population report increased knowledge about DRR before the 2012 hurricane season
- 2,500 persons participated in artistic DRR competitions
- 4,000 HH have received an emergency preparedness kit

Small scale infrastructure and services

Result 3:

Communities are empowered and given support to identify and implement key mitigation works

Indicators:

- 20 mitigation activities identified by the communities
- 20 mitigation activities prioritized and implemented by the communities
- At least 2,000 households benefit from completed mitigation activities

Possible linkages, collaboration and synergies

Shared risks mapping – national & regional (DR)

La Gonave risks maps (DIPECHO VI & VIII)

Martissant risks maps (DIPECHO VIII)

Exchanges among DPC committees - national

Need to coordinate with DRR actors in Haiti to organize them

Early warning systems - national & regional (DR)

Alarm systems in La Gonave and Martissant

Conflict EWS in Martissant and St. Martin

Sharing experiences and lessons learnt - national & regional

- on DRR activities

Informal working group at national level

- on DRR mainstreaming

Regional conference

Thank you!