



**Pan American
Health
Organization**

*Regional Office of the
World Health Organization*

PAHO-ECHO

**Creating safer communities in the
Caribbean by strengthening the health
network**

Humanitarian Aid & Civil Protection



Key achievements

Small scale infrastructure and services:

- ❖ *8 hospital safety improvement plans revised*
- ❖ *8 hospitals currently undergoing safety improvement works :*
 - *Increased water storage capacity*
 - *Improved ceiling conditions in specific areas*
 - *Improved access/entrances to wards*





Key achievements

- *Improved signage/labelling: exit routes, danger signs, wards, directories, critical systems (electrical, water, fuel, etc)*
- *Improved security of medical gases*
- *Improved internal communication system*
- *Improved fire suppression system*
- *Revised, tested of hospital disaster management plans*





Key achievements

- ❖ *3 Emergency Response Centres (ERC) established*
 - *ERC coordinators' training (>110 persons)*



WE CARE, WE ACT



20th anniversary of ECHO
Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection



Key achievements

Stockpiling of emergency and relief items:

- *Stockpiling session at HDC meeting*
- *Emergency health supplies list drafted*
- *Strategy for Pre-positioning of emergency health supplies drafted*
- *Consultations with CDEMA, 2 National Disaster Offices on emergency supplies and its pre-positioning*



Key tools/procedures/initiatives

Small scale infrastructure and services:

- *Guidelines for hospital design and construction*
- *Manuals on Hospital Emergency Planning*
- *National Instructors' course on Hospital Emergency Planning*
- *Practical Guide on the development of hospital emergency and response plans*



Key tools/procedures/initiatives

- *Diploma for the Accreditation of Safe Hospitals Evaluators*
- *Training materials for ERC*
- *EOC protocols developed for public health emergencies and disaster response*

Stockpiling of emergency and relief items

- *Basic warehouse requirement for storing health emergency relief items*