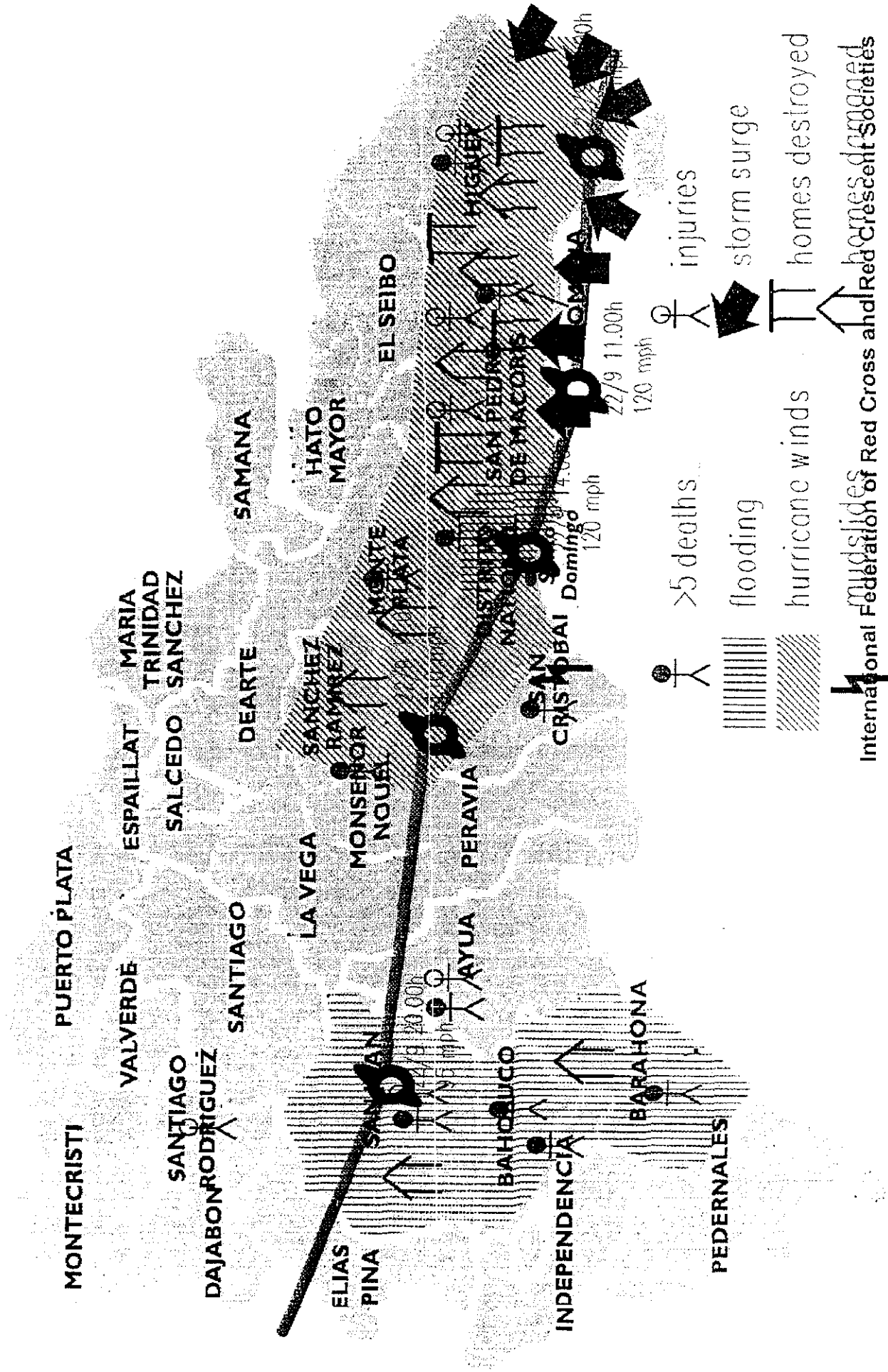


HURRICANE GEORGES

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC DAMAGE ASSESSMENT





PRE-DISASTER CAPACITY & RESOURCES

prior to 21/9/98

Red Cross Caribbean Presence

- 16 National Societies in every independent country and 16 Caribbean branches of overseas Societies, with more than 92,000 volunteers
- Federation's Caribbean Regional Delegation was established in 1991 and relocated from Kingston to Santo Domingo in August 1998
- Sub-delegation office remains in Kingston and Federation maintains representation office in Port-au-Prince
- Regionally, nine Federation or bilateral delegates are in place (Dominican Republic - 4, Jamaica - 2, Antigua - 1, Haiti - 1, Guyana - 1)

Red Cross Caribbean Community-Based Disaster Preparedness Programme

- participating in first phase (1998) includes Antigua & Barbuda, Dominica, Jamaica, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent & the Grenadines
- more than 100 Red Cross community disaster preparedness facilitators trained
- Caribbean Red Cross Hotel Safety Programme under development in Jamaica

Red Cross National Disaster Coordinators

- Antigua & Barbuda, Cuba, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines

Federation Disaster Delegates in the Region

- four total; 2 in Jamaica, 1 in Guyana (drought relief operation), and 1 in Antigua (Montserrat relief operation/regional logistics project)

Red Cross Caribbean Communication Networks

- HF radio network established regionally in early 1998 and operates in all 16 National Societies
- internet/email network established regionally in May 1998 and operates in all 16 National Societies

Regional Logistic Warehouse

- regional relief supplies warehouse under development Antigua (September 1998) but not scheduled to open until November 1998

Recent Red Cross Disaster Response Experience

- 1995 & 1996 -- coordinated hurricane relief operations in 10 countries assisting 150,000 beneficiaries at a cost of USD 3 million
- 1998 - coordinated Guyana drought relief operation assisting 1,500 families, providing food, seeds, and tools
- 1995 to present -- continue to manage Montserrat volcano relief operation, providing more than 50 MT of supplies to Montserrat and coordinating food voucher programme with Montserrat people living in Antigua
- Red Cross Societies in the Caribbean respond to more than 1,100 disasters annually



DISASTER PREPARATIONS PHASE

15/9/98	16/9/98	17/9/98	18/9/98	19/9/98	20/9/98	21/9/98	22/9/98	23/9/98
Federation office in Santo Domingo begins monitoring Georges' developments in the Atlantic and receives regular updates from the National Hurricane Center	Federation initiates preparation plans which includes verifying available resource, notifying Secretariat in Geneva, and placing regional delegates on alert for possible deployment Further contact made to Red Cross Societies in the more refined track of the storm	Federation issues Hurricane Georges alert press release regionally in English and Spanish with safety tips for public Hurricane advisory and safety tip information posted on regional website Dominican Red Cross begins hurricane preparations, activating volunteers, stocking up on emergency supplies, providing maintenance to vehicles, and testing communications equipment Federation's warehouse in Santo Domingo cleared and prepared to receive supplies	Federation and Dominican Red Cross meets with Dominican Civil Defense, Army, and Ministry of Health to urge issuing government hurricane warnings and initiate preparedness measures Dominican Red Cross begins operating on a 24-hours a day schedule to complete preparation activities	Second meeting with Dominican government held urging to issue warning Dominican Red Cross branch emergency teams are on alert and prepared to support shelter management, first aid, transportation, and damage assessment; Red Cross Communications Center is established to facilitate information to media, authorities, and general public St. Kitts & Nevis Red Cross office in Nevis opens as pre-disaster shelter	Georges tracks through the East Caribbean islands of Antigua and St. Kitts and overnight through Puerto Rico Dominican Red Cross deploys four damage assessment teams to North to be repositioned when hurricane strikes Federation office in Port-au-Prince issues hurricane preparedness press release in French and Creole; damage assessment team from the Dominican Red Cross remains on standby for possible deployment to support relief activities in Haiti	Overnight Georges takes a sharp change in its path and now is headed to the South and East of Dominican Republic Federation issues Hurricane Georges Information Bulletin from Geneva to notify Red Cross/Red Crescent Societies worldwide of the disaster and Red Cross activities CHF 100,000 is released from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund to meet immediate relief needs in Eastern Caribbean and to boost preparedness in the Greater Antilles Red Cross briefs President of the Dominican Republic on hurricane preparation activities	Red Cross Societies in Haiti, Cuba, Bahamas, Jamaica, Turks & Caicos, and Cayman Islands remain on alert Communications with these Societies shifts from Santo Domingo to Federation office in Kingston Cuban Red Cross operate 900 shelters for 200,000 of the nearly 500,000 people evacuated from the East	



EMERGENCY RESPONSE PHASE

21/9/98	22/9/98	23/9/98	24/9/98	25/9/98	26/9/98
Initial damage assessment begins in Eastern Caribbean; reports provided directly to Federation office or via Red Cross radio network Antigua & Barbuda Red Cross provides assistance to 6,200 people in 125 shelters, issuing food and cots and providing first aid St Kitts & Nevis Red Cross begin food distribution in shelters	More than 3,350 Dominican Red Cross volunteers are activated to support relief operation Federation issues Preliminary Appeal for CHF 2,400,000	Federation's acting Head of Delegation participates in helicopter fly-over of country to assess damage Damage assessment teams from across country arrive back to Dominican Red Cross headquarters; reports are compiled and situation evaluated	First shipment of international relief supplies arrive in Dominican Republic from USAID and turned over to the Red Cross to distribute (plastic sheeting, food, and water)	Dominican Government asks Red Cross to coordinate nation distribution of relief supplies; Government makes available trucks and personnel Additional relief delegate arrives in Santo Domingo from Jamaica	

Week of 27/9/98

CHF 10,221,000 Emergency Appeal is issued to provide Red Cross assistance to 275,000 beneficiaries

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC More than 100 MT of relief supplies are distributed; turn over is so high that Red Cross warehouse is nearly empty

Red Cross begins coordinating daily meetings with local NGOs to incorporate into community census and distribution system

Red Cross reception centres set up at both airports in Santo Domingo to facilitate incoming relief shipments

Family notification system established for general public to send message to concerned family members abroad

Total of seven relief delegates arrive in place from Spain, Netherlands, Columbia, USA, and Norway

CUBA 8,700 Cuban Red Cross volunteers mobilized and assist in shelters, food distribution, & medical assistance

Search and rescue teams operations are carried out in flooded areas

HAITI 2-person team from Federation's Disaster Response department join Netherlands Red Cross delegate Port-au-Prince Federation office

Task force established with Haitian Red Cross to evaluate needs in worst-affected areas

Support provided to shelters in Port-au-Prince and Red Cross ambulance service is treating injured and bringing them to the hospital

Communications outside the capital is severely damaged so reports from branches is not available

EASTERN CARIBBEAN Antigua & St. Kitts Red Cross Societies continue to provide first aid, distribute food, and have provided plastic roofing material to 1,500 families

Antigua Red Cross sent a response team to St. Kitts to assist in detailed damage assessment

Antigua Red Cross provided 2,000 meals to the shelter, 105 cots, 200 sets of toiletries, 100 comfort kits, and water purification tablets



EMERGENCY RESPONSE PHASE

October '98

November '98

December '98

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC Red Cross provides plastic sheeting to 7,800 families and distributes 150 MT of relief supplies

Two regional relief warehouses open in Barahona and San Pedro and supported by team of four logistics delegates plus local volunteers

A series of safe hygiene posters are prepared for shelters

Red Cross national VHF radio network established

CUBA Detailed Red Cross damage assessment highlights needs for food, household items, hygiene kits, water purification tablets, and construction material

German Red Cross delegate arrives to support operation

HAITI Plan of action developed to target 10,000 vulnerable families with hygiene kits

EASTERN CARIBBEAN Antigua Red Cross continues to support small number of beneficiaries with food distribution, but focus now is on rehabilitation

St. Kitts Red Cross is active in food distribution to shelters and other vulnerable families and has begun assisting rebuilding homes

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC To date the Red Cross has distributed more than 650 MT of food, medicines, clothing, and plastic roofing material to 130,000 disaster victims

American Red Cross sends 720 pairs of hypochlorite to the Dominican Red Cross for PAHO to continue their water purification efforts across the country

Extensive American Red Cross/US Center for Disease Control post-disaster survey conducted to assess health and hygiene situation of the vulnerable population

ECHO funded 3-month distribution of locally purchased food, hygiene kits, and cooking sets for 13,000 families begins

CUBA Situation is improving rapidly in the country, with the Red Cross shifting its focus from emergency to rehabilitation, identifying 1,000 families in the eastern provinces of Guantanamo, Holguin and Santiago de Cuba to support the rehabilitation of their homes

HAITI Distribution of hygiene kits and in kind donations continues

EASTERN CARIBBEAN Distribution of in kind donations continues in St. Kitts and Antigua; focus in both countries is on rehabilitation

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC Six regional Red Cross warehouses are in operation, including a main warehouse constructed on the Dominican Red Cross HQ compound

Three relief delegates assigned to Dominican Republic operation shift to Central America to support the Hurricane Mitch response

Relief distribution continues to shelters, Bateys, and other vulnerable communities

CUBA Regional Hurricane Georges operations coordinator visits Cuba to evaluate situation

Red Cross shelters 92,000 people and distributes food, hygiene kits, and other relief material in support

A capacity building element is planned, using the operation as a vehicle to strengthen the Cuban Red Cross disaster preparedness activities and improve their radio communications network

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REHABILITATION PHASE

December '98

January '99

February '99

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC Red Cross has begun coordinating rehabilitation efforts in affected communities, distributing the contents of a 40-foot container of donated building supplies. A proposal was submitted to the British government for funding 50 hurricane proof homes.

CUBA Cuban Red Cross begins providing local building material to 1,000 families to help repair their homes damaged by the storm.

HAITI A plan of action for rehabilitation is under development; a proposal was submitted to the British government to support this effort.

EASTERN CARIBBEAN The St. Kitts Red Cross continues to provide donated and purchased building material to help repair roofs and homes damaged by Georges. They have also constructed a number of homes for the most vulnerable families. The Antigua Red Cross continues to support the rehabilitation efforts.

Red Cross rehabilitation efforts continue in Dominican Republic, Cuba, and St. Kitts and Nevis.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC Begin construction on 20 community centers, 100 hurricane proof homes and 5 disaster mitigation community projects.

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ST KITTs & NEVIS Regional delegate visits St. Kitts to help develop continued rehabilitation efforts of the Red Cross; propose to assist 60 families repair their homes.

	Antigua & Barbuda	Cuba	Dominican Republic	Haiti	St. Kitts & Nevis	Total
Red Cross emergency response	- provides first aid assistance - provides 2,000 meals, 105 cots, 200 hygiene kits, and 100 comfort kits to shelter residents - distributed plastic sheeting to 780 homes	- search & rescue - operates 900 shelters for 200,000 people evacuated - provides medical assistance - distributes food, hygiene kits, and other relief material	- search & rescue - provides medical assistance - supports XX shelters - distributes 400 MT of relief supplies - distributes plastic sheeting to 7,800 families - distribute hygiene kits and cooking sets to 13,000 families - providing long term food assistance to 169,000 beneficiaries	- provide first aid & ambulance service - distribute hygiene kits to 10,000 families - distribute in kind goods to vulnerable population	- provided first aid assistance - distributed donated and purchased food to shelter residents and other vulnerable groups - distributes plastic sheeting to 600 homes	
Red Cross rehabilitation response	distributed construction material	local manufactured roofing material to 1,000 families in East	- distributing roofing and construction material 20 community centers 100 hurricane proof homes 5 community disaster mitigation projects	plan to distribute construction material	providing roofing and reconstruction material to 60 families	
Red Cross beneficiaries	0,200	92,000	170,000	60,000	36,500	364,700
Red Cross Appeal (in USD)	\$128,000	\$592,667	\$4,988,667	\$696,000	\$208,667	\$6,614,000
Relief delegates	2 (with St Kitts)	2	15	2	2 (with Antigua)	21

+ CARIBBEAN RED CROSS SOCIETIES

FACT SHEET

Positioned for Success

From hurricanes to AIDS to malnutrition, the Red Cross has been a leader in the Caribbean for nearly 90 years providing effective, compassionate, life-sustaining relief to those most in need. As a critical support to communities across the region, Caribbean Red Cross Societies are committed to providing humanitarian assistance to those most in need.

Today, regional co-ordination has never been better in our network of 32 National Societies and Caribbean overseas branches of other National Societies, positioned to respond rapidly and efficiently to help the most vulnerable in the region—no matter who, no matter where, no matter when.



A Region at Risk

High population density, challenging and often unstable social and political conditions, economic dependency on disaster vulnerable agriculture and tourism and over 750 virtually isolated islands makes the Caribbean one of the world's most vulnerable places. In the past three years alone, over 40 hurricanes and tropical storms threatened the region. This vulnerability is heightened by new threats from deforestation, weak environmental regulations, economic migrants, spread of AIDS and other controllable and preventable dangers. These risks, coupled with the fact that most countries are small islands with developing economies highly dependent upon disaster-vulnerable tourism and agriculture industries mean that an emergency that may appear minor at a global level can cause total disruption.

MEASURE OF CARIBBEAN VULNERABILITY	Hurricane	Earthquake	Volcano	Floods	Drought	Landslides	HIV/AIDS	At Risk Youth	Crime & Violence	1997 UNDP Human Dev. Index Rating (175 countries reviewed)
● = high ◐ = medium										
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA	●	●		◐			●	◐	◐	29
BAHAMAS	●			◐			●	●	◐	28
BARBADOS	●	●		◐			●	●	◐	25
BELIZE	●	●		●			●	◐	◐	63
CUBA	●	●		●	◐		◐	◐	◐	86
DOMINICA	●	●	●	●		●	◐	◐	◐	41
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	●	●		●	◐		●	●	◐	87
GRENADA	●	●	●	◐		●	◐	◐	◐	54
GUYANA				◐	◐		◐	●	◐	104
HAITI	●	●		◐	◐	●	●	●	●	156
JAMAICA	●	●		●	◐	●	●	●	●	83
ST. KITTS & NEVIS	●	●	●	◐			◐	◐	◐	49
ST. LUCIA	●	●	●	●		●	◐	◐	◐	56
ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES	●	●	●	◐			◐	◐	◐	57
SURINAME				●	◐		◐	◐	◐	66
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	◐	●	●	◐		●	●	●	●	40

CARIBBEAN RED CROSS SOCIETIES' KEY FACTS

- ▶ Located in every Caribbean country
- ▶ Led by more than 92,000 volunteers
- ▶ Rated as the Caribbean's #1 charity
- ▶ Selected as lead agency for region's community disaster planning and education
- ▶ Helps over 1 million persons annually
- ▶ Trains 25,000 persons each year in first aid
- ▶ Responds to over 1,100 disasters each year
- ▶ Serves 2,600 warm meals weekly

CARIBBEAN RED CROSS SOCIETIES

Who We Are

- Network of 16 National Societies and 16 overseas Caribbean branches of other National Societies, located in every Caribbean island country plus Belize in Central America and Guyana and Suriname in South America
- Serves a diverse population of 37 million people
- Led by over 92,000 volunteers sharing a commitment to protecting human life and dignity
- Provides assistance to over one million persons every year
- Rated as the most visible and respected non-profit in the Caribbean, in fact, four times greater than the next highest rated organisation
- Members of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the largest humanitarian and volunteer organisation in the world, with 175 National Societies and over 105 million volunteers

Our Mission

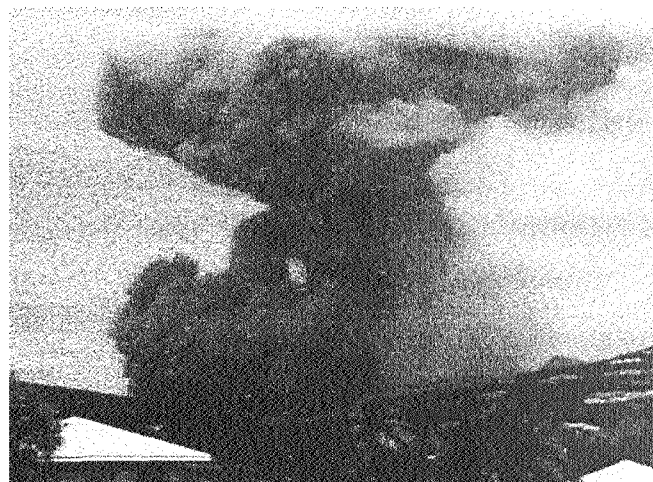
The Red Cross exists to improve the situation of the world's most vulnerable people. It provides assistance without discrimination as to nationality, race, religious belief, class, or political opinions.

Caribbean Regional Delegation

Established in 1991, the Caribbean Regional Delegation of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies works closely with the Caribbean Societies in designing and implementing regional and country-specific programmes and relief operations.

In addition to disaster activities, the Regional Delegation provides technical guidance and assistance in strengthening the institutional capacity of the Societies' and expanding their

resource base so they can be even better positioned to respond to community needs. The Regional Delegation also encourages co-operation among Societies, including technical and resource exchanges, which is so vital especially in the Caribbean with mostly small countries with limited resources.



Our Key Programmes & Services

Disaster Preparedness & Response

Caribbean Vulnerability

- The Caribbean is recognised as one of the most vulnerable regions in the world, at risk to hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, droughts, volcanoes, land slides, wild fires and most recently, technological and transportation accidents
- More than 719,000 persons are affected by disasters in the region every year
- In the period from 1960 to 1994, natural disasters have resulted in losses in the Caribbean in excess of US \$9 billion and directly affected approximately 50% of the region's population
- The region's top industries—tourism and agriculture—are especially vulnerable to disasters and can often devastate a nation's economy for months and even years

Red Cross Response

- Through local, regional and international support, Caribbean Societies provide immediate and long-term relief and recovery assistance throughout the region, responding to over 1,100 disasters every year
- Red Cross assistance includes, but is not limited to: providing food, clothing, shelter and first aid, as well as building materials and furnishings to support the long-term recovery and rebuilding process
- During the record-setting 1995 and 1996 hurricane season, the Red Cross co-ordinated relief operations in 10 Caribbean countries, providing help and restoring hope to more than 150,000 victims at a cost of over US \$3 million
- Since the Montserrat volcano initially erupted in July 1995, Caribbean Red Cross Societies have sent over 50