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Regional Mechanisms for Disaster Coordination

Support to Regional Initiatives

Within the Strategic Framework and Quinquennium Activities



SE-CEPREDENAC carries out the PRRD Basic Plan, through projects in the 6 areas of the Strategic Framework

(Institutional strengthening; Information and Investigation; Early Warning Systems and Specific Plans; Sector Strategies; Strengthening of Local Capacities in Risk Management; Mutual Assistance in Disaster Situations)

Necessary Mechanisms

- Support mutual assistance between countries of the Region
- Share equipment, resources, knowledge to respond to disasters:
 - → International Cooperation Agreements (Chancery): Manual of Ministries of Foreign Affairs
 - → "Technical" support by disaster managers in the various countries (emergency offices): Technical Manuals

Manuals of the Ministries of Foreing Affairs

- Support from CEPREDENAC to all Foreign Affairs Offices
- Development of a Regional Foreign Ministry Manual (define Chancery actions as both being an assisting or assisted country)
 Updating or concluding of National Manuals
 Discuss the concept of an Assisted or Assisting Country

Mutual Assitance Mechanism in Desaster Management

Requested by the Security Commission
Includes the General Framework
Introduction of the concepts of "Assisted and Assisting Country"

Regional Mechanism for Mutual Assistance in Disaster Management Coordinated Cooperation Mechanisms for Disaster Response

Foreing Affairs Manual

General Consistency

Strategic Framework

> Disaster Reduciton Regional Plan

Regional Mechanism for Mutual Assistance in Disaster Management Coordination Cooperation Mechanism for Disaster Response

Foreing Affairs Regional Manual Mutual Assistance Mechanisms in Disaster Management

Prepared by the CEPREDENAC National Commission Represents the first Regional Disaster **Cooperation Tool** Includes sharing resources among countries

Coordinated Cooperation Mechanism in Desaster Response

Defines protocols 2 (assistance from the member countries) and 3 (assistance from the member countries and international support)

- Defines the operative procedures for regional coordination (notifications; alerts)
- Defines the Scenarios and protocol activation Conditions
- Describes strengthening points

Activation Protocols: No.2

- 1. Disaster assessment indicates the need to complement domestic Humanitarian Assistance Resources, through the cooperation of member countries, for which:
 - a. The Disaster Regional Procedures Manual of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs is activated.
 - b. The information and coordination mechanisms between HACC and the EOC are activated.
 - c. Member countries confirm availability.
 - d. Disaster stricken country reports on the reception focal point and operational details for the approach, deployment and operation of HAR.
 - e. Assisting country mobilizes, concentrates and sends HAR

Activation Protocols: No. 3

- 2. Assessment shows that losses and damages are of a national-regional and Central American magnitude, importance and reach.
- 3. It is necessary to enhance Humanitarian Assistance capacity, by means of an international appeal.
- 4. The HACC is activated and enhanced
- **5.** The Foreign Affairs Manual is fully activated.
- 6. International Humanitarian Workers confirm their HA availability and request pertinent permits toTransit Countries.
- 7. International Humanitarian Workers report the time needed to deliver HA to the HACC of the affected country.
- 8. The HACC of the Affected Country indicates the reception focal point and the operational details of the approach, deployment and operation.
- 9. The HACC undertakes the necessary steps to manage arriving HAR and organizes, HA management in a transparent and participative manner.

Steps Toward Regional Coordination

Surveillance and Forecast: a regional continuous and cross coordination activity;

- 1. Notification to countries (notification before warning);
- 2. Warning to countries (notification and alert before protocol 2 and 3 activation)
- 3. Sending and reception of HA complementary cooperation request.
- 4. HAR mobilization and concentration
- 5. Humanitarian Assistance Operations
- 6. Transition: from emergency management to disaster reduction

