

A regional network of:

- Health disaster coordinators
- Ministries of Health
- Civil Defense/Protection
- Foreign Affairs
- Red Cross National Societies
- Universities
- PAHO/WHO Disaster focal points



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Strengthening Institutions



We must work also with...

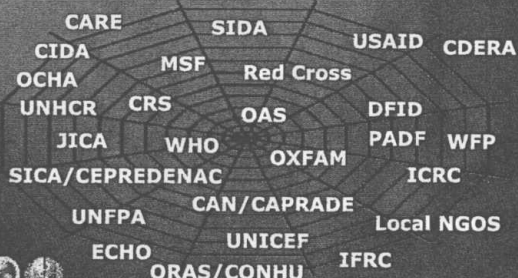
- Mass media
- Armed forces
- Industry/private sector
- NGOs and volunteers
- Parliaments
- Public opinion, schools



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Increasing number and type of actors



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The World Wide Web

Disaster information from a variety of sources



www.paho.org/disasters



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Training: the key to progress...

From
Vulnerability...



...to Safety.



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Workshops / Short Courses

200-250 courses each year are sponsored/supported by PAHO with approximately 5,000 persons trained per year

- Emergency health management
- Hospital preparedness and mitigation
- Environmental health management
- Supply management (SUMA)
- Role of Ministries of Foreign Affairs in disasters
- Mass media and public information
- Community preparedness



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International course to develop the managerial skills of those whose job is to deal with disasters and emergencies.

Focus on:

- Mitigation and development
- **RISK REDUCTION VS DISASTER MANAGEMENT**
- Exchange of experiences between participants and instructors



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University Training

- Incorporation of disaster management contents in undergraduate and post-graduate curricula
- Specific Second Specialization
- Promotion of distance learning and virtual courses over the Internet.



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Educational and Training Material



Print

- Scientific publications
- Self-study modules
- Technical reports
- Newsletter: "Disasters: Preparedness and Mitigation in the Americas"

Audiovisual

- Slide series
- Video programs
- Slide and video library



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Scientific Publications



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Virtual Health Library for Disasters



The Global Virtual Library of Essential Information Resources on Public Health for Disasters and Complex Emergencies



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Hospital Disaster Mitigation

- Vulnerability analysis
- Improved design of new facilities
- Retrofitting existing facilities
- Standards, Norms, guidelines, and training



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Disaster Mitigation in Drinking Water Systems

- Reduce damage risk of water supply systems.
- Improve preparedness to reduce interruptions in distribution.
- Ensure water quantity and quality in disasters.



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SUMA

Supply Management System

A collective effort of Caribbean and Latin American countries to sort, classify, inventory and distribute relief supplies.

Coordination tool to aid governments and humanitarian organizations in the coordination, transparency and efficient management of relief supplies in a chaotic environment.



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CRID



Regional Disaster Information Center for Latin America and the Caribbean

- Improve the compilation, processing, and dissemination of disaster information.
- Strengthen local and national capabilities in the establishment and maintenance of disaster information centers.
- Support the development of the Regional Disaster Information System.
- Collaboration with Regional Library of Medicine



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