

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS PLAN, CAYO DISTRICT

Introduction

In the event a hurricane is likely to strike the Belize District, patients from Rockview Hospital will be transferred to San Ignacio Hospital accompanied by staff and supplies. Therefore the District Medical Officer will need to send home patients.

1. General Objective of Plan: The main objective of this plan is to provide general medical care to all persons who require it as a result of a disaster situation taking into account the urban and rural areas of the Cayo District. This plan has to work in harmony with the National Hurricane Preparedness Plan set out by the Ministry of Health of Belize.

2. Committee Members: The Medical Relief Committee of Cayo District is made up of the following:-

District Medical Officer
 Second Medical Officer
 Sister-In-Charge
 Dispenser
 Hospital Clerk
 Public Health Inspector
 Public Health Nurse
 Primary Health Care Coordinator
 District Trainer

Function of Committee Members

- a. District Medical officer: Chairman, who has the overall responsibility of the affairs of the Medical department in San Ignacio. He is the liaison officer with the San Ignacio Emergency organization. He delegates his authority to the Second Medical Officer and the Sister-in-charge of the hospital to activate emergency plan before, during and after the disaster. He assigns the Medical Officers and other staff to the various emergency centers set up throughout the District. Liaise with Supervisor/Director of Mental Health concerning transfer of patients and staff.

- b. Second Medical Officer: Assists the District Medical officer in implementing this plan and is in the capacity of assuming full responsibility of the implementation of this plan once the authority is delegated to him.

- c. Sister-in-charge: (i) activate emergency plan, before, during and after the disaster. (ii) assigns nurses to the Hurricane Shelters and Hospital. (iii) ensure that food and drugs supplies are available at the Hospital and Emergency Supplies to shelters.