

BELMOPAN HOSPITAL HURRICANE EMERGENCY PLAN

1. Introduction

As a preamble to the Hurricane Plan, it should be noted that in the event, the Belize City Hospital is struck by a Hurricane, the Belmopan Hospital will be the designated Surgical Center for the Country of Belize.

Furthermore, if it appears imminent that a hurricane will hit the Belize District, all those patients at the Belize City Hospital, that cannot be sent home, will be transferred to the Belmopan Hospital. Hence, this Hospital will need to discharge as many of its own patients to facilitate this move.

2. General Objective of Plan: The General Objective of this plan is to provide general medical care to all persons who requires it as a result of a disaster.

This plan has to work in harmony with the National Hurricane preparedness plan set out by the Ministry of Health of Belize.

3. Committee Members and their functions:

a. District Medical Officer:

- Assumes responsibility and activates plan falling under his portfolio.
- Responsible for relocation and evacuation of emergencies internally.
- Coordinates with Internist to classify and designate injured and sick.
- Coordinate with Sister-In-Charge to follow plan and designate responsibilities to nurses.
- Coordinate with other Medical personnel (Medical Practitioners, Lab. Technologist, X-Ray Tech., etc.) and coordinate with red Cross and other relevant support groups.
- Assures that all medications and facilities are appropriate and in order.

b. Sister-In-Charge:

- Coordinates activities and deploys nurses to assigned wards, shelters.