

HURRICANE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN, ORANGE WALK

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 the disaster situation.

This Plan has to work in harmony with the National Hurricane Preparedness Plan set out by the Ministry of Health.

2. Committee Members and their Responsibilities:

- a. District Medical Officer:

- Chairman
- He is a member of the Orange Walk District Hurricane Disaster Committee and advisor to this committee in matters dealing with Health disaster Preparedness.
- Liaise with the Orange Walk District Disaster Committee.
- Responsible for coordinating the Hurricane Disaster Plan.
- Activate and deactivate the Health Disaster Preparedness Plan on the advice of the Chairman of the District Disaster Committee and for the Director of Primary Health Care.
- Prepare the work schedule for Medical personnel i.e. before, during and after the disaster.
- Liaise between the Ministry of Health, District Health Departments and Orange walk Health Department during disaster.

- b. First Deputy Chairman:

- Deputizes in absence of Chairman.
- Responsible for Hurricane Shelter preparedness.
- Liaise with Red Cross and visit shelters before and during disaster as deemed necessary.
- Responsible for Health Centers disaster preparedness.
- Liaise with Belize Defense Force for search and rescue mission as is necessary.