

HURRICANE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN - PUNTA GORDA

1. General Objectives of Plan: The General Objective of the plan is to provide general medical care to all persons who require it as a result of a disaster situation.
2. Health Disaster Management Committee:
 - a. Chairman - District Medical Officer
 - b. Deputy Chairman - 2nd District Medical Officer
 - Sister in charge - Punta Gorda Hospital
 - Public Health Nurse
 - Public Health Inspector
 - 1st Class Clerk
 - Dispenser
 - Medical Technologist II
 - Attendants
 - District Trainer
 - Aides Inspector
 - Sprayman
 - Driver
3. Function of Committee Members
 - a. District Medical Officer: Chairman, who has the overall responsibility of the Affairs of the Medical Department in Toledo. He is the Liason Officer with the Toledo Emergency Organization. He delegates his authority to the 2nd 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.

He is the liason person between the Belize Red Cross and other agencies and groups in the district.
 - b. Second Medical Officer: Assists the District medical Officer in implementing this plan and in the capacity of assuming full responsibility of the implementation of this plan once the authority is deligated to him.
 - c. Sister-In-Charge: Activate emergency plan, before, during and after disaster. Assigning Nurses to Hospital and Hurricane Shelters.
 - d. Public Health Nurse: Responsible for coordinating activities with the Rural Health Nurses and Community Health Workers, where these exist, so to ensure first aid teams will readity be available in the villages. Moreover the Public Health Nurse works in a coordinated