



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN & SURINAME

IFRC Country Cluster Office

REGIONAL PROGRAM OVERVIEW

As the Caribbean is one of the regions most impacted by natural hazards, HIV and non-communicable diseases globally, enhancing community resilience will be the primary focus of the Red Cross in the Caribbean over the next two years. IFRC will support Caribbean National Societies (NS) to ensure that communities are organized and prepared for emergencies, resilient to climate change, and can withstand public health challenges. The Caribbean Office applies an integrated approach to create appropriate linkages between the various initiatives within the countries.

Community resilience represents an opportunity for the Red Cross to recognize the dynamic nature of the underlying vulnerabilities that challenge communities. The IFRC's approach combines humanitarian concern for imminent threats with longer-term, sustainable approaches and institutional strengthening. With an increased ability to adapt and cope with disasters and crises, communities can build on development gains that they have already made and address underlying vulnerabilities. As resilience includes flexibility in the face of changing risks and climate change is increasingly influencing risk patterns everywhere, climate change is an integral element of the IFRC's Global Framework for Community Resilience.

The Country Cluster Support Team (CCST) will continue collaborating with partners both in and outside of the Movement, implementing joint programs aligned with the community resilience agenda and forging new relationships with regional and international agencies to maximize the support provided to vulnerable communities.

In health, there will be a focus on prevention of vector-borne diseases, comprehensive non-communicable disease (NCD) prevention, HIV/AIDS and STIs, and revamping the Caribbean Health Network. Migration has also forced Caribbean Red Cross Societies to examine how they can support vulnerable migrants, refugees and asylum seekers.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT



The Caribbean is highly vulnerable to natural hazards, with significant annual losses due to hurricanes, tropical storms, and earthquakes. Enhanced capacity for disaster preparedness and response continues to be essential in order to directly target and protect the people who are the most vulnerable.

AREA OF FOCUS DISASTER RISK REDUCTIO

CHF 1,800,000 required

A gender-sensitive and ecosystem-based approach (EBA) to Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) and climate change adaptation will be implemented. The IFRC will support vulnerable communities in disaster preparation and in improving regional coordination to support the most vulnerable communities.

- Conducting vulnerability assessment processes
- Creating national and local disaster risk reduction strategies
- Implementing activities that contribute to climate change mitigation

SHELTER

CHF 120,000 required

Strengthening shelter response involves developing regional strategies, shelter management workshops, and providing financial support.

LIVELIHOODS

CHF 60,000 required

As disasters severely impact the Caribbean economy, livelihoods programs are essential for full recovery. Tailored livelihoods interventions and assessments will be included in emergency response operations.

- Income stabilization via improved assets, micro-financing & job creation.
- Supporting household food production with food or cash assistance

HEALTH

CHF 3,070,000 required

IFRC will support National Societies to address urgent health needs through vector control, communicable and non-communicable disease prevention, and health and hygiene promotion. Communities will be enabled to identify, reduce, and eliminate health risks. The focus will be on vector-borne diseases, non-communicable diseases, HIV/AIDS and STIs, and revamping the Caribbean Health Network

- Providing first aid training, immunizations, and volunteer mobilization
- Developing contingency plans to respond to epidemics and pandemics
- Supporting the development of Community-based Health and First Aid actions to address health risks
- Supporting the provision of long term health care

PROTECTION, GENDER AND INCLUSION

CHF 120,000 required

In response to increasing migrant population, IFRC will develop a communication and advocacy campaign to support National Societies in advocating for migrant rights and against xenophobia. The IFRC will ensure that the voices of all populations will be equally included and will support efforts to address inequalities.

MIGRATION

CHF 80,000 required

IFRC will support two National Societies (Trinidad and Tobago, and Suriname), in collaboration with national authorities, to address the basic needs of migrants such as health and livelihoods.

- 3,000 people safely access appropriate services that address their basic needs

STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

STRENGTHEN NATIONAL SOCIETY CAPACITIES

CHF 1,370,000 required

Caribbean Red Cross Societies will be supported in strategic planning, financial management, partnership development, stakeholder mapping, resource mobilization, and improving volunteer & youth leadership.

INFLUENCE OTHERS AS LEADING STRATEGIC PARTNER

CHF 30,000 required

National Societies will be supported on visibility, communication strategies, community emergency preparedness, and to strengthen regional advocacy for humanitarian diplomacy and disaster law.

ENSURE A STRONG IFRC

CHF 40,000 required

The IFRC will provide support for strengthening information management capacities and ensuring comprehensive security understanding for informed decision-making.

STATISTICS

\$154 billion

Cost of economic damage caused by natural disasters in the Caribbean in 2016

25.7%

Approximate average of the population living below the poverty line in the Caribbean region

342

Number of natural disasters in the Caribbean in 2016

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