Barbados National Progress Report 2012–2013

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Presentation Outline

- Administrative Arrangements of National Tsunami Preparedness Programme
- Priority Areas during the last year:
  - Warning Communication and Dissemination
  - Preparedness, Public Education, Readiness and Resilience
- Way Forward
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- Administrative Arrangements of National Tsunami Preparedness Programme
  - Changes to Tsunami National Contact, Tsunami Advisors
  - Expansion of Technical Standing Committee on Coastal Hazards (Coordinating group)
  - New sub working groups and chairs of TSCCH
  - Retention of Consultant to support the process
Priority Areas of Focus

1. Warning Communication and Dissemination
   ◦ Adaptation of Warning Protocols and SOPs
   ◦ Orientation and sensitisation to SOPs
   ◦ Stakeholder Advocacy: emergency response personnel, private sector, service providers, community
   ◦ Discussions with telecommunications/mass media service providers to improve the mass alerting system
   ◦ Expansion of Communication/Dissemination Network: installation of additional EMWIN at our Meteorological Department
2. Public Awareness Campaign
   ◦ Targeted at youth, general public, coastal communities, emergency response personnel, ministry officials

   ◦ Engagement of media personnel as a strategic partner (traditional media and social networks)

   ◦ National press conference, tv, radio and print public service announcements, movie nights, coastal bus tours, community walk-throughs
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- Participation in CaribeWave Exercise 2013
- Tabletop exercise and coastal community evacuation in the east of island.
- Participants included:
  - Warning centre personnel
  - Emergency response personnel
  - Other government agencies
  - Private sector organisations
  - Non-governmental organisations
  - School kids
  - Coastal communities
  - Community DEOs and other response teams
  - Media
  - Regional and international organisations
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Way Forward
- Continued engagement and sensitisation of stakeholders
- Further refinement in Protocols and SOPs
- Training for warning centre personnel
- Training for emergency response agency personnel
- Continued sensitisation of populace
- Expansion of Mass Alerting System
- Identification of funding to finance our programme
- Continued participation in national and international tsunami preparedness initiatives
The End
Thank you
Questions and Comments