Barbados National Progress Report
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Presentation Outline

- Administrative Arrangements of National Tsunami Preparedness Programme
- Priority Areas during the last year:
  - Hazard Detection and Monitoring
  - Warning Communication and Dissemination
  - Preparedness, Public Education, Readiness and Resilience
- Capacity Building and Development through training
- Way Forward
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- Administrative Arrangements of National Tsunami Preparedness Programme
  - Tsunami National Contact, Tsunami Advisors
  - Expansion of Technical Standing Committee on Coastal Hazards (Coordinating group)
    - Sub Committee groups & chairs of TSCCH
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- Priority Areas of Focus
- 1. Hazard Detection and Monitoring
  - Installation of additional tidal gauge at Consett Bay, St. John
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- **Priority Areas of Focus**

  2. **Warning Communication and Dissemination**
     - Installation of Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) Server and Web Interface
     - Installation of radio interrupt devices at three (3) radio stations
     - Planned expansion of national mass alerting system in upcoming year
     - Continued Stakeholder Advocacy: emergency response personnel, private sector, service providers, community
3. Public Awareness and Education

- Technical Standing Committee on Coastal Hazards continued to utilise Barbados Coastal Hazards Public Awareness and Education Strategic Plan 2013–2017 to guide its’ public awareness and education efforts.

- Observance of World Tsunami Day on November 5, 2016 – erection of tsunami signs in community, community drill

- Launch of Public Service Announcement (PSA) geared at the deaf community
  https://www.facebook.com/DEMbarbados/videos/1306822336066519/
2. Public Awareness and Education

- Month of March designated Tsunami and other Coastal Hazards Awareness Month. Comprehensive public awareness and education campaign targeted at youth, general public, private sector, coastal communities, emergency response personnel, media, ministry officials

- Continued engagement of Seismic Research Centre as a strategic partner (during Tsunami Smart March Month of Activities 2017)

- TV, radio and print public service announcements and talk shows, movie nights, coastal walks, lectures, awareness workshops
Operations Manager of the Barbados Council for the Disabled, Roseanna Tudor (left), speaking at the launch of the 2017 Earthquake & Tsunamis Smart Month about the need for a national effort to include members of the disabled community in emergency plans, as interpreter Bonnie Leonce signs for deaf individuals in the audience.

Students of the Irving School at the earthquake sensitisation session which was hosted by the Department of Emergency Management. (A.Miller/GIS)
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- Participation in CaribeWave Exercise 2017
- Coastal school evacuation on the west coast of island.
- Participants included:
  - Warning centre personnel
  - Emergency response personnel
  - Other government agencies
  - Private sector organisations
  - Non-governmental organisations
  - Education sector – school community
  - Community DEOs and other response teams
  - Media
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- Capacity Building and Development through training
  - CAP user training for message originators.
  - CAP administrator training for Server Administrators.
Way Forward

1. Continued engagement and sensitisation of stakeholders
2. Training for CAP Message Originators and emergency response agency personnel
3. Development of agency specific SOPs for management of tsunami hazard.
4. Continued adaption of model Schools Emergency Operation Plan
5. Community Pilot of Tsunami Ready
6. Expansion of Mass Alerting System
7. Identification of funding to finance our programme
8. Continued participation in national and international tsunami preparedness initiatives
The End
Thank you
Questions and Comments