1.4 The CDEMA System and the Regional Response Mechanism (RRM)

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CDEMA
CDEMA: who WE are...

The **Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA)** is a regional inter-governmental agency for disaster management in the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

The Agency was **established in 1991** as the **Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency (CDERA)** with primary responsibility for the coordination of emergency response and relief efforts to Participating States, impacted by hazards which exceed their capacity to manage.

It **transitioned to CDEMA in 2009** to fully embrace the principles and practice of **Comprehensive Disaster Management (CDM)**.
CDEMA’s Philosophy, Mission and Vision Statements

CDEMA’s Philosophy
Changing lives through CDM

A regional centre for Disaster Risk Management excellence and the preferred partner for a safe Caribbean

To empower Participating States, influence, collaborate and partner with other organisations, to build disaster resilience in the Caribbean

We will cultivate strategic partnerships which build national and regional capacity for CDM
Agreement Establishing CDEMA

The Agreement Establishing CDEMA, 2009 outlines the mandate, governance structure, objectives, functions, and operations of CDEMA.

(The agreement can be found online at www.cdema.org or on google).
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Regional Coordination Plan

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Regional Coordination Plan:
Functional Annex
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GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

- National Disaster Plans
- Regional Coordination Plans
- Specialized Plans
- Caribbean Development Partners Donor Group
- MOUs
- SOPs
- Agreements
- Acts of Parliament

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REGIONAL RESPONSE MECHANISM (RRM)

- Coordinating Structure: Regional Coordination Center (RCC)

REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAMS

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- Technical Teams

SUB-REGIONAL STRUCTURE

Four (4) Sub-Regional Focal Points

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RRM Actors: Caribbean Development Partners Donor Group (CDPDG)
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REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAMS
CDEMA’s four SRDEROUUs (or SRFPs)

- Bahamas
- Belize
- Haiti
- Turks and Caicos Is.

North-Western Sub-Region led by JAMAICA

Eastern Sub-Region led by ANTIGUA and BARBUDA

- Anguilla
- Montserrat
- St. Kitts and Nevis
- British Virgin Is.

Southern Sub-Region led by TRINIDAD and TOBAGO

- Grenada
- Guyana
- Suriname

Central Sub-Region led by BARBADOS

- Dominica
- Saint Lucia
- St. Vincent and the Grenadines
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“CDRU provides, on behalf of CDEMA, management and logistical support to disaster response operations in CARICOM Member States.”

The CDRU’s three (3) main objectives are as follows:

1. Relief Management
2. Support Emergency communications
3. Provision of skilled personnel to assist with the restoration of critical lifeline facilities
CDRU’S MISSION
CDRU 2017 in Dominica post Hurricane Maria
CDAC and COST Teams - 2015
RNAT deployed to the Bahamas in 2015 post Hurricane Joaquin
REGIONAL SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM (RSART)
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The Regional Coordination Centre (RCC)

- The RCC is staffed as per the RCC SOP:
  1. A RCC Director
  2. The Operations Cell
  3. The Information Management Cell (IM)
  4. The Analysis and Assessment Cell (AA)
  5. The Logistics and Procurement Cell (LP)
  6. The Admin, HR & Finance Cell
  7. The Communications Cell (CC)
  8. The Emergency Telecommunications Cell (ET)
  9. The Multi-National Civil Military Coordination Cell (MNCCC)
The Regional Coordination Plan (RCP) is in support of National Plans and as such the National Plans must make provisions for triggering the RRM System based on a three tiered response mechanism

TRIGGERING THE RRM:
- Event overwhelms the capacity of the affected state to respond - external assistance required
- Some external assistance required
- No external assistance required

RRM is activated upon request from Disaster / government Officials of Impacted state
RRM is on alert and monitors
RRM RESPONSE EXPERIENCES

Grenada – Lenny, 1999
Montserrat – Volcanic Eruption, 1995
Dominica – Earthquake, 2004

Grenada – Ivan, 2004
Haiti – Earthquake, 2010
Saint Lucia – Tomas, 2010
RRM RESPONSE EXPERIENCES

- Long Island BAH – Joaquin, 2015
- Dominica - Erika, 2015
- Bahamas – Matthew, 2016
- BVI – Irma, 2017
- Dominica – Maria 17
- Dominica – Maria, 2017
Regional Tsunami Training Workshop
Accra Beach Hotel and Spa, Rockley, Christ Church, Barbados
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Thank You-Questions?

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