



PROMOTING A HUMAN SECURITY APPROACH TO DISASTER DISPLACEMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL MIGRATION AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION IN THE CARIBBEAN REGION

Background

PHASE I of the Joint programme “Integrating the Human Security Approach in Disaster Displacement and Environmental Migration Policies in the Eastern Caribbean” augmented guidance resources on the management of disaster displacement and cross border evacuation in the OECS region. The programme was implemented by IOM and the UNFCCC in partnership with OECS Commission and Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD) and funded by the United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security under the guidance of the United Nations Resident Coordinator Office for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean.

Objectives

Phase II of the Joint Programme “Promoting a human security approach to disaster displacement, environmental migration and disaster risk reduction in the Caribbean Region” will focus on greater integration of the human security perspective in environmental migration, disaster displacement and disaster risk management interventions across the Caribbean and promote ownership and sustainability of the resources developed under Phase I.

Expected outcomes

1. Regional agencies, national organizations and communities have enhanced systems and capacities in place for disaster risk management that support adaptation to the current and long-term effects of climate change and environmental degradation on human mobility through a human security perspective.
2. Enhanced awareness of regional agencies, national governments and communities on the value of the human security approach in addressing issues relating to human mobility, climate change and disasters in the Caribbean Region.



Beneficiary countries:

Beneficiary countries: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Trinidad and Tobago.

Donor: United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security

Duration: 13 Months

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MINISTERIAL DECLARATION ON MIGRATION, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE BY MEMBER STATES AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE ORGANISATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES

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Roseau, Commonwealth of Dominica

Joint Programme Activities

1. Develop a framework with CDEMA for the integration of human mobility and human security considerations in the Comprehensive Disaster Management Strategy
2. Execute tabletop simulation exercise in collaboration with Trinidad and Tobago's ODPM and representatives of national governments across the Caribbean to test the Cross-border Evacuation Protocol
3. Support the design and development of at least two local implementations of the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities methodology, and its Addendums for Displacement and Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems,
4. Conduct training of the trainers sessions on the application of the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities and the Environmental Migration, Disaster Displacement and Human Security Assessment Tool
5. Promote the visibility of the UNTFHS programme and products, including the OECS Ministerial Declaration on Migration environment and Climate Change



What is Human Security?

Human security starts with people and what it means for us to be safe and secure. It means security from harmful disruptions and calamities – in our homes, our jobs, our communities, and our environment.

The human security approach is a framework for assessing, developing and implementing comprehensive responses to complex challenges in communities, countries or regions. The approach puts a priority on prevention and empowerment and creating early warning mechanisms to detect threats, minimize their impact and, when possible, prevent their occurrence. It is a valuable tool for tackling today's interconnected threats and addressing their root causes before they become much bigger humanitarian, economic and environmental crises. Without human security, there is no national or global security (UNTFHS/WAAS).

