

NATIONAL INITIATIVES

Country Name: Haiti

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Name of the initiatives on disaster risk reduction undertaken since the World Conference on Disaster Reduction to advance the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action:

1. PRIORITY FOR ACTION 1. ENSURE THAT DISASTER RISK REDUCTION IS A NATIONAL PRIORITY WITH A STRONG INSTITUTIONAL BASIS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

A new legal framework is being designed. A draft decree has been submitted to the council of ministers for comments.

2. PRIORITY FOR ACTION 2. IDENTIFY, ASSESS AND MONITOR DISASTER RISKS AND ENHANCE EARLY WARNING

A methodology for the design of local flood hazard maps was developed in support of UTSIG (Ministry of Planning). As a result, two pilot maps have been produced and a proposal was presented for the extension of this initiative to the whole country.

The authorities requested the support for the installation of DESINVENTAR in Haiti, for the development of a disaster database.

Two “pilot” flood Early Warning System are being installed in Fonds-Verrettes and Camp Perrin areas. Concurrently, support is being provided for the design of a National Early Warning System. These experiences will feed into the implementation of a wider project for the installation of EWS throughout the country (funded by the IADB).

3. PRIORITY FOR ACTION 3: USE KNOWLEDGE, INNOVATION AND EDUCATION TO BUILD A CULTURE OF SAFETY AND RESILIENCE AT ALL LEVELS

A national training strategy is being developed. In the framework of this strategy, a national training manual will be elaborated.

An awareness campaign was launched for 2005 Hurricane season, focusing on risks related to hurricane/storms/floods. It included the development of radio spots and posters.

4. PRIORITY FOR ACTION 4: REDUCE THE UNDERLYING RISK FACTORS

UNDP is preparing a new programme support document for the period 2006-2007. That programme will address issues related to the integration of DRR into the PRSP process, as well as climate change and local governance.

5. PRIORITY AREA 5: STRENGTHEN DISASTER

	<p style="text-align: center;">PREPAREDNESS FOR EFFECTIVE RESPONSE</p> <p>DPC has developed a National Action Plan for 2005 Hurricane Season which was tested, together with the UN inter agency contingency plan, during two simulation exercise conducted end of May/early June 2005. Concurrently, Disaster Risk Management Committees at departemental level were duly trained and supported for the development of their own emergency plans.</p> <p>The Southern Command of the US Army is supporting DPC for the building of the Emergency Operation Center as well as for the development of emergency protocols and procedures.</p>
<p>Please identify location or authorities responsible for these initiatives and level(s) of action – national, provincial, local, etc.</p>	<p>The <i>Direction de la Protection Civile</i> (DPC) and the <i>Secrétariat Permanent de Gestion des Risques et des Désastres</i> (SPGRD) are coordinating all these interventions.</p>
<p>Primary Ministries and/or Organizations Involved</p>	<p>Ministry of Interior – <i>Direction de la Protection Civile</i> <i>Secrétariat Permanent de gestion des risques et des désastres</i> Ministry of Agriculture Ministry of Environment Ministry of Planning</p>
<p>Timeframe and implementation modalities,</p>	<p>Most of these interventions will be implemented between 2005 and 2008. Implementation units are being created in the Ministry of Interior (WB Project), and the Ministry of Agriculture (IADB Project). UNDP is starting a new institutional capacity building project to support implementation capacities of DPC.</p>
<p>Please refer to resources already committed or planned for the activities.</p>	
<p>Reference sources for additional information or documentation about these activities.</p>	<p>Michel Matera, Chief Technical Advisor, Disaster Risk Management Unit, UNDP Haiti, michel.matera@undp.org</p>

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