



Humanitarian Aid
and Civil Protection



Call for Good Practices and Experiences of DIPECHO projects in the 2013-2014 South America and the Caribbean Action Plans for the production of testimonials

The call

The call is carried out in order to select experiences and good practices that illustrate, through a testimonial, ECHO-funded interventions with visible results, their impact for beneficiaries and/or successful application of the tools and/or products produced in the framework of the project implemented with funding from the European Union. These experiences are implemented in towns and countries in South America and the Caribbean and are intended to reduce the risk of the population to the natural hazards.

The selected experiences will be part of testimonials to be coordinated, systematized and widely disseminated through UNISDR. Therefore, the presentation of the experience should focus on beneficiaries, clearly demonstrating the visible results of the intervention.

Each experience must be submitted, indicating its relationship with one or more of the following thematic areas:

- Advocacy and institutional strengthening
- Early Warning Systems
- Governance and resilient cities
- Information, education and communication
- Improved emergency response at the community level
- International Day for Disaster Reduction 2014: Disaster risk management and the ageing population
- Livelihoods
- Local capacity-building
- Safe Schools and Hospitals
- Systematization and communication
- Other

Selection criteria

- Thematic relevance (demonstrating the results or impact of the DIPECHO intervention according to the above-mentioned themes) - 25%
- Relevance (to highlight the potential to replicate or institutionalize the benefits or impact that experience brings the target audience, as the intervention takes advantage of existing resources and capacities, innovative aspects of the experience and/or lessons learned based on the theme) - 25%
- Coordination and/or synergies between projects - 25%
- Ownership by beneficiaries (sustainability or durability of impact over time) - 25%

Who may present an experience?

The call is open to DIPECHO partners along with any beneficiary (community, municipality, institution or other organization) interested in providing a testimonial about their experience through the implementation of a project in the framework of the DIPECHO South America and Caribbean (Action Plan 2013-2014) and who meet the selection criteria.

Completed or ongoing experiences with visible results in the framework of the current Action Plan may be submitted, considering that the nomination of the experience must be accompanied by:

- the support of a DIPECHO partner responsible for development
- the support by the beneficiaries (e.g. local partner or person benefiting from the intervention)

In addition, the following eligibility criteria will be considered during the selection process:

- a. Completion of the application form and meeting the submission deadline for the experience.
- b. Relevance of the experience in accordance with the criteria set forth herein.
- c. The eligibility of applicants submitting the experience, including the endorsement of a DIPECHO partner and a representative of the beneficiaries (community, municipality, institution or grassroots organization).

Application process

The selection process will be conducted on the basis of information about the experience to be submitted using the online form [Annex 1]. The selection panel may request further information about the experiences presented if deemed necessary. The experiences and good practices must present as complete a picture as possible, focusing on the selection criteria. The document submitted should be a maximum of three pages, including photos and/or graphics.

The selection panel will evaluate the experiences and select the most relevant, based on the previously established criteria.

If deemed necessary, the selection panel members may consult local, national and regional institutions, independent experts or other organizations related to the theme or experiences presented.

Proposals should be submitted online via the following link: <http://eird.org/pd/the-call.html>

The selection panel

The selection panel will consist of representatives from the following institutions:

Two (2) representatives of the Department for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection of the European Commission, ECHO and two (2) representatives of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, UNISDR.

Opening and closing dates for the submission of experiences

The initial phase of the call will open on 22 July 2014 and close on 12 August 2014 at midnight Panamanian time.

Summary of the timeline for the call

Stage of the call	Key dates
Publication of the call	22 July 2014
Deadline for receipt of experiences	12 August 2014
Communication with those selected	18 August 2014
Publication of final selection results and beginning of programming for recording testimonials	21 August 2014

Systematization of experiences and development of testimonials

All experiences presented will be systematized via web and become part of the institutional memory of the 2013-2014 Action Plan. Selected experiences, three (3) in the case of South America and at least two (2) from the Caribbean, will form part of a series of testimonials coordinated by the UNISDR, which will be recorded in the locality of the project, translated with subtitles in English and Spanish as required, and subsequently disseminated through the media and presented as good practices in digital form in the DIPECHO regional workshops, both in South America and the Caribbean.

Coordination of visits and development process of the testimonials

Field visits for recording testimonials of selected experiences will be coordinated by the UNISDR - Americas Communication and Information Office.

Enquiries

Interested parties may request clarification on specific aspects of the call through the following forum where queries and answers will be published: <http://eird.org/pd/enquiries.html>

Annex: Online application form for submission of experiences

Application form for submission of experiences:

Briefly describe the experience and explain why it is relevant as a DIPECHO testimonial of good practices.

Select sub-region:	South America <input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/>
Title or name of the experience: ¹	
Geographical area of intervention (area where the experience is developed):	
Name of DIPECHO project(s):	
Contact information: Name of person, place, institution or community, email and telephone	
Thematic areas(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy and institutional strengthening <input type="checkbox"/> Early Warning Systems <input type="checkbox"/> Governance and resilient cities <input type="checkbox"/> Information, education and communication <input type="checkbox"/> Improved emergency response at the community level <input type="checkbox"/> International Day for Disaster Reduction 2014: Disaster risk management and the ageing population <input type="checkbox"/> Livelihoods <input type="checkbox"/> Local capacity-building <input type="checkbox"/> Safe Schools and Hospitals <input type="checkbox"/> Systematization and communication <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Summary of Experience: Briefly describe the problem, threat and/or need to which the intervention responds and the key elements of the action to overcome (articulated to the theme and reflecting the selection criteria)	
Focus of testimonial, if selected	

¹ A sentence that reflects the nature of the experience, taking into account the type of actions developed to help promote (local, national or regional) capacity to build resilience and reduce vulnerability and risk, adaptation to climate change and/or the ability to respond in a timely and effective manner in an emergency situation.