

**Follow-up to Hyogo Framework in the Latin American & Caribbean Region –  
Priorities for Action & Initiatives**

**BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS - National Report**

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**Priority1: Ensure that Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) is a national and local priority with a strong institutional basis for implementation**

<b>Name of Initiative &amp; Countries involved</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Nacional framework for Action for Africa</b>	<b>Status &amp; level of commitment</b>	<b>Timeframe &amp; implementation modalities, including resourcing</b>	<b>Source of relevant documents</b>
National Hazard Mitigation Policy		Authorities Responsible: DDM & Executive Council (National) Ministry: Office of the Deputy Governor		Timeframe: Expected to be approved by June 2006	Sources of information: This document will not be released until it is approved.

**Priority2: Identify, assess and monitor disaster risks and enhance early warning**

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Quantitative Risk Assessment Project Phase 2		Authorities Responsible: DDM (National) Ministry: Office of the Deputy Governor		Timeframe: June 2005 – January 2006 Sources of	Information: DDM

**Priority3: Use knowledge, innovation and education to build a culture of safety and resilience at all levels**

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Damage Assessment & Needs Analysis (Training in Initial Damage Assessment) Authorites		Responsible: DDM with assistance from the Office of US Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) (National) Ministry: Office of the Deputy Governor		Timeframe: Annually for the past two years, Economic Community of Latin America and the Caribbean (ECALC) methodology damage assessment raining planned for February 2006.	Source of Information : DDM

**Priority4: Reduce the underlying risk factors**

Name of Initiative & Countries involved	Objective	National framework for Action for Africa	Status & level of commitment	Timeframe & implementation modalities, including resourcing	Source of relevant documents
<p>1)- Climate &amp; Weather Station Proposal</p> <p>2)- GEOPRICO Project</p> <p>3)- BVI Safer Building Course</p>	<p>The course is expected to be continued indefinitely as it is intended to be a requirement for the acquisition of a trade license for construction after a grace period of 5 -7 years.</p>	<p>Authorities Responsible: DDM (National) Ministry: Office of the Deputy Governor</p> <p>Authorities Responsible: Puerto Rico Seismic Network (PRSN) (Regional) Ministry: Not applicable</p> <p>Authorities Responsible: DDM in collaboration with the H. Lavity Stouff Community College (National) Ministry: Office of the Deputy Governor</p>		<p>Timeframe: 2006 – 2011</p> <p>Timeframe: 28<sup>th</sup> March 2005 – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2005</p> <p>Timeframe: 3 offerings at level 1 will be offered for 2006, subsequent years will offer 3 offerings at level 1 and level 2.</p>	<p>Sources of Information: DDM</p> <p>Sources of Information: Christa G. von Hillebrandt Andrade (PRSN)</p> <p>Sources of Information: DDM</p>

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**Priority5: Strengthen disaster preparedness for effective response at all levels**

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