



DIPECHO VII Caribbean Consultative Meeting Recommendations and Comments of HAITI Group Session

The objective of the session was to define national priorities with ECHO partners. The work group included a presentation of the EC funded risk management program, *Système National de Gestion des Risques et des Désastres (SNGRD)* and *Programme de Gestion des Risques (PGR)*, and an overview of DIPECHO projects funded in the country. During the development of the meeting, discussed topics included risk and vulnerabilities, geographical and thematic priorities and institutional strengthening.

Recommendations

On Strategic Programming Imperatives

- All the proposals should incorporate a basic institutional mapping and a stakeholder analysis in the area of intervention, and identify the linkages and possible strengthening and forms of coordination. Other initiatives of donors should be taken into account when drafting the proposal.
- Identify possible synergies with the Global Plan sectors.
- Take into account the highlights of the external evaluation of the DIPECHO V and VI action plans.
- Avoid stand-alone “satellite” projects, unless duly justified. Establishment of tools and mechanisms to communicate, coordinate and facilitate the participation of the national authorities (SNGRD) should be supported.
- Projects can reinforce preparedness and response capacities embedding sector approaches.
- The local committees shall be created or/and strengthened according to the DPC standards and shall be validated by the DPC.

On types of activities

- Inter-institutional meetings
Step forwards: a) Contact with UNDP (strategy / material); b) Harmonization in coordination with the DPC (PDNA et Plan d’action de Saint-Marc)
- Interactive products: KAP (use of common indicators from Views from the front line / Hyogo / GAR and use of a common sampling methodology) Systematization (impact, experiences, good practices)

On local capacity-building/training

- Support initiatives from the local emergency committees in awareness (community-based information campaign)
- Measures that reinforce the self-management means of the local committees, in coordination with the DPC

Priorities in terms of geographical areas

- All the Haitian Departments are considered eligible for the implementation of a DIPECHO project. Priorities should be given to the intervention areas defined by the Haitian Government the Direction de la Protection Civile (DPC) Action Plan (to be discussed mid-March). These priorities will be defined according to frequency of disasters and their consequences in terms of human losses, their impact on infrastructures, and the location of river basins.
- No specific restrictions will be given on actions in rural or urban areas. The main focus will be hydro-meteorological hazards, possibly including a second or a third hazard