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Andean Community
General Secretariat

CAPRADE (Comité
Andino para la
Prevención y Atención
de Desastres)

ECHO/DIPECHO
(Quito, Ecuador)

Other multilateral
organisations (UNDP,
IADB, GTZ...)

Facts and Figures

- EC contribution:
€ 9 450 000 (76,2%
of the project)
- Duration: 2003 -
2009
- Member countries of
the Andean
Community: Bolivia,
Colombia, Ecuador
and Peru



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Support to Disaster Prevention in the Andean Community (PREDECAN)

Disaster risk management for sustainable development

"PREDECAN made contributions to the Andean Committee for Disaster Prevention and Relief (CAPRADE), in support of the implementation of the Andean Strategy. It also permitted us to introduce risk reduction concepts that sometimes are not understood by local planners."

General Luis Felipe Palomino, pro
tempore President of CAPRADE.



Context

The Andean sub-region suffers from a significant amount of disasters that have caused considerable human and economic loss. The area stands on three active tectonic platforms and is located within the "Fire Ring", an area where 80% of the volcanic and seismic activity of the planet takes place. Furthermore, the Andes have been the object of intense erosion and the sub-region is prone to successive and prolonged droughts, floods and strong winds, as well as other climatic anomalies.

Objective

- To contribute to the reduction of vulnerability of people and goods exposed to natural hazards and risks, and to promote sustainable development in the Andean Region.

Impact

- Design, implementation and operation of the Andean Information System for Disaster Prevention and Relief (SIAPAD). 5 000 documents and maps served online by 40 institutions.
- Hazard and risk related dynamics assessment in the Andes incorporated in a regional atlas. Strategic plans, instruments and guidelines for risk reduction elaborated, and 46 publications on disaster risk reduction distributed.
- Strengthening capacities through communication and education materials and training of 350 communicators (8 556 professionals successfully trained).
- Successful application of a multi-stakeholder approach in pilot projects.

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Some testimonies about PREDECAN in Andean countries

"We were a very disorganised community, and people did not believe in institutions or any projects. The biggest job was to convince ourselves that we were capable of changing our reality. Nowadays, we are organised, with equipment for vigilance and emergencies, and construction works that not only mitigate risks, but also allow children to attend school."

Sergio Duarte, community leader of Las Cumbres, Municipality of Los Patios in Colombia, beneficiary of one of the pilot project of PREDECAN.

"The engineering studies will allow us to identify where to build a school, a health centre or our houses without threats and vulnerabilities."

Armando Sedamano Ortega, president of a community organisation, Municipality of San Borja, beneficiary of a pilot project in Bolivia.

"Ecuador's vision of risks and disasters is changing, from a disaster oriented view to one that has placed development at the centre. During the time PREDECAN has been working with authorities of the country, it has become an important aid in the task of cross-cutting risk management in several development areas."

Lorena Cajas, Head of the Technical Secretariat of Risk Management in Ecuador, and former CAPRADE President.



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