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Binational Dominican Republic- Haiti

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| Project title | “Strengthening of the disaster risk management system, by promoting coordination and articulation of the institutional and communal actors in the southeast department of Haiti and the region of Enriquillo in Dominican Republic.” | Saving lives through improved and coordinated disaster management and response capacities of the health sector in the northern border area of Haiti and Dominican Republic |
| Area of intervention | HAITI : District of Belle- Anse, Commune of Grand Gosier (Section Communal de Colline des Chaines), Commune of Thiotte (Section Communal Thiotte and Pot de Chambre) and Commune de Anse à Pitre (Section Communal de Boucan Guillaume and Bois D’Orme) DOMINICAN REPUBLIC : Province of Pedernales, Municipality of Pedernales, urban zones of Los Robles, La 40, Campo de Aviación, Los Altagracianos and Los Cayucos, and rural communities of Aguas Negras, Mencia and La Altagracia, pertenecientes in the Municipal District of José Francisco Peña Gómez. | República Dominicana: Provinces of Dajabon, Monte Cristi - Valverde Mao. Haiti: North-East department Ouanaminthe - Fort Liberté |
| Start/end date of the project | From 01/04/2015 to 30/09/2016 | 01/05/2015 - 01/10/2016 |
| Project budget | EUR 705.882 | EUR 757.025.00 |
| ECHO contribution | EUR 600,000.00 | EUR 660.000,00 |
| Direct Beneficiaries | 15030 people | 379 persons 15 organizations |
| Risk scenarios covered | Cyclone, drought, flood, Tsunami, earthquake. | Medical and epidemiological emergencies and disasters |
| Local implementing partners | INSTITUTO DOMINICANO DE DESARROLLO INTEGRAL (IDDI) in DR and Netherlands Red Cross in HAITI. | - in Haiti , the Ministry of Health (DOSS), the Health directorate of the Northeast Department (DSNE), the departmental hospital of Fort-Liberté, the reference hospital of Ouanaminthe, and the Civil Protection Directorate (DPC) via its municipal disaster management committees; - in Dominican Republic : the Ministry of Health, the three Provincial Health Directorates, the three provincial hospitals (Dajabon, Monte Cristi and Mao), the three city halls of Dajabon, Monte Cristi and Mao. |



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| <p>Other institutions and actors involved</p> | <p>DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: National Emergency Committee, National Civil Defense, Regional Civil Defense, Council of Pedernales (urban zones of Los Robles, La 40, Campo de Aviación and los Cayucos) and rural municipalities of the municipal district of José Francisco Peña Gómez (Aguas Negras, Mencia and la Altagracia), Dominican Red Cross; Community Networks on Prevention, Mitigation and Response (RCPMR), multipliers (individuals from the community who participate in the sensitization of the rest of the community); Community Disaster Prevention, Mitigation and Response Committee (CCPMR); Risk Management Units (UMGIR); Community Technology Centres (CTC); National Meteorological Office (ONAMET); School District 01-01; Educational Institutions, Fire departments; Neighborhood Councils; Civil Society Organizations; School District 0101 and regional education (southern region).</p> <p>HAITI: National Directorate of Civil Protection; Departmental Directorate of Civil Defense in the Southeastern; Communal Civil Protection Committees (CCPC); Local Civil Protection Committees (CLPC); Community Intervention Teams (EIC); Town Halls (ASEC/CASEC) of Thiotte, Grand Gosier and Anse à Pitre; Haitian Red Cross; National Food Security Coordination (CNSA); CTESP; Educational Institutions; Civil Society Organizations.</p> | <p>Organismo de primera respuesta , ayuntamientos</p> |
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| <p>Principal results of the project</p> | <p>Systematization of the binational experiences about the identification of the risks, disaster protection measures and response.</p> <p>Culture of security and resilience capacity in the communities of Pedernales (Los Robles, La 40, Campo de Aviación, Los Altagracianos, Los Cayucos, Aguas Negras, Mencias and La Altagracia) in Dominican Republic and the communes of Grand Gosier, Anse à Pitres and Thiotte in Haiti have been increased.</p> | <p>Local and transnational health networks' emergencies management and coordinated response capacities strengthened</p> <p>Health facilities disaster resilience improved in priority provinces of the Dominican Republic and Haiti's Northeastern Department</p> |



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| | <p>Coordination mechanisms between public authorities at all levels have been strengthened in order to familiarize population with risk and disaster management in national, regional and local context.</p> | |
| <p>Sector 1 – Local disaster management</p> | <p>Analyzes and systematization of the best practices with a binational approach.</p> <p>Improvement of the communication between institutions. These institutions collect data for early warning system in the field of food security, with civil defense systems.</p> <p>Awareness about identification of risks and implementation of emergency drills in educational institutions and communes targeted.</p> <p>Promotion of a binational space for dialogue in order to deal with disaster risk management.</p> <p>Implementation of contingency plans.</p> | <p>An assessment of existing mechanisms for emergency management and response will be conducted and action plans for the reinforcement of local and transnational emergency risk management developed.</p> <p>Training materials and tools for emergency management and response will be adapted to the bi-national/transnational context and reproduced and used to train first responders and health staff on each side of the border</p> <p>Simulation exercises to test the developed emergency management and response mechanisms will take place</p> <p>Local and transnational patients influx and hospitals care delivery capacity in the border area of Haiti and Dominican Republic will be evaluated</p> <p>Professionals will be trained in the evaluation of health facilities' safety levels and hospital disaster resilience and safety will be assessed in 5 priority health facilities</p> |
| <p>Sector 2 – Institutional linkages and advocacy</p> | <p>Strengthening of the mechanisms for preparedness, prevention, mitigation and warning in order to adapt, harmonized and coordinate the response between the actors of different levels. Doing so requires trainings, provision of equipment, implementation of contingency plans and emergency drills.</p> <p>Haiti: 3 CCPC (Grand-Gosier, Anse à Pitre y Thiotte); 5 CLPC (Section communale of Colline des Chaines in Grand Gosier, sections communales of Thiotte and Pot-de -Chambre in Thiotte, sections communales of Boucan Guillaume and Bois D’Orme in Anse à Pitre), 1 EIC in Grand Gosier, Departmental Directorate of Civil Defense in the Southeastern and the National Civil Defense; Haitian Red Cross.</p> <p>Dominican Republic: 5 RCPMR; 5 Community Networks; 5 multipliers; National, Regional and Departmental Civil Defense Office and Dominican Red Cross.</p> <p>Promotion for the creation of a space of dialogue (seminars). Work will be</p> | <p>Multiprofessional rapid response teams integrating local actors will be established for local and transnational emergency response to disasters on each side of the border</p> <p>Local emergency coordination centers will be created to manage response to health emergencies</p> <p>Informal coordination of health networks on both sides of the border for disaster risk management and emergency response will be fostered and improved</p> |



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| | conducted on the creation of a binational round table in order to cope with disaster risk management. | |
| Sector 3 – Information, education and communication | <p>Improvement of the communication between Civil Defense institutions at different levels in order to improve the management of disaster warning systems.</p> <p>Improvement of the mechanisms that allow sharing information about the SAT of the institutions related to meteorology and food security, and the Civil Defense institutions.</p> <p>Implementation of binational communication channels in order to improve disaster risk management.</p> <p>Improvement of the communication mechanisms between devices of the Civil Defense and the protection system of the Red Cross in both countries.</p> | Results, good practices and recommendations of the project will be shared and promoted with Caribbean sub-regional platforms, partners and potential donors to expand the coverage of the initiative |
| Sector 4 – Small scale infrastructure and services works | | Priority interventions to improve hospitals safety levels in the functional and non-structural components will be carried out. |
| Sector 5 –Stocks establishment | | <p>Essential medical and health supplies to equip rapid response teams and emergency coordination centers will be procured</p> <p>Basic equipment and supplies to reinforce hospital emergency care delivery will be provided to selected health facilities</p> |
| Sector 6 – Livelihoods Protection | | |
| Main products of the project | <p>Systematization of the best practices in Disaster Risk Management with a binational approach</p> <p>Binational Table to coordinate and cope with Disaster Risk Management</p> <p>Binational seminar about Disaster Risk Management</p> <p>International seminar about Disaster Risk Management</p> | <p>Two local rapid response teams established and operational to support coordinated and integrated emergency response operations</p> <p>Trans-national coordination protocols for emergency management and response developed</p> <p>At least two priority health facilities that improve by at least 5% their safety level</p> |



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| | <p>At least 6 contingency plans in case of disaster</p> <p>At least 13 organizations trained on identification of risk and contingency plans</p> <p>11 structures related to Disaster Risk Management in Haiti improved their coordination with the Civil Defense.</p> <p>At least 10 emergency drills performed in both countries</p> | <p>One document of systematization of experience and good practices published</p> |
| <p>Elements of sustainability</p> | <p>Local authorities participate in the activities of the Project.</p> <p>Integration of the project in the mechanisms of the competent authorities in Disaster Risk Management in order to capitalize and analyze the project as a pilot experience.</p> <p>Binational Table and coordination for Disaster Risk Management.</p> <p>Coordination of the Community Networks on Prevention, Mitigation and Response with local authorities.</p> <p>Communication strengthened at different levels of Civil Defense in Haiti.</p> | <p>This Initiative is integrated with the identified priorities of the Ministries of Health and will support areas of works already identified by Governments as key.</p> <p>This project was developed in close collaboration with the Ministries of Health in the framework of bi-national initiatives in other topics of public health interest (such as earthquake recovery and cholera response, tuberculosis, malaria, vaccination, among others), which for years have strengthened local coordination ties of the two countries. It will continue to foster synergies within the two countries in the area of health emergency management and preparedness.</p> <p>This Action will be implemented as an innovative initiative in the northern border area between of Haiti and Dominican Republic with a focus on local coordination and full participation of health authorities in both the implementation process and the supervision and monitoring of the project progress. Training of local personnel, using local resources (training-of-trainers methodology) and respecting existing structures will reinforce local institutions and improve sustainability of interventions over time. The project aims to build capacity and functional mechanisms that will remain within the existing institutions and structures long after the project ends.</p> |