

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Disaster Management is all aspect of planning for and responding to disaster, including the before, during and after disaster activities.

PHASES: BEFORE DURING AFTER

STAGES: Prevention Response Rehabilitation

Mitigation Reconstruction

Preparation

Alert

BEFORE PHASE- Measures taken for the purpose of preventing natural or man-caused events from giving rise to disaster or any emergency situation e.g. not allowing a child to have access to matches, gasoline, or kerosene oil. Measures taken to reduce the level of risk by minimizing or dissipating hazard impact where possible eg funding, data gathering, public intervention, hazard vulnerability and risk assessment. Simulation Exercise/Drills(Motor Vehicle Accidents etc and (Fire/Earthquake). Warnings (Hurricane).

DURING PHASE: All activities done in this stage are called response activities. In this stage all activities that were already planned and rehearsed in the “before’ stage. Actions are carried out to save life, alleviate sufferings and reduce economic losses.

AFTER PHASE: All activities done in this stage are called recovery activities. The main purpose is to re-build society at least to the normal state in which it was “before”. Restoration of basic services and the beginning of the repairs of physical, social and economic damage eg lifeline, health and communication facilities as well utility system. The medium and long term repair of physical, social and economic damage and return of effected structures to a condition equal to or better than before the disaster

ZONAL COMMITTEES

Zonal Programmes were instituted by ODPEM and by Adventist Relief Agency (ADRA). This programme was to give communities the ability to manage local intervention in preparedness and response, for at least the first 72 hours, until further assistance could reach them. This programme works by dividing the island into clusters of communities called zones.

Each zone is monitored by zone chairman who will give information on disasters or threats to the Parish Disaster Coordinator and the members of the zone. ODPEM assist in training community groups in skills such as basic disaster management, First Aid and Search & Rescue techniques.

Some Zonal Committees are now responsible for operating community flood alert systems.

There are twenty five (25) Zonal Communities within the Parish namely:

Hectors Rivers	Nonsuch
Manchioneal	Hope Bay
Long Bay	Orange Bay
Fairy Hill	Skibo
Port Antonio	Buff Bay
Fellowship	Belvedere
Moore Town	Maidstone
Windsor	Windsor Castle
Comfort castle	Hart Hill
Norwich	Fruitful Vale
St. Margaret’s Bay	Swift River
Spring Hill	Tranquility
Bangor Ridge	

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PORTLAND PARISH DISASTER COMMITTEE -PDC



**AGENCIES UNITED IN A
COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TOWARDS
DISASTER MANAGEMENT**

PARISH DISASTER COMMITTEE AGENCIES

- *Mayor/Custusrotorium/Management/
Heads of Department – PPC*
- *Councillors – PPC*
- *N.G.O.-.e.g. Red Cross , ADRA, Salvation
Army*
- *Government Agencies e.g. MLSS, JPS, NWC,
PPC, Police, Fire, RADA, Health, ODPEM.*

THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

There are four (4) levels to the Disaster Management Structure.

1. National (ODPEM)
2. Regional Co-ordinator Supporting link between ODPEM and Parish
3. Parish (Portland Parish Council- Parish Disaster Committee)
4. Community Level (Zonal Committees)

MISSION STATEMENT

The Parish Disaster Committee will strive to attain and maintain an acceptable level of preparedness as to respond effectively in the event of a major disasters or emergencies. The organization will endeavor to use all the available resources which include equipment, manpower, technology and natural resources at its disposal, from both private and public sectors, so as to minimize loss of lives and alleviate suffering.

The Parish Disaster Committee is responsible for Disaster Management at the Parish Level. Each Parish has a Parish Disaster Coordinator, who is responsible for coordinating all activities geared towards awareness, prevention and responsibility of formulating a parish plan for local emergencies in keeping with the guidelines set out by the ODEPM. The PDC forges links with the response agencies, community groups and community based organizations.



OBJECTIVE

To sensitize and prepare the parish in Disaster Management to prevent and reduce the impact of Disaster in preserving lives and property.

ACTIVITIES GEARED TOWARDS PREPAREDNESS

Education Programme-School/College, Offices, Zonal Committees

- Drills – Earthquake/Fire
- Simulation Exercises
- Emergency Plans (Businesses etc)
- PDC Meetings/Zonal Meetings
- Training – Shelter management, First Aid, Emergency Operations, Damage Assessment
- Fundraising-Bake Sale, Luncheon, Fish Fry, Tag Drive etc.
- Inspection of Shelters
- The PDC is responsible for activating and deactivating the Parish Emergency Operation Centre (EOC)
- Hazard Management



DISASTERS

A disaster is a natural or Man-causes intense negative impact on people, goods services, and /or the environment exceeding the affected community's capability to respond.

TYPE OF HARZARDS.

HURRICANE
FLOOD
DROUGHT
VOLCANO
EARTHQUAKE TSUNAMI
FIRE
MOTOR VEHICLES ACCIDENTS
LANDSLIDE
(ET AL)

SHELTERS

A shelter is a facility set up to provide temporary housing for persons unable to continue their living arrangements in separate family units, as earthquake or hurricane.

IMPORTANT: !! You need to know where your nearest emergency shelter is – look for marked shelters or call your local Parish Council Office and you will be told where to go.

THINGS TO TAKE TO YOUR SHELTER – Food supply for up to 72 hours, Blanket, Soap, Clothing, Medication (if you will need same)

DON NOT TAKE TO YOUR SHELTER- weapons (knives, guns,) alcoholic beverages, animals/pets

HOW TO BEHAVE IN A SHELTER- Obey the rules of the shelter and the Shelter Manager's order, be willing to assist with minor chores, keep calm at all times. **Parents always know where your children are!**