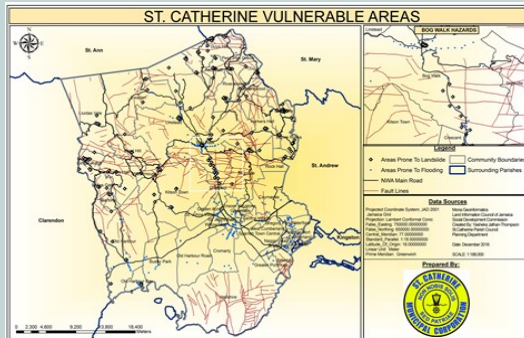


VULNERABILITY OF PARISH

St Catherine and by extension Jamaica is vulnerable to a number of hazards such as– hurricanes, earthquakes, flooding, storm surges and landslides.



RISK REDUCTION MANAGEMENT CENTER

The Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM) and the St. Catherine Municipal Corporation, supported by UNDP established the country's first Risk Reduction Management Centre (RRMC) in 2013.

The essence of RRMC in disaster risk reduction, is to promote collective knowledge and information management for decision making at the local government level

SOME SERVICES OFFERED

Earthquake Drills
Disaster Sensitizations
Assistance with Disaster Plans
Trainings
Assistance to fire victims



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DISASTER UNIT



Who Are We? What We Do?

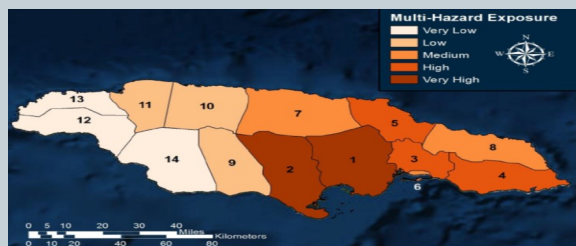
WHAT IS A DISASTER?

A disaster is a serious disruption occurring over a short or long period of time that causes widespread human, material, economic or environmental loss which exceeds the ability of the affected community or society to cope using its own resources.



WHAT IS A HAZARDS?

A hazard is anything natural or man-made that has the potential to cause injury, harm or loss of life. For example, a hurricane out in the Atlantic Ocean has not cause any damage but it can once it makes landfall.



ROLES OF THE ST.CATHERINE PARISH DISASTER COMMITTEE

According to Section 19 of the Disaster Risk Management Act (2015), the Parish Disaster Committee is responsible for disaster management at the parish level consistent with the national strategic policy framework.

Each Municipal Corporation has a Disaster Unit, which has a Parish Disaster Coordinator who is responsible for monitoring on a continuous basis existing disaster management in the parish to ensure adequate response in times of disasters/emergencies.

The Municipal Corporation through the Disaster Unit focuses on preparation at the community levels as well, training community persons in areas such as shelter management, damage assessment and basic disaster management.



INTER-AGENCY COLLOBORATION

The Unit Collaborates with other government agencies, Non-governmental organizations, etc. to effectively execute various activities. For example, during the Parish Emergency Operation Centre (PEOC) activation, Simulation Exercise, Drills etc. are being done.

EMERGENCY SHELTERS

St. Catherine has a total of sixty one (61) emergency shelters across the parish excluding those located in Portmore. Each year the Disaster Unit has to inspect these shelters and ensure that they are suitable for usage. Shelter inspections is a multi-agency activity. (MLSS, MOH, JFB, Road and Works Department, Red Cross, SDC).

ROLE DURING DISASTERS

St. Catherine Municipal Corporation operates what is called a Parish Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC) during disasters. PEOC is the hub of operations for coordinating emergency response at the parish level. It is where the agency representatives come together to pool knowledge, skills and ideas to respond to the emergency needs of the communities in the parish.