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Key achievements across the region

Risk knowledge and information

77% of countries
Reporting through the online Sendai Framework Monitor

10 countries
In the Caribbean conducted situational analysis of risk

Translation into Spanish of the UNDRR/ISC technical report, Hazard Definition and Classification Review


1 GRAF Pilot project
Analysis of the interconnected and cascading effects caused by multiple hazards in strategic sectors of economy and finance, energy, communications, roads infrastructure, water & sanitation, housing, and agriculture in COSTA RICA

Disaster loss and damage database
5 new updates

DRR and climate change policy coherence analysis
conducted in 14 countries

31 videos with 2020 Technical Forum guidance on Sendai Framework Monitoring available in Spanish

DRR STATISTICS

9 countries participating in Working Group on Measuring and Recording Indicators Related to Disaster Risk Reduction

Publication of UNECE Recommendations on the Role of Official Statistics in Measuring Hazardous Events and Disasters

Development of institutional and methodological recommendations to support national monitoring and reporting on Sendai Framework indicators
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Disaster risk reduction governance

STATUS OF NATIONAL DRR STRATEGIES/PLANS

- Developed and approved: 10
- In process or awaiting formal ratification: 11
- In the pipeline: 10
- Analysis of the understanding of coherence of planning and policy implementation mechanisms: 16

IGO SUPPORT

- In Central America, support to CEPREDENAC for monitoring and reporting via SFM on the subregional DRM policy targets and indicators
- In the Caribbean, support to CDEMA for implementing the Caribbean Comprehensive Disaster Management Strategy, aligned with the Sendai Framework

TRAINING

- 1291 people from at least 9 UNCT 13 countries

- Guidance on Infrastructure Project Management in the context of the Comprehensive School Safety Framework jointly developed with the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF)
- Caribbean Safe School Initiative pre-Ministerial Forum held in March 2021
- The Caribbean Safe School Initiative and the Central American Initiative on School Safety contribute to GADRRES through the Regional Education Group
- Technical assistance training delivered to the International Institute for Educational Planning (UNESCO)

- Early warning actions focused on the most vulnerable implemented and supported in the Caribbean region through CREWS
- Support to the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development 2021-2030 with selected actions on Early Warning Systems and Services, in line with Target G of the Sendai Framework for DRR

Caribbean Safe School Initiative CSSI

- Declaration of the Ministerial and High-Level Authorities Meeting on the Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 in the Americas and the Caribbean

Multi-stakeholder consultations (Member States, civil society, youth) and adoption of the updated Regional Action Plan for the Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 in the Americas and the Caribbean

The hybrid event brought together thousands of people from across the globe who, by sharing their expertise, concerns, perspectives and ideas, contributed to advancing DRR implementation and making the Americas and the Caribbean more resilient.
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### MCR2030

#### Making Cities Resilient

- **9 cities**
  - Conducted self-assessment through the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities

- **4 cities**
  - Developed a DRR strategy aligned with a climate action plan

#### Members in the Regional Coordination Committee: 17

#### Resilient hubs: 3
  - Campinas, Brazil
  - Mexico City, Mexico
  - Medellín, Colombia

#### Cities signed up (52% of cities globally): 334

### Risk informed investments

#### Public investment

- **High-Level Seminar on the Role of Public Investment in Post-Pandemic Economic Recovery**
- **High-Level Declaration of Ministries of Finance of Central America and the Dominican Republic on DRM in public investment projects**
- **Recommendations for strengthening public sector investment in SFM**

### arise (PRIVATE RECOVERY ALLIANCE FOR DISASTER-RESILIENT ECONOMIES)

- **National networks**: 20
- **Regional networks**: 2
- **Pilot projects**: 12
- **ARISE regional forum (400 participants)**: 1
- **Side events in RP21**: 2
- **Trainings on UNDRR Private Sector Resilience Tool to chambers of commerce in the Caribbean**: 6
- **Events of the ARISE networks promoting DRR and the role of the private sector**: 27
- **Tools developed to enhance SME’s resilience jointly with Caribbean Chambers of Commerce (CARICHAM)**: 1
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UN inter-agency coordination mechanisms

- Inclusion of DRR in CCA/UNSDCF in 12 countries
- Contributions to CARICOM meeting and Joint Statement of the Eleventh General Meeting between the Caribbean Community and Associated Institutions and the United Nations System
- Workplan Cochaired with the Issue-Based Coalition on Climate Change and Resilience
- Publication of the IBC report, Wildfires in Latin America: A Preliminary Analysis, Messages and Resources for RC/UNCT
- MOU with UNDP including specific actions on urban resilience and climate change coherence
- Training of 9 UNCT on the integration of DRR, CCA and the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus

The 66th session of the Commission on the Status of Women, under priority theme Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes, supported by a position paper on DRR

Launch of the Latin American and Caribbean Network of Women for Disaster Risk Reduction, counting 900 members

Youth in DRR

Youth organisations and partners (IFRC, UNESCO, GNDRR, UNICEF) involved in DRR activities

Regional Youth Forum and Statement presented at the RP21 Ministerial Meeting

Disaster preparedness

Regional workshop on Enhanced Disaster Preparedness for Systemic Risk in Complex Scenarios: Challenges and Opportunities, with 739 participants and 30 organizations

Disaster displacement

E-learning modules designed with the Platform on Disaster Displacement and trainings on the WIA Guidelines

Online Science with DRR dialogues series with the participation of 20 countries

Partners from academia and the science and technology community

Inclusion of persons with disabilities

Strong engagement of the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction and Disability (GIRDD-LAC Network)

Collaboration with PAHO/WHO on aspects related to disability inclusive DRR and Sendai Framework Monitoring

Mainstreaming of disability and gender inclusion in project proposals, activities and events
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Strategic communication and advocacy

- 9 publications on DRR
- 6 declarations, statements and summaries include DRR and/or the Sendai Framework
- 8 high profile speaking engagements
- 23 media articles drafted by journalists on the RP21
- 1 animated video "Tsunami Girls"
- 2 SRSG speaking engagements
- 12 media outlets attending the RP21
- 1 Caribbean magazine on resilient recovery
- 15K visits on Regional Platform web
- 42K visits on Dipecholac
- 3.6K visits on EIRD web
- 900 podcast listeners
- 52K stream viewers

Reach and statistics during RP21

- 6% increase in followers
- 25% increase in followers

Contributions to UN and/or IGO reports/events

- 6 publications on DRR

8 WiAs produced and in development

8 resources developed for behavioural change

8 podcast series

4 trainings to media stakeholders on DRR concepts

38 journalists in the region publishing DRR related articles

7 high profile campaigns: CSSI, WTAD, IDDRR, DP, MCR, RAR, youth

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5 new funding sources

2022-2023 Cost plan finalized in June 2021, with 96.5% financed with earmarked funds

New monthly report to track and close project commitments and pre-commitments for a smooth project closure process

Implementation of regional Long-Term Agreement to speed procurement processes

10 performance appraisals and work plans, 6 UNDRR staff in supervisory functions

New staff recruited: 1 Junior Professional Officer in Programme Management and 1 Public Information Assistant (G5)

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