Workshop
Evidence in disaster preparedness: anticipating complex crises in a context of systemic risk

November 24-25, 2022
Virtual workshop

February 27, 2023
In situ
Punta del este, Uruguay
The Directorate General for Civil Protection and European Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) has been supporting the Latin American and Caribbean region since 1994 in fulfilment of its humanitarian mandate to preserve and save lives, with the ultimate aim of reducing disaster risk conditions and contributing to increasing people’s, communities and countries resilience in the region.

During these years, ECHO, through its Disaster Preparedness Program (DP), has invested in the region more than a total of 321 million euros in 34 countries through more than 631 projects, reaching 30 million Latin Americans and Caribbeans with the participation and involvement of a wide variety of organizations and partners. The disaster preparedness projects supported by ECHO align with the goals defined by the countries of the region (whether national or regional) and contribute to the implementation of the Sendai Framework.

In order to define funding priorities for disaster preparedness issues throughout the region, ECHO has for more than two decades conducted consultation workshops with key actors in the field both at the country and subregion level: Central America, South America and the Caribbean. As a result of the biennial Workshop, guidelines, recommendations, and strategies are created, that have helped to facilitate and complement events of a subregional nature.

Since 2011, national and subregional ECHO Workshops on Disaster Preparedness have been held in conjunction with UNDRR. In 2018, for the first time, the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) organized a workshop that brought together actors from the three subregions – Central America, South America, and the Caribbean – to exchange visions, experiences, knowledge and ideas on how investments in disaster preparedness make a difference.

The last two years were full of challenges at the regional and global level, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, which led us to make the decision to hold our last workshop (2021) in a totally virtual way. However, these same circumstances allowed us to reach a much larger audience than in previous workshops, especially those partners working at the community and local level.

This time we want this workshop to be built based on this learning, bringing together the best of both modalities, virtual and face-to-face, also recognizing that there are many aspects of face-to-face interaction that are impossible to replicate in a totally virtual environment. In this edition of the Regional Workshop, we will also have a previous work started in September 2021, when four key thematic groups...
for Disaster Preparedness in the region were formed, led by five organizations of wide recognition in their lines of work:

- Shock-responsive social protection and disaster risk financing – WFP
- Urban Preparedness and Resilient Cities – UNDP
- Climate Shock Preparedness -German Red Cross
- Protection and Preparedness – UNICEF/World Vision

Objectives

The workshop seeks to create a space for the joint development of Disaster Preparedness knowledge that can be reflected in the actions of ECHO partners in the region. In this sense, the main objectives of this workshop are:

1. Share evidence of the impact and current and future alignment of Disaster Preparedness actions being executed by ECHO partners within the thematic lines, to validate the thematic analyzes with regional and national risk management entities.
2. Systematize the knowledge, mainly lessons learned and good practices, of Disaster Preparedness generated in the region to be disseminated during the VIII Regional Platform.
3. Compile programmatic recommendations resulting from the systematization work carried out within the thematic groups to be disseminated during the VIII Regional Platform.
4. Based on the recommendations, identify priorities for the coming years for each of the subregions.

This new edition of the workshop will focus on thematic development in greater depth thanks to the definition by ECHO partners of the four regional lines of interest. This new methodology and through a combined format (virtual-face-to-face) will allow us to have dedicated but at the same time inclusive, participatory, and open thematic spaces, as well as workspaces at all levels in a scenario that includes regional and development actors (RP23).
Expected results

1. Systematized work within thematic lines for dissemination through the VIII Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas and the Caribbean (RP23).
2. Recommendations to be share in the VIII Regional Platform within the thematic lines and other cross-cutting topics such as: EWS, SAT, and anticipatory action
3. Thematic analysis validated with national authorities.
4. Identified Sub-regional priorities for future actions of ECHO partners.
5. Knowledge developed in thematic groups reflected in future actions of ECHO partners and in national and regional priorities.

Participantes

There will be the participation of approximately 250 (200 virtually & 50 face-to-face) key actors including representatives of organizations working in disaster preparedness and emergency response in Latin America and the Caribbean, National Disaster Risk Management Systems in the region, ministerial authorities, intergovernmental organizations on disaster risk management, ECHO’s existing partners and counterparts and other strategic partners, including international, regional and subregional bodies, UN agencies, multilateral bodies and bilateral cooperation agencies involved in this area.

- Intergovernmental Agencies: CAPRADE/CAN, CDEMA/CARICOM, CEPREDENAC/SICA and RMAGIR/MERCOSUR;
- National authorities/national systems for DRM and DRR of the countries of the region;
- National authorities of ministries of health, education, agriculture, social protection among others;
- ECHO partners at national, sub-regional (South America, Central America and the Caribbean) and regional (LAC) levels and their local counterparts;
- Representatives of international, multilateral and binational cooperation agencies in the region (donors);
- Sectoral representatives and stakeholders and
- ECHO, representatives of the EU Delegations in Latin America and the Caribbean, representatives of other services of the European Commission (DEVCO, EUROCLIMAT, etc.).
# Agenda

## Day 1 - November 24th

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<td>Opening Session</td>
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<td>Urban Preparedness under a resilience approach</td>
<td>The thematic group facilitator will recount what has been done to date, the experiences shared, as well as the results obtained to date. Then group participation will be invited through Boards to obtain consensus on: the key points identified and the steps to follow. The session will be closed with a Q&amp;A space through Slido.</td>
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<td>Session Break</td>
<td>Open space to get feedback from ECHO Partners.</td>
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<td>11:15-11:45</td>
<td>ECHO's disaster preparedness (DP) and risk information-based approach</td>
<td>ECHO-led session in which ECHOS partners and especially other organisations unfamiliar with ECHO DP will be introduced to DG ECHO's DP approach and DP ECHO guidelines.</td>
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<td>Preparing for the Climate Shock in a Context of Systemic Food Crisis</td>
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<td>Use of social protection systems for complex crisis response</td>
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<td>Transversal Themes to Disaster Preparedness: Early Warning Systems, etc.</td>
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<td>Challenges and opportunities for the localization of Disaster Protection</td>
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