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Project: Improved Disaster Risk Management for Ports in the Caribbean

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Background

- **Maritime transportation is indispensable to global trade**, accounting for 80% of global cargo trade and 95% of exports from Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Human-caused and natural disasters pose a particularly **high risk to Caribbean ports**.
- **Ports** provide substantial employment and industrial activity, **contributing to national and regional development**. They integrate the functions of supply chains such as services in logistics, information, and business, becoming the location of industrial clusters.
- The **absence of updated measures for disaster prevention, mitigation, preparedness, and relief** results in increased **negative influences on social mechanisms, lives, property, and economic development**.
- *Case of Hutchison's Freeport Container Port (FCP) in the Bahamas: After Hurricane Mathew hit in 2016, was still operating at only 50–55% of pre-Matthew in 2017.*



Project Overview

Objective

Strengthen institutional disaster risk management capabilities in Port and Maritime Authorities in the Caribbean.



Outputs

- ✓ Model Emergency Operations Plan (MEOP) for Caribbean Ports
- ✓ Six-Module Self-Guided Training Materials and DRM Glossary
- ✓ 4 Regional Workshops & 3 TTX

Beneficiary CIP Member Countries

Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago.

As well as non-CIP Members through the PMAC MoU.

Strategic Partners



Project Phases (2021 – 2024)

1. Assessment (risk and capabilities):



- Conducted a comprehensive review of a) both the human-caused and natural hazards that have the potential to threaten or disrupt, and b) port vulnerabilities and current capacities for disaster risk management, including the review of existing Emergency Response Plans in Caribbean ports.

2. Model Disaster Response Plan :



- Developed a Model Disaster Response Plan (MOEP) for Caribbean Ports to effectively prepare, respond, and recover from disasters.

3. Training:



- Conducted four (4) regional workshops imparted in cooperation with Strategic Partners and based on the MEOP, which can be adjusted to local needs and requirements.

4. Exercises:



- Tested the effectiveness of the Model Disaster Response Plan, identify areas for improvement.



Recommendation: Updated legislation, regulation

Review of international instruments to facilitate integration of MOEP in regulatory framework.



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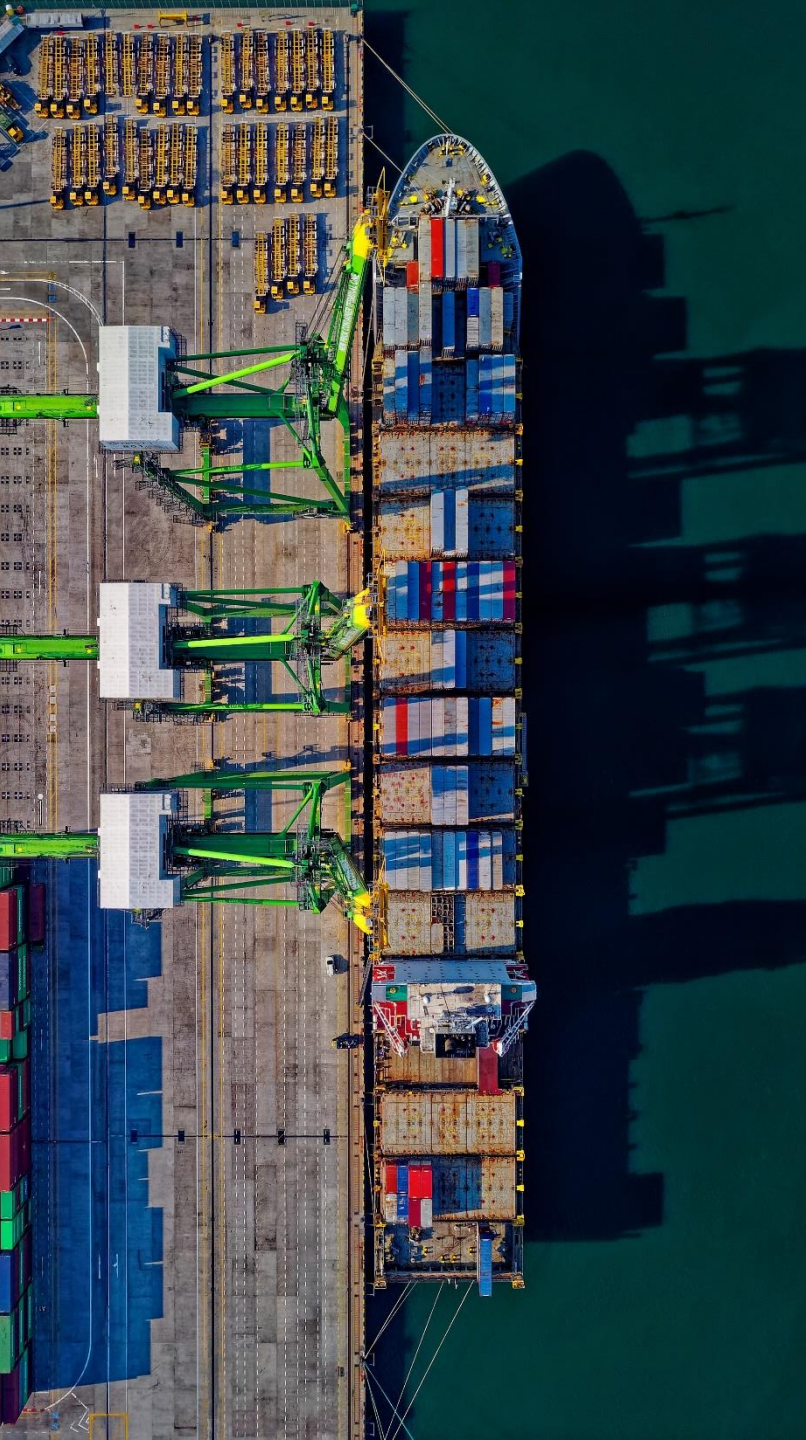
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Institutional Support

- Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA)
- Caribbean Shipping Association (CSA)
- CIP National Port Authorities in Caribbean OAS Member States
- Government of Italy (financial contribution)
- Government of the United States (financial contribution)
- HudsonAnalytix
- National Port Authority of Peru (APN)
- Port Management Association of the Caribbean (PMAC)
- T&T Salvage
- United States Coast Guard (USCG)





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