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GENERAL OBJECTIVE I: To support the strengthening of mechanisms and measures to reduce the risk of disasters in the member states taking into account the Hyogo Framework for Action.				
Specific Objectives	Activities	Indicators	Products	Actors
1.1 To support the strengthening of the Inter-American Committee on Natural Disaster Reduction, the Inter-American Network for Disaster Mitigation, and other existing hemispheric mechanisms in order to promote the coordination of actions and to facilitate the exchange of knowledge, lessons learned, and good practices in disaster-risk reduction in the Americas.	1.1.1 Promotion of the inclusion within the regional and subregional agendas the possibility for interaction and the development of its own activities with the Inter-American Committee on Natural Disaster Reduction and the Inter-American Network for Disaster Mitigation.	Number of dissemination activities of the Inter-American Committee on Natural Disaster Reduction at the country and subregional level. Number of dissemination activities of the Inter-American Network for Disaster Mitigation at the country and subregional level.	Activities of the Inter-American Committee on Natural Disaster Reduction included in the national, subregional and regional agendas. Activities of the Inter-American Network for Disaster Mitigation included in the national, subregional and regional agendas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member States ▪ GS/OAS ▪ Estados Miembros ▪ GS/OAS

	<p>1.1.2 Promote–data sharing on risk mapping, applied technology exchange on disaster management and the training of local authorities.</p>	<p>Number of advance reports prepared within the OAS on the tailoring of the database tool of the network to receive information submitted by the Member States.</p>	<p>Appropriate tool for intake and distribution of information submitted by Member States.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Estados Miembros ▪ GS/OAS
	<p>1.1.3 To promote utilization of the online database of the Inter-American Network for Disaster Mitigation or other OAS tools for the review, analysis and systematization of experiences and good practices implemented by member states.</p>	<p>Updating, analysis and systematization of the experiences and good practices implemented by the countries.</p>	<p>Updated, systematized and disseminated information to Member States every six months.</p>	<p>GS/OAS</p>
<p>1.2 To promote actions in the Area of Disasters that take into account the Hyogo Framework for Action, the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction and its Regional and Global Platforms, the existing national, sub-regional and regional tools, as well as the vulnerability and physical, social, economic and environmental impacts on populations.</p>	<p>1.2.1 Promotion or strengthening, when existent, of multi-sectoral national platforms geared towards generating participative public policies that are destined to strengthen the process of disaster reduction.</p> <p>1.2.2 Strengthening of the Regional Platform taking into account the actions of sub-regional instances and the participation of the General Secretariat of the OAS as a partner of the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction</p>	<p>Number of meetings held in the framework of the national platform, including the national volunteering systems, designed to strengthen the process of disaster reduction.</p> <p>Number of meetings held in the framework of the national platform designed to strengthen disaster reduction.</p>	<p>Inclusion, in the national platforms, the topics of planning, design and construction codes for essential buildings in the framework of disaster risk management</p> <p>Participation of the OAS and subregions in the agenda of activities performed under the regional platform.</p>	<p>Member States</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member states ▪ GS/OAS ▪ United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction and its

	Secretariat.			Regional and Global Platforms
<p>1.3 To support the efforts of Member States and promote actions to strengthen local and community disaster risk management, with the participation of all sectors of society and the use of new information technologies available to citizens.</p>	<p>1.3.1 Promotion of the exchange of information on training activities of local response structures and of inter-agency coordination in the framework of disaster risk prevention and integral management.</p>	<p>Number of participatory workshops held for the promotion and strengthening of local management.</p>	<p>Participatory workshops to promote and strengthen local management, starting with an analysis of local risk conditions (threats and vulnerabilities), possible scenarios, and management proposals.</p>	<p>Member states</p>
	<p>1.3.2 Development of training Workshops on disaster risk management for actors responsible for the areas related to disaster risk prevention and management in order to incorporate the concept of disaster risk and its physical, social, economic and environmental impacts that affect populations.</p>	<p>Number of activities/training workshops held for actors responsible for the areas related to disaster risk prevention and management</p>	<p>Actors responsible for the areas related to disaster risk prevention and management trained in workshops</p>	<p>Member states</p>
	<p>1.3.3 Development of awareness-raising and training workshops for governmental and nongovernmental actors to strengthen community response, enhance the resilience of societies, reduce vulnerabilities, and further socioeconomic development</p>	<p>Number of workshops held to raise awareness among and training of governmental and nongovernmental actors</p>	<p>Governmental and nongovernmental actors sensitized and trained in workshops</p>	<p>Member states</p>
	<p>1.3.4 Development of participatory workshops to promote and strengthen local management, starting with an analysis of local risk conditions (threats and vulnerabilities), possible scenarios, and management proposals.</p>	<p>Number of workshops held to promote and strengthen local management</p>	<p>Diagnostic document on local risk conditions and management proposals</p>	<p>Member states</p>

	<p>1.3.5 Promotion of the exchange of best practices regarding the management of data systems-on local threats and vulnerabilities that include all existing data in the various local government areas.</p>	<p>Number of countries in the Hemisphere with a integrated data system on local threats and vulnerabilities in each member state.</p>	<p>Systematized and available information for exchange at the criterion of the member states</p>	<p>Member states</p>
	<p>1.3.6 Promotion of the exchange of information regarding activities to solicit, select, train, and organize volunteers to participate in disaster risk prevention, response, and integral management processes.</p>	<p>Number of volunteers trained to participate in disaster risk prevention, response, and integral management processes.</p>	<p>Network of trained volunteers to participate in these processes.</p>	<p>Member states</p>
	<p>1.3.7 Promotion of civil society participation in disaster risk reduction activities contributing to the exchange of practices, training of community leaders.</p>	<p>1.3.7.1 Number of workshops carried out to promote civil society participation in disaster risk reduction.</p> <p>1.3.7.2 Number of experiences posted on the online database of the Inter-American Network for Disaster Mitigation</p>	<p>1.3.7.1 Workshops to strengthen and promote local management through the civil society participation in disaster risk reduction activities, including the use of text messaging, social media and other information technologies available to citizens.</p> <p>1.3.7.2 Registered experiences identified in the IANDM database on good practices to promote local management through the civil society participation in disaster risk reduction activities, through the use of text messaging, social media and other information technologies available to citizens.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member States ▪ GS/ OAS ▪ Member States ▪ GS/ OAS

<p>1.4 To strengthen regional and sub-regional horizontal cooperation mechanisms for disaster prevention, mitigation, preparedness and response, inter alia, in the health and education sectors.</p>	<p>1.4.1. Facilitation of the exchange of information among subregional mechanisms the establishment and/or strengthening of regional and subregional horizontal cooperation mechanisms for disaster prevention, mitigation, preparedness, and response, with emphasis, among others, on the health and education sectors.</p>	<p>Number of annual meetings of subregional forums held to promote horizontal cooperation mechanisms at regional and subregional levels for the disaster prevention, mitigation, preparedness, and response, among others, on the health and education sectors.</p>	<p>Agreements reached on establishing regional and subregional cooperation mechanisms for disaster prevention, mitigation, preparedness, and response, among others, in the health and education sectors.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member states ▪ Subregions ▪ GS/OAS
<p>1.5 To work with Inter-American financial institutions to strengthen the inclusion, in their lines of credit, of Disaster Risk Reduction and Integral Risk Management.</p>	<p>1.5.1 Encouragement of financial institutions in the region to facilitate exchange of information and best practices related to the incorporation of Disaster Risk Reduction and Integral Risk Management as well as risk transfer mechanisms (insurance) in their lines of credit.</p>	<p>Number of working meetings held agreements signed with financial institutions to include Disaster Risk Reduction and Integral Risk Management in their lines of credit</p>	<p>Annual report prepared by the OAS regarding the agreements reached with financial institutions to include Disaster Risk Reduction and Integral Risk Management in their lines of credit.</p> <p>Dialogue with the region's financial institutions to foster initiatives to incorporate prevention and mitigation aspects in the construction and renovation of hospital and educational facilities and water systems</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member states ▪ GS/ OAS
	<p>1.5.2 Exchange of experiences and best practices regarding risk transfer mechanisms including insurance and reinsurance, and design and use of emergency and disaster mitigation funds.</p>	<p>Number of experiences posted on the online database of the Inter-American Network for Disaster Mitigation</p>	<p>Relational database with experiences and best practices regarding risk transfer mechanisms including insurance and reinsurance, and design and use of emergency and disaster</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member states ▪ International financial institutions

			mitigation funds. Meetings between finance and planning ministries. Specialized conferences and seminars, etc. on the topic.	
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GENERAL OBJECTIVE II:				
Alt 2: To support development and/or strengthening of national preparedness and response systems for emergencies or disasters that affect member states and the facilitation of international humanitarian assistance.				
Specific Objectives	Activities	Indicators	Products	Actors:
2.1 To promote ongoing improvement of early warning systems in the countries and sub-regions, encouraging bilateral and multilateral agreements when the type of threats so requires.	2.1.1 Encouragement of information sharing related to the national regulatory frameworks and of national procedures and early warning.	Number of countries whose national regulatory frameworks and procedures are accessible in the Inter-American Network for Disaster Mitigation database.	Reviewed specific body of regulations / National Integral Risk Management Law Procedural Handbook for Emergency, Disaster, and Early Warning Situations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member states ▪ Subregions
2.2 To encourage Member States to take international humanitarian assistance standards and guidelines in the formulation of national procedures for the coordination of response, and in the development of internal legal regulations. NOTA: This refers to: “Guidelines on Facilitation and national regulation of the international operations of rescue in disasters and assistance for initial recovery” of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), as a contribution to the development of internal legal structures.	2.2.1 Promotion of information exchange on national regulatory frameworks and response on humanitarian assistance, and immediate rehabilitation or, as it corresponds, the elaboration of the same, according to international humanitarian assistance standards	Definition and establishment of declaration of emergency protocols	National Procedural Handbook in keeping with international humanitarian assistance standards	Member states
	2.2.2. Promotion of the dissemination of best practices related to the coordination of humanitarian assistance in accordance with the guidelines and procedures of UN OCHA,	Number of working meetings and technical advisories on humanitarian assistance, in accordance with INSARAG, UNDAC and	National procedural regulations, in accordance with international procedures and standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member states ▪ Subregions ▪ International/ regional organizations

	<p>INSARAG, UNDAC, and PAHO among other existing mechanisms</p> <p>2.2.3 Promotion of the “Disaster Law Programme” of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), as a contribution to the development of: internal legal structures, national and regional facilities of humanitarian assistance procedures, and national customs procedures regarding supplies and teams among member states, and related tax questions.</p>	<p>PAHO procedures.</p> <p>Number of activities and meetings convened by the national authority for the promotion of the “Disaster Law Programme” of the IFRC,</p>	<p>2.2.3.1 “Disaster Law Programme” of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), disseminated at the national level.</p> <p>2.2.3.2 Current national legislation according to the principles of the Disaster Law Programme of the IFRC</p> <p>2.2.3.3 National and regional regulations to facilitate increased coordination of humanitarian assistance between member states, according to the principles of the Disaster Law Programme of the IFRC.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member states ▪ Subregions ▪ Federation International Red Cross
<p>2.3 To encourage, as necessary, the appointment of national operational focal points to facilitate transmission of requests for international assistance, receive offers from other member states, and coordinate actions within its national jurisdiction, based on the administrative process indicated by the country, while avoiding duplication and ensuring full complementarity with the role of the UN OCHA in the coordination of international disaster responses and provision of humanitarian assistance.</p>	<p>2.3.1 Promotion of information exchange of national emergency plans with formal mechanisms for declaring states of emergency or disaster established by national focal points, in charge of response, intervention, and coordination with international aid.</p>	<p>2.3.1.1 Number of meetings held with staff of the areas related to this theme in order to define criteria to follow in the case of emergency declaration.</p> <p>2.3.1.2 Working documents and drafts for</p>	<p>Approved protocols for declaring emergencies</p>	<p>Member states</p>

	<p>2.3.2 Promotion of the appointment of, when necessary, and strengthen, where existent, national and institutional operational focal points to encourage more effective coordination between the Inter-American Network for Disaster Mitigation, the international and regional agencies and organizations, and the subregional mechanisms.</p>	<p>the formulation and establishment of protocols for declaring emergencies.</p> <p>2.3.2.1 N/A</p>	<p>2.3.2.1 Operative national focal points designated and in knowledge of other national, subregional, regional and international actors</p>	<p>Member states</p>
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GENERAL OBJECTIVE III:

To strengthen the coordination among existing international humanitarian assistance mechanisms.

Specific Objectives	Activities	Indicators	Products	Actors:
3.1a To encourage increased levels of regional and subregional coordination.	3.1.a.1 Facilitation, in close cooperation with the UN OCHA, dialogue and the exchange of information and experiences on emergency preparation, response, rehabilitation, and reconstruction plans among the subregions.	3.1.a.1 Drafts and/or preliminary plans based on the exchange of information among the subregions	3.1.a.1.i Subregional emergency plans that incorporate the exchange of information, when it corresponds. 3.1.a.1.ii Organization model as transit countries and humanitarian platforms taken from experiences, such as the one of the Dominican Republic in Haiti, among others.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member states ▪ Subregions
	3.1.a.2 Promotion of the utilization of training, handling, stockpiling, and coordinating tools for humanitarian supplies.	3.1.a.2 Training workshops in LSS/SUMA coordinated by PAHO	Regional and sub-regional model for managing and administering humanitarian supplies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member states ▪ Subregions ▪ PAHO
	3.1.a.3 Promotion of the compilation of national contributions as input for regional compendia of regulatory frameworks.	Progress reports on national contributions for humanitarian response	Systematized document of national contributions in terms of country facilities for humanitarian response.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member states ▪ Sub-regions ▪ Federation International Red Cross
	3.1.a.8 Promotion, updating and/or exchange of information on a manual	Working documents showing progress made	Country manual is written or updated on the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member states

	on the procedures of the pertinent foreign affairs ministry or organization in charge of emergency humanitarian assistance.	on creating/updating the procedures manuals.	procedures of emergency humanitarian assistance.	▪ Sub-regions
3.1b To promote dialogue between the OAS and other agencies in the Americas on this issue, taking into account the role of regional and subregional integration processes.	3.1.b.1 Update of information provided to] Member States on] agreements that the General Secretariat has signed with humanitarian organizations and groups, including the UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR), and the World Food Programme (WFP).	Progress reports and profiles of programs that implement agreements signed by the OAS.	Presentation of the programs that implement the agreements and accords signed by the OAS and humanitarian organizations and groups.	GS/ OAS
	3.1.b.2 Centralization (within the OAS) of information provided by member states on National Operational Focal Points for emergency situations as well as civil society organizations and other social actors working in international humanitarian assistance.	Progress reports on the updated status of the National Operational Focal Points for emergency situations.	Updated list of National Operational Focal Points for emergency situations available to member states, subregions and organizations of the inter-American system.	▪ Member states ▪ GS/OAS