



ENVIRONMENT

Preparation to natural disasters with a community-based approach



The program is focused on informing and enabling the Mosquitia population to face risks and consequences of natural disasters caused by climatic change.



COUNTRY
Nicaragua



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METHOD
Prevention

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FUNDING AGENCIES	<p>ECHO GOAL</p>
STARTING DATE	<p>July 2012</p>
IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD	<p>17 Months</p>
DESCRIPTION	<p>The Mosquitia region has been continuously hit by natural disasters caused by the climatic change. For this reason, the program aims to enable the territory and the population to manage environmental disasters by lessening their consequences and risks. Specifically, the activities are focused on creating a cross-border integrated system of emergencies management and reinforcing the civil society.</p>
OBJECTIVES	<p>Enable the local communities to face natural disasters, by informing and raising awareness on prevention and adjustment to climatic change.</p>

ACTIVITIES

- Organization, training and supply of equipment to prevention committees of communities.
- Updating of risk road maps and emergency plans of communities with the introduction of a new feature, that is an approach aimed to face multiple threats caused by the climatic change.
- Community drills.
- Reinforcement of Council Committees for prevention, moderation and attention to natural disasters; review and update of coordinating operating models, protocols and sector-based work Committees.
- Reinforcement of SAR (a system for fastly communicating alarms) for the floods of Coco river; installation of rain gauges.
- Update of protocols and promotion of common radio frequency.
- Enhancement of SAT in Nicaragua, with the introduction of radio antenna towers and training for radio operators.
- A technical study aimed to reinforce the monitoring activities of hydro-meteorological events on Mosquitia Coast.
- Activities aimed on raising awareness and training local radio journalists on prevention and alarm of natural disasters.
- Development of a coordinating mechanism in response to emergencies in the border areas.



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