

Caribbean IDRL Workshop – November 17-19, 2021

Simulation Exercises

Instructions for Participants

Objective:

Participants will be placed into 4 groups to work on a simulation exercise that will examine how their response framework will operate in a particular scenario to facilitate international assistance (30 mins)

Outcome:

The intention of this exercise would be to stimulate discussion and reflection on how existing policies and procedures function in a typical situation where international disaster assistance is needed. Participants may find that in some cases their response framework may not have a clear answer, which may indicate a gap in that framework that should be addressed. Answers are meant to be brief and of a 'rapid-fire' nature.

Using the Google Jamboard:

This exercise will be conducted using Google Jamboard. Participants will be able to access the Google Jamboard by just clicking the link provided during the workshop session. Once a participant joins the Jamboard, he may submit his answers using the 'sticky notes', including in his answer the country he represents.

A Facilitator will be present in each group to assist in the group discussions.

Note: Participants are not required to have a google account to participate in the Jamboard exercise.

Bonus Prizes:

Participants also have the option to submit written answers by the end of the day. The top answers will receive a prize.

Answers may be submitted to: idrlicaribbean@gmail.com

Simulation Exercise 2: Legal Status of International Assisting Actors



An international NGO called HELP has arrived in your country in response to the humanitarian crisis emerging after a major earthquake devastated the capital city and surrounding towns and villages.

As part of HELP's emergency operations, they need to open a bank account under their name and hire local staff. However, they are being told by the local banks that since HELP does not have legal status in the country, the bank is not authorized to open bank accounts on their behalf.

Task:

1. Set out the current policy or process for International NGO's to be able to do official business in-country (e.g. open bank accounts, hire staff)
2. Is there an expedited process for humanitarian organisations during a disaster?
3. Are there gaps in the processes and procedures in relation to the issues above? If yes, what would you recommend to fill those gaps?