

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: idrlcaribbean@gmail.com

Simulation Exercise 1: Requesting and accepting international offers of assistance



A Category 5 Hurricane has struck your country and has destroyed 80% of the national infrastructure including housing, water and sanitation, telecommunications and utilities. The humanitarian situation has escalated and now exceeds domestic capacities to cope.

The disaster has attracted the attention of international media. There is an outpouring of support, including significant unsolicited bilateral donations (UBDs) from various international organisations, NGOs and governments.

Task:

1. Set out the processes or procedure for:
 - Deciding if/when international assistance may be received
 - Requesting and accepting international offers of assistance: how is this done, who is responsible?
2. Are there gaps in the processes and procedures in relation to the issues above? If yes, what would you recommend to fill those gaps?