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USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) supports a technical assistance program that aims to institutionalize risk management throughout higher education organizations in the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) region. The program encourages broader participation by the academic and scientific communities in disaster preparedness, prevention, response, recovery, and resilience-building actions. USAID/OFDA also promotes greater involvement of universities in the creation of public policies and disaster risk reduction (DRR) strategies.

Since 2006, USAID/OFDA has enabled the exchange of risk management best practices and partnerships among institutions from the academic, private, and government sectors through fora and technical exchange programs. USAID/OFDA has also organized study tours to connect higher education institutions in the United States and the LAC region. Additionally, USAID/OFDA has helped create regional networks in the LAC region for disaster risk management in higher education and supported the development of DRR scientific research, volunteer programs, and university projects.

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TECHNICAL SUPPORT AREAS

- Creation of inter-institutional networks for integrated disaster risk management
- Development of memoranda of understanding and cooperative agreements between higher education institutions in the United States and the LAC region
- National and regional disaster risk management forums in higher education
- Specialized consulting from experts from the United States and universities in the LAC region on the design and development of disaster risk management academic programs
- Technical and scientific exchange programs between universities in the United States and the LAC region

COURSES AND REFERENCE MATERIALS

- Disaster Risk Management Political-Technical Workshop
- DRR for Senior Management Diploma Program
- DRR Project Preparation Workshop
- Guide for implementing DRR in Latin-American Politics
- Guidelines for the Design and Development of Academic Programs in Disaster Risk Management, Volunteer Training, and Development of Institutional Safety Plans
- Index of Disaster Risk Management and Safety Capabilities in University Facilities
- Integrated Disaster Risk Management Professionalization Course
- Seminar on Integration of Public and Private Higher Education Institutions in Disaster Response
- Social Communication and Integrated Disaster Risk Management Workshop
- Workshop for the Design and Development of Academic Programs in Disaster Risk Management, Volunteer Training, and Institutional Safety Plans

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