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USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) provides specialized technical assistance to national emergency and risk management offices in the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) region. The program aims to develop and strengthen national emergency management systems and empower decision makers to efficiently manage large-scale or complex emergencies. The program includes specialized advisory and training activities to help improve emergency operations centers (EOCs) and build the capacity of first-response organizations.

USAID/OFDA also provides assistance to develop inter-sectoral and inter-institutional agreements under a common emergency management system. The agreements facilitate coordination among agencies by establishing common objectives and articulating all emergency management components.

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### TECHNICAL SUPPORT AREAS

- Assistance with accreditation of national, regional, and local first response teams
- Drills and simulation exercises
- Collaboration on the design, development, and application of support tools for EOC management
- Development of plans and programs for response preparedness at national, regional, and local levels
- Establishment of organizational planning and processes focused on response preparedness
- Improvement of EOC management and coordination systems
- Strategic guidance at the national, regional, and local levels to influence the adoption and/or creation of emergency management systems
- Technical exchange programs
- Techniques to strengthen institutional and sectoral capabilities in emergency management
- Use of geographic information systems (GIS) to assess needs and disaster damage
- Use of information technology and communications

### COURSES AND REFERENCE MATERIALS

- Basic Life Support Course
- Charts in GIS with Post-Event Impact Assessment applications
- Damage Assessment and Needs Analysis Course
- Design and Development of Simulations and Drills
- EOC courses (national, regional, local, etc.)
- General EOC Management Course
- Hazardous Materials First Response Course
- Instructor Training
- Medical First Responder Course
- Political-Technical Workshop on Emergency Management
- Response Preparedness Course
- Workshops on EOC Organization and Operations Manuals

