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International Resources Group

Disaster Assistance and Management

International Resources Group works closely with US and host country governments to respond to a wide variety of international disaster situations. We specialize in planning, prevention, mitigation, training and capacity building for disaster management institutions as well as recovery services for populations affected by natural disasters and complex emergencies.



Representative Projects

Improving Disaster Preparedness Systems for Emergency Response

For USAID's Hurricane Georges Recovery and Reconstruction program, IRG helped coordinate mission programs with work of other government agencies, provided technical assistance and training to improve the Dominican Republic's disaster and civil defense officers' response capacity, assisted communities in adopting disaster mitigation and preparedness techniques and helped develop and implement disaster and contingency plans. ***Dominican Republic: Vulnerability Reduction***



Assisting in Short-Term Relief Efforts Worldwide

IRG is the prime contractor providing support services to USAID's Office of US Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) for immediate short-term disaster relief assistance in the areas of water, sanitation, health and nutrition in response to international emergency requirements. ***Worldwide: Disaster Relief Assistance IQC***



Analyzing Disaster Management Needs and Readiness

ACSS Golden Spear aimed to determine the need for and the means to achieve a regional disaster strategy in eastern and central Africa. For the project, IRG used a comparable assessment tool to determine the overall degree of readiness of each country, then provided written analyses of disaster management strengths and weaknesses. ***Africa: Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS) Golden Spear-Phases II and III***

Providing Flexible Food Support Options

IRG was tasked with ensuring that Afghan communities did not experience acute food shortages. Recognizing that a large, centralized operation would not have the necessary flexibility to respond to unforeseen circumstances, IRG used an approach that was regional, rapid, and flexible to respond to an unpredictable situation. ***Afghanistan: Food Assistance Program***

Capabilities

- ◆ Risk and Vulnerability Reduction
- ◆ Famine Assessments, Food Aid and Food Security
- ◆ Capacity Building and Training
- ◆ Community Preparedness
- ◆ Policy and Planning
- ◆ Surge Capacity
- ◆ Relief Supply and Distribution

Developing Regional Networks to Increase Response Capacity

IRG is involved with disaster management agencies in India, the Philippines, Indonesia, Nepal, and Bangladesh to improve capacity in disaster response. Over the course of the program, technical assistance is provided to these countries through training and development of a regional network of disaster managers. IRG also provides institution strengthening services, small grants to ensure local participation, and implements a program to raise local awareness of disaster preparedness. **Asia: Program for the Enhancement of Emergency Response (PEER)**

Facilitating Regional Disaster Mechanisms

IRG provided technical assistance to USAID and SADC in facilitating a ministerial meeting to develop regional disaster mechanisms. IRG produced a final report on resolutions reached by the delegates. **Mozambique: Support to the Southern African Development Community Secretariat (SADC): Developing a Regional Disaster Management Strategy**

Institutional Strengthening for Disaster Preparedness

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Implementing Regional Mitigation, Training, and Strategies

IRG provides full-time administrative and technical program support for the OFDA Risk Management Program by: 1) implementing the regional risk management training program, working with regional experts in course development, instructor training, and course implementation; 2) providing technical assistance to public and private disaster agencies to identify training needs, review and test national emergency plans, and identify

vulnerabilities and mitigation projects; 3) supporting the regional USAID team in response, primarily conducting damage assessments and need analyses, and linking response to mitigation opportunities and oversight of relief operations; and 4) developing pilot mitigation activities. The team also developed a strategy that allows a customized approach to risk management and addresses specific country requirements. IRG was directly involved with the response to Hurricane George and relief activities in the eastern Caribbean, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic, and made recommendations for response and development of post-disaster mitigation in earthquake-affected Columbia. **Latin America and the Caribbean: Technical and Administrative Support to Latin America and the Caribbean**

Coordinating Efforts of Response and Management

IRG provides support, coordination, logistics, and technical assistance to USAID, India's Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), and other partners to address both natural and human-caused emergencies. Because India is a vast and diverse nation with communities that have various degrees of capability in disaster response and management, IRG coordinates activities from a national perspective while simultaneously working closely with individual states to address their specific needs and objectives. IRG also helps the MHA execute its larger vision for the country while coordinating with individual states, US government agencies, and internal and international programs. **India: Disaster Management Support (DMS) Project**

Reducing the Loss of Life, Livelihood and Property

The Municipal Disaster Mitigation Program aims to reduce the loss of life, livelihood, and property resulting from natural disasters. IRG is assisting in strengthening the capacity of municipalities to prepare for and mitigate natural disasters through participatory planning. Municipal emergency operations committees are being established in 30 target locales that ensure balanced representation among women, vulnerable groups, and other stakeholders. Training workshops are being coordinated that promote participatory planning in community development, with a special focus on disaster preparedness. **El Salvador: Municipal Disaster Mitigation**