

Upgrade of crisis monitoring and management systems for CARICOM Member States

CARICOM IMPACS worked with the European External Action Service (EEAS) and the GIZ through the Global Crisis Room Support Programme (GCRSP) to successfully facilitate the conduct of a series of training to enhance the capacity of regional agencies to operate in a crisis situation. This project done alongside the Organisation of American States (OAS) and the CARICOM Security Cluster agencies was valued at Euro 2.6 million. IMPACS coordinated this major project for the region through relationship management between the donors and the participating agencies as well as materially contributing to the logistical aspects of the engagement.

During this period, the capacity building component involved joint training for staff at CARICOM IMPACS and its sub-agencies, Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) and Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) and the Regional Security System (RSS). The region benefited from the following training courses:-

- o Early Warning Systems,
- o Gender in Early Warning Systems
- o Cyber Security
- o Risk Analysis,
- o Information Management
- o Leadership and Strategic Planning o Conflict Analysis

Peer to Peer exchanges between the OAS and CARICOM agencies were also conducted for selected training courses to facilitate the exchange of information between the Caribbean agencies and the OAS.

An End of Programme Exercise took place in January 2017 to test the joint civil protection and coordination plans and standard operating procedures for crisis monitoring and management based on the capacity building achieved especially in the areas of Standard Operating Procedures, Joint Civil Protection Coordination Plans and Scenario and Scripting.