

Project Title	Disaster Management Training for Parish Councils
Implementing Agency	Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM)
Primary IR Classification	Preparedness and Response
Additional IRs	Communication
Brief Description of Project	The project aimed to establish a national communication network to allow real time information flow between the parishes and the ODPEM.
Currents Status	Completed
Funding Status	Funded
Estimated cost (in US Dollars)	14,000.00
Actual Cost (if known) in US Dollars	14,000.00
Start Date	September , 2005
End Date	December, 2006
Duration (in months)	15 months
General Remarks	The passage of Hurricane Ivan demonstrated the need for reliable real-time data on damage and relief operations, and also found that communication between the ODPEM and the Parish Councils needed to be enhanced.

OBJECTIVES

The main aim of the project is to establish a national communication network to allow real time information flow between the parishes and the ODPEM. This structure will be supported in each of the 14 parish councils by the use of computers, software and trained personnel.

ACTIVITIES

Staff of the 14 parish councils was trained in the use of Information Systems and Emergency Operation Center Management while each parish council was provided with a computer and software to assist in managing the relief process.

OUTPUTS

1. Installation of desktop computers in all fourteen (14) parish councils.
2. Distribution of four (4) laptops to regional coordinators
3. Implementation of the Message Handling System customized for ODPEM.

OUTCOMES

The development of a national communicating network.

Target Beneficiaries

Type of Beneficiary	Remarks
Parish Councils	The following 14 parishes received computers:
	Kingston and St. Andrew, Portmore, St. Catherine, St. Thomas, St. Ann, Westmorland, Hanover, Manchester, St. Mary, Trelawny, St. James, Portland, Clarendon, St. Elizabeth.

Collaborating Agencies

Agency	Role/ Remarks
Parish Councils	

Participating Countries

Jamaica

Funding Details

Donor	Amount	Type
UNDP		GRANT

Keywords

Preparedness, Communication, Response