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Caribbean-Risks.org: a new regional portal to better understand and prepare for risks in the Caribbean

March 23 - World Meteorological Day

On the occasion of World Meteorological Day, the PIRAC – French Red Cross, the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), and local Red Cross societies are launching www.caribbean-risks.org, a new information portal dedicated to natural hazards and crises in the Caribbean.

This portal is a regional first. Until now, there has been no single space to centralize, explain, and share risk-related information in the Caribbean in a way that is accessible to the general public.

Clear information tailored to the Caribbean context

The Caribbean region is highly exposed to natural hazards: hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and coastal flooding. However, available information is often scattered across different institutions and platforms.

Caribbean-Risks.org has been designed as a **gateway to clear, reliable, and accessible information**, enabling people to better understand risks and adopt appropriate responses.

The platform offers:

- Educational **explanations** about the different risks in the region,
- **Practical advice** to prepare before, during, and after a crisis,
- **Videos and visual content** to enhance understanding,
- **Links** to official sources and specialized organizations.

A platform built with regional stakeholders

The launch will be supported by a communication campaign on the social media channels of PIRAC, CDEMA, and OECS, along with the release of a **teaser video**.

To also reach audiences less active on social media or with limited digital access, a **Caribbean-Risks WhatsApp channel** has been created to share key information and resources.

With Caribbean-Risks.org, partners aim to **strengthen risk awareness and preparedness across the Caribbean** by improving access to reliable, regionally relevant information.

“In the Caribbean, we live with risks: hurricanes, earthquakes, volcanoes, and floods are part of our daily reality. But living with risk does not mean suffering from it. By sharing simple, useful, and regionally adapted information, Caribbean-Risks.org aims to help everyone better understand their environment and prepare, to protect their families and communities.”

Jérémie Sibeoni, Head of Delegation PIRAC – French Red Cross

Key figures

The Caribbean exposed to risks

- + **21** active volcanoes in the Caribbean
- + **41** million people exposed to natural hazards in the Caribbean and Latin America (UNFPA)
- + **\$100 billion**: total cost of Hurricane Irma in 2017 (National Hurricane Center)
- + **406 km/h**: wind gust recorded in the eye of Hurricane Melissa



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This platform was developed under the PIRAC **Ready 360** program with financial support from **INTERREG Caribbean**.

INTERREG Caribbean is a European Territorial Cooperation programme aimed at strengthening ties between European overseas territories and their Caribbean neighbors. It supports collaborative projects in the fields of environment, sustainable development, risk management, innovation, and health, within a framework of cross-border cooperation and regional solidarity.

By funding this platform project, INTERREG Caribbean and the European Union reaffirm their commitment to strengthening the resilience of populations facing natural hazards, in a regional context highly exposed to the impacts of climate change and disasters.

This support enables the creation of a tool accessible to all stakeholders and citizens across the Caribbean, to better understand, anticipate, and manage risks.

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About the PIRAC - French Red Cross



Created in 2005, PIRAC is the regional delegation of the French Red Cross for the Caribbean, based in Guadeloupe, as well as its operational mechanism for humanitarian action and regional cooperation.

PIRAC provides assistance to populations in French territories and across countries in the Caribbean arc and the Guiana Shield. It responds to all major disasters and works to strengthen community resilience capacities in support of local Red Cross societies.

Learn more: www.pirac.croix-rouge.fr

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About the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is composed of three independent components:

- + The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), a Swiss humanitarian organization that operates exclusively in conflict situations. The ICRC is the guardian of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and is mandated by the international community to ensure its application by parties to conflict.
- + The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), which coordinates the actions of National Societies during disasters and supports their development.
- + National Societies, which respond to the needs of the countries in which they operate and can act internationally upon request from the concerned National Society. The French Red Cross is one of these National Societies. PIRAC is a delegation of the French Red Cross under the International Operations Department..

About OECS

The OECS is an international intergovernmental organization whose mission is to “promote and support sustainable development through regional integration, collective action, and development cooperation.”

By bringing together countries that share geographical proximity and common cultural and physical characteristics, the organization enables Member States to act collectively toward shared goals. Within this framework, OECS members benefit from freedom of movement for their citizens, reduced or eliminated trade barriers, and a common approach in areas such as health, agriculture, economy, and the environment.

About CDEMA

CDEMA – the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency – is an intergovernmental agency responsible for disaster management within the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

A key actor in the regional disaster risk management strategy, CDEMA’s main missions include mobilizing and coordinating emergency response, mitigating impacts, and coordinating the regional response in the event of disasters.

CDEMA also works to develop and continuously strengthen Member States’ disaster response capacities and plays an advocacy role in promoting policies and legislative frameworks for disaster risk management at both national and regional levels.

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