COMMUNITY DISASTER & CLIMATE RISK MANAGEMENT (CDCRM) PROGRAM

PACIFIC CLIMATE CHANGE ROUNDTABLE 2015

SIDE EVENT 4:
"BUILDING DISASTER READY COMMUNITIES THROUGH IMPROVED NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES"

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OVERVIEW:

- RATIONALE
- FRAMEWORK
  - IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES
  - RESPONSE TEAMS
- PARTNERSHIP – FINPAC PROJECT / METEOROLOGY DIVISION
- WAY FORWARD

CDCRM RATIONALE

- Program developed in 2011
- Government led initiative
- Lessons learnt from the 2009 Tsunami
- Village based preparedness / awareness
- Village level disaster planning
- Household / baseline surveys
- Standardised approaches to building community based resilience
- Delivery to 361 villages in Samoa

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CDCRM FRAMEWORK

- Disaster and Emergency Act 2007
- National Disaster Management Plan:
  - Role of the Community
  - Local population are the first responders

IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES

- Program requires the identification and appointment of an Implementing Agency (IA)

- Formalised agreement between IA & Government through the MNRE

- IAs = Red Cross Society, ADRA

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RESPONSE TEAMS

- Developed and identified Village Response Teams:
  - First Aid
  - Evacuation
  - Warning
  - Search and Recue
  - Shelter Management
  - Water & Sanitation
  - Disaster & Climate Committee
- Disaster Advisory Committee (DAC) Response Agencies provide training

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PARTNERSHIP – FINPAC PROJECT / METEOROLOGY

- CDCRM used to Implement the FinPac Project at the village level
- Warning Team
  - Project Objectives fits well (FinPac)
  - Awareness & understanding in weather & climate information
  - Meteorology personnel facilitate session on weather and climate information
    - Basics on weather terms – hydrological, geological
    - Difference between climate & weather
    - 2 seasons and potential disasters

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PARTNERSHIP - SRDP

- Through the CDCRM Program contributing to the achievement of the Strategy for Climate & Disaster Resilient Development in the Pacific in Goals 1 & 3

WAY FORWARD

- Meteorology services staff to be part of the delivery team of the CDCRM Program – through the Warning Module / Team

- FinPAC to implement village priority identified

THANK YOU