

RISK MANAGEMENT MITIGATING AND OVERCOMING HARDSHIPS



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CANADIAN ORGANIZATIONS
IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
HAS BEEN WORKING IN
AFRICA, THE AMERICAS AND ASIA
SINCE 1958.



REALITY



THE ENTIRE PLANET IS SUSCEPTIBLE TO NATURAL DISASTERS, MAJOR STORMS RELATED TO CLIMATE CHANGE, AND EPIDEMICS, BUT THESE CATASTROPHES TAKE THE GREATEST TOLL ON POOR COUNTRIES. FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE ALREADY VULNERABLE, EVERY-DAY LIFE DEGRADES TO A CRITICAL LEVEL. THEY BECOME VICTIMS OF WIDESPREAD DEVASTATION, ARE SUBJECT TO A GREATER NUMBER OF CASUALTIES AND NEED MORE TIME TO RECOVER. ■ *FLOODS, TORRENTIAL DOWNPOURS, LANDSLIDES, EARTHQUAKES, CONFLICTS, DROUGHT, CHOLERA, EBOLA VIRUS*

REACTION



Managing risk and disasters became a fundamental part of CECI's work in the year 2000. The key to CECI's success in the sector has been rooted in its extensive experience in local development projects and its strong ties to communities and authorities. This expertise serves to further reinforce our expertise in humanitarian aid.

CECI's teams and partners have worked continuously using a comprehensive, proactive approach that allows them to

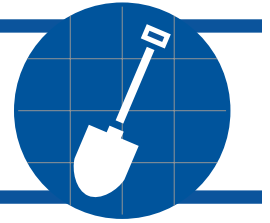
implement mechanisms to minimize the negative impact of disasters on people's lives.

This means offering them:

- ✓ information, solutions and tools to anticipate risk and mitigate consequences
- ✓ humanitarian response
- ✓ development projects to help rebuild communities, support those affected, generate revenue, and reduce vulnerability in the long term.

CECI's holistic approach aims to mobilize, strengthen and guide local actors. Our teams work with civil protection, local and international organizations, community and departmental authorities, and local committees. We are always focused on the specific needs of women, youth, seniors and the most vulnerable people in a population. Every link on a chain counts.

ACTIONS



TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF VICTIMS IN DISASTER SITUATIONS, LIMIT VICTIMS' VULNERABILITY IN FUTURE DISASTERS, AND HELP MEET THEIR BASIC NEEDS, TWO THINGS MUST HAPPEN:

1 IMPROVE THE CAPACITY

OF CIVIL PROTECTION INSTITUTIONS BY EMPHASIZING COMMUNITY-BASED STRUCTURES.

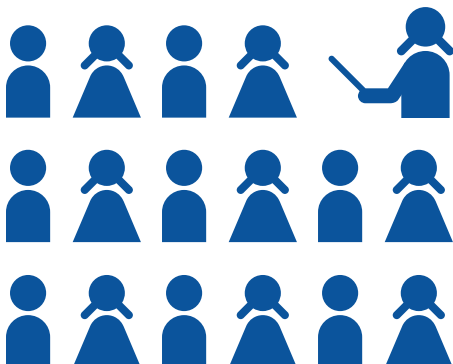
→ **PROTECTION** setting up local protection committees

→ **TRAINING**: risk management, project management, environmental protection, and gender equality in times of emergency

→ **SUPPORT**: developing awareness-building tools, risk maps, emergency plans, management tools, and vulnerability assessments

→ **COACHING**: preparatory, mitigation, soil conservation, and restoration projects

→ **EQUIPMENT**



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2 SUPPORT CIVIL PROTECTION

STRUCTURES IN THEIR PROGRAM, SUCH AS DEVELOPING FAMILY EMERGENCY PLANS.

CECI has built a foundation of resiliency, which has preserved the knowledge it has accumulated in over 15 years of ongoing activity in risk and disaster management. This solid foundation also represents a lever for mobilizing additional funding, strengthening its expertise, consolidating partnerships and developing prevention plans that can help at-risk communities overcome hardships.

HAITI GUINEA

RESPONSE EPIDEMICS

When public health is threatened by highly contagious, deadly disease, like cholera or the Ebola virus, we provide specific, non-medical response. Our objective is to improve public health and hygiene conditions and slow or stop the disease from spreading by training local leaders and community officials to help with targeted dissemination of adapted information. Awareness has been raised among more than 425,000 people of every age and status.



VIETNAM

RISK PREVENTION

CECI developed its risk and disaster management expertise while working in this small Asian country regularly affected by climate shocks. With over \$610,000 in funding, we worked for nine months with ethnic minorities in the high plateaus of Vietnam to put an alert system in place to effectively reduce damages from flash flooding and the resulting landslides.

HAITI

ALL PROJECTS

Haiti is among the most exposed countries to natural disasters. Disaster mitigation, humanitarian aid, and reconstruction projects are crucial and the ability to implement them, both in times of stability and crisis, is a gage of success. Eight of our interventions targeted long-term reduction of the country's vulnerability during recurring natural disasters. They improved people's ability to act with increased speed, efficiency and accuracy in emergency situations, and implemented reconstruction and rehabilitation projects. With nearly \$9 million in the last five years, we have been able to prevent damages, manage the harsh effects of natural disasters, carry out awareness-raising campaigns, hold simulation and training activities, provide supplies and life-saving equipment, and set up evacuation centres.