



HONDURAS

National Programme for Risk Management

Disaster Context

Following Hurricane Mitch, Honduras underwent a long reconstruction process. Physical, social and productive infrastructure were all devastated as a result of the disaster. At the same time, the country was facing problems rooted in its extreme poverty. Attempts were being made to tackle the country's national debt and also to reduce poverty.

Four years after Hurricane Mitch, the country continues to be affected by other natural phenomena such as hurricanes, tropical depressions, droughts, and earthquakes. These phenomena have caused large floods, unstable slopes, erosion, and the collapse of infrastructure. These natural disasters have hindered development advancements while also provoking additional problems in the country. All of this reveals that risk management is not being adequately factored into the reconstruction process or into the development process.

In order to focus on a sustainable and efficient government that emphasizes disaster reduction, UNDP has been playing an important role. UNDP has been assisting in building capacities in order to decrease vulnerabilities with special attention paid to prevention.

Project Titles

National Programme for Risk Management (HON/99/023)

Sectors

- Planning
- Education
- Health
- Infrastructure
- Environment
- Agriculture

Funding

UNDP contributed \$200,000 from TRAC funds.

Partners

- Contingencies Commission (COPECO)
- Multi-sectoral Commission Against Drought
- The Norwegian Government
- OCHA

Programme Activities

- Capacity building in risk management at the national level
- Support in strengthening and modernizing the National System of Risk Management and Disaster Reduction
- National support to technology improvement
- Overseeing of the building code project
- Support to COPECO in the area of risk management
- Assistance to COPECO to manage flood warning systems
- High level capacity building in the evaluating of natural hazards