





COVID-19 Considerations for Emergency Systems in the Caribbean Region

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Presentation overview

- ❖ **CDEMA**
- ❖ **COVID19 Context**
- ❖ **Hurricane Season 2020 in the COVID-19 Context**
- ❖ **Take aways**



Mobilizing and coordinating disaster relief

Mitigating consequences of disasters

Providing comprehensive information on disasters

Encouraging disaster loss reduction and cooperative arrangements and mechanisms

Establishment enhancement and maintenance of adequate emergency disaster response capabilities among the Participating States





Context

Existing Regional
Response Mechanism –
For COVID-19 - Health
Guides

Varied level of planning
& exercising for
pandemic

Multi-hazard
environment

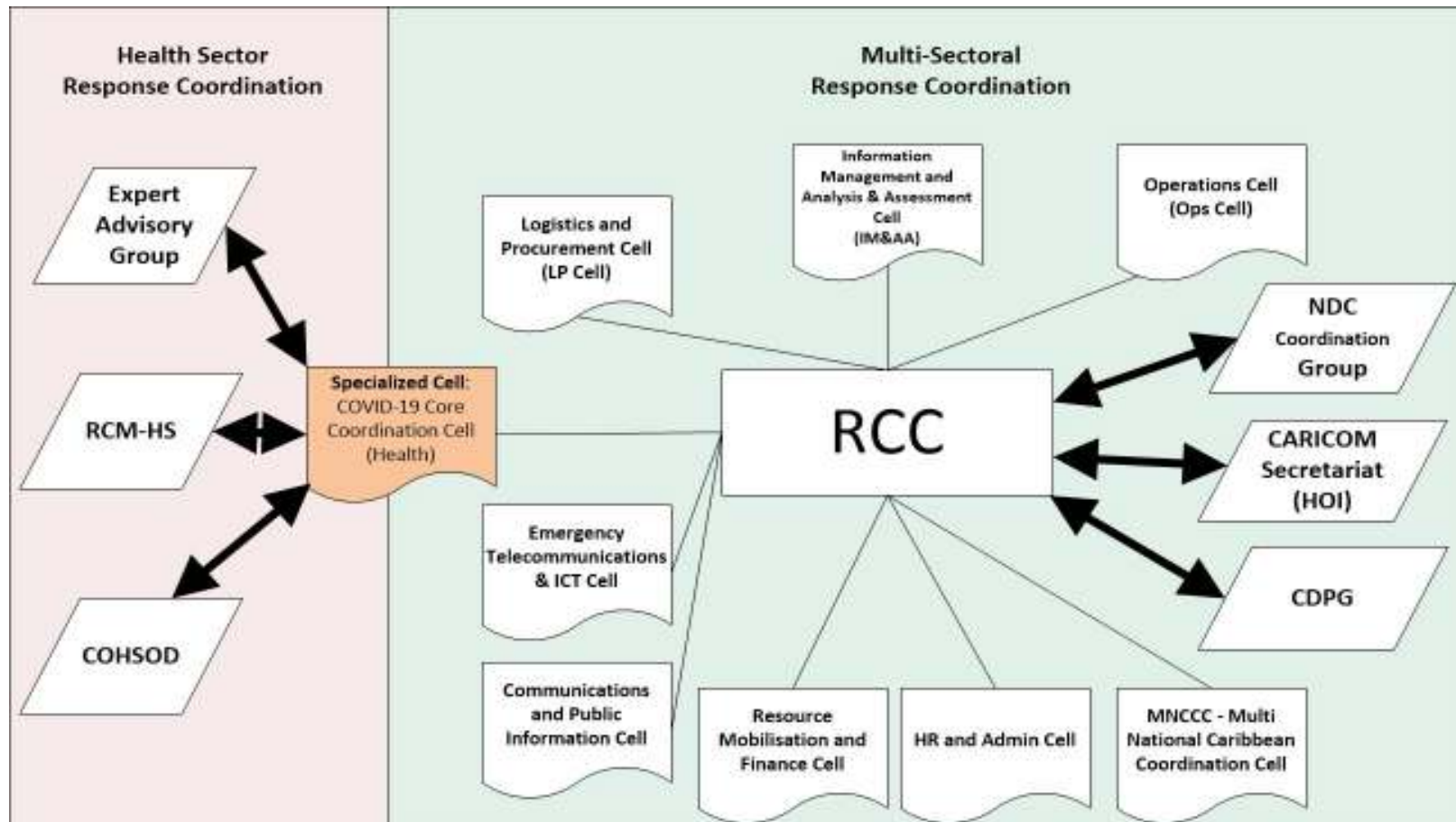
Timing – Under Impact
during traditional
readiness period

Existing Arrangements –
Horizontal Cooperation
Undermined

All of Government and
Society Response -
Systems activated



Multi-Sectoral Coordination – COVID19





Adaptation of Existing Arrangements for COVID-19

- ❖ Hurricane Season Operational Plan – COVID-19
- ❖ Response Team Arrangements
 - Team Readiness: COST; CDAC; CARICOM Disaster Relief Unit
 - Deployment Protocols & Requirements
 - Border Protocols
 - Modalities for support – online option
- ❖ Exercises:
 - Synergy – tropical weather system response within the COVID-19 event



COVID 19 Considerations for the Hurricane Season

- ❖ Decisions informed by the science
- ❖ Shelter management
- ❖ Relief distribution within COVID-19 environment
- ❖ Undocumented migrants
- ❖ Psycho-social considerations
- ❖ Supply chain & Implications for relief management
- ❖ Humanitarian actions may already be in progress



Take Aways

- ❖ Resilience as a central theme in the management of COVID19
- ❖ Safety and security of decision makers and organizational leadership
- ❖ Psycho-social considerations into the well-being and health of the population
- ❖ Plan for a CARICOM centred response for COVID19 and other hazards noting the possible limited or delayed support from traditional partners
- ❖ Manage potential risks associated with increased dependence on technology
- ❖ Document experiences and create feedback loops to promote continuous learning



QUESTIONS?