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**Youth-Led
Community
Action for
Increased
Disaster
Resilience**



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What is a YEAC?

Caritas Antilles with support from USAID/BHA is implementing the Youth Emergency Action Committees (YEAC) project entitled: ***Youth-led Community Action for Increased Disaster Resilience in the Caribbean (YEAC VIII)***. The project aims to build resilience, improve emergency preparedness and mitigation while creating opportunities in capacity building for longer term sustainability in vulnerable communities of Dominica, St. Lucia, Grenada and Jamaica. Through the Youth Emergency Action Committee (YEAC) Model (targeting youth between 16-26 years), the project seeks to empower the next generation of change-agents particularly in disaster risk reduction (DRR) and emergency response.

MISSION

The **Youth Emergency Actions Committees, YEACs** are organized community youth groups that have been trained and prepared to be the first respondents within the community in case of a natural or manmade disaster. They are volunteers working in emergency preparedness and response.

GOALS

The goal of the YEAC Project is to:

- Establish a cadre of learned young persons in the field of disaster preparedness.
- Have on hand a group of eager young professionals to reduce community vulnerability.
- Implement a resource per community that is readily available in pre and post disasters.
- To gain and maintain acknowledgement and respect of local response entities and residents within the project area and various host countries.



YEAC VIII PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Planned activities for YEAC VIII will support vulnerable communities within the four participating countries to be better prepared for disasters and to create sustainable community disaster resilience structures by engaging youth

- Training for members in CPR and first aid, community mapping, emergency response, disaster risk reduction, leadership, life skills, and family disaster plans.
- Conducting internal drills and simulations, social, recruitment, and fundraising events.
- Establishing and monitoring of MOUs to strengthen the relationship between the YEACs and key stakeholders.
- Production of materials such as disaster risk management checklists and emergency kit lists for distribution to households.
- Convening of community meetings and awareness raising events.
- Conducting household (HH) level sessions with heads of HHs to design emergency plans.
- Conducting mitigation activities and general community sensitization.