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HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS SESSION

Building codes in the Caribbean and Central America

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Intro / objectives / expectations

The speaker, Gabriel, has limited knowledge:

- I only know something about some. I have been deployed in: Honduras, Dominican Rep. Haiti, Cuba, Panama, Bahamas, El Salvador, and Jamaica. In some, many years ago... I guess the participants have also limited knowledge, but know others.
- So, in order to learn more, 5 minutes Gabriel, 5 minutes participation.
- Expectations. I would like to look at what is important to know / prepare. What are your expectations? (please leave them for the 5 minutes participation time).

Key points 1

~ S&S, B. codes are CONTEXT SPECIFIC, but also similar for facing similar climatic conditions, among other issues.

- E.g. El Salvador vs Honduras / similar documents / but differ by implementation / practical compliance in some cases. SV Co supervision report vs HN Co sheets blowing...
- Dominican Republic vs Haiti...
- Cuba vs Bahamas or Jamaica...
- I guess you know other countries / locations you can share later.

Key points 2

what is important to know / prepare?:

- All codes are available online. So, search* / get it, and read it before landing (all are long documents, but some have specific housing sections, or dwellings sections).
- *can be in the GSC website, but out of date.
- Touch base ASAP with local architects / engineers to gather information about in what extend the building works practice complied with the B. code and other related regulations. So:
- consider other norms such as urban / rural plans (e.g. No-building areas), environmental regulations, fire safety regulations, etc.
- Consider cross-cutting issues such as HLP, Gender, Inclusion (e.g. Persons with disabilities), etc.



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Now, please, participate!

share learning!

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An elderly woman with grey hair, wearing a blue dress with red floral patterns, is kneeling on the ground. She is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. Behind her is a wall made of vertical bamboo poles. A horizontal wooden beam runs across the wall. A small, light-colored rectangular object is mounted on the wall above the beam. The ground is dirt, and there is a pile of dirt or mud in front of her.

THANK YOU!

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