



Caribbean Alliance of National Psychological Associations

Disaster Mental Health Standing Committee

Draft Terms of Reference

The role of the Disaster Mental Health Standing Committee is to enable CANPA to serve as the regional resource for psychology in disaster management with an emphasis on sustainable development and the well-being of the Caribbean peoples

GOALS:

1. Develop partnerships, facilitate collaboration and coordination with national, regional and international stakeholders on issues related to disaster risk reduction with a particular focus on disaster mental health and psychosocial support
2. Evaluate and promotes models of disaster response that are culturally congruent to Member countries/territories
3. Coordinate efforts in disaster readiness and risk reduction as well as immediate and long-term response
4. Determine the mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) needs in each Member country/territory with respect to disasters and other emergencies;
5. Provide technical support to Member countries/territories in identifying their priorities and needs, and promote capacity building in all areas related to disaster readiness and risk reduction with particular emphasis on overall health and well-being;
6. Develop and implement mechanisms for credentialing disasters/emergency mental health services to ensure competent service delivery in Member countries/territories; and
7. Develop an online repository of disaster-related mental health resources.