

USEFUL RESOURCES

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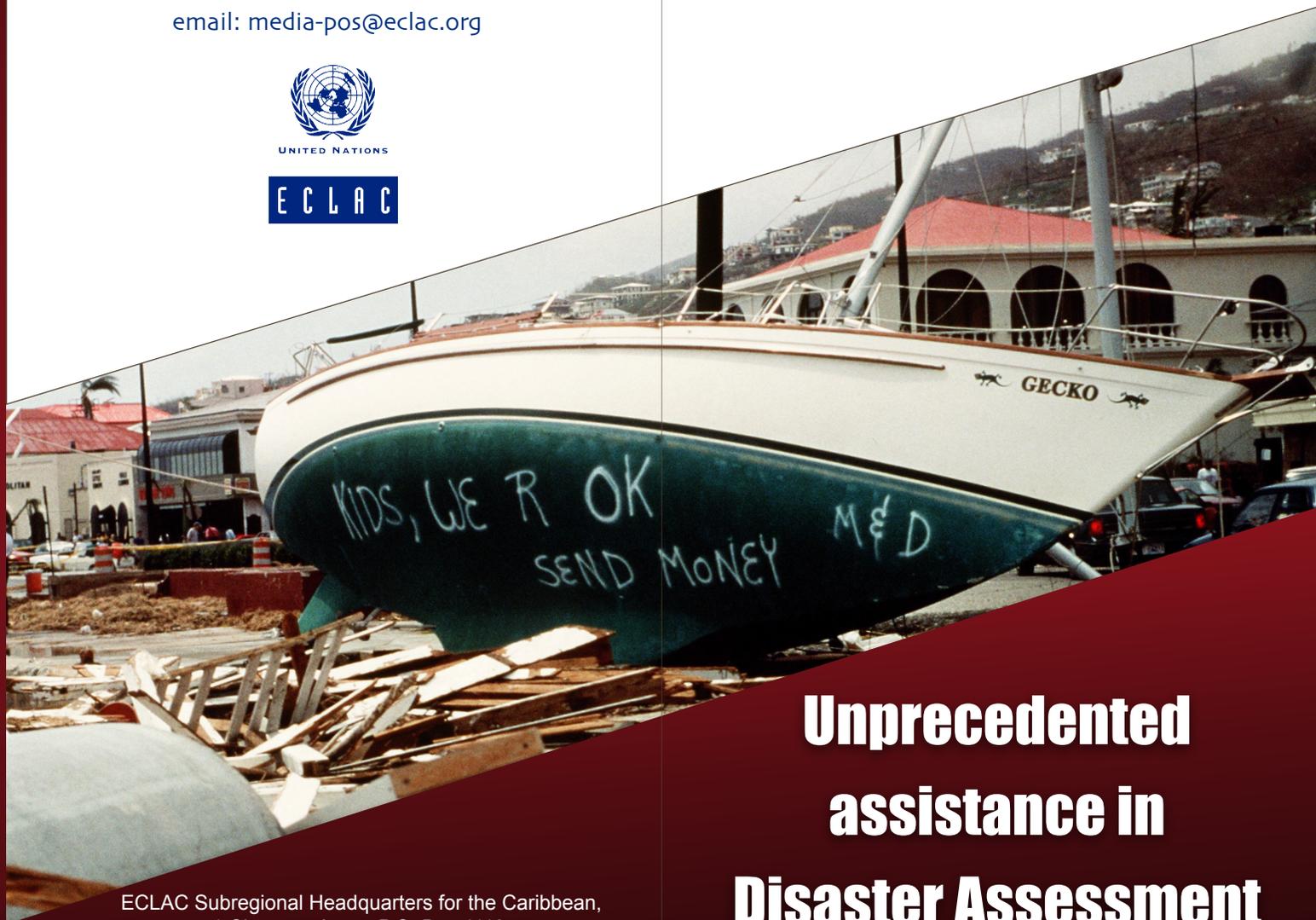
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WHAT ARE THE TAKE-HOME MESSAGES?

The technical assistance provided by the Sustainable Development and Disaster Unit focuses on four areas:

- Disaster Damage and Loss Assessment (DaLA), complemented by estimation of financial needs for recovery and reconstruction through Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA), when necessary.
- Quality control for DaLAs carried out by national or local governments.
- Training courses on DALA methodology.
- Assessment of Disaster Risk Reduction Policies and National Institutions



WHAT IS ECLAC DOING?

ECLAC is gearing-up to provide unprecedented assistance in disaster assessment to Caribbean states and to all countries across Latin America. ECLAC has been a pioneer in the field of disaster assessment and in the development and dissemination of the Damage and Loss Assessment (DaLA) methodology, and Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) methodology.

Through the establishment of a new Sustainable Development and Disaster Unit, ECLAC will now give significantly strengthened leadership to the entire region in the area of disaster assessment and post disaster needs analysis, by providing technical expertise to disaster-affected and disaster-prone countries.



WHY ARE DISASTERS AN ISSUE?

Natural disasters in many Caribbean countries have undone the development achievements of years, even decades. Hazards, such as cyclones, floods and droughts have increased in frequency and intensity over the past few decades, further hampering the ability of Caribbean countries to recover between extreme events. Resources continue to flow primarily to post-disaster activities rather than towards disaster risk reduction and the improvement of coping capacity.

