



RESILIENT COMMUNITIES



LATIN AMERICAN
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ECONOMIC SYSTEM

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MINI-GUIDE



WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF A LANDSLIDE?

Practical recommendations to prevent risks, protect lives, strengthen resilience, and promote safer communities in Latin America and the Caribbean.



PREVENCIÓN



PREPAREDNESS



PROTECCIÓN
AND RESPONSE



RECOVERY



REGIONAL
COOPERATION



UNDERSTANDING RISK

WHAT ARE LANDSLIDES?

Landslides are movements of soil, rocks, and other materials down a slope. They can occur slowly or suddenly.

WHY DO THEY OCCUR?



Heavy or prolonged rainfall



Water-saturated soil



Earthquakes and ground movement



Loss of vegetation and erosion



Inappropriate land modifications

Understanding how and why they occur is the first step toward **reducing risk**.





RECOGNIZE WARNING SIGNS

STAY ALERT FOR:

1



NEW CRACKS

In the ground, roads, or walls.

2



SUBSIDENCE OR DEFORMATIONS

Visible changes in the ground surface.

3



LEANING TREES, POLES, OR FENCES

Especially if they were previously stable.

4



UNUSUAL CHANGES IN WATER

Seepage, pooling, or new flow paths.

5



SOUNDS OR SMALL ROCKFALLS

Cracking sounds, falling rocks, or unusual sounds coming from a slope.

Not all landslides show warning signs.
Stay informed and follow official alerts.





PREVENTION REDUCE RISK

1



KNOW YOUR SURROUNDINGS

Identify nearby areas at risk of landslides.

2



PROTECT VEGETATION

Avoid removing trees and vegetation on slopes.

3



MANAGE WATER CAREFULLY

Avoid water accumulation or discharge onto unstable ground.

4



KEEP DRAINAGE SYSTEMS CLEAR

Check channels, ditches, and drains regularly.

5



MODIFY THE TERRAIN WITH TECHNICAL GUIDANCE

Construction or excavation can affect slope stability.

**Reducing risk also means
caring for the land we live in.**





PREPAREDNESS

PREPARE AS A FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

1



IDENTIFY EVACUATION ROUTES AND SAFE AREAS

Know where to evacuate and where to go.

2



DEVELOP A FAMILY PLAN

Agree on how to act, communicate, and where to meet.

3



PREPARE AN EMERGENCY KIT

Include water, food, medications, and essential supplies.

4



STAY INFORMED

Follow your local official warning channels.

5



ORGANIZE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

Participate in preparedness activities and plans.

Preparedness begins before an emergency.
An organized community protects more lives.





PROTECTION AND RESPONSE ACT IN THE EVENT OF A LANDSLIDE

1



STAY AWAY FROM DANGER

When there are signs of danger or an evacuation order, move to a safe place.

2



FOLLOW OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Follow evacuation routes and the recommendations of the authorities.

3



DO NOT CROSS AFFECTED AREAS

Avoid areas with mud, rocks, debris, or unstable ground.

4



DO NOT DRIVE ON AT-RISK ROADS

Stop in a safe place and avoid affected roads.

5



PROTECT YOUR LIFE

Do not return for belongings or approach the area to watch or record.

Acting quickly and staying away from danger can save lives.





RECOVERY AFTER A LANDSLIDE

1



STAY AWAY FROM THE AFFECTED AREA

New landslides or rockfalls
may occur.

2



DO NOT RETURN UNTIL IT IS SAFE

Follow the authorities'
instructions before returning.

3



AVOID NEW HAZARDS

Stay away from damaged
structures, downed power lines,
and unstable ground.

4



DO NOT ENTER AFFECTED BUILDINGS

Wait for a proper assessment
before entering.

5



DO NOT RECREATE RISK

Seek technical guidance before
rebuilding or modifying
the terrain.

**Safe recovery protects lives
and prevents rebuilding risk.**





REGIONAL COOPERATION TOGETHER WE ARE RESILIENT

1



SHARE INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE

Sharing information helps us understand risks.

2



STRENGTHEN MONITORING AND ALERTS

Cooperation improves prevention and early warning.

3



LEARN FROM EACH OTHER

Sharing experiences strengthens our capacities.

4



PROMOTE TECHNICAL COOPERATION

Sharing knowledge and tools enables better responses.

5



BUILD RESILIENCE TOGETHER

Common challenges require shared solutions.

**Cooperation transforms shared knowledge
into action to build more resilient communities.**





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PREVENT RISKS, **SAVE LIVES**

Prevention is key to protecting our communities and building a **safer and more resilient future.**



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More and Better Integration

