USAID’s Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) provides technical assistance and promotes disaster risk reduction (DRR) in schools throughout the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) region using an integrated approach that is supported by national emergency systems, education and culture ministries, and international organizations.

Through its technical consultation program, USAID/OFDA works to improve DRR and school safety and supports student training programs focused on disaster preparedness and prevention. USAID/OFDA also facilitates disaster management coordination between schools, communities, and local emergency committees.
TECHNICAL SUPPORT AREAS

- Development of school safety policies, decrees, and institutional agreements
- Design of study programs and educational materials related to DRR in education
- Development of personnel training workshops and courses
- Institutional self-evaluation processes on disaster risk reduction
- Preparation and evaluation of drills and simulation exercises

COURSES AND REFERENCE MATERIALS

- Education and Risk Management: An Experience to Share
- Mémoires of the Curricular Foundations of DRR Workshop
- Safety for Special Education Schools
- Self-Assessment Guide in DRR for Elementary and Secondary Schools
- School Safety Course