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# Strategic Framework (2013-2018)

A more resilient and ready to respond health sector in the Americas

Improved capacity of Member States to provide a timely and appropriate response to disasters, complex emergencies and other crisis

Enhanced capacity of National Health Systems on Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Risk Reduction

Increased effectiveness of PAHO and the Health Cluster in responding to disasters

# 30 years of evolution in disaster management in LAC

From mainly ad hoc response, to preparedness, to risk reduction for major (not yet all) disasters

From working only with MoH (casualty management) to cooperate with key sectors (MoH, NDO, civil defenses, public works, military, legislative bodies, ministries of foreign affairs)

From building a group of specialist approach to a wider institutional engagement (cross cutting issue)



## **HEALTH SECTOR SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION**





- ➔ Aids in determining priorities for a national health sector risk reduction or disaster management program
- ➔ A monitoring tool for measuring changes over time

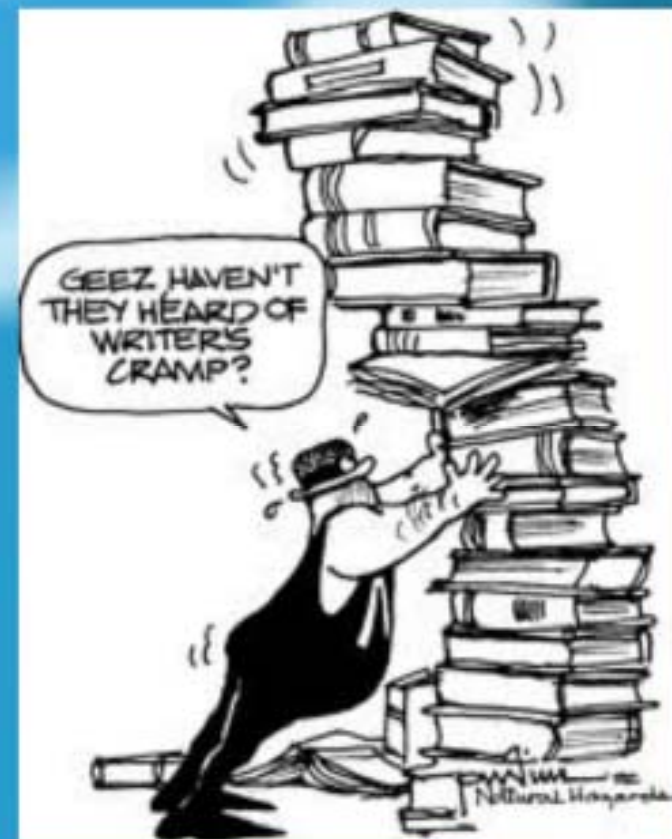


**Mental health and disaster preparedness**



**Needs of Older persons in disaster situations**

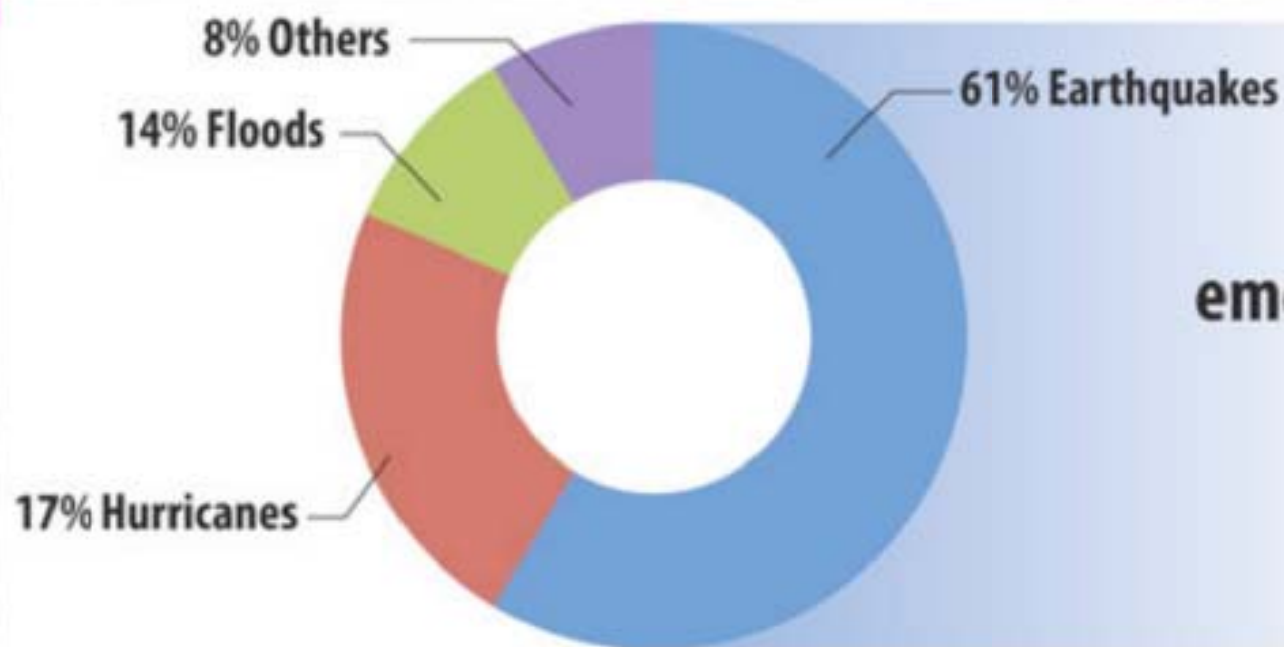






# Safe Hospitals





## Damage caused by emergencies in hospitals of Latin America and the Caribbean

Prioritizing the intervention in the affected zones will cover more than 90% of scenarios



# **Safe Hospitals**

**Most successful global initiative**

**2,900 hospitals and other health facilities in 32 countries and territories of the Americas**

**20 countries used the HSI and implemented policies and strategies to improve the safety of existing hospitals**



Guide for the evaluation  
of small and medium  
sized health facilities



Hospital Safety Index

# Evaluation Forms for Safe Hospital

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Self Instruction Course on  
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## Small and Medium sized facilities

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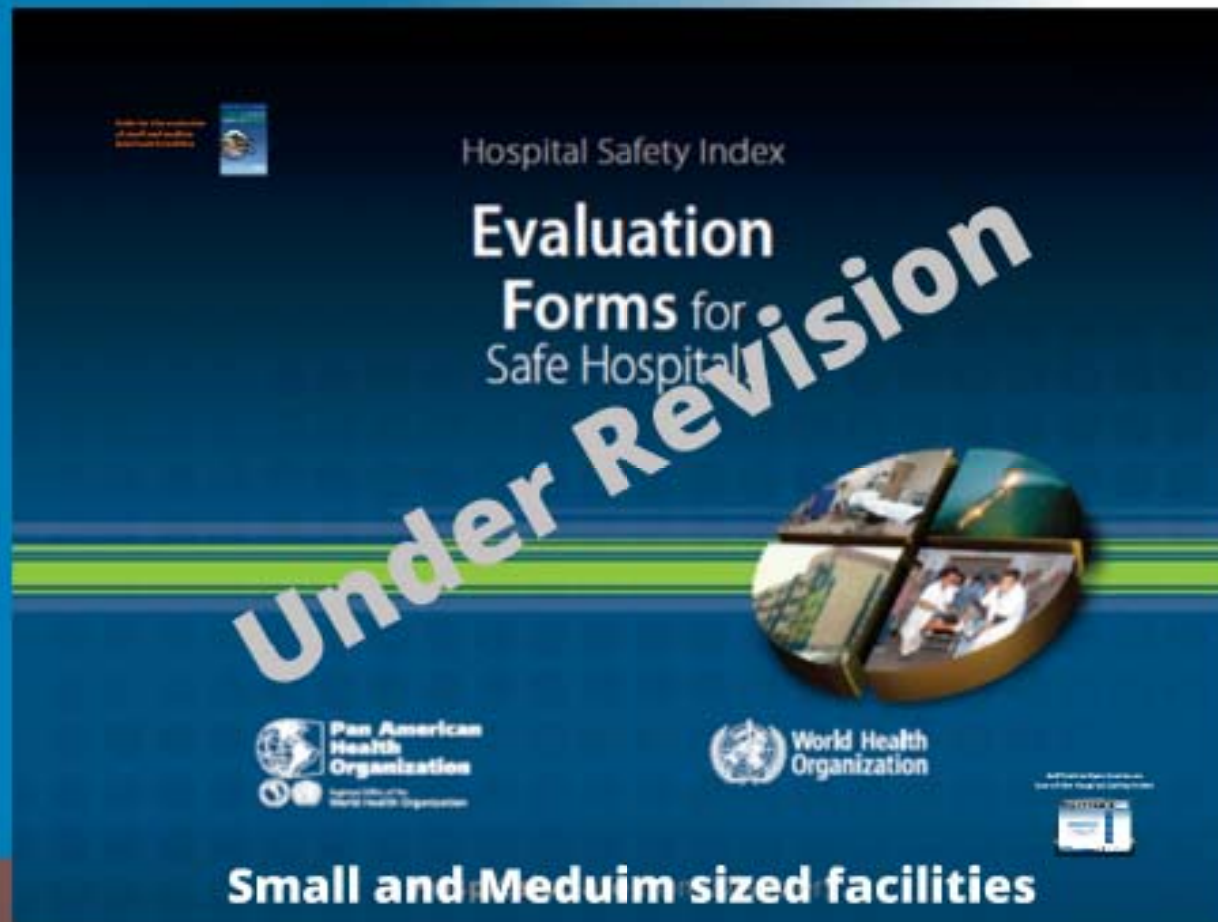
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# **HOSPITALS DON'T BURN!**

## **Hospital Fire Prevention and Evacuation Guide**



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New hospitals should be environmentally performing and hazard resilient

Model Policy on Smart Health Care Facilities

Smart Hospital Toolkit to guide the implementation of climate change mitigation measures in existing and proposed facilities

Cost benefit analysis to show savings on energy and water usage, reduced greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, improved air quality, access to safe water and safety conditions



# Regional Health Response Teams



# National health emergency response teams

# Partnership

Caribbean Comprehensive Disaster  
Management (CDM) 2013-2023

Andean Strategic Plan for Disaster Risk  
Management 2013–2017

Central American Plan for  
Comprehensive Risk Management  
of Public Health Disasters and  
Emergencies 2013–2018



# Lessons and Moving Forward



**Need to more effective coordination**



**Access to evidence-based information**



**Mobilizing financial resources**



**Value-added of PAHO's work**

## **Our Goal**

**Adequate, nationally-led  
and sustained capacity to  
reduce disaster risk and  
provision of timely and  
effective response to  
disasters**





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