

Technical Cooperation Projects in Costa Rica

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Capacity Building for Disaster Risk Management in Central America, "BOSAI"



Through the history of Central America has suffered greatly from natural disasters, natural phenomena can not be avoided but if you can minimize the damage. In Costa Rica, as in Japan natural disasters often occur, for which technical cooperation was implemented in order to improve the capacity of natural disaster management based on Japan's experience in this area.

JICA works to strengthen local capacities in disaster risk management in cooperation with municipalities, CNE, universities and other institutions through technical cooperation projects such as the BOSAI regional project, which had an implementation period 2007 - 2012, his counterpart in Costa Rica's National Emergency Commission (CNE)

Objective

Strengthen capacities of communities and local authorities for disaster risk management. The project has three pillars: self-help, cooperation between communities and institutional support

Results attained

In Costa Rica, after five years, BOSAI in its first stage, managed to train a little over 6000 people directly and another 100 thousand indirectly.



It enables new generations under the proposed BOSAI schools, teaching them to make their own plan risk their schools and how to deal with possible emergencies, with the creation of committees trained for this purpose.

Through the initiatives carried out the population of the Gulf of Nicoya had sufficient preparation to face the earthquake of 5 September 2012.

The second phase of this important project in Costa Rica is scheduled to begin mid-2014 in the communities of Santa Ana and Escazú; areas are also prone to landslides and other natural disasters, so the lessons learned in the Gulf of Nicoya be replicated in this vulnerable area of the Central Plateau.

