

Hurricane Season Looms Large, But Leaders Are Preparing



WASHINGTON D.C., (JULY 16, 2021) - World Hope International is holding a [Disaster Preparedness Training in Barbados](#) from July 20th – 23rd. The training has two main goals, 1) to prepare groups for crisis response and 2) to lay out concrete ways for groups to serve their communities and provide physical and emotional care.

Participating in the training are members of the Barbados Defense Forces, First Responders, and local faith and civic leaders. World Hope International CEO, John Lyon, shared, "Proper preparation can reduce the impact of a disaster. By bringing together key players who know their communities and understand their context, a network is built. By offering this training, we hope leaders are prepared to work together and are maximized for the best possible response."

Qualified trainers from the Fairfax and Los Angeles County Fire Departments, Katadyn Group, and others experienced in disaster relief, and search and rescue, will provide in-class teaching and hands-on training in four sessions.



Courses include:

- 1 **International Disaster Response Management, and Logistics:** Participants will learn what it takes to manage and coordinate groups following a disaster, how to evaluate logistical needs to deliver a well-thought-through response.
- 2 **Wide Area Assessment: Disaster Surveyor:** Participants will have the opportunity to download a free assessment app to their device, where they will be able to upload critical information to a disaster coordinator to expedite communication of needs during a disaster.
- 3 **Swift Water Rescue:** Participants will learn how to evaluate rescue efforts that take place in areas of swift water
- 4 **WASH: Water Filtration and Desalination, Sanitation, and Hygiene:** Participants will learn about water filtration, desalination, sanitation, and hygiene during a disaster.

The sessions are being offered for free by World Hope International and taught at The Crane Resort in St. Phillip, Barbados.

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About World Hope International

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WHI mobilizes emergency relief volunteers and our network of local and global nonprofits, corporate, church, and logistics partners when disasters strike. Acting fast before, during, and after an emergency, collaborating creatively with diverse partners has meant we are able to assist impacted communities when disasters strike. WHI works to build the capacity of our staff, volunteers, and local partners to respond quickly and efficiently, and work with the impacted communities to help build back better and become more resilient.