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**Ad Hoc notes from Jamaica Debris WG meeting
3 Dec. from 0900 to 1000 Jamaica time.**

- The “one pager” note on debris developed by CORE was discussed.
- CORE presented on their pilot debris removal project over 3 days in a community. Key points included:
 - High level of local support for debris removal.
 - Likely not practical to have households segregate debris before pick-up.
 - Need to provide information in advance to specific sites (communities, streets) on clearance operations and to be clear on what will be collected and what will not be collected.
 - Need for chain saws, heavy equipment, etc. to clear some trees.
 - Off the main roads, access can be limited, and smaller trucks need to be used to haul out debris.
 - Cash for work/volunteer work model works. People in communities will pitch in to help collect debris even if not paid.
 - Ownership of debris needs to be clear: not all that is lying around may be actual debris.
 - Need for capacity to help people who can’t “muck out” or remove debris from their house/property (e.g., elderly, disabled, families with absent members).
 - Different types of debris may be present in flood-affected communities and depending on housing types common in a location: urban concrete block houses compared to rural board-and-sheet metal houses.
 - Local authorities need to be advised of efforts and designate provisional dump site(s) where sorting will take place.
- General direction of debris management appears to be:
 - Collection of general debris (not sorted).
 - Transfer to provisional storage and processing site(s).
 - Processing to items which can be repaired, repurposed, processed (e.g., composting of organics), recycling (e.g., plastics – local companies may be able to handle this) and long term disposal (target of 10% of initial debris volume).
- No overall estimate of debris quantities or content appears to have been developed.
- There are reported to be Government plans for debris management, but these were not available for the meeting.
- Scope of debris management under IOM RfPs was not discussed.
- Scope of UNPD/early recovery debris management efforts not known.
- CORE shared a debris management strategy outline on-screen. Approach seems to be reasonable, with some modifications.
- It was understood that the Debris WG would work further on a strategy and collecting additional information.
- I agreed to provide a single package of information on debris management shared previously.

Apologies for anything missed, mis-stated, or just incorrect.

(No attendee list was circulated.)

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