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Department Of Disaster Management Hosts CCRIF Intern

The Valley, Anguilla – The Department of Disaster Management (DDM) has benefitted again from the Caribbean Catastrophic Risk Insurance Fund (CCRIF). Ms Stephanie Sewell an intern recruited under the CCRIF Regional Internship Programme, has been assisting with the development of a number of plans and proposals, over the past two (2) months.

Ms Sewell under the supervision of Ms Susan Hodge, Programme Officer, Community, Outreach, Preparedness & Education (COPE) has assisted in the development of the Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA) a plan that expands on a matrix developed in March 2015 and gives in detail all the hazards faced by Anguilla and the consequences of each. Other items worked on included, a proposal for the establishment of a 911 emergency call system in Anguilla. “Discussions have been ongoing for the establishment of this system for some time, but the development of the draft proposal gives us a focused work plan to seek funding and bring this project to fruition” stated Ms Hodge. Ms Sewell also assisted in the fleshing out of the draft national recovery plan and attended a number of workshops and session as well as table top exercises arranged by the DDM.

Ms Sewell stated that she was grateful for the opportunity to work with the DDM and explore briefly a career in disaster risk management. She is especially thankful; for CCRIF’s generosity and for the kindness extended to her by the DDM. She will truly miss her wonderful supervisor, Susan and the rest of the DDM Staff.

Ms Hodge stated that she was appreciative of the opportunity afforded by CCRIF, which not only assisted Anguilla in the development of a number of plans but has also helped Stephanie in generating increased awareness of Disaster Management as a career option. Her willingness to learn and participate in DDM activities was refreshing and her enthusiasm will be

missed. Ms Sewell internship started on 18 July and ended on 9th September, 2016.

The objective of the CCRIF Regional Internship Programme is to provide career-related work experience for Caribbean citizens that enhances their academic training and provides a real world introduction in the areas of disaster risk management, climate change, meteorology, risk transfer and/or risk modelling.

CCRIF partners with national disaster management and meteorological organizations as well as the Caribbean Disaster and Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC), Caribbean Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology (CIMH) and the University of the West Indies (UWI) and other regional organizations. In 2015 CCRIF placed 20 interns in 10 organizations across the Caribbean.

The DDM would like to thank CCRIF for this opportunity and look forward to a continued sharing work relationship

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