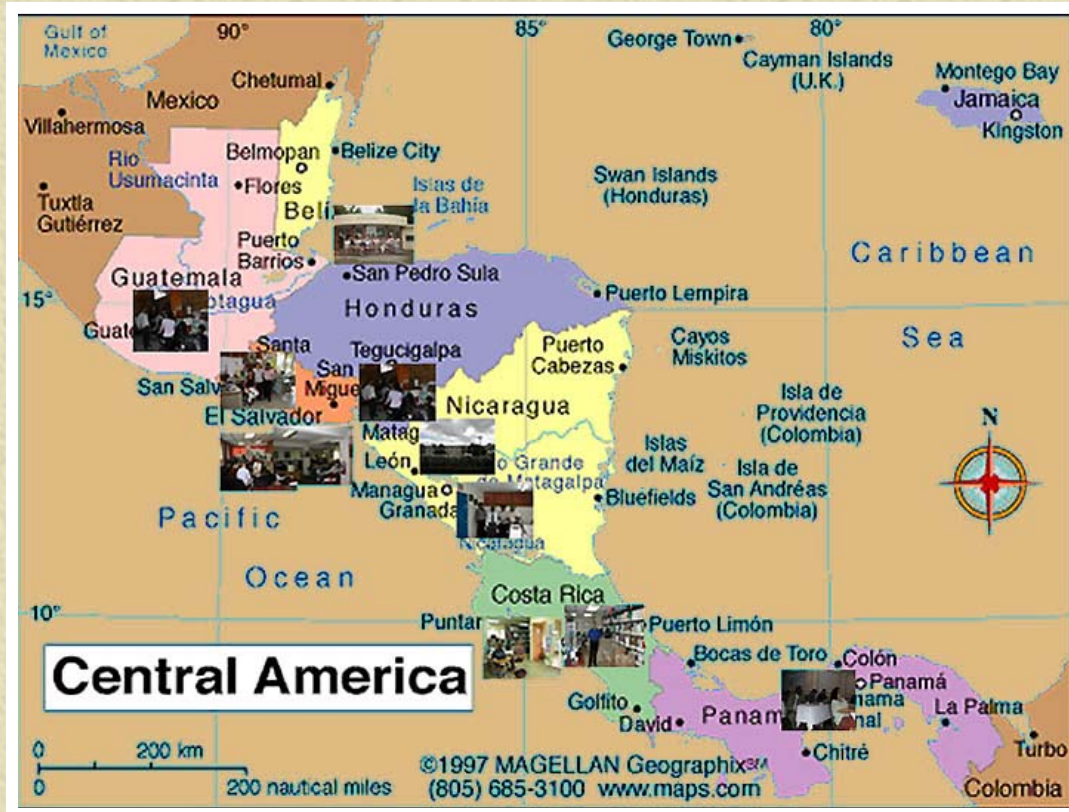


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NLM's International Collaboration

✦ National role – international impact

✦ International MEDLARS Centers

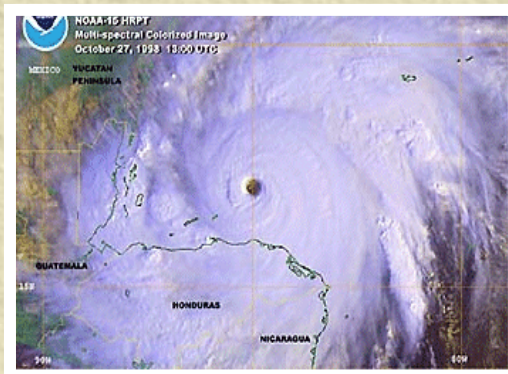


✦ Opportunity-based projects:

- PAHO collaborations in Latin America
- Department of State collaboration in former Soviet states
- International Training, meetings, etc.
- HHS collaborations (MIM)
- CANDHI

CANDHI Beginnings– Mitch, 1998

- ✦ Post-Mitch meeting in Honduras 1998
- ✦ Goal: Support and rebuild the health information infrastructure in Honduras and Nicaragua
- ✦ NLM-PAHO-ISDR collaboration
- ✦ 2001: earthquakes in El Salvador
- ✦ Regional partner needed



CANDHI Partner: Regional Disaster Information Center

✦ CRID, San Jose - Costa Rica

✦ Create disaster prevention culture through the collection and dissemination of literature

CRID





CANDHI Sites

✧ Honduras

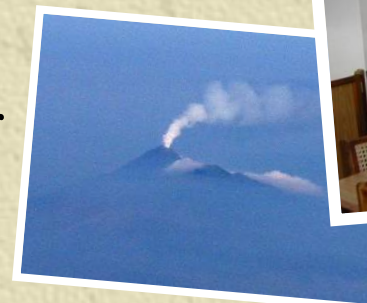
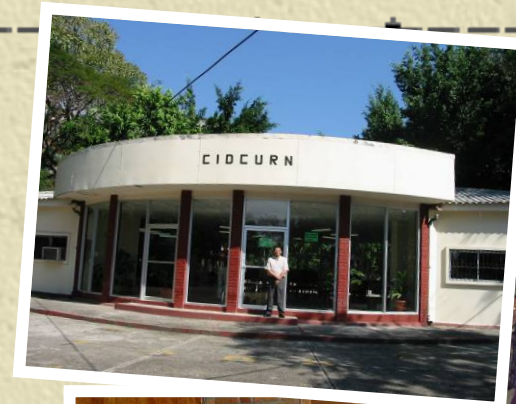
- ✧ UNAH Medical School
- ✧ CURN Library

✧ Nicaragua

- ✧ CIES School of Public Health Library
- ✧ UNAN Medical School

✧ El Salvador

- ✧ Ministry of Health/PAHO
- ✧ CEPRODE
- ✧ University of El Salvador





CANDHI Sites

✦ Guatemala

- ✦ Universidad de San Carlos Medical School

✦ Costa Rica

- ✦ National Emergency Commission

✦ Panama

- ✦ National System for Civil Protection



CANDHI Objectives

✦ Technological Infrastructure



✦ Information Management Training



✦ Information Product Development



#1: Technology Infrastructure

- ✦ Computer Hardware and Software
- ✦ Local Area Networks
- ✦ Internet Connectivity
- ✦ Information Management Tools



#2: Training

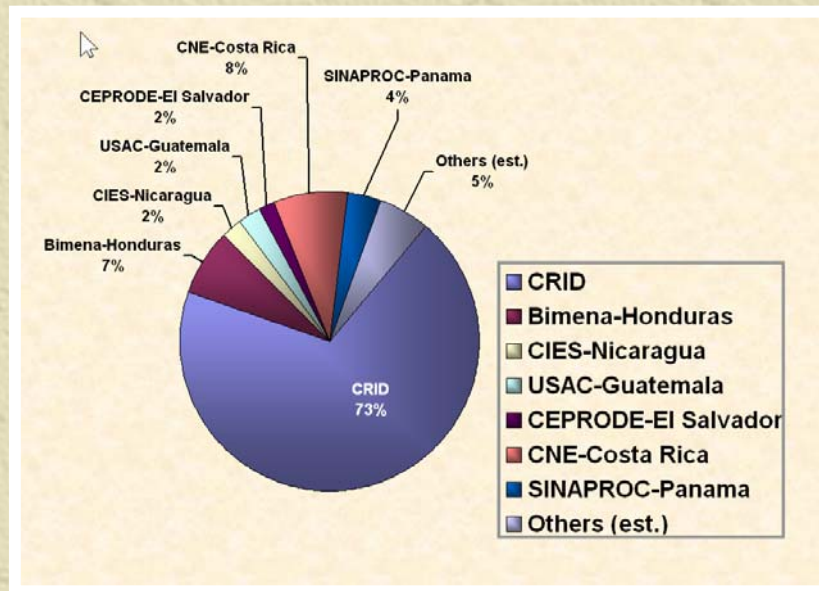
- ✦ Training sessions in different Central American Countries and at NLM
- ✦ Information management, health information resources, information tools, IT training
- ✦ Train-the-trainer approach
- ✦ Teleconferences



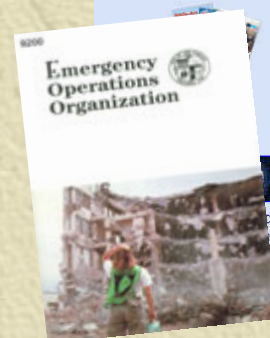
#3: Information Products

Digital Library

- 🏠 CRID – 11,000 documents; CANDHI centers – 2,000 documents
- 🏠 Online and Special Topic CDs



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Biblioteca Virtual de Desastres



Base de Datos Desastres



Materiales Audiovisuales




#3: Information Products

CANDHI Web sites

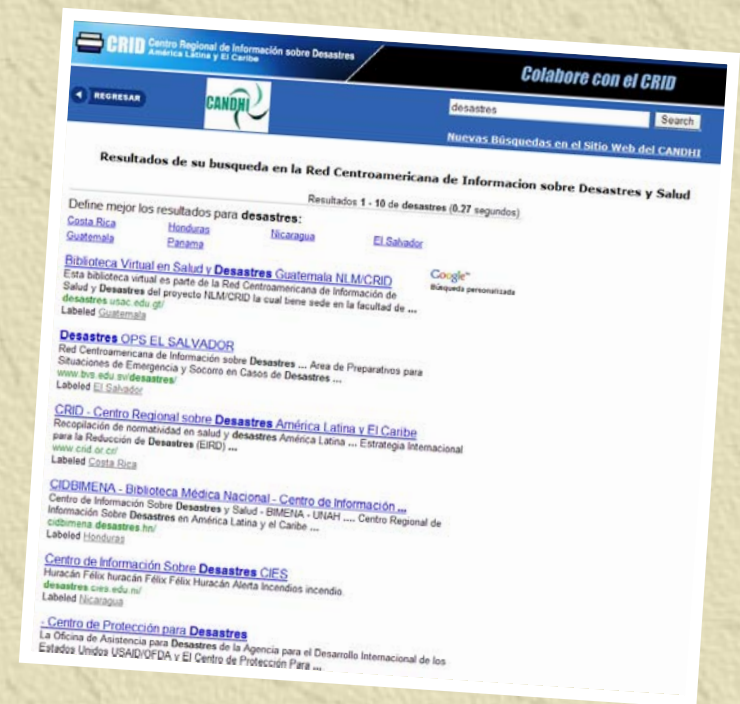
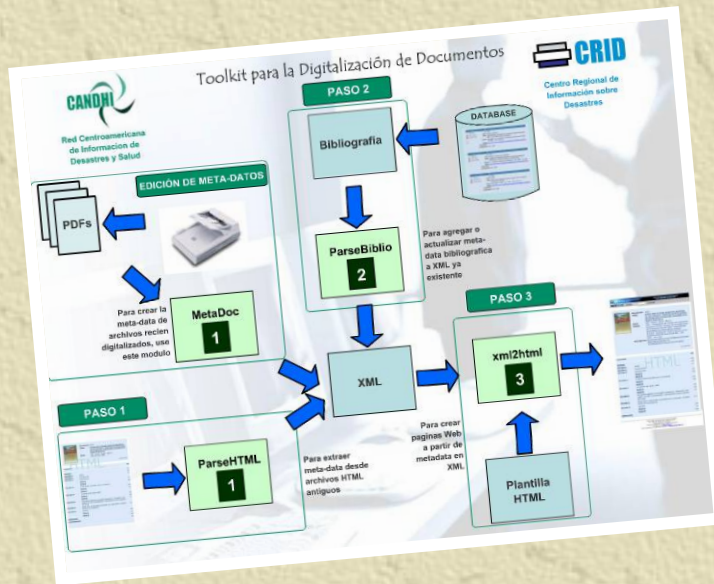
- Health and disaster resources
- Full-text documents
- Local resources and announcements
- News, maps, up-to-date weather information



#3: ...and Tools

 CANDHI meta-search tool

 Digitalization toolkit



CANDHI in action

- ✦ Information services
- ✦ Education
- ✦ Disaster medicine curriculum
- ✦ National disaster committees/agencies
- ✦ International cooperation
- ✦ Sustainable methodology



CANDHI Impact on Libraries

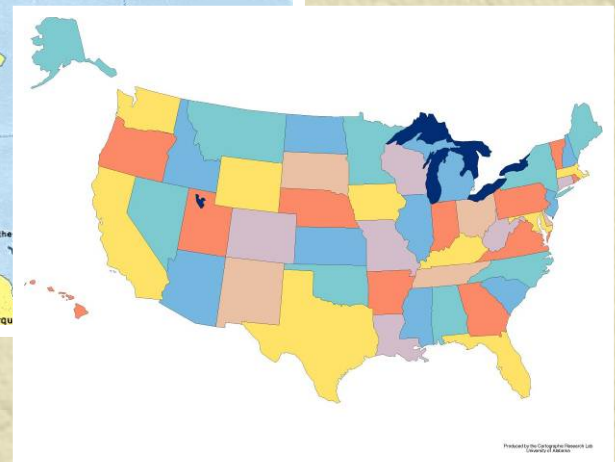
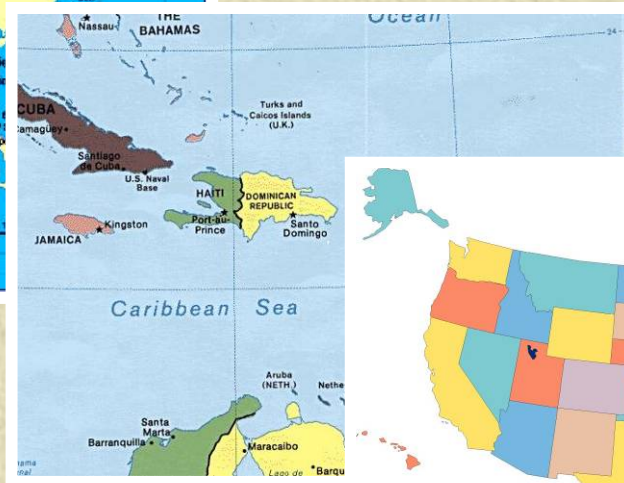
- ✦ Enabled access to information
- ✦ Empowered health sciences libraries
- ✦ Enhanced perception of libraries and librarians



Sustainability - Outreach

CANDHI is a model that can be replicated in other areas of the Americas or the world

DISASTER INFORMATION CENTER TOOLKIT



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Toolkit para la gestión de información sobre desastres: **Un modelo integral**

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- 2 Gestión de centros de información
- 3 Tecnologías de información
- 4 Diseño de servicios de información basados en web
- 5 Transferencia de conocimiento y educación permanente

• Caso de estudio

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*the most cost
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reduction activity
and a way to
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