

ABSTRACT

This research project discussed the risk or natural hazards affecting the county of St Patrick in Trinidad and Tobago. The reason for this is that natural hazards have been increasing and it has to be ensured that people are aware of the risk involved and is knowledgeable about the mitigations strategies to implement. In order to achieve this a survey was conducted in the Los Iros and Barrackpore area. The survey was conducted using questionnaires and personal interviews. The target population of the survey was the hot pepper farmers in those areas. Seventeen hot pepper farmers were visited and interviewed.

From the survey conducted it was gathered that the major hazards experienced in Barrackpore and Los Iros were flooding, Landslides and fire. These hazards had an adverse effect on their livelihood. It was also determined that these farmers lacked the knowledge, information and techniques to deal with these disaster. These results can therefore be used to develop a plan to aid the farmers of Barrackpore and Los Iros. Strategies can be developed to mitigate the risks experienced by them; also steps can be taken to educate these farmers on proper risk mitigation techniques to the impacts of these hazards can be decreased.