

Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) Projects and Initiatives in the Caribbean

Title: Regional Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Programme (RDVRP)

Organisation: Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)

Aims and Objectives:

The Programme aims at measurably reducing vulnerability to natural hazards and climate change impacts in the Eastern Caribbean Sub-region. The objective of the Project in Grenada is to measurably reduce vulnerability to natural hazards and climate change impacts in Grenada and in the Eastern Caribbean Sub-region. The objective of the Project in St Vincent and the Grenadines is to measurably reduce vulnerability to natural hazards and climate change impacts in St Vincent and the Grenadines and in the Eastern Caribbean Sub-region. The achievement of the Program Development Objectives of the Regional Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Program (RDVRP) would be measured using the following key indicators:

- (a) Reduced risk of OECS population to failure of public buildings and infrastructure due to natural hazards or climate change impacts; and
- (b) Increased capacity of OECS Governments to identify and monitor climate risk and impacts.

Duration: Start Year: 2011 Completion Year: 2016

Additional Comments: Original completion date extended from 2016 to 2018

Estimated Cost (USD): \$89,700,000 (based on August 2014 Implementation Status Report)

Funding Source: World Bank (Mixture of International Development Association (IDA) and Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR) Grants and Loans)

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Key Words: Natural Hazards; Flooding; Vulnerability; Climate Resilience; Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR)

Geographic Coverage: Eastern Caribbean Sub-region with projects in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Grenada

Sectoral Focus: Disaster Risk Management

Target Beneficiaries: Government Policymakers; Disaster Management Agencies; General Public

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Outputs:

A range of projects are being implemented in both St Vincent and the Grenadines and Grenada. These include projects under the following components:

Component 1: Prevention and Adaptation Investments.

The participating countries would implement a broad spectrum of interventions aimed at building resilience in public buildings and infrastructure.

Component 2: Regional Platforms for Hazard and Risk Evaluation and Applications for Improved Decision Making.

This component would support building the regional capacity for assessment of natural risks and integration of such assessment into policy and decision making process for the development of investments, disaster risk mitigation and disaster response across sectors, through the provision of technical advisory services, training and acquisition of goods.

Component 3: Natural Disaster Response Investments.

This component would finance emergency recovery and reconstruction subprojects under an agreed action plan of activities designed as a mechanism to implement a country's rapid response to an emergency. Following an adverse natural event, and subject to a Government's declaration of emergency in accordance with national law and the submission of a recovery action plan satisfactory to the Association, a participating Government would be able to request the World Bank to re-categorize financing or provide additional financing to cover early recovery and rehabilitation costs.

Component 4: Project Management and Implementation Support.

Activities under this component would support strengthening and developing the institutional capacity for Project management, including: (a) preparation for designs and tender documents; (b) preparation of project reports; (c) processing of contracts and tender evaluation; (d) coordination of participating line ministries; (e) supervision of the quality of works; (f) training of staff in Project management and implementation support; (g) capacity building for accreditation to the United National Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Climate Adaptation Fund; and (h) related activities on Project management and implementation, all through the provision of technical advisory services, training, operating costs and acquisition of goods.

Note that the project has been expanded substantially during its implementation resulting in a scaling up of project activities in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Project Links and References:

<http://www.worldbank.org/projects/P117871/oecs-disaster-vulnerability-reduction-project?lang=en>

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Impacts:

Project is ongoing, the following high level impact indicators are used:

- Reduced risk of OECS population to failure of public buildings and infrastructure due to natural hazards or climate change impacts
- Increased capacity of OECS governments to identify and monitor climate risk and impacts

Sustainability:

Information not available

Lessons for the Future:

Information not available

Opportunities Arising from the Project:

Information not available

Further Comments:

Information not available