



## **Disaster Resilience and Vulnerability Rapid-Response Household Phone-Survey for the Eastern Caribbean**

### **Context and Objectives**

Caribbean countries are particularly subject to extreme weather shocks, especially hurricanes and tropical storms. Climate change will increase the frequency and intensity of these extreme weather shocks with potentially large poverty impacts. The COVID-19 pandemic, moreover, has underlined the vulnerability of Caribbean countries to other shocks. The shutdown of vital economic sectors, including tourism, has had major implications for poor and vulnerable populations. The objective of this project is to advance the use of phone surveys to inform the COVID-19 response and future disaster response efforts in the Caribbean.

### **Main Activities**

- High-frequency phone surveys to monitor the impacts of COVID-19 in Belize, Dominica and Saint Lucia.
- Enhancing the governments' capacities to implement phone surveys as part of future disaster response.

### **Results**

The implementation of the two waves of phone surveys started in June 2021. A draft questionnaire module on DRM was prepared and circulated with partners in the region, including the EU, with constructive comments and suggestions received.

### **Partnerships and Coordination**

The project is implemented by the World Bank's Poverty and Equity Practice in Latin America and the Caribbean in coordination with the World Bank Disaster Risk Management team for the Caribbean region. National Statistical Offices of Belize, Dominica, and St. Lucia are being engaged during the implementation of the high-frequency survey to ensure transfer of knowledge on the design and implementation of phone surveys. The CDEMA and DRM colleagues in partner organizations (UNDP UNICEF, WFP) will be engaged to maximize the potential of the surveys.

#### **Countries**

Belize, Dominica, Saint Lucia

#### **Caribbean Regional Resilience Building Facility component**

Regional Technical Assistance Facility to Mainstream Resilience

#### **Amount approved**

EUR 180,000 / \$213,624

#### **Duration**

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