

Building Physical, Fiscal, and Inclusive Resilience in Haiti

Context and Objectives

Poverty and exposure to disasters are closely related in Haiti, as most households whose consumption level is just above the poverty line are at risk from at least one hazard such as hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, landslides, and drought. Due to the frequent occurrence of hazards, Haiti is subjected almost annually to catastrophic events with disastrous impacts, resulting in significant loss of life and adversely affecting poverty reduction efforts, economic growth, and fiscal stability.

The “Building Physical, Fiscal, and Inclusive Resilience in Haiti” Technical Assistance (TA) project has been launched to support the government of Haiti to address these challenges. The TA is accomplishing this by strengthening Disaster Risk Management (DRM) institutions and emergency preparedness and response, mainstreaming DRM in key sectors, strengthening Disaster Risk Financing, and improving the understanding of disaster impacts on the poor and women. The project also addresses preparations for the 2020 hurricane season and prevention measures for compounding risk and COVID-19. This work will also complement the “*Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Management in Public Infrastructure Management in Haiti*” TA, also implemented under the Caribbean Regional Resilience Building Facility.

Main Activities

- **Strengthening DRM Institutions and Emergency Preparedness and Response:** The Ministry of Interior and Local Authorities is strengthening the institutional capacities of the National Disaster Risk Management System and the Civil Protection Directorate, and to support stakeholder consultations and workshops.
- **Mainstreaming DRM in Key Sectors:** DRM plans are developed in the Education, Health, Public Works, and Agriculture sectors, supports the maintenance and expansion of the HaitiData open-data platform, supports the dissemination of safe construction practices to both public and private sector builders, supports the revision of the 2012 Haiti Building Code, and encourages the promotion of the Hydromet Unit as an autonomous entity.
- **Strengthening Disaster Risk Financing:** The government of Haiti in assessing, reducing, and managing fiscal risks associated with natural disasters. Resilient fiscal protection and timely access to financing through financial instruments is critical for post-disaster response and recovery needs.
- **Improving Understanding of Impacts of Disasters on the Poor and Women:** The government of Haiti is strengthening its capacity to respond to post-disaster recovery and reconstruction by monitoring changes in the population’s livelihoods and thus being able to mobilize its resources more effectively so they can be dispatched to the poor and vulnerable.

Results

This project is in its inception phase.

Partnerships and Coordination

The technical assistance project is undertaken jointly with institutions of the government of Haiti

including the Ministries of Interior and Local Authorities (namely the Civil Protection Directorate), Public Works, Agriculture, Education, Social Affairs, Economy and Finance, Planning and External Cooperation, and the National Center for Geospatial Information.

Country

Haiti

Region

Caribbean

Caribbean Regional Resilience Building Facility component

Adaptation Facility for Leveraging Investments in Resilience in the Caribbean

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