

## **Enhancing Resilient Territorial Development in the Dominican Republic**

### **Context and Objectives**

The Dominican Republic is highly exposed to climate-related and geophysical hazards that pose major challenges to its sustainable growth and development. Based on historical data, disaster losses have been estimated at 0.69%<sup>1</sup> of the 2015 GDP or US\$ 420 million per year over the period 1961-2014. Natural exposure to these hazards is being exacerbated by rapid urbanization, along with limited territorial planning, urban planning, and poor natural resource management. These factors are having a negative effect on human health, quality of life, and major economic activities such as agriculture and tourism. Therefore, Resilient territorial and urban planning plays a key role in increasing resilience by ensuring the safe location of population, building disaster and climate-risk informed territorial and land use instruments, and through a comprehensive management of natural resources.

The project “Enhancing Resilient Territorial Development in the Dominican Republic” supports the government’s efforts to implement a territorial development plan that improves land use regulations, enhances disaster risk management, and promotes the sustainable use of natural resources.

### **Main Activities**

- Urbanization and Territorial Development Review, including a diagnostic of urbanization patterns to identify existing challenges and inform a pathway to address them while leveraging opportunities provided by cities to increase productivity, strengthen economic growth, tackle inequality, and build resilience.
- Support the Implementation of the Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) for the Dominican Republic (*IDE-RD: Infraestructura de Datos Espaciales de La Republica Dominicana*). The SDI will be used as a tool for territorial planning and disaster risk management.

### **Results**

This project is in its inception phase.

### **Partnerships and Coordination**

The technical assistance project is undertaken jointly with the Economic and Social Analysis Advisor Unit (UAAES) and the National Geographic Institute (IGN), which are both within the Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development (MEPyD).

### **Useful Links**

The Dominican Republic Risk Profile can be available in English [here](#) and in Spanish [here](#).

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<sup>1</sup> Source: “Dominican Republic: Building Physical and Fiscal Resilience to Ensure Shared Prosperity” ACP-EU NDRR <https://www.gfdr.org/en/dominican-republic-building-physical-and-fiscal-resilience-ensure-shared-prosperity>

**Country**

- [Dominican Republic](#)

**Region**

- Caribbean

**Caribbean Regional Resilience Building Facility component**

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**Amount approved**

- \$750,000

**Co-financing**

- \$0

**Duration**

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