

Cabo Verde - Strengthening Resilient Territorial Planning and Development

Country

Cabo Verde

ACP-EU Disaster Risk Management Program Component

Improve urban and peri-urban
resilience mechanisms in targeted
Central, Eastern and Western
African cities

Amount Approved

€190,000 / \$200,000

Duration

08/2023 – 06/2025

Context and Objectives

Cabo Verde, as a Small Island Developing State (SIDS), is highly exposed to multiple hazards that are being worsened by climate change. Sea level rise alone could reach 1m over the next 60–80 years, increasing coastal submersion, erosion, and salinity, and already nearly 30 percent of the country's population is exposed to flash floods and cyclones that result in landslides throughout the islands. Furthermore, like many other SIDS, Cabo Verde's national economy relies heavily on tourism, a sector that is weather-dependent and highly vulnerable to natural hazards. Vulnerability to these hazards is aggravated by the fact that most urbanization in Cabo Verde has taken place informally.

The objective of this project is to strengthen the capacity of national and local governments to incorporate hazard and risk information in urban and territorial planning,

allowing them to make well-informed investment decisions.

The project will also build on the recently completed technical assistance to integrate disaster risk consideration in school infrastructure, financed by the EU under the previous [ACP-EU Natural Disaster Risk Reduction Program](#).

Main Activities and Expected Results

Development of a rapid territorial assessment to inform policy decisions in Cabo Verde, with a focus on resilience

This activity provides a territorial development note to inform policy decisions at all government levels in Cabo Verde with a disaster and climate resilience focus. The analysis specifically develops an evidence-based assessment of main territorial development challenges in Cabo Verde while taking into consideration gender and inclusion aspects.

Expected Result:

- The central and municipal government entities of Cabo Verde deepen their understanding of territorial challenges and capacity for evidence-based decision making in regional and urban development.

Capacity building to incorporate hazard and risk information in urban and territorial planning

This activity seeks to reinforce Cabo Verde's risk-informed urban and territorial planning by strengthening the capacity to incorporate hazard and risk information of the National Institute for Territorial Management (INGT) and selected municipalities.



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Expected Result:

- Central and local government entities improve their capacity to make risk-informed territorial planning decisions, supported in this process by the INGT.

Partnerships and Coordination

The World Bank implements this project in close coordination with the Ministry of Infrastructure, Territorial Planning and Housing, along with the INGT, and the National Directorate of Planning, as well as municipal authorities. The World Bank coordinates its efforts with the EU Delegation in Cabo Verde.

Work with the Government of Cabo Verde is closely aligned with the preparation of the World Bank-funded [Improving Connectivity and Urban Infrastructure project](#) (\$35 million) which finances urban and transport interventions. This GFDRR project is also implemented in coordination with the activities of the [Resilient Tourism and Blue Economy Development project](#) (\$35 million), again World Bank-funded, due to its support for seafront areas.