

## **Dominican Republic – Enhancing resilient and inclusive infrastructure development, territorial planning and disaster preparedness**

### **Country**

Dominican Republic

### **ACP-EU Disaster Risk Management Program Component**

Mainstream DRR and CCA into national and priority sector policies and investment planning

### **Amount Approved**

€320,000 / \$350,000

### **Duration**

07/2023 – 02/2025

### **Context and Objectives**

With a high exposure to natural hazards, the Dominican Republic has recognized the critical need to improve its national regulatory framework for risk-informed territorial planning instruments and enhance resilience and disaster preparedness. The Strategic Development Plan 2030 includes the first policy guidelines to integrate territorial planning in development planning and define a new regulatory framework for this purpose.

The objective of this project is to provide support to the Government of the Dominican Republic to advance the integration of resilience and climate adaptation approaches into public and community investments and to develop risk-informed territorial planning instruments.

### **Main Activities and Expected Results**

#### ***Resilient recovery of critical public and community infrastructure***

This activity focuses on the resilient rehabilitation and reconstruction of critical public infrastructure in the areas affected by Hurricane Fiona and vulnerable to similar events. This includes vulnerability assessments of infrastructure in the affected areas, support to the development of prioritization criteria for critical public infrastructure investments, and recommendations on the technical designs to guide future investments.

#### *Expected Result:*

- Resilience and climate risk considerations integrated in the future investments in infrastructure.

#### ***Improving preparedness and response through expansion of the disaster risk management instruments and capacity building***

This activity supports the development of risk-informed territorial planning instruments and risk mapping as well as the enhanced use of the Dominican Republic's Damage Assessment System.

#### *Expected Result:*

- Enhanced territorial planning systems at the national and subnational levels, and improved data collection and information use for decision-making process in DRM.

### **Partnerships and Coordination**

The World Bank implements this project in close collaboration with the Ministry of the Presidency (MINPRE), the Ministry of Economic Planning and Development (MEPYD), the Ministry of Education, the



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National Meteorological Office, and the National Geographical Institute. The World Bank coordinates its efforts with the EU Delegation in the Dominican Republic.

Work with the Government of the Dominican Republic is closely aligned with the preparation of the World Bank-funded [Emergency Response Project](#).