

Strengthening ECCAS capacities in Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change

Countries

Angola, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Rwanda and Sao Tome and Principe.

ACP-EU Disaster Risk Management Program Component

Strengthen African Regional Institution's (RECs) Capacities

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Context and Objectives

Uncontrolled urbanization is a major challenge for countries in the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS). At the same time climate change is further exacerbating the situation leading to recurrent flooding and longer periods of droughts. This increased exposure makes populations much more vulnerable and has larger impacts on national economies.

The objective of this project is to strengthen the capacities of the ECCAS Commission and member states on disaster risk reduction, emergency preparedness and response. This grant also supports the Department of Environment, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Rural Development (DERNADR) in the reduction of losses and damages due to disasters related to climate change, and of tragic social events related to natural disasters.

This project builds on the ACP-EU Program [Building Disaster Resilience to natural Hazards in Sub-Saharan African Regions,](#)

[Countries and Communities](#), where the World Bank provided access to technical knowledge and best operational practices concerning disaster resilience from a wide range of stakeholders.

Main Activities and Expected Results

Strengthening ECCAS Regional Capacities on DRM

This activity plans to strengthening the ECCAS Commission and Member States in the field of flood risk management by supporting the development of a regional strategy and a plan for the creation of a Regional Center to disseminate knowledge. This is supported by actively building resilience skills in universities and research institutions.

Expected Results:

- A regional center to improve risk governance based on international standards and according to regional needs.
- Enhanced capacities among Member States to update their regulatory frameworks and develop resilient buildings in the future.

Reinforcing ECCAS emergency preparedness and response capacities

This activity seeks to provide analytical diagnostics that promote preparedness within the ECCAS region by influencing national emergency preparedness and investment plans. These capacity building efforts are also strengthening planning and coordination within Member States.



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Expected Results:

- Better informed dialogue with development partners on implementing prioritized investments.
- Enhanced collaboration across member states on contingency planning.

Partnerships and Coordination

The World Bank implements this project in close coordination with the Service for Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Adaptation of the ECCAS Commission. The team also collaborates with the EU Delegation in Gabon, responsible for relations with ECCAS.