



Strengthening ECOWAS' Capacities in Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change

Countries

Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo

ACP-EU Disaster Risk Management Program Component

Strengthen African Regional Institution's (RECs) capacities

Amount approved

€830,000 / \$890,000

Duration

1/2024 – 6/2026

Context and Objectives

In 2015, the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) published its Disaster Risk Reduction Plan of Action 2015-2030. This Plan is meant to reinforce regional, sub-regional and transboundary understanding and operationalization of disaster risk reduction.

In support of this process, the objective of this project is to strengthen the capacity of the ECOWAS Commission and its Member States in emergency preparedness and response, particularly regarding flood risk.

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

Supporting the implementation of the regional flood risk management policy

This activity brings together actors from Member States, city administrations, river basin and regional organizations (specifically, ECOWAS and the Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel) to develop a guidance note and identify best practices for the implementation of the ECOWAS Flood Risk Management Policy at the national and local level and facilitate knowledge sharing.

Expected Result:

- Strengthened capacities of the ECOWAS Commission and Member States in flood risk management policy in practice at local, national and regional level.

Strengthening regional financial preparedness to disasters

This activity facilitates a thorough analysis of past assistance under the ECOWAS Humanitarian and Disaster Response Fund, estimates the risks and needs of Member States, and is creating a guidance note for effective design and management of the Fund.

Expected Result:

- Increased ECOWAS Commission's disaster response capacity and increased efficacy of the Humanitarian and Disaster Response Fund.

Partnerships and Coordination

The World Bank implements the project in close coordination with the ECOWAS Commission and Member States and coordinates its efforts with the EU Delegation in Nigeria, as well as UNDRR, and UNDP.