

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines – Strengthening Financial Resilience

Country

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EURECa Component

Strengthen Financial Protection

Amount approved

€190,000 / \$200,000

Duration

09/2024 – 03/2028

Context and Objectives

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is exposed to hydrometeorological and geophysical hazards, which can have significant negative impacts on its economic and fiscal stability, as well as on the safety and well-being of the population. Geophysical hazards are also on the country's risk radar because of the active La Soufrière Volcano and the existential threat of volcanic eruptions.

The objective of this project is to enhance the government's institutional, technical, and financial capacity to manage risk resulting from the occurrence of natural or health-related hazards, including the adverse effects of climate change and disease outbreaks. This project supports the preparation and

subsequent implementation of a Disaster Risk Management Development Policy Credit with Catastrophe Deferred Drawdown Option.

Main Activities and Expected Results

Enhancing policy and institutional framework for increased resilience

This activity supports the enhancement of the policy and institutional framework for improved disaster risk reduction and emergency preparedness through technical assistance drafting and implementing environmental impact assessment regulations, revising the National Emergency Shelters Management Policy and the School Safety Policy, and helping implement the National Comprehensive Disaster Management Policy and the National Disaster Emergency Telecommunications Plan.

Expected Results:

- More effective planning and regulation of the built environment and management of critical infrastructures.
- Enhanced climate-resilience and more effective post-disaster recovery.

Strengthening fiscal resilience against natural hazards and climate change

This component focuses on improving public fiscal resilience by strengthening policies, and financial management systems to ensure that Saint Vincent and the Grenadines has the fiscal capacity to respond to disasters effectively. This is pursued through support for the introduction of a risk-based asset management system, support for incorporating climate change and DRM considerations into accounts, and streamlined loss and damage data collection.

Expected Results:

- Improved understanding of the vulnerability of critical assets through more accurate hazard and risk information.



- Enhanced quantification of contingent liabilities, improving fiscal capacity to respond to disasters.

Partnerships and Coordination

The World Bank implements the project in close coordination with the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning, Sustainable Development, and Information Technology. The project team coordinates its efforts with the EU Delegation in Barbados.