

Saint Lucia - Defining a framework for enhancing urban resilience in Castries and national emergency preparedness and response systems

Country

Saint Lucia

ACP-EU Disaster Risk Management Program Component

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

Amount Approved

€140,000 / \$150,000

Duration

07/2023 – 03/2024

Context and Objectives

Climate-related hazards are a significant and growing threat to economic and social development in Saint Lucia. In 2017, the country responded by developing a national Strategic Program for Climate Resilience (SPCR), a five-year strategy to build the country's resilience to climate change impacts.

This project aims to continue enhancing and improving urban and infrastructure resilience in the capital Castries, as well as strengthening national emergency preparedness and response systems.

Activities under this grant build upon previous work undertaken through other EU-funded projects, particularly under the [CRRBF](#) and [ACP-EU NDRR](#) programs.

Main Activities and Expected Results

Enhancing and improving the urban and infrastructure resilience in Castries, St. Lucia

This activity mobilizes technical experts to conduct assessments of urban hazards and risks and identify risk reduction interventions to improve the resilience of critical infrastructure, also assessing how to integrate nature-based solutions.

Expected Result:

- Enhanced knowledge and resilience of critical infrastructure services.

Strengthening Emergency Preparedness and Response systems and infrastructure

This activity involves assessing the gaps and opportunities in emergency preparedness and response systems in Saint Lucia. Capacity building efforts target the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) in particular.

Expected Results:

- Strengthened government capacities to effectively use disaster and climate information in decision-making processes.
- Improved capacity of the National Emergency Management Organization to prepare for and respond to disasters.



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Communications and Lessons Learned

This aspect focuses on the development of knowledge products that support the mainstreaming of disaster and climate resilience knowledge and practices and the delivery of targeted workshops with line Ministries and relevant agencies.

Expected Results:

- Improved knowledge of rehabilitation and resilience efforts.
- Strengthened capacity and participation in decision-making.

Partnerships and Coordination

The World Bank implements this project in close collaboration with the Ministry of Economic Development, Housing, Urban Renewal, Transport, and Civil Aviation and the National Emergency Management Organization. The World Bank coordinates its efforts with the EU Delegation in Barbados.

The proposed activities will complement the [Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Project](#), financed by the World Bank.