

## Dominican Republic – Resilient and Sustainable Housing

### Country

Dominican Republic

### EURECa Component

Mainstream Resilience

### Amount approved

€500,000 / \$525,000

### Duration

01/2025 – 06/2026

### Context and Objectives

The Dominican Republic is experiencing rapid urbanization with 82% of its 9.1 million population residing in urban areas, and this trend is expected to continue, reaching 92% by 2050. The country's housing stock faces significant challenges due to a high incidence of natural disasters and the lack of comprehensive urban development plans. In addition, a significant housing deficit, estimated at 1.4 million units, is putting immense pressure on urban services.

This project has three objectives. The first is to provide technical assistance and capacity support to Ministry of the Presidency (MINPRE), and the National Housing Fund (FONVIVIENDA) to implement the medium-term recommendations on strengthening resilience and sustainability aspects of the National Housing Plan "Familia

Feliz" (PNVFF). The second is to support housing sector authorities in the design of a new national integrated resilient housing plan covering housing improvement, informal settlement upgrading, and rental housing. The third is to support the Ministry of Housing (MIVED) in updating the Construction Code to incorporate resilience measures.

The work performed through this EURECa project is one component of a larger GFDRR project in Dominican Republic; with a total budget of €1.6 million "Strengthening the capacity for disaster risk management and financing and enhancing resilience in infrastructure" is also funded by the [ACP-EU DRM Program](#) and intends to strengthen the institutional capacity of the Dominican Republic in disaster risk management and financing and climate change resilience.

## Main Activities and Expected Results

### **Strengthening technical capacities to understand risks and mainstream low-cost housing resilience and sustainability under the PNVFF**

This activity provides technical assistance and capacity support to MINPRE and FONVIVIENDA to implement the medium-term recommendations to strengthen resiliency and sustainability aspects of PNVFF to generate inclusive, resilient, and sustainable housing

#### *Expected Results:*

- Housing resilience and sustainability better integrated into policies, plans, and programs.
- Prioritize housing projects that include nature-based solutions, are energy and water efficient, and built to enhanced resilient housing construction requirements.
- Increased supply of resilient PNVFF housing and urban projects.

### **Improving disaster preparedness and response measures for the housing sector**



This activity provides technical assistance to improve MIVED's preparedness and response capacity to address the challenges of natural and climate change disasters scaling up to the whole housing sector in the Dominican Republic.

*Expected Results:*

- Improved capacity and mechanisms to identify households living in high-risk zones.
- Strengthened government and local community capacity to prepare and respond to emergencies in the housing sector.
- Increased resilience in the existing housing stock through diversified financing instruments and energy-efficient green housing certifications.

**Partnerships and Coordination**

The World Bank implements the project in close coordination with MINPRE, FONVIVIENDA and MIVED. The project team coordinates its efforts with the EU Delegation in Dominican Republic.