

Nigeria – Strengthening DRM Institutional Framework and Enhance Community Resilience

Country

Nigeria

ACP-EU Disaster Risk Management

Program Component

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Amount Approved

€ EUR 1,000,000 (equivalent to
US\$1,180,000)

Duration

24 months

Context and Objectives

Considered as one of the ten most vulnerable countries to the impacts of climate change¹, Nigeria is also **one of the least ready to adapt to or cope with climate change**. Over the past decade, the country has faced increasingly frequent and severe climate-related disasters, especially floods, while government and communities struggle to manage these hazards. Rapid urbanization and insufficient climate-resilient infrastructure are heightening exposure to climate risks, threatening much more severe impacts by 2050. The Government of Nigeria (GoN) has requested support for its disaster risk management and resilient urban development agenda - particularly on emergency preparedness and response (EP&R), flood early warning and flood risk management, delivering climate-resilient urban infrastructure and services.

The project aims to strengthen the GoN's ability to coordinate management of disaster risks effectively and selected State governments to manage disasters and enhance communities' resilience to natural hazards. Through this project, investments will be informed in selected Local Government Areas (LGAs) to support the urban integration of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in areas prone to floods and droughts. Moreover, the findings of the project will inform the development of projects and policy interventions on flood resilience and emergency preparedness.

Main Activities and Expected Results

Climate-related risk analysis and identification of investment options in selected Local Government Areas (LGA)

This activity will support the Federal and selected State governments in Northern Nigeria in the provision of climate-resilient infrastructure and services as well as in climate-resilient urban planning (through the SOLID project). A community-level climate risk assessment will be conducted in selected Northern Nigerian cities to identify areas most affected by recurrent flooding and drought. It will also evaluate critical infrastructure and guide recommendations for climate-resilient improvements.

¹ <https://www.climatescorecard.org/2018/11/nigeria-listed-as-one-of-the-10-most-climate-vulnerable-countries/>

Expected Results:

- Identification of climate risks and vulnerabilities (flood and drought/heat) in selected states and LGAs
- Identification of investment recommendations for climate-resilient infrastructure rehabilitation or construction
- Stronger awareness and knowledge about climate risk and vulnerabilities, particularly on flood and drought/water scarcity

Policy and institutional analysis on disaster risk management at federal level and in selected States

This activity will support the Government of Nigeria to improve flood risk and disaster risk management frameworks and policy capacities. It will also provide training, knowledge exchange, and awareness-raising on weather-related fiscal risks for Ministry of Finance stakeholders and include an in-depth assessment of capacities and processes for financial protection and financing risk reduction.

Expected Results:

- Improved understanding of finance/budgeting for risk reduction activities
- Improved DRM governance at national, state and local levels
- Identification of gaps and weaknesses for strengthening the national disaster risk management framework
- Increased awareness and knowledge about weather-related risks (through training and workshops)

Strengthen flood early warning systems and emergency preparedness and response

This activity will support the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and selected State Emergency Management Agency (SEMAs) to assess and strengthen their emergency preparedness and response (EP&R) systems, providing prioritized recommendations for improvement. It will also promote peer learning on best practices and support the development and pilot dissemination of community-level disaster risk management guidelines in selected states.

Expected Results:

- Elaborated strategic roadmap for flood forecasting and flood early-warning
- Improved data sharing, information processing and collaboration between agencies (NiMet, NiHSA, NEMA/SEMAs, Federal Ministry of Environment)
- Recommendations on policy enhancement to the DRM framework and emergency preparedness response
- Developed guidelines for community level DRM plans in selected States

Partnerships and Coordination

The World Bank implements this project with relevant Federal and State agencies (including the NEMA, the Nigeria Hydrological Services Agency, and the Nigerian Meteorological Agency). The grant will be implemented through the World Bank Project 'Solutions for the Internally Displaced and Host Communities Project (SOLID, P181248) under the Federal Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning.



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Finally, the project will inform the Contingent Emergency Response Project (CERP) and potential future Flood Resilience operation. The EU Delegation in Abuja will collaborate with the World Bank on this project to identify potential investments under the Global Gateway Initiative. It will inform and complement community resilience building activities under the EU funded GIZ SUSI project in Adamawa and Borno and EU funded AFD RESILAC project in Borno as well as management activities under EU's planned water management infrastructure project in Yobe.