Disaster Resilience and Vulnerability Rapid-Response Household Phone-Survey for the Eastern Caribbean

**Context and Objectives**

Caribbean countries are particularly subject to extreme weather shocks, especially hurricanes and tropical storms. Climate change will increase the frequency and intensity of these extreme weather shocks with potentially large poverty impacts. The COVID-19 pandemic, moreover, has underlined the vulnerability of Caribbean countries to other shocks. The shutdown of vital economic sectors, including tourism, has had major implications for poor and vulnerable populations. The objective of this project is to advance the use of phone surveys to inform the COVID-19 response and future disaster response efforts in the Caribbean. Specifically, the project aims to

**Main Activities**

- High-frequency phone surveys to monitor the impacts of COVID-19 in Belize, Dominica and Saint Lucia.
- Enhancing the governments’ capacities to implement phone surveys as part of future disaster response.

**Results**

This project is in its inception.

**Partnerships and Coordination**

The project will be implemented by the World Bank’s Poverty and Equity Practice in Latin America and the Caribbean in coordination with the World Bank Disaster Risk Management team for the Caribbean region. National Statistical Offices of Belize, Dominica, and St. Lucia will be engaged during the implementation of the high-frequency survey to ensure transfer of knowledge on the design and implementation of phone surveys. The CDEMA and DRM colleagues in partner organizations (UNDP UNICEF, WFP) will be engaged to maximize the potential of the surveys.
Countries
Belize, Dominica, Saint Lucia

Region
Caribbean

Caribbean Regional Resilience Building Facility component
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