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Building Resilience Today to Secure our Future

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Saint Lucia ... Helen of The West Indies

- AREA: 616 sq. km. | 238 sq. mi.
- CAPITAL CITY: Castries
- POPULATION: ~ 174,000
- CURRENCY:
 - OECS Currency Union - Eastern Caribbean Dollar (XCD)
 - Fixed Peg to the USD: XCD 2.70
- ECONOMY
 - AVERAGE GDP (2017-2018): 1.4%
- Less than 2%
 - GDP: USD 1.3 billion
 - GDP PC: USD 9,851; Upper Middle Income Country (WB)
 - Debt to GDP: 68.5%



Event History

- Recent major natural :
 - Tropical Storm Matthew 2016
 - Christmas Eve Trough 2013
 - Hurricane Tomas 2010
- Other recent & significant natural occurrences:
 - Continuous heavy rainfall 2016
 - Drought condition 2015
 - Drought condition 2010-2011

Mainstreaming DRM and CCA

Saint Lucia is:

- Demonstrating commitment at the highest level - Budget statement, “Our survival is at stake...We must take action now!”
- Establishing key elements of a disaster risk management strategy, but needs better risk assessment and more self-insurance (CCRIF Parametric Insurance).
- Planning more resilient infrastructure systems for public infrastructure and within communities in order to build resilience (Adaptation is considered in all major public infrastructure projects.)
- Investing in various early warning systems as a precursor to certain types of disasters (e.g. excessive rainfall, flooding).

Challenges in Mainstreaming DRM and CCA

- Financing options are limited by a high public debt, but there is a feasible way forward. Well-designed renewables projects should attract private investors, and some adaptation projects could conceivably also be designed to be bankable.
- Difficulty in accessing climate change financing made available globally to SIDs.
- Saint Lucia remains highly vulnerable to climate change and disasters. The burden of these on the country is significant.
- National development plan as defined by the Medium Term Development Strategy, though very broad-based in its response to development issues, does not address in a substantive manner disaster vulnerability and DRR. These themes will be incorporated in future long term planning.

The ACP-EU NDRR Program

SAINT LUCIA Flood Event of December 24–25, 2013

A Report by the Government of Saint Lucia and the World Bank
March 2014



Joint Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment



- Flood damage and loss assessment 2014 (US \$50,000)
- Measurable Reduction of Disaster Risk Specific to Public Infrastructure 2016-2019 (US \$1,500,000)
- Disaster risk finance technical assistance 2015-2018 (US \$273,000)
- Measuring the Impact of Disaster Events on Poverty and Social Vulnerability 2017-2019 (US \$175,000)
- Hazard and Disaster Risk Assessment Framework - Preparation of Vulnerability Reduction 2012-2016 (US \$294,000)
- Caribbean: Risk Information Programme to support the Integration of Disaster Risk Management Strategies in Critical Sectors 2012-2016 (US \$1,300,000)

Lessons learned

- Risk Management through use of regional and international expertise and catastrophe insurance tools
- More effective long term planning including: land use planning and zoning, continuous update of building codes, continuous review of the integrity of government infrastructure.
- Need for a comprehensive disaster risk financing strategy

