



CSOs for Disaster Resilience: Empowering civil society and local communities to build resilience to hurricanes and climate extremes in the Eastern Caribbean

Background

PROJECT IN BRIEF

Goal: Improved resilience for local communities, associated livelihoods and ecosystems to hurricanes and climate extremes in the Eastern Caribbean through implementing community-based and ecosystem-based disaster risk reduction (CBDRR/Eco-DRR).

Lead: Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI)

Target countries: Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica and Grenada

Donor: Inter-American Foundation

Budget: US \$350,000

Duration: September 2019 – September 2022

Project webpage:

<https://canari.org/csos-for-disaster-resilience>



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Building the resilience of local communities, associated livelihoods and ecosystems is a critical priority to reduce impacts from hurricanes and climate extremes and speed up recovery. In the last decade, the Caribbean has experienced increasingly destructive hurricanes, with significant human, social, economic and environmental impacts. Ecosystem-based and community-based approaches which focus on conservation, sustainable management and restoration of natural ecosystems, and on engaging at-risk communities as part of the process to reduce disaster risk and help people and systems adapt, have become increasingly important.



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From September 2019-September 2022, the Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) will undertake a 3-year project entitled “[CSOs for Disaster Resilience: Empowering civil society and local communities to build resilience to hurricanes and climate extremes in the Eastern Caribbean.](https://canari.org/csos-for-disaster-resilience)” The project which is funded by the Inter-American Foundation, will focus on improving local resilience to hurricanes and climate extremes in the Eastern Caribbean, specifically targeting Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica and Grenada.

CANARI will work closely with three lead civil society organisations (CSOs) – Environmental Awareness Group (EAG) in Antigua, WildDominique in Dominica and Grenada Education and Development

Programme (GRENED) in Grenada – and community stakeholders in six high-risk communities across the target countries to increase their resilience. This will be done through capacity building; mobilising local knowledge and partnerships; and supporting practical CBDRR/Eco-DRR actions on the ground. Beneficiaries will include up to 4,000 persons living in six high-risk communities, half of them women, as well as national disaster offices and CSOs working in disaster risk management in the target countries.

Main project components and key outputs

The following are the main project components and key outputs:

<p>Component 1: Strengthening CSOs to deliver integrated CBDRR and Eco-DRR</p> <p>1.1 Capacity built in partner CSOs in Antigua & Barbuda, Dominica and Grenada, and wider Eastern Caribbean, to effectively plan for and deliver integrated community-based and ecosystem-based disaster risk reduction (CBDRR/Eco-DRR) solutions.</p> <p>1.2 Organisational capacity strengthened in partner CSOs in Antigua & Barbuda, Dominica and Grenada</p>
<p>Component 2: Supporting practical actions using integrated CBDRR and Eco-DRR to improve local resilience in the Eastern Caribbean</p> <p>2.1 Participatory vulnerability assessments and action planning conducted in high risk communities in the three target countries to identify local priorities for DRR and resilience building</p> <p>2.2 Practical CBDRR/Eco-DRR actions designed and implemented by 6 partner CSOs and target communities to improve local resilience to hurricanes and other climate related disasters</p>
<p>Component 3: Knowledge mobilisation and partnerships for integrated CBDRR and Eco-DRR to improve local resilience in the Eastern Caribbean</p> <p>3.1 Best practices, lessons and innovations by CSOs in CBDRR, Eco-DRR and building climate resilience in the Eastern Caribbean documented and shared to facilitate knowledge exchange and learning</p> <p>3.2 A regional dialogue and Action Learning Group established to enhance strategic partnerships, policy and practice among CSOs, decision makers and donors for CBDRR, Eco-DRR and resilience building in Eastern Caribbean</p>

For more information

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