



Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States

Building **Community Resilience** in the OECS

Environmental Sustainability Division

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Regional Forum: Catalysing innovation & partnerships to build local disaster resilience in Caribbean communities

Topic: "How can we catalyse, support and empower Caribbean civil society and communities to build resilience to hurricanes and other climate extremes?"

July 23, 2020
9:30 am – 12:00 pm (Eastern Caribbean time)

Guest panelists:

 Dr. Nicole Greenidge Disaster Risk Management Specialist, CDEMA	 Chamberlain Emmanuel Head, Environmental Sustainability Division, OECS Commission	 Cecilie Marissa Clarke-Marshall Coordinator, Caribbean Disaster Risk Management Cell of Excellence (CARDIM CoE), IFRC	 Arica Hill Executive Director, Environmental Awareness Group, Antigua	 Glenroy Toussaint Local Government Commissioner, Local Government Division, Dominica	 Leisa Perch International Development Consultant, Barbados
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Zoom registration link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_X0DTByT8Tqf13DvLerkGg

A virtual forum under the project: CSOs for Disaster Resilience - Empowering civil society and local communities to build resilience to hurricanes and climate extremes in the Eastern Caribbean

Logos: 50th Anniversary of the OECS, CANARI, WildDominique, and other regional organizations.

Cyclical Retardation

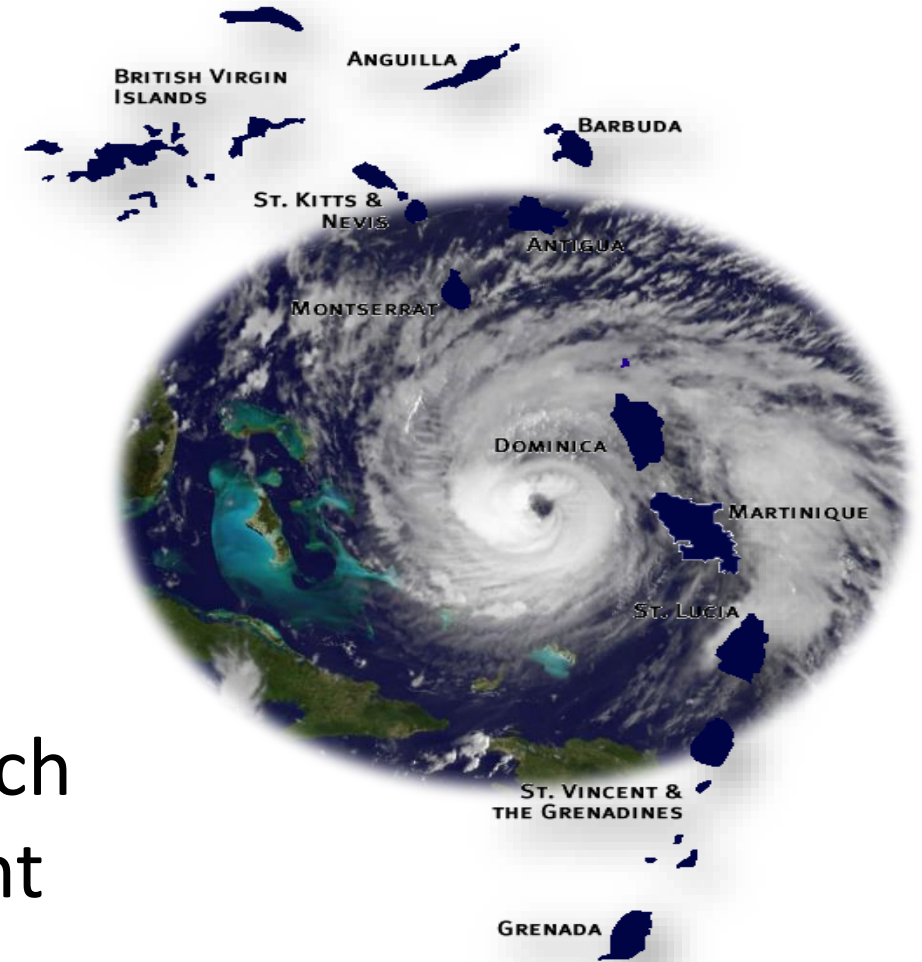
“Climate could be one of the causes why some countries are trapped in poverty, and Climate Change may make it harder to escape poverty” – IPCC AR 5

Year	Event	Countries Affected		Impact on GDP
1980	Hurricane Allen		Saint Lucia	40%
1994	Tropical Storm Debbie		Saint Lucia	51%
2004	Hurricane Ivan		Grenada	200%
2010	Hurricane Tomas	Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines		4.6%
2013	Christmas Eve Trough	Commonwealth of Dominica, Saint Lucia & St. Vincent and the Grenadines		10%
2015	Tropical Storm Erika	Commonwealth of Dominica		90%
2017	Hurricane Irma	Antigua and Barbuda, Anguilla, British Virgin Islands		57%
2017	Hurricane Maria	Commonwealth of Dominica		226%



DISASTER RISK IN THE OECS

- The economic development and social welfare of small island developing states are more severely impacted by natural disasters compared to larger nations.
- Disaster risks posed by natural and technological hazards, if not effectively addressed, could result in disasters of such magnitude as to reverse the development process of OECS Member States.



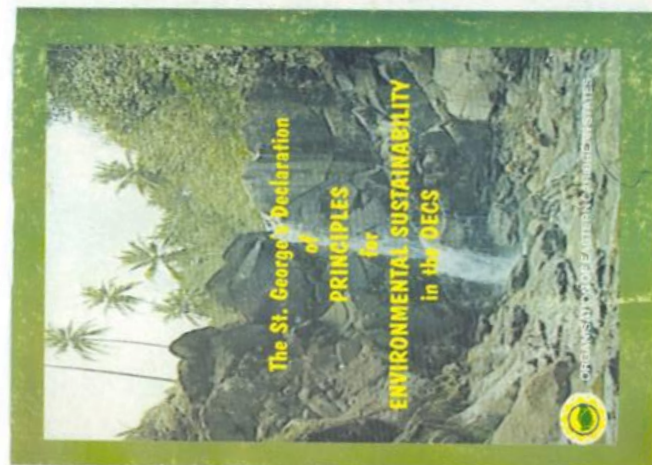


Hurricane Thomas 2010





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BUILDING RESILIENCE WITH NATURE AND GENDER IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN

A TOOLKIT TO MAINSTREAM
ECOSYSTEM-BASED
ADAPTATION
GENDER EQUALITY &
SOCIAL INCLUSION



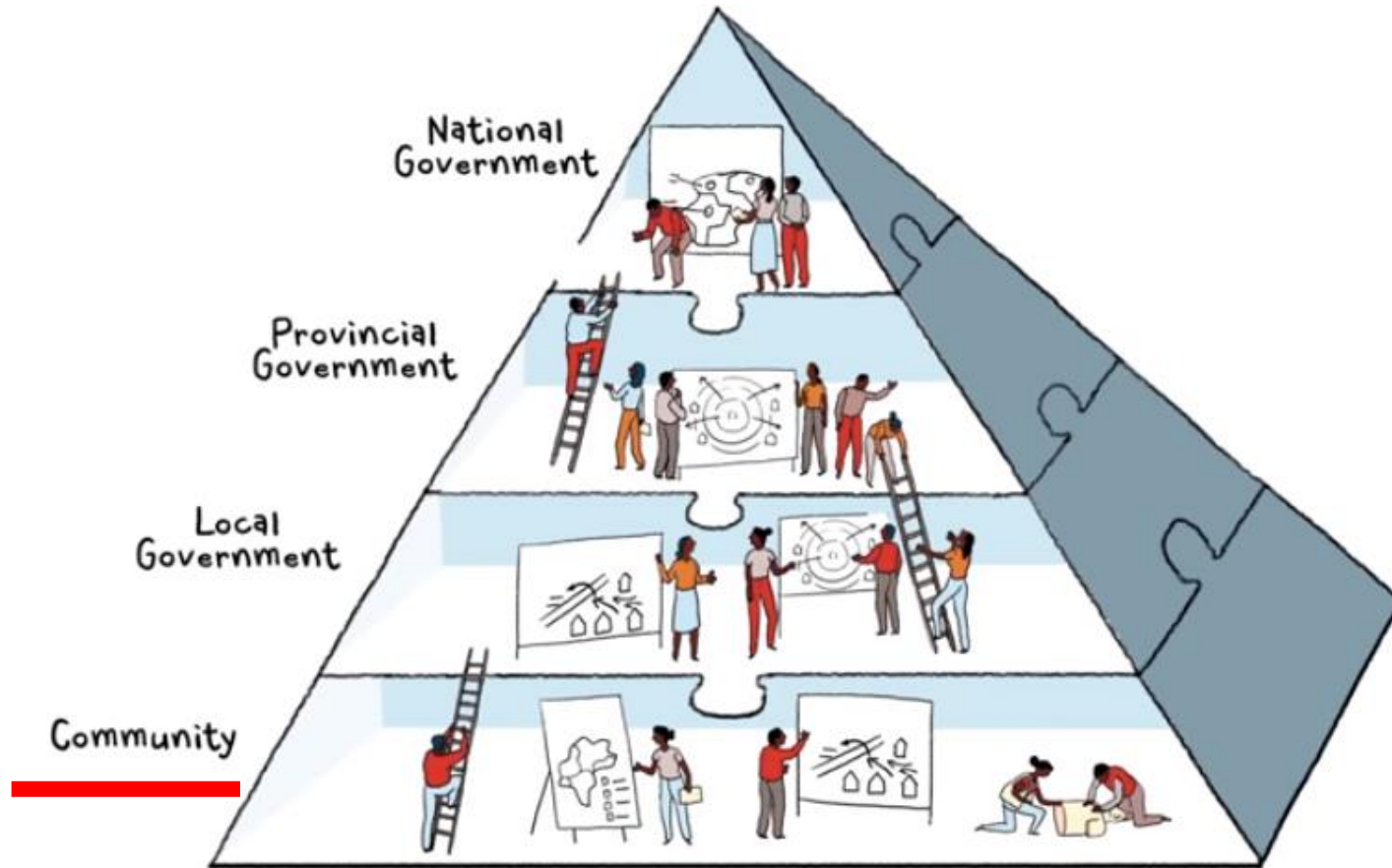
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Community Based Approach



- Ownership
- Capacity building
- Sustainability
- Livelihoods
- Cost effective
- Local and Indigenous knowledge
- Nature-based (EbA)

INTERVENTIONS



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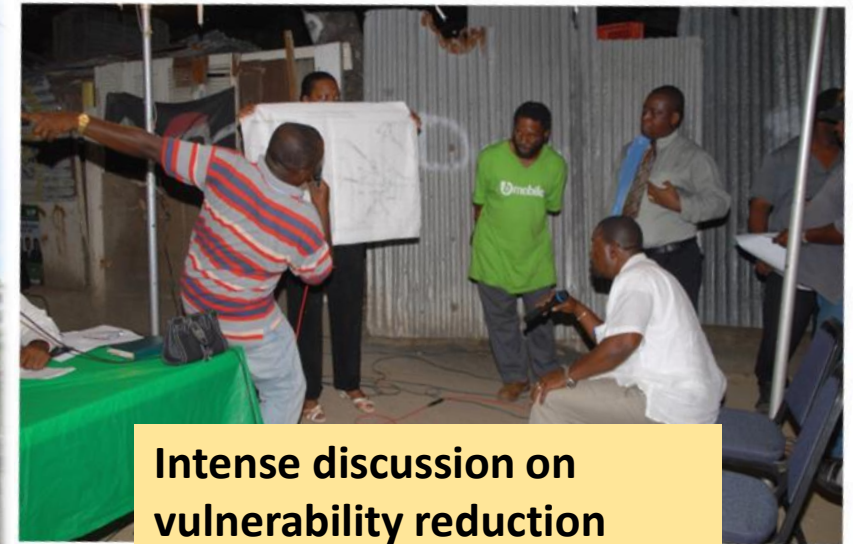
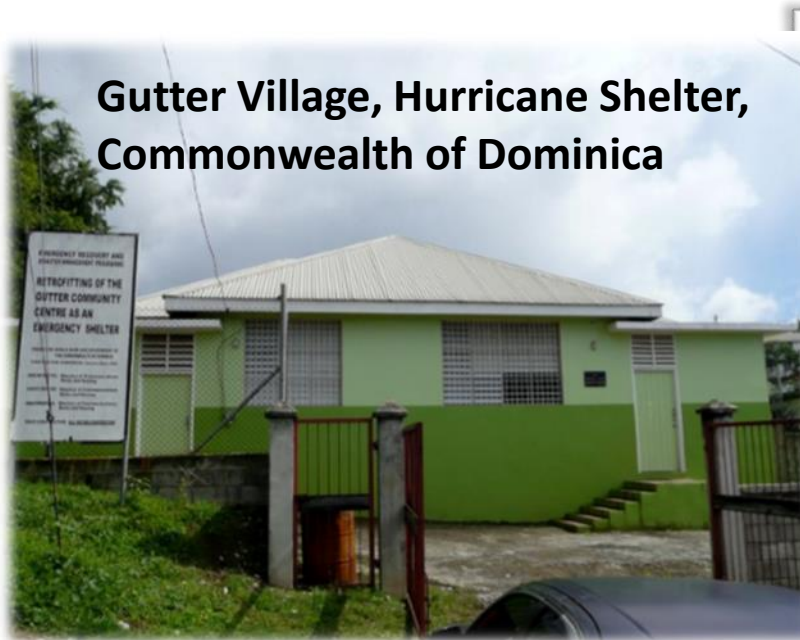
CARRIBEAN CATASTROPHE RISK INSURANCE FACILITY



Fuel Station – St. Vincent and the Grenadines



**Gutter Village, Hurricane Shelter,
Commonwealth of Dominica**



**Intense discussion on
vulnerability reduction**



**Small Grants Proposal Writing Workshop
– St. Vincent and the Grenadines**



**Tree Planting (River Bank
stabilization)-Malgretoute, Saint Lucia**

PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION

