



# 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
- Cecile Marisa Clarke-Marshall**  
Coordinator, Caribbean Disaster Risk Management Cell of Excellence (CADRM CDE, IFRC)
- Arica Hill**  
Executive Director, Environmental Awareness Group, Antigua
- Glenroy Toussaint**  
Local Government Commissioner, Local Government Division, Dominica
- Leisa Perch**  
International Development Consultant, Barbados

**Zoom registration link:** [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_X0DTByT8Tfqlf3DvLerkGg](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_X0DTByT8Tfqlf3DvLerkGg)

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

# 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*

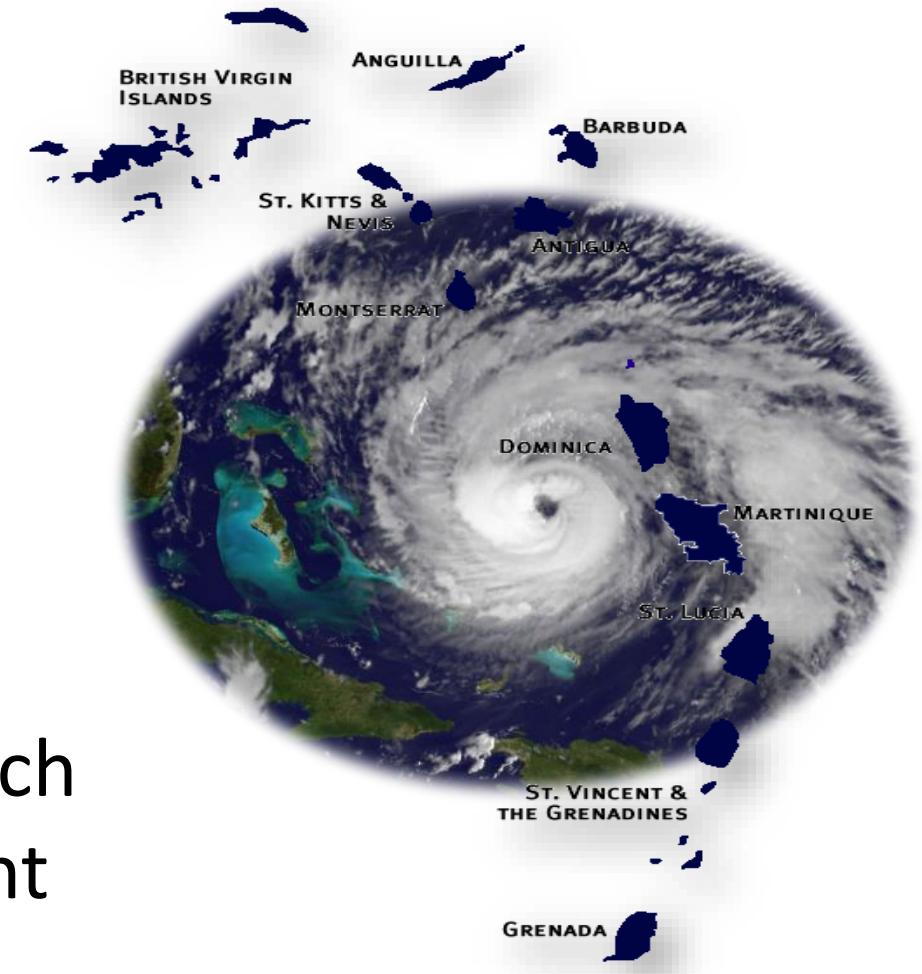
Year	Event	Countries Affected	Impact on GDP
1980	Hurricane Allen	 Saint Lucia	40%
1994	Tropical Storm Debbie	 Saint Lucia	51%
2004	Hurricane Ivan	 Grenada	200%
2010	Hurricane Tomas	Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines	4.6%
2013	Christmas Eve Trough	Commonwealth of Dominica, Saint Lucia & St. Vincent 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.  

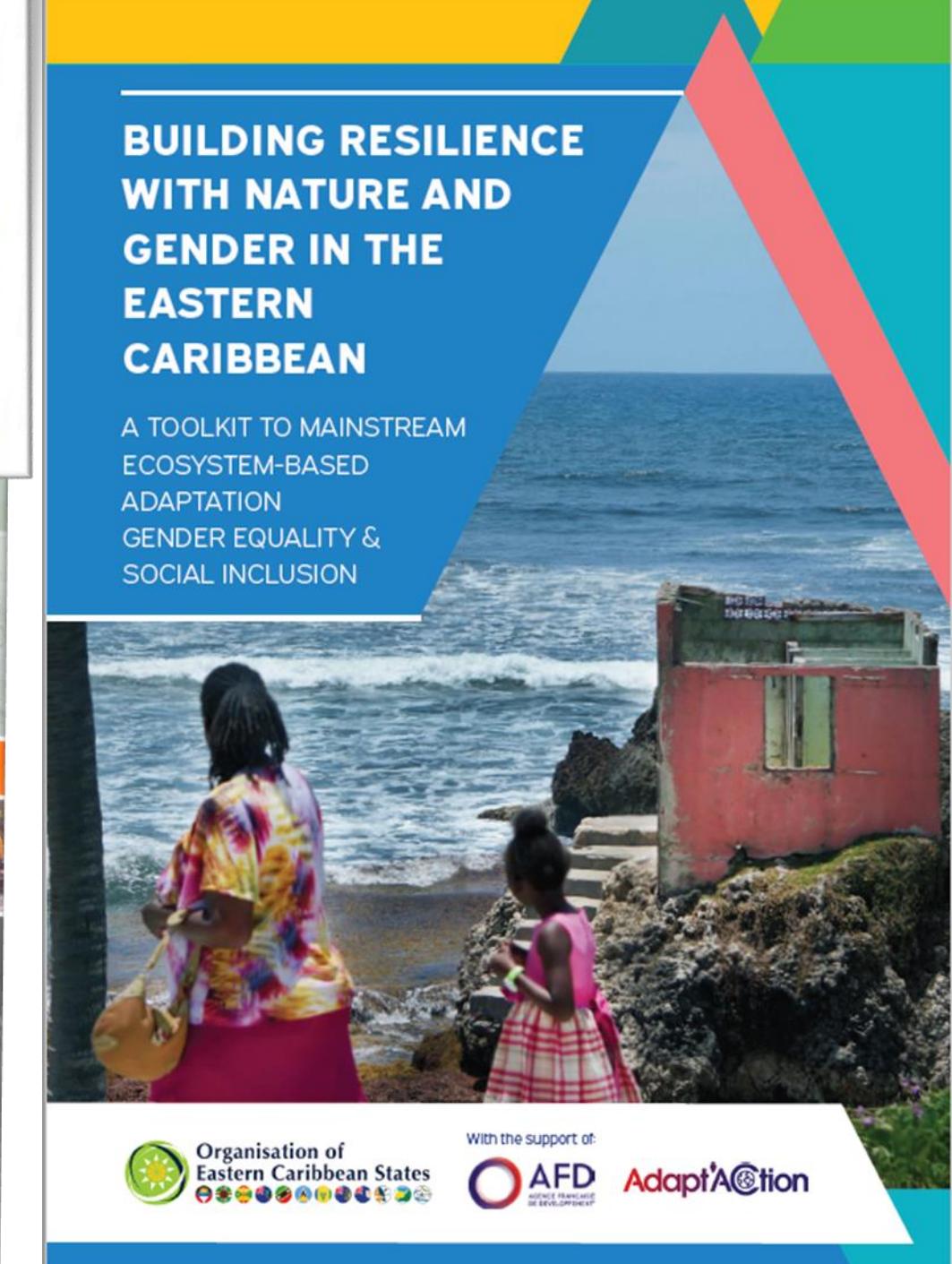
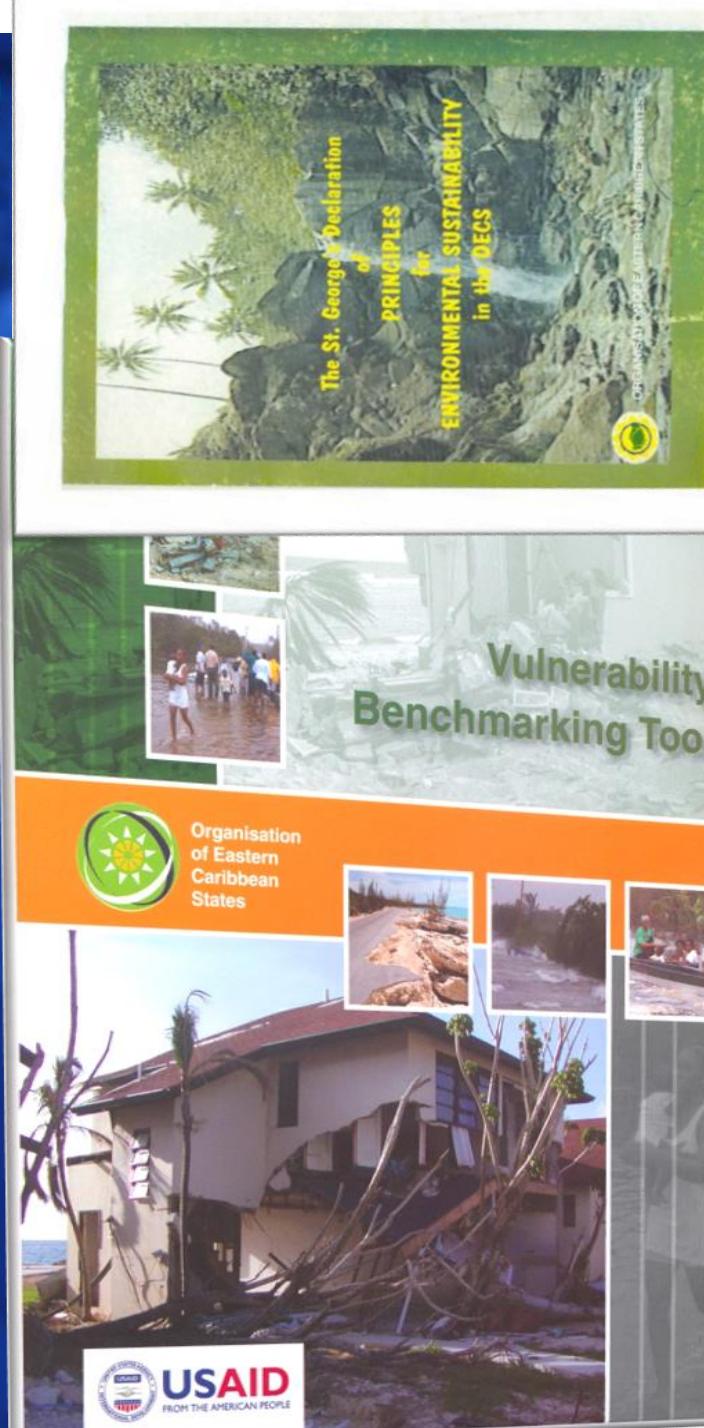
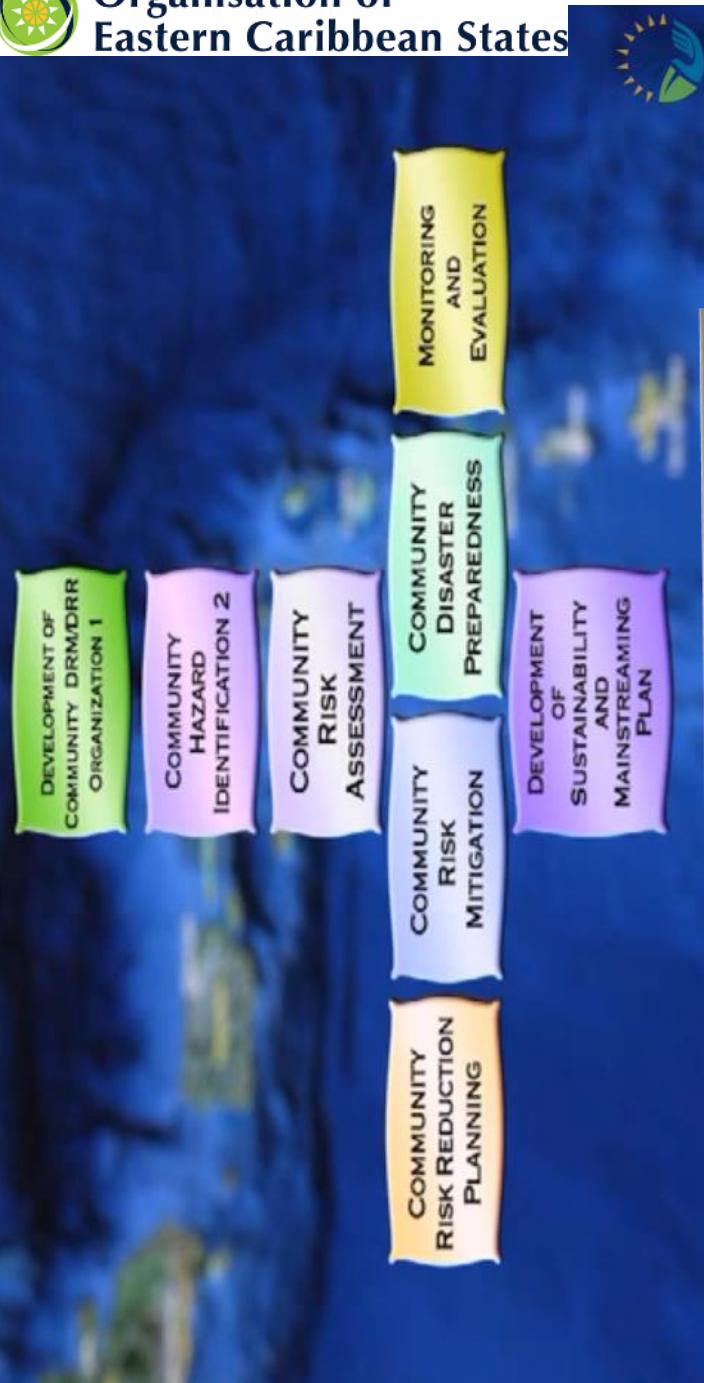
- Disaster risks posed by natural and technological hazards, if not effectively addressed, could result in disasters of such magnitude as to reverse the development process of OECS Member States.



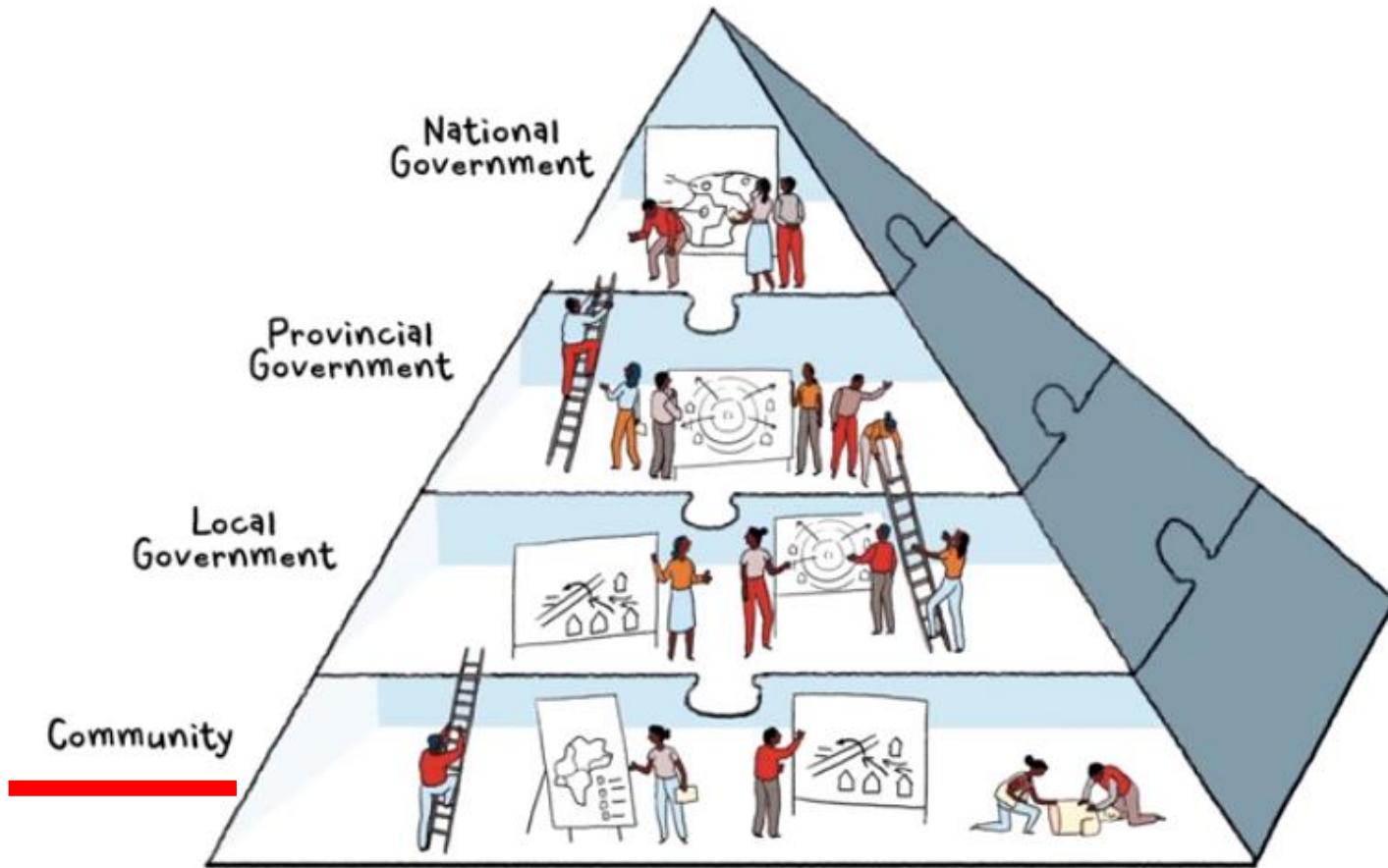


## Hurricane Thomas 2010





# Community Based Approach



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

# INTERVENTIONS



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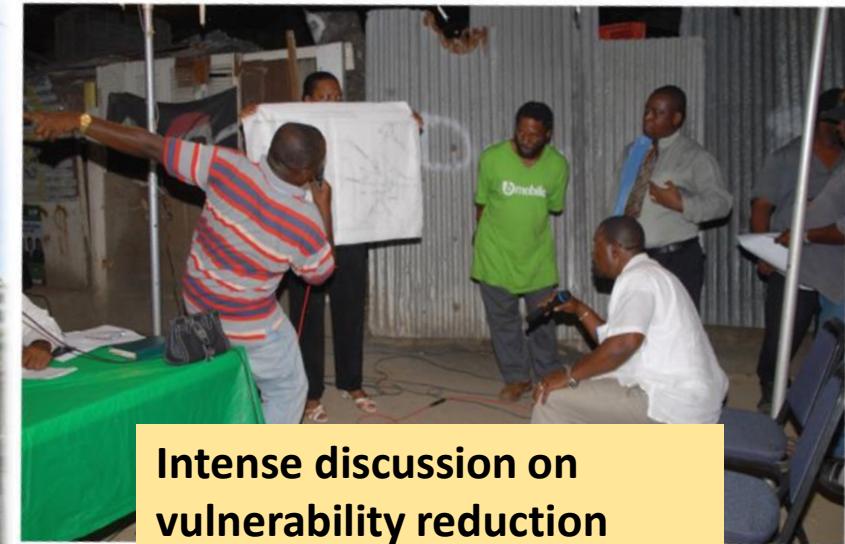
CARIBBEAN CATASTROPHE RISK INSURANCE FACILITY



Fuel Station – St. Vincent and the Grenadines



Gutter Village, Hurricane Shelter, Commonwealth of Dominica



# PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION

