



# Civil Society and Communities: Building Resilience to Disaster

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# What does the EAG do?

- Build ecosystem resilience through offshore island rehabilitation in the NEMMA and Redonda
- Result
  - Rescue of critically endangered Antigua Racer
  - Increased bird and reptile populations on all 16 islands
  - Increased tourism activity within the NEMMA
  - Increased appreciation of ecosystems by Antiguans and Barbudans
  - Increased engagement with coastal communities







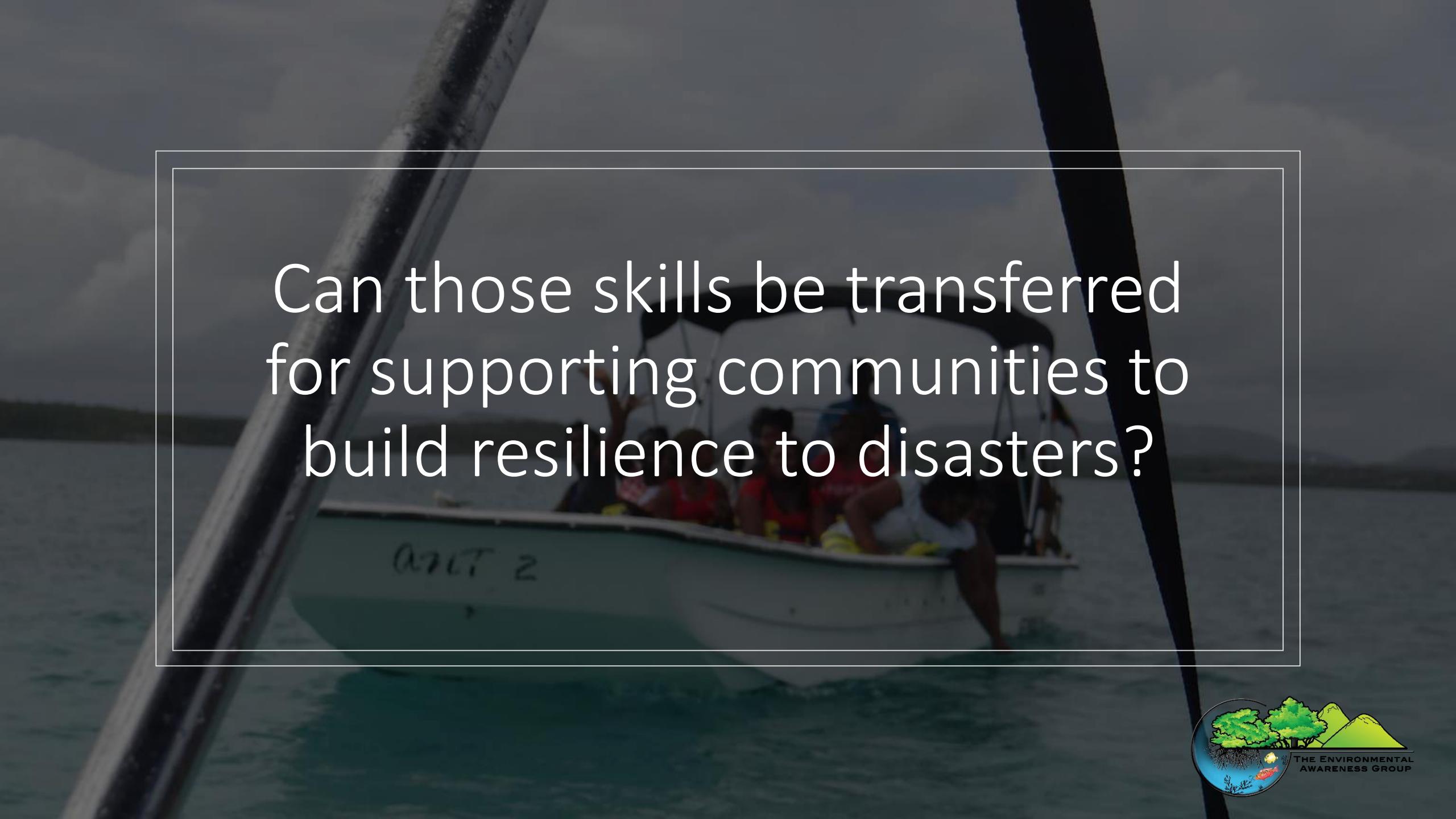
## How has the EAG garnered support?



Maintained a core of volunteers to do critical ecosystem/species work through:

- Practical hands-on approach
- Consistent training and development
- Recognition





Can those skills be transferred  
for supporting communities to  
build resilience to disasters?



# What Can EAG Do?

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- Practical experiences
  - Mangrove restoration or reforestation
- Training
  - Skills development
- Recognition
  - Media campaigns
  - Skills-transfer





What is needed to catalyse,  
support and empower CSOs  
and Communities?



# Support Needed

- Engaging communities
  - Maintaining relationships
  - Creating EbA culture within community
  - Identifying and supporting sustainable livelihoods
- Technical support in Vulnerability Assessments and mangrove regeneration



Redefine culture  
Create a legacy

# Why Are We Hopeful?



# Thank You

