



Roll out of practical action projects on community-based and ecosystem-based disaster risk reduction to build resilience in Caribbean communities

Port of Spain, January 7, 2021 – CANARI is pleased to announce that under the Inter-American Foundation-funded [CSOs for Disaster Resilience project](#) (2019-2022), six partner civil society organisations (CSOs) in Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica and Grenada have been awarded small grants and will be rolling out pilot practical action projects over the next few months, aimed at addressing local resilience challenges in six target high-risk communities across the project countries.

Recognising the critical importance of both people and nature in building resilience, the projects will focus on using integrated community-based and ecosystem-based disaster risk reduction (CBDRR/Eco-DRR) approaches to help build resilience for local communities, associated livelihoods and ecosystems, particularly as it relates to impacts from hurricanes and other climate-related hazards.

Projects range from riverbank and hillside forest restoration to reduce impacts from flooding and landslides, replanting of coastal vegetation and mangrove restoration to enhance coastal protection, and establishment of urban micro-forests to help reduce impacts from heatwaves and flooding. The projects also aim to integrate complementary aspects such as improving community awareness and education on DRR strategies, strengthening local disaster committees to enhance institutional capacity for DRR at community level, and exploration of opportunities to enhance community livelihoods and wellbeing via other benefits of ecosystem restoration activities e.g., providing food or materials for small businesses, or improved community aesthetics and spaces for recreation.

In preparation for implementation of the practical action projects by partner CSOs, CANARI has been supporting them with both technical and organisational capacity building inclusive of follow-up coaching and mentoring, as well as assistance and opportunities for knowledge sharing, networking and relationship-building with technical experts and other local stakeholders working on climate and disaster resilience in the region. It is expected that these actions and the hands-on experience from implementing projects will support the overarching goal of strengthening CSO capacities for effectively engaging in community resilience building and enhance locally-led action.

To learn more on the planned projects, click [here](#). Stay tuned to CANARI's social media for updates.

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