



Gender in Caribbean COVID-19 recovery initiatives as part of transformation to inclusive, green and resilient development

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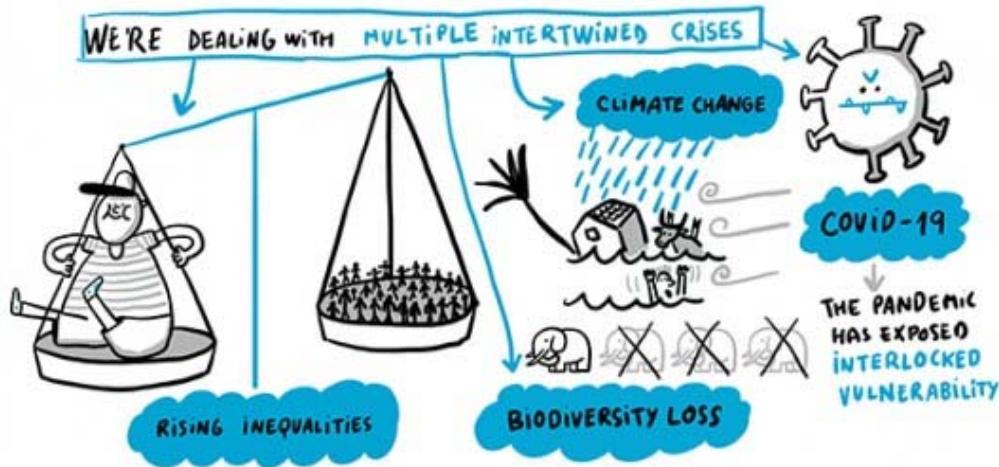


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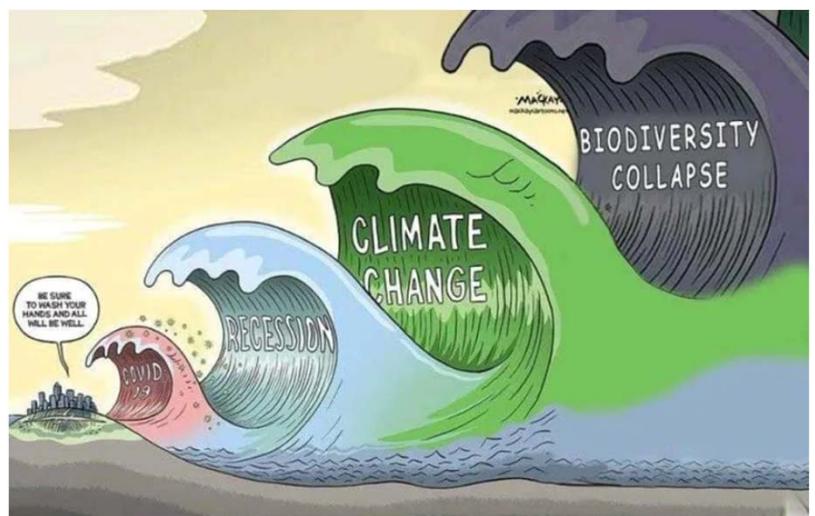
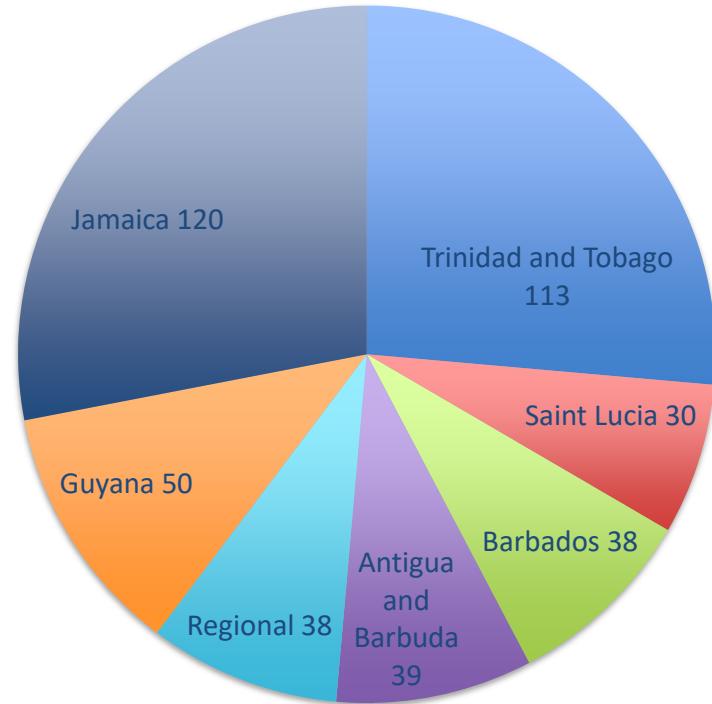


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Are Caribbean public
sector COVID-19
recovery initiatives
aligned with inclusive,
green and resilient
development?

428 initiatives





Framework for an inclusive, green and resilient COVID-19 recovery in the Caribbean context

[4 principles & 18 indicators]



Research methodology

- Desk research was conducted June 2021 – March 2022 of public sector initiatives (national plans, budget statements, KPMG country tracker, online project databases, news sources, etc.)
- Focus not on relief, but recovery and restructuring.
- Initiatives were classified against framework and its 18 indicators, noting the targeted sector(s), type of initiative as well as the strength of the linkage to the indicator.
- Some initiatives aligned to more than one indicator.
- Research did not assess implementation results, only the stated intention of the initiative.

Types of initiatives

Existing initiative

Recommendation/
policy

Plan

Action/
investment/

Strength of linkage

“Brown”
(negative)

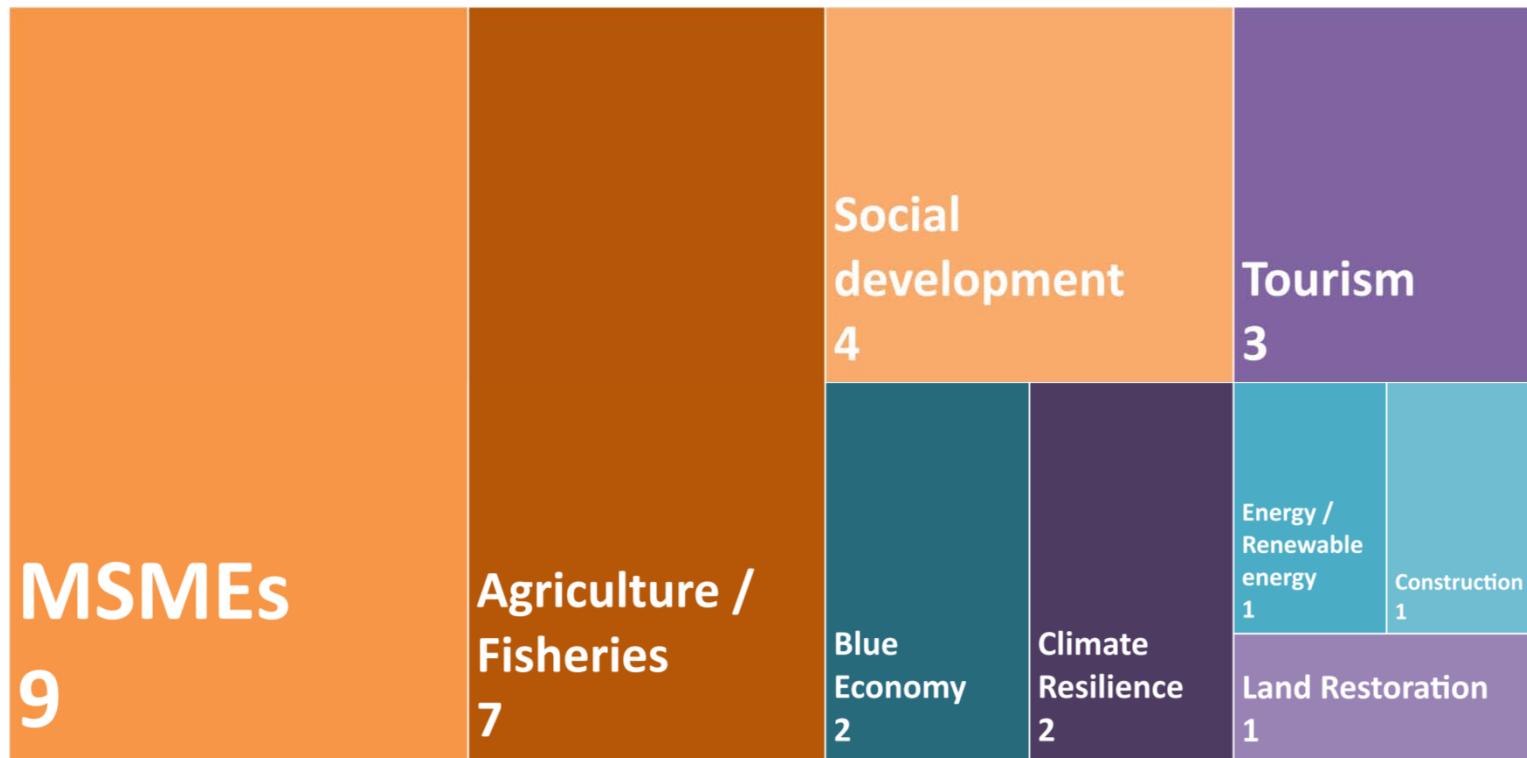
Ambiguous

Weak linkage to indicator

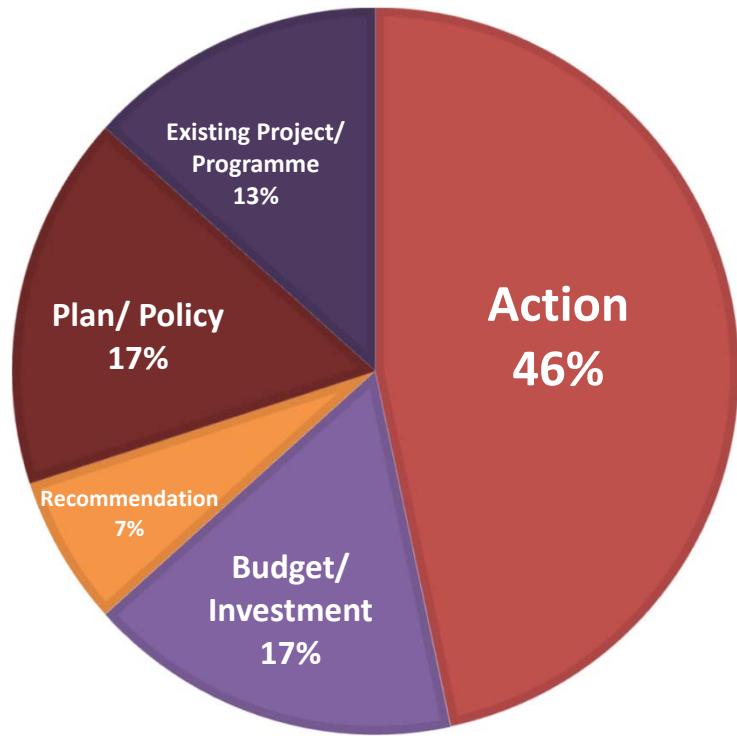
Medium linkage to indicator

Strong linkage to indicator

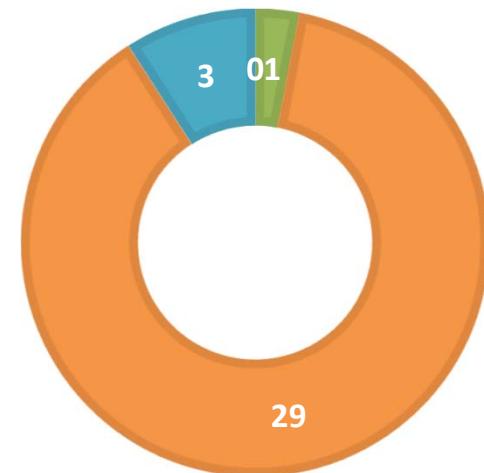
Only 30 (7%) initiatives linked to women / gender across 9 sectors, with only 10 directly related to addressing 'Gender'



Most of the 30 initiatives linked to women / gender are actions or already have budget assigned



Most of the 30 initiatives linked to women / gender are addressing inclusion



- Transformed Economic Governance
- Environmental Sustainability
- Inclusion
- Resilience

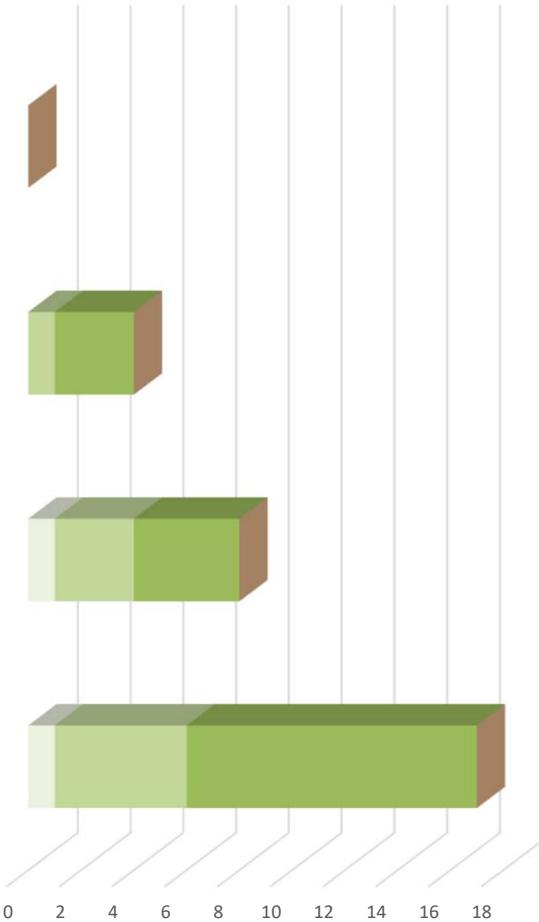
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■ # of initiatives considered ambiguous

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Inclusion (I) (29 initiatives)

I 14

Redesign of education, health and social development systems supports inclusion, equity, wellness and well-being of citizens



I 13

Strengthened social protection systems to support informal workers and other at-risk groups, using a gender sensitive approach

I 12

Support for development and expansion of livelihoods and reskilling strategies to engage in new and growing green economic sectors, with a focus on the income poor and...

I 11

Support for development and strengthening of local small and micro-enterprises (SMEs), including in the use of environmentally sustainable practices and access to basic...

I14

No initiatives

I13

Social care services, financial support, policy strategies, victims of domestic abuse, addressing poverty

I12

Support for women in construction, agriculture, fisheries (including mariculture poly culture, sea moss cultivation) sectors

I11

Support to female-owned MSMEs including finance, land, e-commerce and access to value chains; target agriculture, tourism, renewable energy, green and blue economy sectors

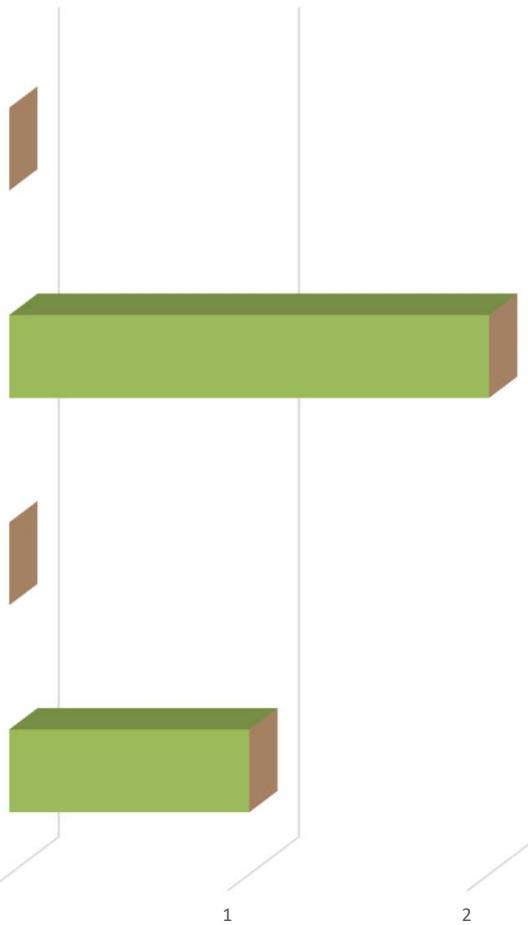
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Resilience (R) (3 initiatives)

R 18

Measures taken to protect citizens from environmental, health and economic disasters are reaching all sectors of society including the most vulnerable



R18

No initiatives

R 17

Measures taken to adapt and build resilience of communities and economic sectors to climate change and natural disasters, with a focus on the most...



R17

TT: Agri stimulus for MSMEs and women in building resilience; SLU climate resilient insurance for fisherfolk (along value chain, including women)

R 16

Development of and/or enhanced access to climate resilient infrastructure (including via the use of building and transport standards) to support basic services, livelihoods and...



R16

No initiatives

R 15

Development of and/or enhanced access to renewable energy and energy-efficient technologies for carbon reduction/ climate mitigation



R15

ANB: 100% of female-headed households have access to renewable energy, 20% increase in the number of women-led businesses implementing renewable energy and adaptation interventions

Environmental sustainability (ES)

(1 initiative)

No initiatives

ES10

Ecosystem-based approaches used to manage multiple uses of ecological systems at the landscape/seascape/transboundary level



ES9

Environmental sustainability concerns mainstreamed in key economic sectors



ES8

Nature-based solutions used to deliver development and climate benefits through restoration, protection and/or sustainable use of natural ecosystems and biodiversity



ES7

Enhanced efficiency in use of water, land and materials, and management of pollution and waste to protect environmental quality

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of initiatives considered ambiguous

No initiatives

No initiatives

GUY: Aims to develop gender responsive land degradation actions to support food security and economic well-being

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Key messages: Gender in Caribbean COVID-19 recovery initiatives

Positives -> implement and expand

- There is a strong focus on supporting female-led businesses (micro and informal?), and some support for expansion of livelihoods and reskilling

Gaps -> opportunities to address

- Few (only 7%) of initiatives are directly addressing gender / women
- There is limited focus on addressing gender in social protection systems
- There is limited attention to building resilience of women to climate change and natural disasters
- There is no attention to gender issues in economic transformation (e.g., gender-sensitive budgeting, partnerships, decision-making on development and recovery)



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