

# The Regional Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Program



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The Regional Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Program (RDVRP) aims at measurably reducing vulnerability to natural hazards and climate change impacts in the Eastern Caribbean, specifically in the countries of Grenada and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG). The program entails three main areas of focus, which are described as follows: Component 1 - Prevention and Adaptation Investments. The participating countries will implement and test a broad spectrum of interventions aimed at reducing vulnerability in public buildings and infrastructure. Subprojects under this component will support: i) Developing infrastructure and carrying out related supporting studies, including: (a) development of identified community infrastructure, (b) carrying out the rehabilitation and construction of bridges and risk reduction of public space, and (c) improving resilience to climate risks in the water supply system, all through the provision of works, technical advisory services, operating costs, and acquisition of goods; and ii) Retrofitting and design of public buildings to improve disaster resilience and supporting studies, including: (a) rehabilitation of selected schools' buildings and (b) rehabilitation of selected public accommodation for the elderly, all through the provision of works, technical advisory services, operating costs, and acquisition of goods. Component 2 - Regional Platforms for Hazard and Risk Evaluation, and Applications for Improved Decision Making. The Project will support building the regional capacity for assessment of natural risks and integration of such assessment into policy and decision-making process for the development of investments, disaster risk mitigation, and disaster response across sectors, through the provision of technical advisory services, training, and acquisition of goods by: i) facilitating regional collaboration, including knowledge sharing and learning process to develop and apply construction standards and methods for critical public infrastructure and urban flood mitigation, and to strengthen regional collaboration for urban and flood risk reduction, through the provision of technical advisory services, training, and acquisition of goods; and ii) reducing the risk for regional interconnectivity and carrying out related supporting studies, including improving the international airport to maintain an adequate emergency response capability and to comply with the international operational standards, through the provision of works, technical advisory services, training, and acquisition of goods. Component 3 - Natural Disaster Response Investments. This component will finance emergency recovery and reconstruction subprojects under an agreed action plan of activities designed as a mechanism to implement the Recipient's rapid response to an emergency.

