



BUILDING CAPACITIES TO DEVELOP GENDER-SENSITIVE CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION PROPOSALS FOR FUNDING CONSIDERATION IN CARIBBEAN SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES

Owing to their small size, position in tropical cyclone belts and dependence on agriculture and tourism, Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in the Caribbean are particularly vulnerable to climate change and its effects. The agrifood systems of these countries require adaptive measures to support resilience to climate change and sustainability to ensure food and nutrition security and to reduce the impacts of climate change on vulnerable groups, including women and Indigenous Peoples.

This project was designed to support efforts to increase adaptive measures in targeted SIDS (Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Suriname) by building national capacities to develop concept notes and full proposals for gender-sensitive climate adaptation projects, so that these countries can access climate and environmental financing through the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the Global Environmental Facility (GEF).

WHAT DID THE PROJECT DO?

Under the project, four concept notes were developed. Two of these were expanded into full funding proposals, and one of the proposals was approved by GEF, which led to the implementation of two related projects entitled “CSIDS-SOILCARE Phase 1: Caribbean Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Multi-country Soil Management Initiative for Integrated Landscape Restoration and Climate-resilient Food systems”. Another funding proposal was fully developed for a project entitled “RE-ACT: Increasing climate resilience of vulnerable ecosystems and rural communities in Guyana’s coastal areas”; however, the proposal was not brought forward to the GCF as originally intended. That said, the studies undertaken for the development of the concept note and the concept note itself were disseminated to relevant government institutions so that they can be used in planning for the adaptation of agrifood systems in Guyana and in the drafting of a technical brief for a climate strategy for the country’s agriculture sector.

A concept note for a project entitled “ADAPT-JAMAICA: Enhancing climate change resilience of vulnerable smallholders in Central Jamaica” was drafted and submitted to the GCF, and, at the time of writing, was being revised to address feedback.

The final concept note was developed for a project entitled “Implementing the Saint Lucia Fisheries Sectoral Adaptation Strategy Action Plan (SASAP)”, and it too was submitted to the GCF for funding consideration.

The project worked in synergy with other related projects being implemented in the same area, expanding the project design material presented and the overall number of beneficiaries reached.



KEY FACTS

Latest Approved Budget
USD 238 095

Duration
February 2019 – June 2021

Resource Partner
Government of Canada

Beneficiaries
Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Barbuda Affairs (Antigua and Barbuda); Ministry of Blue and Green Economy, Agriculture and National Food Security (Dominica); Ministry of Agriculture and Lands (Grenada); Ministry of Agriculture (Guyana); Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (Jamaica); Ministry of Agriculture (Saint Lucia); Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Rural Transformation, Industry and Labour (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines); Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries (Suriname); CARICOM and its Member States

IMPACT

The results of the project are expected to contribute to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 13 (taking urgent action to address climate change and its impacts) by promoting increased resilience and the adaptation of rural livelihoods and the agrifood systems of the targeted Caribbean SIDS.

ACTIVITIES

- Readiness proposals were prepared and submitted to the GCF for seven of the 13 countries in the subregion.
- Virtual and in-person training activities were held on digital technologies for climate-smart agriculture, gender integration into climate-smart agriculture, gender mainstreaming methodologies and good practices for climate change adaptation and mitigation in the Caribbean, and on GCF project design.
- A communication and visibility strategy was drafted, and several communication products were developed and disseminated to raise awareness of the project.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Partners

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Project Title

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