Country Systems and Capacities For DRR And CCA - Capacity Diagnosis To Inform Strategic Planning And Implementation.

Trinidad And Tobago

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Background

- Trinidad and Tobago as a twin-island nation, has an estimated population of 1.4 million persons.
- Exposed to various natural hazards, primarily tropical storms and hurricanes, earthquakes and sea-level rise, which can cause extensive damage to infrastructure and disrupt daily life.
- The Vision 2030 document outlines specific strategies and initiatives aimed at promoting environmental sustainability and addressing climate change challenges. By placing the environment at the forefront of development, Trinidad and Tobago seeks to create a more resilient and sustainable future for its citizens.
- In 2018, the GORTT agreed to ratify the Paris Agreement, as an accelerated step to supporting SDG 13, Climate Actions.
- In 2020, the GORTT agreed to ratify the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, as a further commitment to supporting the overall achievement of the SDGs, ensuring a safe and resilient nation.
Trinidad and Tobago CDM Audit

• In 2020, T&T completed a CDM Audit.
• A key gap highlighted that there was an outdated governance framework for DRR & CCA.
• ODPM therefore begun move forward and develop a Country Work Programme (CWP).
T&T’s Country Work Programme (CWP) aims to ensure a Resilient, Inclusive, Adaptive, and Sustainable Nation, in which lives, livelihoods and communities are secured and the country is prepared, equipped and ready to manage all hazards/disasters, taking into account all hazards, all peoples and all sectors in this ever-changing multi-hazard environment.

Outcome 1: Strengthened institutional arrangements for comprehensive disaster management

Outcome 2: Enhanced operational readiness for response and recovery

Outcome 3: Increased and sustained knowledge management for CDM

Outcome 4: Comprehensive disaster management mainstreamed into priority sectors

Outcome 5: Strengthened community resilience

Cross Cutting Considerations:
Gender And Vulnerable Groups, Climate Change Adaptation, Information And Communication Technologies
NATIONAL ADAPTATION PLAN

PATHWAY APPROACH
Moving towards CCA & DRR Coherency

- In 2023, the ODPM approached the MPD to discuss the integration of the our CWP with the NAP.
- We acknowledged that there is a need for an updated assessment.
- At present, the ODPM is leading the of a proposal to conduct a multi-hazard, climate risk assessment.
- The data from this would serve as the foundation for the development of joint strategies to address DRR and CCA.
- The ODPM is also developing a DRR Policy, which takes into account, CCA mainstreaming as a cross cutting theme.
- This integration ensures that strategies are aligned, resources are allocated appropriately, and efforts are consistent across different sectors.