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Disaster Risk Reduction**

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## UNOPS AND DRR

- Within its mandate, and alignment with Sustainable Development Goals 3,6,11,13, and 16; One of UNOPS strategic objectives is to focus on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), climate change, health infrastructure. In its designs and implemented projects; UNOPS contributes to resilient infrastructure, environmental management, green projects for inclusive development.
- In Latin America Region; in LCR in 2023: February 2023 our colleagues delivered a speech (virtual) at the VIII Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Latin America and the Caribbean. The speech was about Inclusive Infrastructure for Climate Action. In September 2023: UNOPS participated as a team member in a CADRI assessment in Costa Rica, jointly with UNDRR was part of the team.



### RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE

Infrastructure must also be resilient in order to survive and overcome challenges induced by natural hazards such as:



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### INCLUSIVE INFRASTRUCTURE

It is essential that infrastructure development promotes social inclusivity and ensures that no individual, community or social group is left behind or prevented from benefiting from infrastructure services.



- In Asia Region: UNOPS design and implement projects all around the globe who are working to reduce their vulnerability to disasters and raise awareness about the significance of limiting disaster risk and losses in lives, livelihoods, and health. The Sri Lanka flood protection project is an excellent example to be celebrated. By providing improved flood-control infrastructure and training, UNOPS helped local communities in Mannar become more resilient. The project combines traditional built infrastructure with nature-based solutions and capacity development to create an integrated solution that aids in preparation for future flooding events that are expected to become more frequent and intense due to climate change. Many beneficiaries collaborated on the project's implementation, which included the rehabilitation of water-retention ponds as well as the building of drainage canal systems. The project enhances the resilience of local communities as it contributes to Sri Lanka's NDCs (policy commitments to the Paris Agreement on climate change) and the progress towards 10 of the 17 SDGs.
- Highlighting the Disaster Risk Reduction in Jamaica: In commemoration of Disaster Risk Reduction Day, we would like to share a UNOPS project in Jamaica in which UNOPS supported Disaster Risk Reduction. UNOPS supported the Rehabilitation of Riverton Road in Jamaica, addressing challenges related to poor road conditions and drainage systems that hindered effective solid waste management. UNOPS designed and constructed roads to improve connections from the developed urban centre of Kingston to the largest landfill facility in the country. Improving overall connectivity directly supported the achievement of SDG 11 as the improved waste management system reduces the adverse environmental impact from activities in urban areas.



**THANK YOU**

