

UNDP Project Quarterly Progress Report

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<u>Project Details</u>	
Project Title	Enabling Gender-Responsive Disaster Recovery, Climate and Environmental Resilience in the Caribbean (EnGenDER)
Project ID	00104558
Country	Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Suriname
Reporting Period	01/01/2020 – 06/30/2020
<u>Results Reporting</u>	
Overview <i>Please provide a summary of the major milestones and key challenges encountered during the quarter. This should be concise and set the context for what will then be reported below under each output in more detail. This section should also briefly highlight any changes in the country context e.g. changes in Ministry portfolios, adverse weather events, etc. Max 250 words</i>	Major Milestones Coordination and Project Management <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual Workplan approved by Project Board• 5/6 members of Project Management Unit (PMU) on board; recruitment of TS Recovery ongoing• Results Framework updated to reach GEN3 baseline and approved by the Project Board (PB)• 2 PBs successfully held• Development of 3 Bi-monthly Coordination Meetings with RPs and donors• Letter of Agreement (LoA) with Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) signed• Output 1125 created and approved by the PB Implementation of Project Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training in Gender Mainstreaming – virtually held in June and July with over 85 participants from all 9 project countries (disaggregation of data will be sent in next report)• Baseline Analysis Procurement completed, including drafting and validation of Terms of Reference, Request for Information, Request for Quotation, Evaluation of Bids• Offer of Complementary Funding (OCF) designed, launched and 6 proposals approved• Development of Sector Action Plans ongoing• Reprogramming of USD 1.149M to support COVID-19 Response in 9 countries Reporting, Knowledge Management and Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approved monitoring and reporting templates – quarterly and monthly in a live platform• Training provided to Implementing Partners (IPs) and Country Offices (COs) on the use of the templates• 1 Newsletter published and a number of Press releases and social media posts• Development of Country Reports ongoing Challenges (see Risk log attached) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• COVID-19 Pandemic – impact on travel and reformatting of methodology of work• Elections in 3 project countries• Political instability in Guyana: severe delays and WP not yet submitted

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Outputs and Activities

- I. Please provide a summary of activities at the output and outcome level
- II. Include the key actions taken that contributed to the achievement of the outputs
- III. For each output describe the progress towards indicator achievement.

Max 1000 words

Outcome 1110 – *Improved national capacity for gender-responsive climate change planning and implementation among state and non-state actors in the target countries*

Output 1111

Technical support provided on gender equality policy mainstreaming to agencies with responsibility for development and implementation of gender-responsive and inclusive National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs)

2 Regional virtual workshops held in June – this was a Part A and Part B type workshop)

Procurement for Baseline Analysis – 90% completed

Development of TORs for the sectoral plans – 75% completed

Output 1112 *Gender-responsive and inclusive NAP and NAMA priority interventions implemented in target sectors in collaboration with state and non-state sectoral actors*

Offer of Complementary Funding - The PMU established a call for proposals to assist 8 countries to leverage sustainable and diverse sources of climate finance. Based on the submissions, 6 countries were granted conditional approval (Antigua, Belize, Dominica, Guyana and St. Vincent). Revised proposals were submitted for further review.

Outcome 1120 – *Improved integrated recovery planning and frameworks at the national and regional levels for gender-responsive and resilient disaster recovery by key vulnerable group*

Output 1121 – *Technical support provided to gender machineries for a detailed analysis of gender inequality of climate risk and its associated costs in the Caribbean to inform decision-making*

Technical evaluations relating to the cost of inaction as well mapping of gender differentiated coping and adaptive capacities are reported as underway for 7 countries.

Output 1122 – *Technical assistance provided to CDEMA to significantly enhance gender-responsive resilient recovery approaches and solutions in the Model National Recovery Framework*

CDEMA has advised that the TOR to complete this work is being developed with a view to issuing the Request for Proposal within Q3

Output 1123 – *Training and systems development or strengthening for gender-responsive and inclusive recovery provided to national agencies with responsibilities in recovery in select countries*

CDEMA will work with at least two (2) countries to apply the revised recovery section of the CDM Audit Tool. This will commence in Q.3. Two studies will be undertaken: Review of Recovery Experiences and Review of COVID-19 Recovery Approaches. The TORs will be developed Q3

WFP worked with Oxford Policy Management (OPM) to develop a [base document](#), which includes the theoretical and practical contexts that will be communicated during the trainings. This will continue until the end of July.

Output 1124 – *Technical support provided to CARICOM (or one of its organs) to design and operationalise a regional mechanism for rapid*

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	<p><i>deployment of expertise to support gender-responsive and resilient recovery in the Caribbean</i></p> <p>Output 1125 – <i>Support to COVID-19 response initiatives through established national recovery and response frameworks focused on the socio-economic needs of the most vulnerable and which enhance gender-responsive recovery in 9 Caribbean countries</i></p> <p>Letters of Agreement were prepared for the 5 Eastern Caribbean countries. It is expected that these activities will commence in July and August with a wrap-up date of October and November. The activities are focused on the following three main areas:</p> <p><i>Gender Based Violence interventions – Support to initiatives that tackle Gender-Based Violence and provide direct assistance to women victims of violence, with special emphasis in rural and small communities</i></p> <p><i>Essential Services – Support to initiatives that facilitates the delivery of essential goods and services, such as food, medicines and care services to those have lost their ability to access same.</i></p> <p><i>Income support - Income support for the most vulnerable, including women, persons with disabilities, the elderly and individuals who lost their jobs due to the COVID 19 pandemic.</i></p> <p>INTERMEDIATE OUTCOME 1200: Improved governance by relevant actors for gender-responsive climate and risk resilience planning and decision-making in 9 Caribbean countries</p> <p>Outcome 1210 – <i>Increased application of gender-responsive and rights-based approaches by national CC and DRR decision making bodies</i></p> <p>Output 1211: <i>Technical assistance provided for gender responsive behavioural analysis of national climate change and DRR coordinating bodies</i></p> <p>UN Women has established an agreement with IISD to complete this work. Expected end date is Q4 2020</p> <p>Output 1212: <i>Technical assistance provided for implementation of behavioural change strategies to national climate change and DRR coordinating bodies</i></p> <p>This activity has been deferred to 2021 as results of 1211 which will be undertaken and completed at end of 2020 are needed for this activity to commence.</p> <p><u>Please see EnGenDER Quarterly Report – Q2 for full details on the progress towards targets</u></p>
<p>Indicator Reference Sheet</p> <p><i>For indicators at the Output and Outcome level, please enter details on:</i></p> <p>1) <i>Indicator Description (e.g- Number of protected areas established).</i></p> <p>2) <i>Indicator disaggregations: results and targets by sex, age,</i></p>	<p>Outcome 1110 – Number of coordination bodies systematically including gender analysis within their decision-making systems (focus will be on Climate focused agencies and Finance; also sectors with adaptation plans)</p> <p>Number of countries with data-informed[1] development and investment plans that incorporate integrated solutions to reduce disaster risks and enable climate change adaptation and mitigation (SP 2.3.1.1)</p> <p>No results relating to Outcome indicators as yet. This will be updated annually</p> <p>Output 1111</p>

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location (district, site) and populations of focus where available.

3) Type of support:

Technical Assistance versus Support Services (procurement, funding of staff or commodities)

5) Narrative guidance:

- I. Please describe and/or specify the results for each indicator relative to the target (e.g by quarter 2, achievement should be at 50%. State what factors impacted achievement whether positive or negative).
- II. Please describe the activities that led to the progress for each indicator as well as challenges encountered that hindered performance. This should also include the technical assistance or other forms of support provided to aid achievement as well as challenges with implementation.
- III. State how challenges were addressed and are currently being addressed to ensure performance meets expectations for the upcoming quarter.

Max 1,000 words

- Number of gender equality mainstreaming training workshops for technical and senior-level Government personnel, NGOs and private sector completed

Target: 3 training workshops by end of 2020

Result as at June 30th 2020: 1 workshop held through UN Women.

Plans underway for national workshops and end of year regional workshop

- Number of sector-level NAPs and NAMA action plans produced with explicit gender-equality and poverty reduction outcomes, impact indicators and targets

Target for end of 2020: 7

Results: TORs for these sector plans being developed simultaneously and should commence implementation in Q4. Results should be achieved by end of Q1 2021

- Number of reports generated using gender-responsive data from operationalised MRV frameworks

Deferred. Clarity on work with World Bank to be determined

Output 1112

- Number of gender-responsive, sector-level NAPs and NAMAs action plans under implementation

Deferred until 2021 – Q2

- Average percentage of direct beneficiaries of NAP and NAMA interventions that are women, disaggregated by age (and other factors if available e.g. PWDs, income)

Results will be captured subsequent to implementation of actions (above)

- Cumulative reduction in/avoided GHG emissions from implemented activities

May need to be revised. Will be reviewed subsequent to development of sector plans

Outcome 1120 – Average number of indicators of national recovery capacities for which scores improve

Output 1121

- Number of stakeholder consultations

UN Women will report on this in Q3 and Q4

- Number of completed gender inequality of risk reports and policy briefs

Target: 18 reports and policy briefs

Result: TORs for this developed and published. Work commenced in 5 countries (UN Women); 5 reports underway

- Number of advocacy and training activities undertaken using gender-sensitive data

Deferred (UN Women)

Output 1122

- Completed update of national model recovery framework

Output 1123

- Number of national recovery capacity assessments completed
- Number of countries with recovery frameworks and systems in place utilising sex, age and disability disaggregated data and gender analysis
- Number of national personnel across sectors/agencies trained in applying/using resilient recovery systems, disaggregated by sex

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- Number of shock responsiveness analyses of social protection systems completed
- Percentage of high priority actions implemented

CDEMA Activities have all been delayed and are expected to commence in late Q3 and Q4 as they have hired a resource person to advance these specific activities (recruitment for Technical Specialist – DRR through UNDP has been delayed)

World Food Programme (WFP) has completed five case studies on shock responsiveness analyses of social protection systems completed

Output 1124

- Completed agreement for operationalisation of the regional recovery facility
- Completed Standard Operating Procedures
- Number of experts deployed through the Caribbean Resilient Recovery Facility, disaggregated by sex

Activities should commence Q4 2020.

Output 1125

- Number of women and girls with a strengthened capacity to prevent and respond to GBV.
- Number of Awareness programmes focused on GBV
- Number of persons with a heightened awareness of GBV
- Number of women and girls who accessed protection services
- Number of social response workers (police, counsellors, social workers) with a strengthened capacity to prevent GBV and provide psychosocial support to survivors
- Number of beneficiary households with the income support they received (female headed households)
- Number of persons that benefit from the income support provided (disaggregated by women, elderly, persons with disabilities)
- Number of vulnerable persons with access to essential goods and services (disaggregated by women, elderly, persons with disabilities)

Activities to commence in July and August. LOA established for country implementation and training on reporting planned

Outcome 1210 – Number of decision-making tools being applied for more inclusive and responsive decision making

Output 1211:

- Completed behavioural insight tool and methodology inclusive of recommendations for behaviour change activities and recommendations for increasing women's participation in national climate change and DRR coordinating bodies

Technical Proposal from IISD received by UN Women. Committee (UN Women and UNDP) established to manage the deliverables of this activity

- Number of national coordinating climate change and DRR bodies with increased number of women members in decision making positions, as a result of implementation of recommendations of behavioural change strategies

Deferred to 2021

Output 1212:

- Number of activities from change strategies completed

Activity deferred to late 2021

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	<u>Please see EnGenDER Quarterly Report – Q2 for full details on the progress towards targets</u>
<p>COVID-19 Adaptation</p> <p><i>Please provide a detailed update on how the project has responded to and adapted to the COVID-19 pandemic:</i></p> <p>I. <i>How has the COVID-19 pandemic impacted social/economic contextual factors, project design and project implementation?</i></p> <p>II. <i>Given the pandemic's potential project impact, what are the expectations of results/target achievement?</i></p> <p>III. <i>What mitigation steps have been put in place to aid in project adaptation given the COVID-19 pandemic?</i></p> <p>IV. <i>What measures have been put in place to safeguard project staff, personnel and project beneficiaries?</i></p> <p>V. <i>How has the project adapted to the new needs of project beneficiaries and partners since the pandemic?</i></p> <p>VI. <i>How has your project adapted and supported countries in the COVID-19 response?</i></p> <p>Max 250 words</p>	<p>I. The ongoing health pandemic, COVID-19 and climate change illustrates how inequality is a major barrier to ensuring the wellbeing of people and how social and economic equalities materialise in unequal access to essential services. In the current situation, not addressing these newly emerged and pressing needs would constitute both a programmatic and a reputational risk for the Project. In the short term, it would affect the efficiency of the resources allocation process, since the sudden insurgence of compelling priorities in the political agendas would likely result in EnGenDER underdelivering the originally budgeted resources, whereas in the medium term, it would hinder the effectiveness of the originally proposed interventions, as the target population would likely not be in condition to receive the benefits that were envisaged in the original proposal. As a consequence, in the long term, inaction would likely result in lessening Project impact on the target groups.</p> <p>II. Support from the EnGenDER project to the impact of COVID-19 is in direct fulfilment of the overall goals of the project which would contribute to gender responsive and inclusive resilience recovery approaches to the pandemic in the Caribbean and would help to improve institutional capacities of the health and employment in delivering required services to the most vulnerable population substantially affected. (please see COVID-19 Target Matrix attached for further details)</p> <p>III. It was proposed to reprogram USD 1,149,000 of EnGenDER resources (USD 900,000 from UNDP original allocation and USD 249,000 from UN Women) to support governments' actions by addressing the compelling needs of the most vulnerable segments of the population in 9 Caribbean countries.</p> <p>IV. The project has adapted to the new working structures and have conducted all training on reporting (as well as implementation meeting) virtually. Implementation was also structured at the national level rather than at the regional level for these response activities.</p> <p>V. The repurposing of USD 1,149,000 aims at providing much-needed immediate direct support to the same beneficiary target groups that the Project had originally identified and whose priorities have been completely overturned by the insurgence of the crisis</p>

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	<p>VI. Interventions in the different countries vary according to needs and priorities, and are organized around the following service lines: Support to initiatives that tackle Gender-Based Violence and provide direct assistance to women victims of violence, with special emphasis in rural and small communities Income support for the most vulnerable, including women, persons with disabilities, the elderly and individuals who lost their jobs due to the COVID Support to initiatives that facilitates the delivery of essential goods and services, such as food, medicines and care services to those have lost their ability to access same</p> <p><u>Please see COVID-19 Response activities target matrix attached</u></p>
<p>Risk Updates <i>Please provide a detailed update on the risks in the Project Risk Log; how have these risks changed and what has been done to mitigate them. Please also include any new or emerging risks which will likely impact the performance of the project during the next reporting period and highlight how these will be mitigated.</i></p>	<p><u>Please see Risk log attached</u></p>
<p>Supporting Documents</p>	

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