

BACKGROUND

The pilot project is a key activity in the comprehensive Enabling Gender-Responsive Disaster Recovery, Climate and Environmental Resilience in the Caribbean (EnGenDER) project being implemented in *Jamaica, Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Suriname.*

The EnGenDER project aims to:

- ✓ Improve climate resilience for women and girls and key vulnerable populations in the Caribbean. The project will focus on gender-responsive implementation of National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs) targeting sectors that have the greatest beneficial impact for women and girls
- ✓ Support representation of the needs and perspectives of the most vulnerable populations
- ✓ Build government's capacity to access climate finance, through innovative solutions and to develop/strengthen gender-responsive and inclusive national recovery mechanisms and plans.

WHY THIS PILOT PROJECT?

Fishing and farming are male dominated fields with women and youth as growing minorities. Youth account for only 20% of all farmers, with males accounting for 69% of all youth farmers and females 31% In the Fisheries sector, the imbalance is far greater. Just 5.9% are female.

Although farmers and fishers are critical to food security, lingering inequalities result in unrealized potential, while climate change and disasters remain ever-present dangers to food supplies.

Women and young people face greater challenges in accessing resources to adapt to climate change. In addition, livelihoods in which women tend to have high levels of participation usually experience an extended recovery process. Women also encounter social barriers in benefiting directly or indirectly from what is perceived as 'men's work' and have fewer possibilities of migration due to their burden of care and limited mobility.

Equal opportunities in agriculture and fisheries allow more persons to participate in economic growth, strengthens resilience to climate change and help pull vulnerable groups out of poverty.



EnGenDER
Enabling Gender-Responsive Disaster Recovery,
Climate and Environmental Resilience in the Caribbean



CLIMATE SMART & RESILIENT

PREPARING YOUNG FARMERS & FISHERS
TO IMPROVE INCOMES WHILE COMBATING
CLIMATE CHANGE

About the Pilot Project

Young male and female farmers and fishers in select communities in Clarendon, Manchester, St. Elizabeth, Westmoreland and St. Thomas will receive climate smart, business management and financial literacy training, business inputs to start and or strengthen their farming, fisheries, and agro-processing enterprises.

The enterprise development component will be underpinned with 6 months coaching and hand holding to facilitate the planning and utilization of key management tools necessary to sustain their businesses.

This project pilots a gender equal formula to ensure young men and women who work as fishers and farmers can equally adapt to climate change, build resilience to its impacts, and recover quickly when disaster strikes.

The Jamaica 4-H Clubs as the youth training arm of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, has a mandate of encouraging increased youth participation in agriculture. This forms part of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries' main programme, "Agriculture Production and Productivity and Food Security," and is integrally aligned with the strengthening of agri enterprises and climate change adaptability.



OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Strengthen the capacity of young fishers and farmers to adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change.
- ✓ Strengthen the earning potential of young farmers and fishers.

FUNDING AND IMPLEMENTATION

Time Frame: Six Months (Starting July 2022)

Budget: USD \$140,000

Funded by:

Global Affairs Canada and the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, United Kingdom

Implemented by:

United Nations Development Programme Multi Country Office in Jamaica, in partnership with Jamaica 4-H Foundation, supported by the Jamaica 4-H Clubs

PROJECT COMPONENTS

The project will:

- ✓ Increase awareness amongst 600 young fishers and farmers on climate smart agriculture, gender roles in mitigating climate change and building resilience and value-added income generating opportunities in the sector.
- ✓ Build capacity of Jamaica 4-H Foundation, Jamaica 4-H Clubs, its volunteers and other key stakeholder groups through a Training of Trainers programme in Disaster Risk Reduction and Business Continuity Planning
- ✓ Train and certify 175 youth in crop and livestock production, fisheries, value added agriculture including agro processing
- ✓ Provide venture inputs, technical support, and coaching to 110 youth in the development of agrobased enterprises.