



BARBADOS AND THE OECS



The Multi-Country Sustainable Development Framework (MSDF) is the first regional UN Sustainable Development framework in the Caribbean developed through extensive consultations with the governments of Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean. It captures the development aspirations of the region, which places people, planet, prosperity and peace at its core. The Sub-Regional Implementation Plan Report highlights the key results under the MSDF pillars.

MSDF Pillars

An Inclusive, Equitable and Prosperous Caribbean



A Healthy Caribbean



A Safe, Cohesive and Just Caribbean



A Sustainable and Resilient Caribbean



Results of Common Business Operations

The results of Common Business Operations included the adoption of the 2018-2022 Business Operations Strategy (BOS) with projected financial gains of US\$742,338.44 and successfully delivering as one in disaster response



“We are reforming our development system to become much more field-focused, well-coordinated and accountable to better assist countries through the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - our contribution to a fair globalization.”

- António Guterres, United Nations Secretary General

Results of Communicating as One

Through strong partnerships the UN promoted the issues that mattered most to Barbados and the OECS. Whether examining human rights with the youth of Model UN, educating the public about the SDGs or coordinating disaster relief efforts through an intersectoral regional group, the UN spoke with one voice to advocate for sustainable development.



Programming Results



Through the Farmer Field School (FFS) Methodology the UN enhanced farmers' capacity to analyze their production systems, identify problems, test possible solutions, and to adopt practices most suitable to their farming systems



Support the creation of a one-stop-shop online portal that captures the existing policy measures, best practices and pilots addressing youth employment



UN and OECS Commission report on child poverty contributed to SDG1 monitoring and facilitated engagement in evidence informed discussions for strengthening social protection systems



The UN has so far selected 16 hospitals and health centers in in Dominica, Grenada, Saint Lucia, and St Vincent and the Grenadines to make them safer, greener and more resilient to natural disasters, under the framework of the Smart Health Care Facilities Project



Development of strategic information and analysis to increase understanding of the state of the AIDS epidemic



Improved citizen security through Caribbean Citizen Security Toolkit



Enhanced capacity to government and civil society organisations to implement human rights and other universal UN norms and standards



Improved early warning systems



Supported climate action through National Adaptation Plans, community based adaptation initiatives and climate change communication campaigns



Protected Biodiversity and Ecosystems through Ridge to Reef project

Humanitarian Response



In November 2017, the UN and CARICOM hosted a high-level donor conference for reconstruction and resilience, that mobilized more than US\$1.3 billion in pledges and \$1 billion in loans and debt relief.

When Hurricanes Irma and Maria devastated four countries from the Eastern Caribbean, the UN mobilized more than US \$5 Million through CERF to provide immediate, life-saving support.

The UN helped governments to reestablish basic services such as health care, telecommunications and electricity, water, sewage and waste systems, and education across the territories.

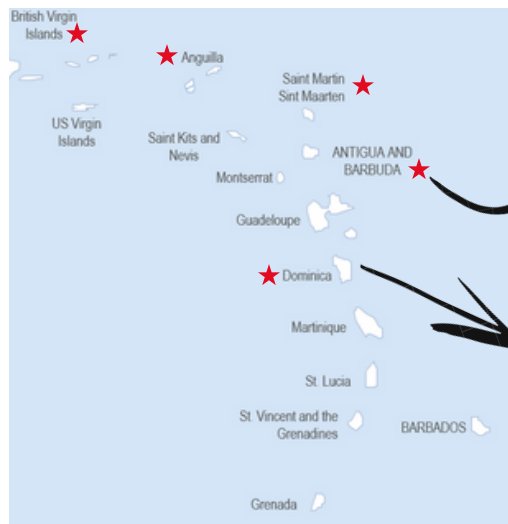
UN humanitarian response across the 5 affected territories



Ensured more than 40,000 people had access to safe drinking water



Helped 19,000 children and adolescents resume education



★ Countries/territories affected by Hurricanes Irma and Maria



Antigua & Barbuda

- Procured more than US\$2 Million of roofing materials



Dominica

- Tracked displacement by mapping more than 143 sites
- Emergency Cash Transfer Programme assisted 25,000 people, including 6000 children from vulnerable families
- With government, ensured Dominican population of more than 74,000 people had one-month food assistance
- Trained more than 350 construction professionals to employ new building standards
- Provided more than 150,000 seedlings and equipment for farmers to restart farms



83 front line workers, shelter managers and health care personnel were trained in Dominica and Antigua & Barbuda to prevent Gender-Based Violence in shelters