



CB Country Weekly Highlights

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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

COVID Recovery Needs Assessment

In the Dominican Republic UNDP supported a COVID Recovery Needs Assessment using the PDNA methodology adjusted by the UNDP CB Disaster Risk Reduction Team. At the end of 2020 a survey conducted on 5,000 vulnerable households demonstrated that 50% of them reported loss of income or employment; 70% expressed concern about access to food. Restrictions imposed to control COVID was impacting livelihoods and family well-being. UNDP took the technical lead in an interagency effort, working with the UN family, the World Bank, and the Inter-American Development Bank, and supporting the Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development (MEPYD) to undertake a recovery needs assessment. The UNDP Regional Hub DRRT advisor provided technical support to the CO, partners and the government and coordinated the implementation of assessment. The fact that MEPYD is currently developing its National Multiannual Plan provided a unique and timely opportunity to make practical use of the results of the CRNA to inform not only the recovery plan, but most importantly the national planning agenda by factoring actual impact of the COVID across socio-economic sectors during the upcoming years.

Key action points and follow-up

- >> Formulation of a recovery strategy
- >> Operationalizing the PDNA through a recovery framework

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