

# COUNTRY BRIEF: PANAMA

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 Sustainable Development and Resilience Cluster  
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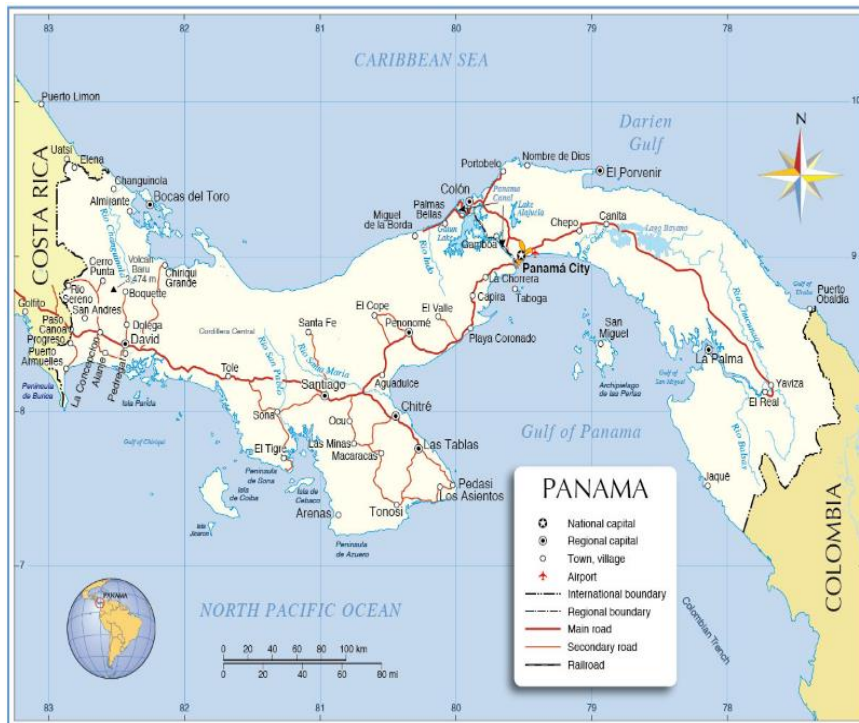


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(as of Nov.2019)

## Country Overview

### Country context



(Source: One World Nations Online)

**Capital:** Panama City

**GDP:** \$104.1 billion

**Total population:** 3,800,644

**Climate:** tropical maritime; hot, humid, cloudy; prolonged rainy season (May to Jan), short dry season (Jan to May)

**Land use:** agricultural land 30.5% / arable land 7.3% / permanent crops 2.5% / permanent pasture 20.7% / forest 43.6% / other: 25.9%

**Urbanization:** 68.1%

**Unemployment rate:** 6%

(Source: CIA World Factbook)

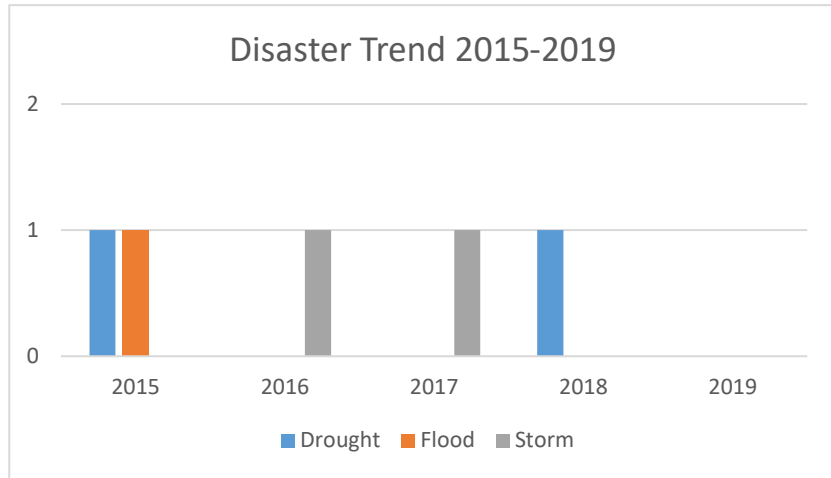
### Summary

In Panama, major DRR-related challenges are floods, storms and droughts. During the period of 2015-2019 Panama has experienced 5 disasters of natural origin: 2 droughts, 2 storms and 1 flood. The biggest reported financial damage is related to droughts as it adds to \$72,000,000 but it is storms that affected the most people 24,000 (EM-DAT Database)

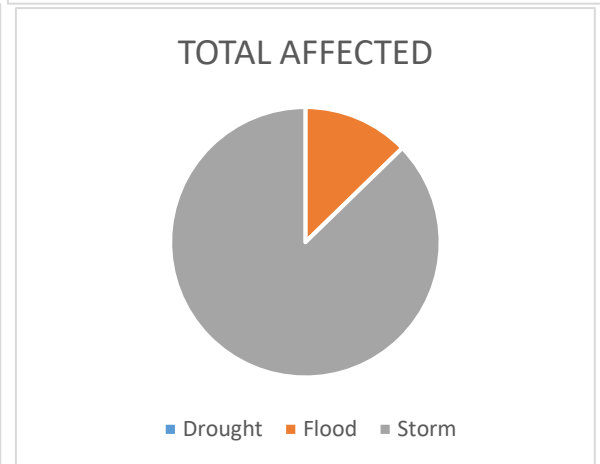
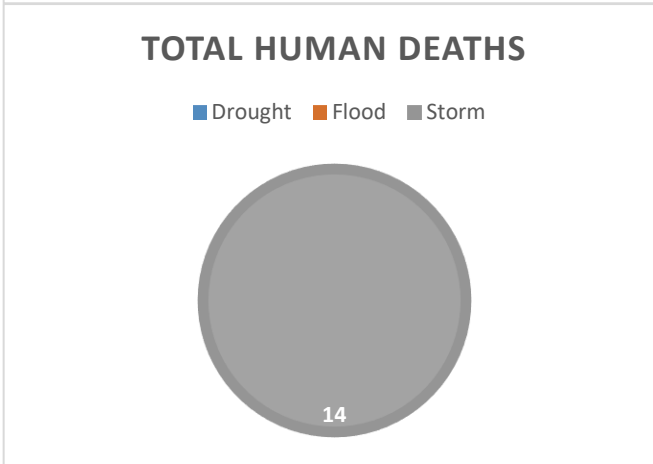
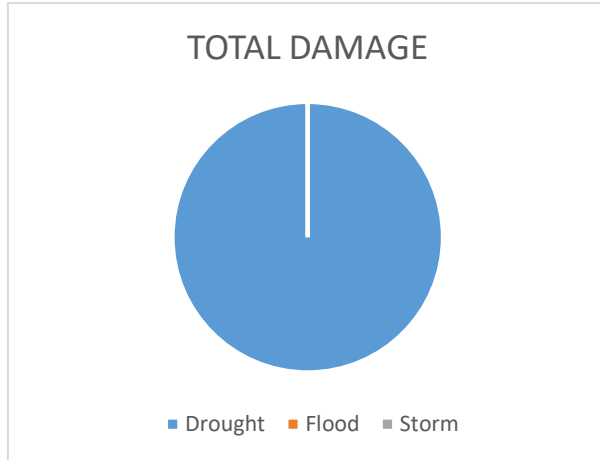
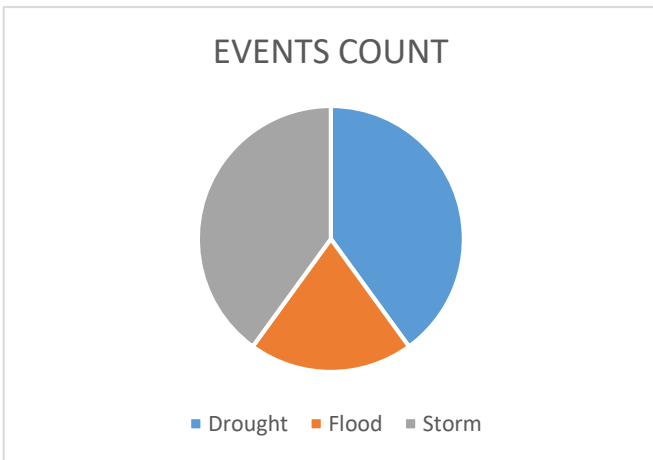
UNDP in Panama has worked on 16 projects related to adaptation, mitigation and DRR and they cover various themes such as: climate change, managing deforestation emission, archipelago conservation and improve resilience of coastal communities (UNDP project information).

UNDP, in the future, plans to encourage municipalities to integrate disaster risk management and climate change in their management plans. UNDP set a target of at least 10 of municipalities which incorporate disaster risk management and climate change in their management plans. Also, UNDP aims to increase 15 percent of budgets in national budget allocation to account code designed for disaster risk management and climate change by 2020. (CPD 2016-2020)

### Disaster status



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Drought	1	0	0	1	0
Flood	1	0	0	0	0
Storm	0	1	1	0	0



*(Source: EM-DAT Database)*

- CO's total amount of yearly budget (2015-2019)
- CO's yearly DRR budget (2015-2019)

Category	Year 2015	Year 2016	Year 2017	Year 2018	Year 2019 (estimated)
CO's Total budget					
CO's DRR Budget	22,100.00		51,917.00	100,000	

### Projects in DRR and CCA (2015-2019)

- Please refer to Annex II

### Knowledge Management Products (2015-2019)

No.	Category	Title	Date of Publication	Author/Project implemented by
1	Publication	Evaluación del Estado de la Reducción de Riesgo de Desastres en la República de Panamá	12-01-2016	UNDP
		Marco Nacional de Recuperación <a href="https://www.undp.org/content/dam/panama/docs/documentos/undp_pa_marco_recuperacion_desastres.pdf">https://www.undp.org/content/dam/panama/docs/documentos/undp_pa_marco_recuperacion_desastres.pdf</a>	2015	UNDP
	Booklet/brochure	Líneas de acción para la Estrategia de Gestión Financiera en los Procesos de Recuperación Post-Desastre	2015	UNDP
	Video	Sistematización sobre proceso de consulta y participación para los Planes Distritales	2017	UNDP
	Infographic			
	Key event	Protocolo de Medición de Carbono de Manglares <a href="https://www.miambiente.gob.pa/biblioteca-virtual/">https://www.miambiente.gob.pa/biblioteca-virtual/</a>  Resultados Finales de la Implementación en Ecosistemas de manglar en los distritos de Remedio, San Félix y San Lorenzo <a href="https://www.pa.undp.org/content/panama/es/home/library/environment_energy/resultados-finales-de-la-implementacion-del-protocolo-de-medicio.html">https://www.pa.undp.org/content/panama/es/home/library/environment_energy/resultados-finales-de-la-implementacion-del-protocolo-de-medicio.html</a>	2018	UNDP

### Key results achieved in 2019<sup>1</sup>

#### COUNTRY OUTCOME

N/A

- CPD 2017

Project (or activities of UNDP)	Key results achieved	Status/Next step
N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A

<sup>1</sup> ROARs 2015 can be accessed at: UNDP Intranet – CO sites – 2015 monitoring  
E.g. Barbados: <https://intranet.undp.org/sites/BRB/SitePages/ROAR1ReportDashboard.aspx>

▪ IRRF reporting 2019	
Outcome : N/A	
Output : N/A (No output achieved in this year)	
Status	Achieved / Partially achieved / <b>Not achieved</b>
Key results	▪ N/A

Outcome 6: Early recovery and rapid return to sustainable development pathways are achieved in post-conflict and post-disaster settings	
Output : N/A (No output achieved in this year)	
EA	N/A
Status	Achieved / Partially achieved / <b>Not achieved</b>
Key results	▪ N/A

### Plans for 2020

▪ CPD 2016-2020 <sup>2</sup>	
<b>UNDAF Outcome:</b> UNDAF (OR EQUIVALENT) OUTCOME INVOLVING UNDP 3.2: By 2020, the State has strengthened its capacities to design and implement policies, plans and programs that contribute to environmental sustainability, food and nutrition security, adaptation to climate change, disaster risk reduction and resilience build-up	
<b>Outcome</b>	
UNDP Contribution	▪
Indicators for UNDP	▪ ▪

▪ IWP 2019 <sup>3</sup>							
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Relevant Themes/Areas</b>						
	Risk/Vulnerability Assessment	Early warning/Preparedness	Risk Governance	Resilient Recovery	Capacity Development	Risk Reduction/Natural Resources Management	Others (Regional coordination enhanced; Monitoring of actions; Researches)
Output: N/A							
EA	N/A						
Activities	▪ N/A						

### Programmatic Priorities

▪ Priority areas/regions of 2016-2020
○ Basic services
○ Voice and democracy
○ Security and justice
○ Sustainable development

<sup>2</sup> Country Programme Documents for countries in LAC can be accessed at:

<http://www.latinamerica.undp.org/content/rblac/en/home/operations/country-programme-documents.html>

<sup>3</sup> IWP 2018 (Current version) can be accessed at: UNDP Intranet – IWP page (More detailed version of IWP 2018 will be updated soon)

E.g. Argentina: <https://intranet.undp.org/Apps/CPS/SitePages/IWP%20Support%20Requested.aspx>

- UNDP will promote disaster risk management in coordination with the Inter-Agency Secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, and will support the Ministry of Economy and Finance (Ministerio de Economía y Finanzas (MEF)), the National Civil Protection System (Sistema Nacional de Protección Civil (SINAPROC)) and AMUPA in a new initiative to incorporate risk management and climate change adaptation into municipal planning and strategies

## Areas of Support Requested<sup>4</sup>

- N/A

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## ANNEX I: Legal, Normative and Institutional Framework of the Country

Detailed information regarding disaster related laws, policies and institutional framework can be found the following:

[LINK](#)

Publication	Source	Publication Date
<b><u>Panama: Statement made at the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (2017)</u></b>	Panama - gov	2017
<b><u>Panama: Statement made at the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR)</u></b>	Panama - gov	2015
<b><u>Panama: Statement made at the Preparatory Committee (PrepCom 1) of the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (2014)</u></b>	Panama - gov	2014
<b><u>UN General Assembly 67th session: Statement delivered at the General Debate - Panama</u></b>	Panama - gov; UNGA	2012
<b><u>Panama: National progress report on the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action (2011-2013) - interim</u></b>	SINAPROC, Panama - gov	2012
<b><u>Panama: Statement made at the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (2011)</u></b>	Panama - gov	2011
<b><u>Panama: Review of current and planned adaptation action</u></b>	Adaptation Partnership	2011
<b><u>Panama: National progress report on the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action (2009-2011)</u></b>	SINAPROC, Panama - gov	2010
<b><u>Panama: National progress report on the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action (2007-2009)</u></b>	SINAPROC, Panama - gov	2009
<b><u>Panama: Statement made at the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (2009)</u></b>	Panama - gov	2009
<b><u>Panama: National Report on the implementation of the HFA (2007)</u></b>	Panama - gov	2007

**[Panama: Plan nacional de gestión de riesgo de desastres 2011-2015](#)**

**<https://www.preventionweb.net/english/policies/v.php?id=60085&cid=131>**

**[http://www.cac.int/sites/default/files/Panam%C3%A1. Plan\\_Nacional\\_Gesti%C3%B3n\\_Riesgo..pdf](http://www.cac.int/sites/default/files/Panam%C3%A1. Plan_Nacional_Gesti%C3%B3n_Riesgo..pdf)**

**[Marco Nacional de Recuperación 2014](#)**

**[https://www.undp.org/content/dam/panama/docs/documentos/undp\\_pa\\_marco\\_recuperacion\\_desastres.pdf](https://www.undp.org/content/dam/panama/docs/documentos/undp_pa_marco_recuperacion_desastres.pdf)**

**[evaluación del estado de la reducción del riesgo de desastres ...](#)**

**<https://eird.org/americas/docs/informme-panama-rrd.pdf>**

**Plan Estratégico DistritalMunicipio de San Lorenzo 2018 –2022**

[https://sanlorenzo.municipios.gob.pa/45/1529613134\\_Sanlorenzo.pdf](https://sanlorenzo.municipios.gob.pa/45/1529613134_Sanlorenzo.pdf)

**Plan Estratégico Distrital Municipio de San Félix 2018 – 2022 República de Panamá**

[https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/pdfTemp/28435\\_C/65273.pdf](https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/pdfTemp/28435_C/65273.pdf)

**Plan Estratégico DistritalMunicipio de Remedios 2018 –2022**

[https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/pdfTemp/28467\\_A/GacetaNo\\_28467a\\_20180219.pdf](https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/pdfTemp/28467_A/GacetaNo_28467a_20180219.pdf)

El texto del Decreto Ejecutivo No. 578 de 13 de noviembre de 2014 mediante el cual se adopta el Marco Estratégico de Gestión Financiera de Riesgo de Desastres se encuentra en:

[http://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/pdfTemp/27662\\_A/48878.pd](http://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/pdfTemp/27662_A/48878.pd)

**ANNEX II: List of Projects**

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