

**Meeting of PPCR Pilot Countries and Regions
October 30, 2012 - Istanbul, Turkey**

Progress Updates from PPCR Pilots

Country/regional pilot: JAMAICA

Strategic Program for Climate Resilience (SPCR):

- Endorsed
- Endorsement date: November 4, 2011

Briefly outline three major advances, challenges and lessons learned arising from your SPCR programming or implementation process since the last meeting of PPCR pilots.

Advances:

1. Data and information for climate risk management significantly improved
2. Four Technical studies completed and being used to support the development of complimentary adaptation activities:
 - Climatological Data Assessment and Projections
 - Climate Change Knowledge Attitude & Behavioural Practice (KAP) Survey
 - Review of Policy, Plans, Legislation & Regulations Study
 - Climate Change Communications Strategy
3. Socio-Economic and Environmental Disaster Impact Assessment Handbook Developed
4. Proposals for the three investment projects under the SPCR being designed

Challenges:

1. Procurement delays
2. Slow response of some government agencies
3. Lack of documented performance standards (GOJ and MDB)

Lessons learned:

1. Importance of upfront definition of project terms, timeline and critical processes eg. procurement modalities – ex-post or ex-ante.
2. Stakeholder support importance for successful outcome of project activities

What is the most striking value added or benefit from the PPCR process in your country?

1. Climate data and information – significant increase in the climate monitoring network of the Met Services
2. Climate scenarios developed and already being used by sectors

Briefly outline the institutional arrangements for the coordination and oversight of the implementation of the SPCR as a program. What works and what needs improvement?

The SPCR is co-ordinated by the Planning Institute of Jamaica (which falls under the Ministry of Finance) through its External Co-operation and Sustainable Development and Regional Planning Divisions. A PPCR Steering Committee has been established to provide quality control, technical input and advice in support of the development and implementation of the SPCR.

The Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction (CCDRR) Thematic Working Group provides advice to the PPCR Steering Committee. The CCDRR was established as part of Vision 2030 Jamaica National Development Plan and brings together a wide cross-section of stakeholders.

The implementation of the SPCR is being co-ordinated by Programme Implementation Unit comprising a Programme Co-ordinator and an Administrative Assistant.

If you have an endorsed SPCR, which of your projects have progressed the most in terms of preparation/implementation and what are the 3 main factors that have contributed to this progress?

Project:

1. **Investment Project 3: Financing mechanism for sustained adaptation initiatives by the public sector and private sectors.** This project will involve the establishment of a Line of Credit for Private Sector and a Trust Fund to finance community-based adaptation initiatives by NGOs and CBOs

Contributing Factors:

- Strong Co-ordination
- Experience of consultant with solid industry experience and respect among local stakeholders

What are the 3 major tasks ahead for your SPCR during the next 6-12 months?

1. Complete the preparation of the three investment projects
2. Get approval for investment projects
3. Commence implementation of investment projects