

**Meeting of PPCR Pilot Countries and Regions
May 1-3, 2013 – Washington D.C., United States**

Progress Updates from PPCR Pilots

Country/regional pilot: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Please describe any advances made in the following areas, arising from your SPCR programming or implementation process since the last meeting of PPCR pilots.

<p>Institutional arrangements</p>	<p>Project Management A procurement assistant has been recruited bringing the procurement team to three (3) officers. This has enhanced the capacity of the project coordination team.</p> <p>Coordination The project coordination team has synchronized RDVRP interventions with those being implemented by partner agencies to limit duplication of activities thereby reducing cost.</p>
<p>On-the ground activities (please specify)</p>	<p>Analytical work and technical studies</p> <p>The procurement of several technical studies is underway.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scope Definition and Development of a Work Plan for the elaboration of the National Physical Development plan 2. Hydrology/Hydraulic modelling and Geotechnical Site investigation for Bridges, fords and Rivers. 3. Hydrology/Hydraulic modelling and Geotechnical Site investigation for watershed pilot area – Arnos Vale. 4. Feasibility Study and Environmental Assessment for Georgetown Coastal Defence. 5. Consultancy to Establish Hazard and Risk Modelling Database. 6. Health Service Analysis for relocation of the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital. 7. Structural Assessment of emergency shelters. <p>Capacity Building</p> <p>Training</p> <p>Two officers each from the Meteorological Office and Central Water</p>

and Sewerage Authority (CWSA) have commenced (March 2013) training in forecasting. The training is being provided by the Caribbean Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology.

In conjunction with the HTERP, a training workshop coordinated by the Ministry of Housing, Informal Settlements, Land and Surveys and Physical Planning was conducted on the week of April 8, 2013 for GIS technicians. Sixteen (16) officials from National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO), 8 agencies were trained in developing hazard map models for the pilot areas of Kingstown and Georgetown.

Data analysis

During the GIS training workshop the trainees developed storm surge and flash flood models for Kingstown and Georgetown, respectively. These will be replicated in at least seven (7) other vulnerable communities.

In addition, the officers were trained in the use of the GeoNode and GIS software, data collection and metadata input, and the production of hazard maps from same. The trainees are expected to produce other hazard maps (Fire, Land Slide, and Earthquake).

Scope Definition (Union Island Pilot Area)

The activities to be undertaken in Union Island were reviewed. The activity, *Replanting of Mangrove in Selected Areas* was cancelled as this was already being done by the environmental non-profit organisation, The Nature Conservancy (TNC). TNC was also funding activities aimed at physical modelling of storm surges and its impacts on the coastal environment. In addition, the *“Implement appropriate shoreline numerical and physical modelling techniques on Union Island”* and *“Geological assessment of Union Island as a single drainage basin inclusive of soil testing, ground water assessment and monitoring”* were also cancelled.

Further consultation with stakeholders identified the most urgent needs: (i) drainage, (ii) water catchment/reservoir improvements and (iii) upgrading the community centre to hurricane resistant shelter standards. The programming of these activities is pending.

Please describe any challenges encountered in the following areas, arising from your SPCR programming or implementation process since the last meeting of PPCR pilots.

Stakeholder capacity	Many of the challenges in this area are being addressed through the capacity development activities of the SPCR. In addition, the CPD has been working with the agencies to mainstream the SPCR/RDVRP activities into their work plans.
Stakeholder engagement and maintaining momentum	Some partner agencies appear to be unclear as to the extent of their roles and responsibilities in project implementation. In response, the CPD will convene information sharing/gathering meetings with stakeholders to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information on the activities • Remind agencies of roles and responsibilities • Obtain feedback on issues and constraints
Procurement	Scope definition – difficulties in getting partner agencies to articulate their needs e.g. especially for some capacity building activities, defining ToRs etc. In response, the CPD will provide simplified guidelines for detailing specifications and preparing and reviewing ToRs. Training will also be provided to relevant partner agencies in these areas.
Sustaining momentum (response to challenge of)	The CPD is working with agencies to more closely mainstream the RDVRP activities into the agency work programmes.

Please provide any additional information you wish to share on impacts or lessons learned from the implementation of your SPCR.

- Harmonisation of similar activities across agencies is critical and increases operational efficiency.