

## **CCRIF Supports Communities throughout the Caribbean to Reduce Vulnerability to Natural Hazards**

Since 2015, CCRIF has been implementing a small grants programme as part of its wider Technical Assistance Programme, which provides an ongoing mechanism for grant support within the Caribbean region for capacity building initiatives and the development and implementation of projects aimed at improving the effectiveness of risk management.

Through the small grants programme, CCRIF finances small **disaster risk reduction** projects conceptualized and managed by non-governmental organizations (NGOs), community-based organizations (CBOs), charity organizations in local communities across CCRIF member countries and/or CARICOM member countries. Each project should fall within the range of US\$5,000 to US\$25,000.

In January 2019, CCRIF SPC awarded three new grants under its small grants programme:

**Humana People to People Belize (HPPB)** – to increase farmers’ capacity to reduce the effects of climate change on crops in the Toledo District. The project will support farmers to be more climate resilient and build human capital through training, awareness-raising, and demonstrations. It will encourage the adoption of agricultural management methods, practices and techniques. This, in turn, will empower the farmers to enhance their livelihoods and be more resilient to the impacts and effects of climate change. It will also provide crucial inputs so the farmers can improve their individual and communal gardens.

**Fondation Amour de Dieu en Action (FADA)** in Haiti – for training and awareness about earthquake- and hurricane-resilient construction in Port-de-paix, Saint Louis north and Gros-mornes. The project will train construction workers to implement codes designed by the Ministry of Public Works to reduce the vulnerability of the population to earthquakes and cyclones.

**Groupe Encadré du Nord-Ouest (GAENO)** in Haiti – to create tree nurseries in eight northwestern municipalities. This project expands a previous project (Phase I) which established nurseries and conducted reforestation in four initial municipalities in the lower North West Department. In Phase I, 7,600 seedlings of climate-resilient species were planted in Jean Rabel, Baie de Henne, Mole Saint Nicolas and Bonbardopolis, involving almost 200 students and community members, who also participated in training and climate awareness sessions. Four nurseries were created and are ready to provide the target communes for seedlings for reforestation in the communes. Communities no longer have trouble finding seedlings to reforest their land. A workshop on climate change for the lower northwest was held on how civil society organizations can take charge of environmental issues in their department and included discussion of the reforestation activities, Haiti’s climate change policy,

sources of funding for climate change projects including CCRIF's Small Grants Programme and community environmental councils.



With the award of these 3 grants, CCRIF has provided 13 grants totalling over US\$280,000 provided to 7 NGOs and 1 academic institution. Funded projects have focussed on activities to increase community resilience to storms and hurricanes, rainfall and flooding as well as drought and ultimately to climate change impacts. These activities have included reforestation – establishing tree nurseries, planting trees and ensuring they are maintained; rehabilitation of wetlands; building dams and strengthening river banks among others. Importantly, all projects include training, awareness raising and community engagement.

Projects funded to date are shown below.

Organization	Country	Project Name	Description
Fondation Amour de Dieu en Action (FADA)	Haiti	Climate change training for farmers in the northern department of Haiti	Provided training for farmers to implement climate change-resilient agriculture; increased community awareness of climate change (complete)
Groupe Encadré du Nord-Ouest (GAENO)	Haiti	Reforestation at Fond Zombi	Reforestation of the area around the Fond Zombi pond and establishment of a pond association to maintain the area; increased awareness of climate change (complete)
UWI Department of Food Production	Trinidad & Tobago	Conservation Agriculture for Climate Change Adaptation in the Caribbean	Examination of the merits of conservation agriculture practices using jab planters on the resilience of soil to intense rainfall.

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Douglas Castle Production and Market Organization	Jamaica	Douglas Castle Disaster Risk Management Project	Development of a community disaster management plan for Douglas Castle and surrounding areas
Fondation Amour de Dieu en Action (FADA)	Haiti	Climate change training for farmers in the northern department of Haiti Phase II	Providing climate change training for farmers to plant climate change-resilient crops and increasing awareness of climate change in additional communities (complete)
Groupe Encadré du Nord-Ouest (GAENO)	Haiti	Reforestation project within four watersheds in the lower North West Department	Reforestation of four watersheds in the lower North West Department; increased awareness of climate change (complete)
Fondation Amour de Dieu en Action (FADA)	Haiti	Dam construction project in Torbeck	Construction of a dam using used tyres in the municipality of Torbeck to protect against storm surge (complete)
Anse-La-Raye Disaster Committee	Saint Lucia	Flood mitigation project	Reduction of flooding in Anse-La-Raye through rehabilitation of mangroves (complete)
People Empowering People	Saint Lucia	Fond/Malgreoute River Reforestation and Riverbank Stabilization Project	Reduction of flooding in the Malgreoute community by reforesting more than 50% of the deforested areas in the Malgreoute/Fond watershed and implementing appropriate river bank stabilisation along the Malgreoute /Fond River
Urgence Rehabilitation and Development	Haiti	Project for reducing water vulnerability in the community of Boucan Richard in Gros-Morne	Increasing water security of the community by rehabilitating the Derbyé catchment area (removing debris and reforestation)
Humana People to People Belize (HPPB)	Belize	Training for climate-resilient agriculture in Toledo	Increasing farmers' capacity to reduce the effects of climate change on crops in the Toledo District

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Fondation Amour de Dieu en Action (FADA)	Haiti	Training and awareness about earthquake- and hurricane-resilient construction	Training and awareness about earthquake- and hurricane-resilient construction in Port-de-paix, Saint Louis north and Gros-mornes.
Groupe Encadré du Nord-Ouest (GAENO)	Haiti	Reforestation project within remaining watersheds in the lower North West Department	Reforestation of four watersheds in the remaining area of the North West Department; increasing awareness of climate change

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