

PROSE HELPDESK OVERVIEW

The Policy and Regulatory Reform for Resilience (PROSE) Activity, funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development Eastern and Southern Caribbean Mission (USAID/ESC), promotes the advancement of Comprehensive Disaster Management (CDM) and climate resilience across the Eastern and Southern Caribbean region.

The PROSE Activity supports the advancement of the CDM blueprint across ESC states, particularly in relation to the adoption of disaster management and climate adaptation policy and legislation, and associated regulations and plans. Additionally, PROSE interventions seek to improve implementation of risk reduction and climate resilience measures across critical economic sectors and strengthen civic participation in the development and enhancement of CDM policy, regulations, and plans. The implementing partner for the PROSE activity is The Cadmus Group, which is working in partnership with The University of the West Indies (UWI), and Adapt Consulting, and collaborating closely with the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) and other ESC stakeholders.

WHAT IS THE PROSE HELPDESK?

The PROSE Helpdesk provides on-demand, short-term technical assistance to eligible organizations, including public sector, private sector associations, and civil society organizations. Through the Helpdesk, organizations will be able to access the PROSE Team's wide range of policy, technical and sectoral subject matter experts to advance initiatives related to CDM, Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) and Disaster Risk Management (DRM).

WHAT WE OFFER

Our experts can provide agile technical assistance via a suite of technical resources, including tools, methodologies, and data, which are available and that can be tailored to incoming requests. When suitable, our experts also leverage regional approaches and best practices to maximize impact.

Following is a listing of key Helpdesk services along with illustrative examples of public, private, and civil sector support:

- **Policy Resources:** Support decision makers to integrate CDM and CCA approaches within policy, legal or regulatory frameworks by assessing potential gaps, sharing best practices, and enabling implementation.
- **Tools and Methodologies:** Deploy proven CDM and CCA specific analytical, data collection, sector assessment, and community engagement tools and resources to strengthen policy and regulatory frameworks.
- **Training:** Implement capacity building efforts, including one-on-one advisory sessions, peer-to-peer learning seminars, and e-trainings.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Connecting government decision makers with private sector, civil society, youth, and vulnerable groups to ensure both participation of a wide range of stakeholders in the development of policy frameworks and increased stakeholder understanding of DRM and CCA.

Public Sector Illustrative Examples:

- Regulatory gap analysis of a select country's capability to implement a multi-hazard approach related to Early Warning Systems.
- Best practice guidelines for CDM policy formation.
- Guidance on strengthening draft regulations pertaining to energy resiliency.
- Identification of desired climate adaptation policy reforms, arising from CDEMA audit tool.

Private Sector Illustrative Examples:

- Sector-specific gap identification, including capacity of sector to address disaster management and climate change.
- Guidance on existing country action plans, including identification of desired disaster and climate-related policies, regulations, and protocols for select sectors.
- Capacity building for associations on business continuity and resiliency and disaster risk management.

Civil Society Organizations (CSO) Illustrative Examples:

- Gender Equity and Social Inclusion (GESI) analyses focused on impacts of disasters and climate change.
- Action plans for CSOs to increase their involvement in disaster and climate-related policy formation.
- Support to national emergency management agencies in developing outreach and education campaign to vulnerable groups.
- Application of the UWI's Hazard Climate Vulnerability Assessment Tool within CSOs representing vulnerable groups.

ELIGIBILITY

The following organizations are invited to contact the Helpdesk for more information: 1) Public Sector Organizations that are working to incorporate CDM/CCA approaches into policy, legal, and/or regulatory frameworks; 2) Private Sector Associations whose members are seeking to build climate resilience and disaster management into their operations; and 3) Civil Society Organizations that represent vulnerable communities who desire to enhance their participation in disaster management and climate adaptation. Entities requesting assistance must be in one of the following countries: Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago. Technical assistance requests via the Helpdesk are short in nature and limited in scope, with completion generally within one to two months. Requests should be related to the development of policy, laws, regulations and/or protocols pertaining to CDM or CCA.

PROCESS TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE

Interested organizations may email the PROSE Helpdesk: prosehelpdesk@cadmusgroup.com. If you are unsure if your technical request qualifies for support or if you need assistance in scoping the request, please reach out via email to prosehelpdesk@cadmusgroup.com.