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# **POLICY AND REGULATORY REFORM FOR RESILIENCE ACTIVITY (PROSE)**

## **Advancing Comprehensive Disaster Management (CDM) and Climate Resilience Across the Eastern and Southern Caribbean (ESC) Region**

Within the last two decades, ESC countries have experienced extensive human and financial losses and damage from natural hazards. Projected increases in climatic vulnerability pose an escalating threat to livelihoods, safety, public health, natural resources, environment, and economic stability of ESC countries. To mitigate and manage risks associated with natural hazards, the adoption of innovative CDM approaches, which involves the management of all hazards throughout the disaster management lifecycle (prevention and mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery, and rehabilitation), is a key mechanism for countries to build long-term resilience.

USAID/ESC's PROSE Activity supports the advancement of the CDM blueprint and associated tools across ESC states, particularly as they relate to the development and implementation of policy and legislation. Additionally, interventions will seek to improve implementation of risk reduction and climate resilience measures across critical economic sectors and enhance civic participation in the development and enhancement of CDM policy, regulations, and plans. The PROSE Team, led by The Cadmus Group, in partnership with The University of the West Indies (UWI), and Adapt Consulting, collaborates closely with the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) and other ESC stakeholders. This Activity runs from June 24, 2022 to December 31, 2025.

## KEY ACTIVITIES

- Conduct a multi-faceted Situational Analysis with three components: Political Economy Analysis (PEAs) to assess the political context for the integration of CDM related policies, Threat & Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment (THIRA) to identify and assess key sector priorities, and a donor assessment to coordinate initiatives.
- Support and strengthen the capacity for ESC governments to integrate CDM into national policies, legislation, and regulations to protect and mitigate risks impacting priority sectors (i.e. tourism, agriculture, blue economies).
- Create model policy and regulatory instruments for the integration of CDM and climate change adaptation, developing monitoring and evaluation tools for implementation, and enhancing local capacity to undertake a multi-hazard approach.
- Support public-private partnerships in CDM and climate change adaptation (CCA) policy and regulatory reform through capacity building interventions, including for the National Emergency Management Agencies (NEMAs), youth and other vulnerable groups, civil society entities, and private sector associations.

## EXPECTED BENEFITS

- Enhanced incorporation and implementation of CDM approaches within policy, legal, or regulatory frameworks for national disaster management.
- Integration of disaster risk management (DRM) and CCA within policy, legal, or regulatory frameworks for key sectors.
- Meaningful participation of civil society (communities, youth and vulnerable groups) and the private sector in the development and enhancement of DRM and CCA policy, regulations, and plans to ensure it addresses and responds to their considerations.
- Improvement of citizen understanding of disaster risk management structures, roles, and responsibilities.

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