



GFDRR
Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery

The ACP-EU Natural Disaster Risk Reduction Program

For Africa, Caribbean and Pacific countries

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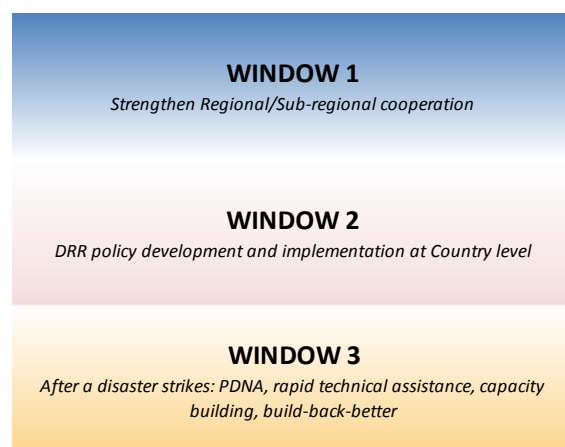
FACTSHEET	
CRIS number	022-103
Country region	ACP
DAC code & sector	74010 / Disaster Prevention and Preparedness
EU Contribution	EUR 60 million
End Date of Activities	08/05/2017
Programming Document	10 th EDF Intra-ACP Multiannual Indicative Programme (2008-2013)
Aid Modality	Joint Management with an International Organization

RATIONALE

1. The Programme is meant to improve the resilience of ACP countries to the impact of disasters produced by natural hazards and better prepare populations in disaster-prone areas, thereby reducing the cost of response. The priority areas are: (a) mainstreaming of DRR; (b) risk identification and assessment; (c) Early Warning Systems and communications on DRR; (d) risk financing and (e) integration of DRR into recovery.

MANAGEMENT

2. The Programme is implemented in Joint Management with the World Bank Group, through the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction (GFDRR).
3. The Programme, in its ACP earmarked component, is overseen by a **Steering Committee** composed of ACP Secretariat, EU and World Bank representatives.
4. The Programme delivers within three **Windows** of action:



IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISMS

5. Standard eligibility criteria apply to all actions, namely: official request from Governments and or Regional or sub-regional organizations, proven coordination with the respective EU Delegation (confirmation that project proposals are complementary to EU Country, Regional and/or Intra-ACP strategies), and alignment with the World Bank's strategies in the respective country.
6. For **Windows 1 and 2**, the implementation mechanisms are:
 - **Calls for Proposals** - projects are approved by the GFDRR on a two-stage appraisal procedure:
 - Stage 1: screening process of a proposed activity to confirm eligibility and type of support required;
 - Stage 2: submission of detailed concept note of the proposal by a specific proponent.
 - **Fast-track Approval Procedure** - projects with a strategic dimension for the proponents and that meet the above-mentioned eligibility criteria, submitted to the approval of the Steering Committee.
7. For **Window 3**, actions are usually triggered by actual disaster events. These require immediate reaction, but do not fall within classical humanitarian intervention, as follows:
 - **Countries or regional organization's official requests for Post Disaster Needs Assessments (PDNA):** interventions will follow the principles of the European Commission/United Nations Development Group/World Bank's Joint Declaration on Post-Crisis Assessments and Recovery Planning, as coordinated by the Service for Foreign Policy Instrument – Instrument for Stability Operations Response and Peace Building (FPI.2). For thematic support on PDNAs in ACP countries, Delegations should also contact DEVCO's Unit responsible for Fragility and Crisis Management (07). The GFDRR will only activate the Intra-ACP funds for PDNAs if there is a confirmed support by the EU Delegations in the affected country.
 - **Requests for rapid-response TA, capacity building, recovery frameworks and build-back-better practices:** in these cases, the GFDRR may only advance provided standard eligibility criteria are met (proven support by the EU Delegation, official request from the Government, alignment with EU and World Bank's strategies) and the Steering Committee is informed accordingly.

STATE OF PLAY

8. As of 15 October 2013, the Programme is building on early achievements with a portfolio of 45 projects, of which 10 are completed, 26 on-going and 9 in the pipeline. To date, 53% of the portfolio projects support activities in Africa, while the Caribbean and Pacific respectively share 27% and 20%.
9. The majority of funds committed for projects support country level activities (69% under window 2), while a quarter (24%) support regional level activities (window 1) and the remaining (7%) are devoted to post disaster response (window 3).

Examples of recently approved projects per window of intervention

Window 1

- Support the establishment of a Technical Centre for Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation for the Southern Africa region (EUR 642.400)
- Strengthening public investment in disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation in the Eastern Caribbean (EUR 505.100)

Window 2

- Dominica: Hazard and Disaster Risk Assessment Framework - Preparation of Vulnerability Reduction (EUR 372.600)
- Lesotho: Climate and Water Risk Analysis & EWS Information Management Systems (EUR 713.800)
- Timor-Leste: Building Climate/Disaster Resilience along the Dili-Ainaro and Linked Road Corridors (EUR 706.500)

Window 3

- Caribbean: Strengthening capacity in PDNA (EUR 292.600)
- Samoa: PDNA for cyclone Evan 2012 (EUR 107.000)
- Seychelles: Flood Impact Scoping and Recovery Planning (EUR 53.500)

THE WAY FORWARD

10. A second Call for Proposals will be launched in March 2014.
11. EU Delegations' support will be required i.e. in the *ex-ante* coordination with proponents to ensure complementarity and alignment with EU strategies in the country/ region (Country, Regional or Intra-ACP).
12. Headquarters (DEVCO E3) will inform and Delegations before the launch of the Call. The purpose is to better coordinate with the GFDRR and World Bank's field offices and ensure aid effectiveness, harmonization and complementarity.