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FACT SHEET: CLIMATE ADAPTATION MEASURES PROJECT

PROJECT OBJECTIVE: To promote appropriate and affordable climate change adaptation strategies that mitigate specific problems related to flooding and unreliable water supply, and share lessons to encourage other communities to replicate these experiences.

COUNTRY SITUATION: According to the 2016 Germanwatch Climate Risk Index, the Dominican Republic is the 11th most vulnerable country in the world when it comes to the risks posed by global climate change. In the future, urban areas will face increased risk of severe flooding, sea level rise, higher temperatures, and changes in rainfall patterns. Ecosystems will be subjected to increased stress, particularly due to drought, fires, and biodiversity loss.

OUR WORK

USAID will strengthen local capacity to address climate-related risks in communities that are particularly vulnerable to the risks of climate change within the cities of Santo Domingo, San Pedro de Macoris, Santiago, and Las Terrenas. This local capacity building will focus on municipal governments, non-governmental organizations, and community-based organizations through education and training, implementation of on-the-ground climate adaptation actions, organizational strengthening, and supporting the creation of policies and regulations addressing climate change. In addition, USAID will promote enhanced management of critical upstream watersheds that impact the water supply, public health, and safety in these communities. Through this project, USAID will help cities improve their watershed management, green infrastructure development, drinking water quality, and waste management.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

- Promotion and consolidation of the National Coalition of Cities Resilient to Climate Change.
- Creation of municipal climate change adaptation policies and strategies that help cities become more resilient to the stress of climate change.
- Strengthened local Committees for Prevention, Mitigation and Response and Risk Reduction Plans developed with the participation of persons with disabilities and LGBTI communities.
- Implementation of small-scale green infrastructure and enhancement of water quality through the improvement of small-scale water supply and treatment systems.
- Community education programs for solid waste management, including recycling programs.
- Establish two certificate programs in Municipal Management for Climate Change Adaptation and Sustainable Climate Risk Reduction Strategies.
- Develop municipality-specific ordinances that increase resiliency to the effects of climate change within the communities.

RESULTS ACHIEVED TO DATE:

- Two resolutions approved by the Aldermens' Councils of the municipalities of San Pedro de Macorís and Las Terrenas declaring climate change resiliency as a priority.
- National Coalition for Resilient Cities established in June, 2016 with four signed manifestos from community leaders in the four target municipalities committing to increasing resilience.

Duration: August 2015 - August 2019

Budget: \$3.9 million

Implementing Partner: Instituto Dominicano de Desarrollo Integral (IDDI)



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