



GOVERNMENT OF THE
VIRGIN ISLANDS

PLANNING FOR RESILIENCE IN THE CARIBBEAN: BVI EXPERIENCE

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Discussion



Challenges, risks,
vulnerabilities facing
small multi-island states

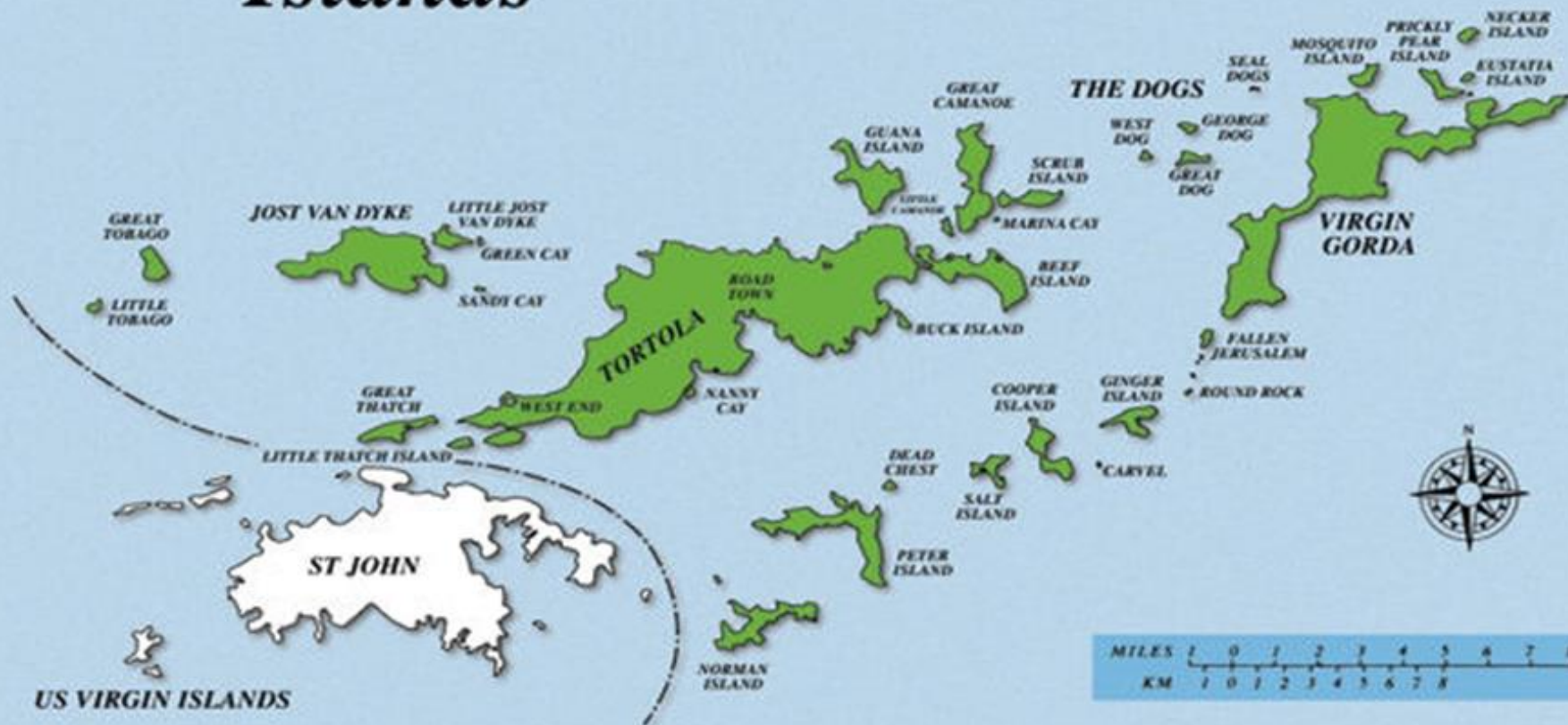


Lessons Learnt –
building resilience into
planning for recovery
and development

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British Virgin Islands









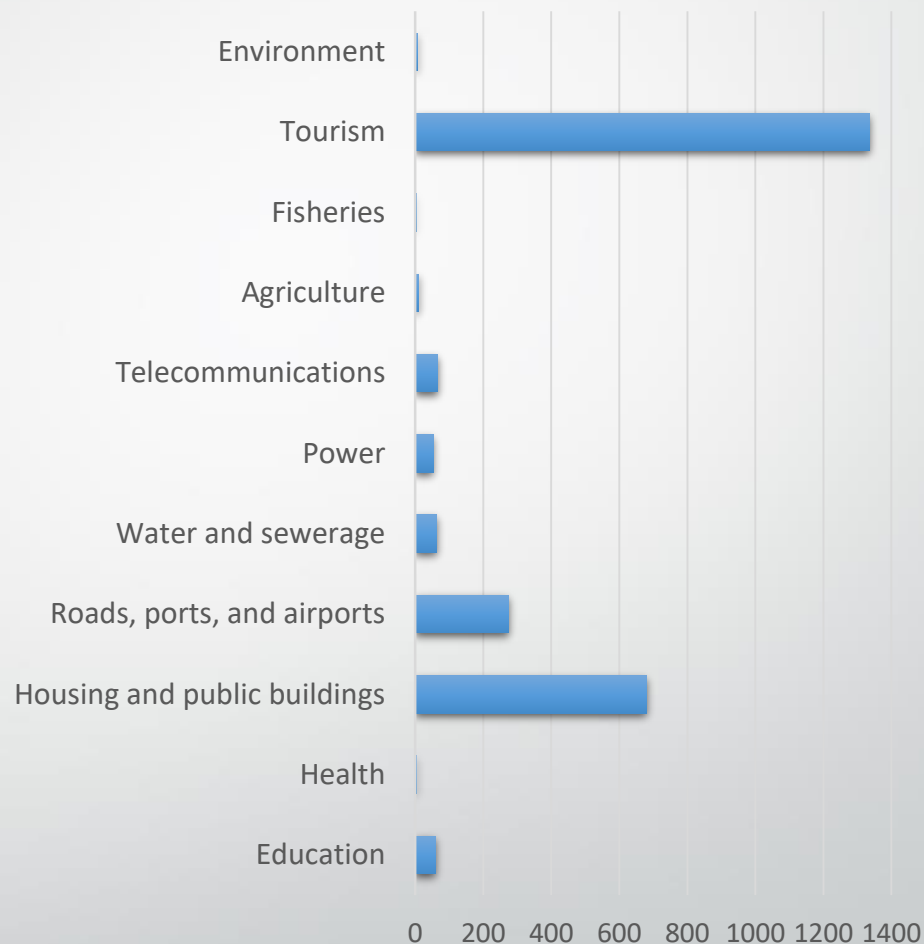


Damage Assessment

ECLAC Damage and Loss
Assessment (DALA) - \$2.6
Billion

Triple our GDP

Total Cost - Hurricane Irma (\$millions)



Challenges, Risks and Vulnerabilities Facing Multi- Island States



Climate Change



Equitable Access to Public and
Private Services



Connectivity



Disaster Responsiveness and
Planning



Political Representation

DISASTER RESPONSIVENESS

Level of devastation triggered an international response to the Territory never seen before.

Issues of coordination and communication between traditional responders new responders (UK Military, NGOs, Public Officers)



DISASTER RESPONSIVENESS



Unavailability of good
baseline data to support
public health emergency
response human resources,
supplies/ materials



Need for procedures to manage NGOs and Volunteers



Challenges with Debris Management and Housing for Displaced persons



Delayed response to outer islands resulted in greater reliance on private sector investment and community involvement



Updated and detailed
economic, social and
demographic data to facilitate
response efforts and better
understanding of impact of
disaster



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Need for updated and tested
Disaster Plans for key sectors
and critical facilities



Need for a comprehensive salvage plan and for re- establishing the National Asset Registry to determine a realistic resource inventory of the island and to identify gaps in the resource capabilities



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Resilience Planning for Recovery and Development

New CDM Strategy 2019 – 2025

National Physical Development Plan

BVI Green Energy Plan

Waste Management Strategy

Blue Economy Road Map

Recovery Policy

Climate Change Trust Fund

Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance

National Sustainable Development Plan

