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
Damage Assessment

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

Total Cost - Hurricane Irma ($millions)

- Tourism
- Fisheries
- Agriculture
- Telecommunications
- Power
- Water and sewerage
- Roads, ports, and airports
- Housing and public buildings
- Health
- Education

Triple our GDP
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
DISASTER RESPONSIVENESS

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

Consumer projection legislation to guide unfair pricing practices post disaster.
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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