

GCF Observer Network of Civil Society, Indigenous Peoples, and Local Communities

Intervention on

SAP062: Dominica Community Resilience Enhancement Project (DOMCREP)**Access the document:** <https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/gcf-b43-02-add09>

We welcome the project SAP062 – Dominica Community Resilience Enhancement Project (DOMCREP) as an adaptation-focused project with it including some transformative elements including through the modernization and strengthening of tools and infrastructure related to disaster risks management, including through support on related regulation and Early Warning Systems, as well as helping the agricultural sector incorporate climate resilient techniques and technologies.

As noted by the funding proposal, these funds, provided in the form of grants, are justified given Dominica's limited fiscal space to leverage climate finance support while grappling at the same time with extreme weather events which are further deepening the debt and fiscal burdens faced by the country. Not only is grant provision for adaptation action crucial for a SIDS such as Dominica, a, but the very way in which the project is designed merits support: strengthening the public sector to respond to these events such as updating disaster risk management policy and regulatory frameworks; building the capacity and better supporting farmers (by including a focus on strengthening cooperatives) and community members in particular through direct on-granting; with gender targets embedded throughout the proposal rather than relegated to one sub-activity or just to the GAP; and strengthening shelter infrastructure.

This is precisely the type of climate action we want to see pursued by the Fund: led by a Direct Access Entity, truly responsive to the needs of developing countries, which strengthens and directly supports a community free of endless layers of intermediation and without creating new debt burdens.

The proposal could be improved in a couple of ways. We would have liked to see specific activities on the GAP on: 1. Reducing the differentiated burden of unpaid care work taken on by elderly women in shelters and 2. Specific activities and targets for securing women access to and benefits from the on-granting mechanism to be developed by the project. On these issues, we would like to note the AE's response to these concerns, and their commitment to address them as the project is implemented.