

SAP063: Scaling up of Caribbean Hydrometeorological and Multi- hazard Early Warning Services (CREWS) in Belize and Trinidad and Tobago

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We welcome this proposal as a strong example of the kind of adaptation initiative that the GCF can effectively support. It is a public project, led by a regional direct access entity, and directed to SIDS that remain particularly vulnerable to climate impacts, and do not have the fiscal space to leverage funds for these much needed actions.

The project provides clear adaptation benefits by strengthening hydrometeorological systems, modernizing early warning infrastructure, and improving institutional capacities for impact-based forecasting and disaster risk management. We also value its attention to accessibility of early warning messages through gender-responsive and socially inclusive communication channels.

The proposal could, nonetheless, be improved in a couple of ways. For instance, community perspectives gathered through consultations could be more clearly reflected in the design of the proposal. Contingency measures in case of extreme weather events would also help ensure the long-term sustainability of the systems being established.

In addition, earlier consultations with women's organizations could also have helped address some of the data gaps identified in the Gender Assessment, as it was primarily based on desk research. Finally, while the Gender Action Plan is coherent and well linked to the project outputs, it could further promote women's leadership and participation in monitoring and evaluation activities, beyond their identification as beneficiaries.

However, these are improvements that can be and we hope will be incorporated as the project is implemented.