

Project Fact Sheet

CSIDS-SOILCARE Phase1: Caribbean Small Island Developing States (SIDS) multicountry soil management initiative for Integrated Landscape Restoration and climate-resilient food systems

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Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations



Project Description

The objective of the project is to strengthen Caribbean SIDS with the necessary tools for adopting policies, measures and reforming legal and institutional frameworks to achieve Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) and climate resilience. In this way, the project will support the eight (8) Caribbean countries on the LDN journey with the requisite information, policies, best practices and capacity, in keeping with the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). The UNCCD was established in 1994 as the sole legally binding international agreement linking environment and development to sustainable land management.

Small Island Developing States (SIDS) are a special case for both environment and development. They are ecologically fragile and vulnerable. All of the participating countries—Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica and Saint Lucia—in this project are so classified. The small island states together with Guyana and Belize (mainland states) all have similar characteristics and are affected by similar environmental, natural resources and development issues. All the participating countries have ratified the UNCCD and are committed to achieving SDG target 15.3: “combat desertification, restore degraded land and soil, including land affected



Duration

Start: 1st March, 2021

Completion: 28th February, 2025

Location

Regional (involving 8 Caribbean countries)
Priority sites for Guyana: Region 1-Port Kaituma, Region 5-MMA/ADA area and Region 10-Intermediate Savannahs

Project budget

Total budget: USD 33,713,852

GEF funds: USD 7,515,936

Co-finance (in-kind): USD 26,197,916

Project Partners

Implementing Agency: FAO

Executing Agency: PISLM

Other Partners:

Eight (8) Caribbean countries include: Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Lucia

Current status

- Project Concept Approved, June 1, 2019.
- Inception workshop completed, October 2019.
- Project Implementation Site Assessment completed, February 2020.
- Full Project Document submitted, December 11, 2020.

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by desertification, drought and floods, and strive to achieve a land-degradation-neutral world” by 2030.

Committed to honouring their obligations under the UNCCD Convention, the participating countries endorse the vehicle—Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN)—agreed to by the international community at the UNCCD COP 12 in Ankara, Turkey, for contributing to the achievement of SDG target 15.3.

There are five main project components:

- **COMPONENT 1:** Update and Strengthen national and regional soils information, technical capacity and coordination as a Basis for Improved Decision Making Including on Sustainable Soil Management (SSM) and Sustainable Land Management (SLM).
- **COMPONENT 2:** Addressing the Drivers of Land Degradation Through the Rehabilitation of Land and Soil Degraded Areas and the Promotion of Integrated Landscape Management and Restoration and the Identification and Implementation of Livelihood Alternatives for Communities.
- **COMPONENT 3:** Resilience Building to land degradation, Natural Disasters and Climate Change through Climate Smart Agriculture and Enhanced Drought Risk Management.
- **COMPONENT 4:** Enhancement of Food Systems and Alternative Livelihoods through the promotion of innovations in agriculture and livestock production systems and Mobilization of the Private Sector in Support of LDN Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF).
- **COMPONENT 5:** Mainstreaming SLM and SSM, Strengthening Knowledge Management, Enhanced Training and Capacity Development, the Building of Financial Capability to Implement SLM, the Regional LDN Strategy and Monitoring and Evaluation.



Project Outcomes

- **OUTCOME 1:** Caribbean countries use soil data to make informed decisions making and contribute to regional and global soil and climate knowledge systems.
- **OUTCOME 2:** Land and Soil Degraded Areas in Haiti, Guyana St. Lucia and Grenada are rehabilitated to productive use, to maintain ecosystem services and to build resilience.
- **OUTCOME 3:** Land productivity restored through Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) Model Farms established on selected landscapes.
- **OUTCOME 4:** Adapted land use/food production systems and alternative livelihood options implemented with innovative technologies and private sector support.

Project Document

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