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Interim Feedback - Saint Barthélemy

Purpose of the feedback

This note provides an overview of the trends and potential areas of support that were gleaned from the consultation mission recently held in Saint Barthélemy. It also reconfirms next steps to stakeholders. It seeks to provide interim feedback pending the next phase of work to develop the programme pipeline in further detail.

Consultation mission

During the period January 27 - 29, 2020, RESEMBID team members and sectoral experts consulted with stakeholders working in the thematic areas of Resilience, Sustainable Energy, and Marine Biodiversity.

How could RESEMBID support Saint Barthélemy's priorities in Renewable Energy, Marine Biodiversity and Resilience?

Further to extensive consultations held with government authorities and various stakeholders (government ministries, departments and agencies, international aid organisations, civil society organisations, fisherfolk associations, tourism entities) the RESEMBID team identified an initial suite of interven-

tion opportunities identified below. This is an exhaustive list of opportunities requested by stakeholders, which also fall within the scope and means of the RESEMBID Programme. This list will be further refined by the OCTs according to their individual priorities.

Energy

- Assist in the development of awareness campaigns on energy efficiency; in particular, support the development and implementation of an integral information and dissemination campaign to households, the tourist sector and schools in order to raise awareness and to motivate consumers to apply energy efficient practices and measures
- Support awareness campaign on energy efficiency.
- Capacity building for legal and regulatory assistance in formulation of coherent energy public policies.
- Support the collection of basic energy data on the distribution of consumption between different uses and different sectors.
- Support the development of sustainable financing instruments to encourage uptake and invest-





From the country's rich coastal and marine ecosystems, to the scenic and vibrant embayment of Gustavia, St. Barths offers ample scope for substantive work in all three areas of focus.

tment by the national population.

Marine Biodiversity

- Support the development of the fishery sector, including training for fisherfolk, organization of fisheries' structure and product valorization process.
- Support activities to increase environmental awareness (including plastic pollution) in schools and for the general population.
- Conduct feasibility study on coastal erosion mitigation.
- Support current efforts to reduce the impact of invasive species (lionfish, goats, etc.).
- Develop watershed management strategies (ridge to reef programme).
- Support studies on ways to further strengthen legal frameworks protecting the environment (including marine biodiversity and support for greater enforcement capacity).
- Support local NGO's with technical and administrative capacity building.
- Strengthen networking and partnerships with nearby islands.
- Support the development of tools to better demonstrate the cost of inaction of environment protection and the impact of climate change.

Resilience

 Review data collection requirements for the implementation of disaster risk reduction measures.

- Update the country's climate and disaster risk analysis, and integrate with the existing Geographic Information System used by the territorial authorities.
- Review and enhance (or design new fit-forpurpose) decision support tools for disaster risk management employed by the territorial bodies and key stakeholders.
- Strengthen the resiliency of the islands' telecommunications, and further develop a multihazard early warning system and common alerting protocols used by disaster first responders (police, firefighters, etc.).
- Support tailored public outreach on disaster risk and climate change impacts on the island.

How could Saint Barthélemy benefit from the RESEMBID regional approach?

The RESEMBID programme in Saint Barthélemy will be a mix of national and regional interventions. The regional programme components will address strategic and thematic areas common to OCTs in the Caribbean including climate smart and sustainable development, and capacity building. This regional approach will contribute to tackling the identified needs of Saint Barthélemy. In particular, this approach will support Saint Barthélemy's local and national stakeholders with:

- Enhancing capacity building in Proposal and Grant Writing and Management; Monitoring and Evaluation, Reporting and Communication.
- Training and capacity building in integrating science and technical studies into policy and local plans developments.

- Supporting the gathering, collection, systematization and analysis of baseline data for climate change, energy, and marine biodiversity.
- Supporting technical exchanges among OCTs and the Caribbean region to share best practices, lessons learnt and to conduct in -situ trainings (e.g. adoption of best practices on building codes, reef management and monitoring, safe schools and resilient development, aspects of resilient agriculture).
- Capacity building for integrating SDGs indicators and targets in long-term strategic planning.

RESEMBID timeline: January - June, 2020

The following activities are planned for January to June 2020:

- Design of national and regional activities in relation to RESEMBID mandate.
- Call for proposals OCT stakeholders have the opportunity to submit concrete project concepts using the "Project concept note template" to add and prioritise proposed activities. Additional guidelines on this submission process will be communicated with the RESEMBID Focal point.
- Identification of best implementation options and partners in each OCTs.

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