





Technical Assistance to the Caribbean Regional Air Transport Resilience Project

Countries

Haiti, Dominica, Saint Lucia

Caribbean Regional Resilience Building Facility Component

Adaptation Facility for Leveraging Investments in Resilience in the Caribbean

Amount Approved

€179,465 / \$200,275

Duration

01/2021 - 11/2022

Context and Objectives

The Caribbean Regional Air Transport Connectivity Project (CATCOP) is a series of IDA-financed projects which aim to support the extensive and long-running regional agenda for improving overall air transport connectivity and resilience. CATCOP aims to support country-specific critical investments and technical assistance related to airport infrastructure, safety, and resilience. The investments are expected to generate significant cross-boundary benefits and network effects through a uniform approach to improve air transport connectivity and resilience.

The objective of this Technical Assistance was to complement CATCOP's existing framework and planned activities by promoting introduction of resilience-building measures into the selected countries' air transport regulation and policies.

Main Activities

- A gap analysis in air transport resilience.
- Technical assistance and capacity-building in air transport resilience.
- Support for the drafting of Terms of Reference for the vulnerability assessment of targeted airport infrastructure in Haiti, Dominica, and Saint Lucia.
- Data collection, testing, and support to drafting Terms of Reference for the feasibility study of resilient pavement in selected airport infrastructure in Haiti, Dominica, and Saint Lucia.

Results

With the closing of this project, the report, 'Enhancing Air Transport Resilience – Assessment of Saint Lucia, Grenada and Haiti Air Transport Sector' has been finalized, as has a diagnostic report and action plan for the gap analysis of air transport resilience regulatory, planning, governance and policy-making capacity within key government stakeholders. In addition, three World Bank investment projects were informed by this TA: the Saint Lucia Caribbean Regional Air Transport Connectivity Project, the Haiti Caribbean Regional Air Transport Connectivity Project and the Grenada Caribbean Regional Air Transport Connectivity Project.

Workshops and focus groups with local stakeholders strengthened their understanding of air transport resilience and the specific threats to the air transport sector. This allowed for the identification of the gaps exposed by these threats and the solutions to address them.

Activities supported the governments of Grenada, Haiti, and Saint Lucia in gaining a detailed understanding of capacity gaps in regulation, planning, governance, and policymaking with regards to air transport resilience and which priority actions could fill those gaps.



Partnerships and Coordination

The World Bank implemented this project in close collaboration with the regulatory and airport authorities in Haiti, Dominica, and Saint Lucia, and coordinated its efforts with the relevant EU delegations.