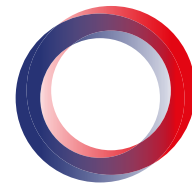




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AFD SUPPORTING REGIONAL COOPERATION IN THE CARIBBEAN AND THE GUIANA SHIELD

In a region marked by collective challenges, *Agence Française de Développement* (AFD) is committed to fostering regional integration among overseas territories and promoting collective responses. Through its Atlantic Ocean regional department, it operates in 16 territories: six French overseas territories – Guadeloupe, Saint Martin, Saint Barthélemy, Martinique, French Guiana, and Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon – and three non-French countries – Haiti, Dominican Republic, and Suriname – from local agencies/offices, and seven other countries from its Regional Directorate in Martinique.

This region, known for its exceptional biodiversity, is also highly exposed to the effects of climate change. It faces

significant economic and social inequalities, along with health and environmental vulnerabilities. AFD supports a regional development approach originating in the French overseas territories to encourage exchanges among neighboring countries, promote knowledge sharing and strengthen cooperation.

This regional dynamic seeks to deliver integrated and sustainable solutions through local and regional partnerships. The objective: to better address the shared challenges of these territories and improve living conditions across the basin.

GLOSSARY



Non-sovereign loan

"Non-sovereign" loans are provided to local authorities or public institutions, without a state guarantee. AFD also offers loans to private sector companies in charge of public service missions.



French State grant

Programme 209, overseen by the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, is central to France's development policy. It targets the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Agreement. Part of the funds from Programme 209 are managed by AFD, including the Project Initiation, Preparation and Monitoring Facility (FAPS).



FEXTE: Fund for Technical Expertise and Experience Transfers

Managed by the French Ministry of Economy and Finance, this fund finances technical cooperation programs and feasibility studies. It promotes French expertise in the official development assistance (as defined by the OECD Development Assistance Committee) recipient countries where AFD operates, contributing to sustainable development.



Grant delegated from the European Union

This funding is granted by the European Union (EU) to AFD under an indirect management agreement, whereby the European Commission delegates the implementation of certain European funds to AFD. AFD then uses its own procedures to finance and monitor projects in line with the priorities and requirements set by the EU.



FOM: Fonds Outre-mer (French overseas territories fund)

These grants from the French Ministry of the Interior and Overseas, implemented by AFD, provide technical and management support to help local public entities implement infrastructure, energy or environmental projects. The FOM also supports regional cooperation from French overseas territories.

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (CDB)

A long-standing partner of AFD in the region, the CDB is financing projects on climate change and gender equality through two credit lines (totaling USD 83 million). The second credit line (USD 50 million) is accompanied by a delegated grant from the European Union to fund biodiversity strategy development, awareness-raising and technical support. Direct subsidies may also be implemented in priority areas such as sustainable agriculture and food security.



Type of solution

Non-sovereign loan with delegated EU grant



Partners

CDB



Location

Caribbean basin



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FINANCING THE DEVELOPMENT BANK OF JAMAICA'S (DBJ) SDG STRATEGY

As a new partner for AFD in the region, AFD is supporting the DBJ's SDG strategy through a loan and accompanying grants. The initiative focuses on gender inequality, climate action and capacity-building in underfunded sectors such as agriculture, health and education.



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Type of solution

Loan accompanied by a FAPS



Partners

DBJ



Location

Jamaica

GREENING THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM

This two-phase program helps central banks incorporate climate risks into financial oversight. Phase one reviews the status of climate risk integration; phase two maps risks to inform public policies and stabilize the financial system.



Types of solution
FAPS and grant delegated from the European Union



Partners
BOJ (Bank of Jamaica), ECCB (Eastern Caribbean Central Bank) and BCRD (Banco Central Republica Dominica)



Location
Caribbean basin

SUSTAINABLE FOREST LIVELIHOODS FOR COMMUNITIES IN GUYANA AND SURINAME

This €10 million program is designed to help preserve Guyana and Suriname's forests and natural resources. To achieve this, it aims to strengthen institutional governance – particularly in Suriname – and build the capacity of local communities for sustainable forest resource management. The project also supports the development of sustainable livelihoods for forest communities, in line with nature conservation objectives.



Types of solution
Grant delegated from the European Union



Partners
Foundation for Forest Management and Production Control in Suriname (SBB) and WWF Guianas



Location
Upper Suriname River Basin and Para District in Suriname, and Regions 2, 9 and 10 in Guyana



SUPPORT TO THE CARIBBEAN PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY (CARPHA)

Thanks to a €1.5 million grant to CARPHA in 2018, significant progress has been made in strengthening regional health security. The project is tackling non-communicable diseases, improving digital public health surveillance systems and fostering interregional partnerships, particularly with French institutions such as the *Agence régionale de santé Martinique* and the *Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de la Martinique* (CHUM).



Type of solution
French State grant



Partners
CARPHA



Location
CARICOM member countries

FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR INTERNATIONAL PATIENT ACCESS TO THE CARIBBEAN NUCLEAR IMAGING INSTITUTE (ICIN) IN MARTINIQUE

AFD is funding a €200,000 feasibility study to assess the possibilities for developing access for international patients to the ICIN in Martinique through an integrated care pathway. This initiative aims to provide patients in the Caribbean with access to quality healthcare and boost medical tourism in the region.



Type of solution
FOM grant



Partners
Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de la Martinique (CHUM)



Location
Martinique

CARIBSAN II : PLANT-BASED WASTEWATER TREATMENT

The CARIBSAN II project (a €3 million grant) promotes the use of plant-based wastewater treatment. This technique, which is climate-resilient, adapted to tropical conditions and economically viable, contributes to the protection and enhancement of the local natural heritage. Building on experiences in Martinique and Guadeloupe, the project aims to build three pilot stations in Saint Lucia, Dominica and Cuba, thereby encouraging the gradual adoption of this method of sanitation throughout the Caribbean.



Types of solution
French State grant



Partners
Office de l'Eau (ODE) Martinique



Location
Saint Lucia, Dominica, Cuba

RECYCLE OECS : WASTE REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT

The Recycle OECS project (a €2.5 million grant) is part of the European Union's "Zero waste in the Caribbean" initiative, which encourages the reduction of waste generation and the adoption of best practices in waste management. A theoretical model for the separation, collection and treatment of plastic waste was developed, and two pilot projects were implemented in Grenada and Dominica to demonstrate its feasibility and effectiveness.



Types of solution
Grant delegated by the EU



Partners
Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)



Location
Saint Lucia, Grenada, Dominica, St. Vincent and the Grenadines

CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION OF CARIBBEAN MANGROVES

Mangroves play a key role in combating climate change, including their ability to capture carbon, limit coastal erosion and mitigate the effects of natural disasters. They are also valuable habitats for marine and terrestrial biodiversity. This funding (€5.5 million) supports community-based actions to restore and conserve mangroves at six pilot sites in the eastern Caribbean, while also encouraging sustainable mangrove ecosystem management on a regional scale.



Type of solution
Grant from the French State and the French Facility for Global Environment



Partners
Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)



Location
Guadeloupe, Martinique, Saint-Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Grenada



REGIONAL INITIATIVE TO COMBAT THE SARGASSO PHENOMENON

Entrusted to Expertise France, this regional project to combat sargassum brings together the French overseas territories and the Caribbean states affected by this decade-long recurring invasion of algae. So far, initiatives have remained fragmented, with no real regional coordination or pooling of knowledge and good practices. An AFD grant of €8 million to Expertise France now allows for a multi-dimensional approach to the problem, including scientific research, detection and monitoring systems at sea, protection of coastlines and ecosystems, and algae collection.



Type of solution

French State grant delegated to Expertise France



Partners

Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD), companies, laboratories and research centers for the management and exploitation of sargassum



Location

Dominica, Grenada, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Dominican Republic, Belize, Mexico, Guadeloupe, Martinique

GRANT TO THE FRENCH RED CROSS REGIONAL INTERVENTION PLATFORM OF THE AMERICAS-CARIBBEAN (PIRAC)

In the Caribbean region, this €4.5 million project aims to improve disaster risk management through knowledge and collaboration. Educators and those on the ground receive training on topics such as first aid, natural disaster risk reduction, epidemic management and interventions in aquatic environments. PIRAC also plans to roll out an educational program for teachers and students in Dominica and the Dominican Republic to develop risk culture from a young age. In total, about 1.4 million people in the region are expected to benefit.



Type of solution

French State grant



Partners

French Red Cross



Location

Caribbean basin



For a world in common

Agence Française de Développement (AFD) helps advance France's policy on sustainable investment and international solidarity. Through its public sector and NGO financing operations, research and publications (Éditions AFD), sustainable development training programs (AFD Group Campus) and awareness-raising activities in France, AFD finances, supports and drives the transition to a fairer, more resilient world.

Alongside our partners, we provide sustainable solutions for—and with—communities. Our teams are working on over 2,700 projects in the field, in over 115 countries, including France's overseas departments and territories, to support projects for the climate, biodiversity, peace, gender equality and global health. Together with Proparco and Expertise France, AFD supports the commitment of France and the French people to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Working by your side, toward a world in common.


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