

United Nations Development Programme



Country/Region/Global: Honduras
Initiation Plan

Project Title: Guanaja's recovery framework and support initiative

Expected UNSDCF/CP Outcome(s): 2.3 / 3 The Honduran State implements policies, strategies and programmes that strengthen the sustainability and resilience of its development.

Expected CPD Output(s): 3.3. Climate disaster risk integrated systems and governance strengthened to reduce risks and vulnerabilities, improve early warning systems, and allow early recovery from crises and post-disaster.

Initiation Plan Start/End Dates: May 26th - December 31st, 2022

Implementing Partner: UNDP

Brief Description

The community of Cayo Bonacca, Guanaja, Bahía Islands in Honduras, has been affected by 3 recent crises: Eta and Iota storms, Covid-19, and the great fire of October 2nd of 2021. The fire of October 2nd affected 800 people, 190 houses and 47 small and medium business were destroyed. The Needs Assessment for post-disaster recovery carried out by the UNDP and the Early Recovery Table and the field mission in February and May confirmed that, 5 months after the fire, at least 50 families lost their means of life, as their business got destroyed. The affected people are still living in rented rooms, in houses of relatives and friends and have not been able to restart nor recuperate their productive activities or source of income. A complementary initiative is proposed here to support an integral post-disaster recovery process and provide the community with capacities and tools to lead a recovery process towards sustainability, through 2 main actions: Resilience and disaster preparedness training, 2) Recovery of livelihoods to facilitate a combined grant/credit mechanism to support recovery of livelihoods.

Programme Period: 2022 - 2026

Atlas Project Number: 00144156

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Gender Marker: GEN2

Total resources required 70,000

Total allocated resources: 70,000

- Regular _____
- Other: _____
 - Donor _____
 - Donor _____
 - Government _____

Unfunded budget: _____

In-kind Contributions _____



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I. PURPOSE AND EXPECTED OUTPUT

The community of Cayo Bonacca, Guanaja, Bahía Islands in Honduras, have been affected by three recent crises: Eta and Iota storms, Covid-19, and the great fire of October 2nd of 2021. The fire of October 2nd affected 800 people, 190 houses and 47 small and medium business were destroyed. The needs assessment carried out by the UN system and Humanitarian network (October 2021) reported that about 60% of women lost their jobs (sales, clerks, house cleaning), businesses (beauty parlors, grocery stores, food stands), and thus the main source of income. Also highlighted an increased risk and vulnerability for young girls and children to violence and sexual related violence. The affected population expressed anxiety and trauma due to the fire and life turnover situation.

The Needs Assessment for post-disaster recovery carried out by the UNDP and the Early Recovery Table and the field mission in February (20–27, 2022), confirmed that, five months after the fire, at least 50 families lost all their belonging and means of life, as their business also caught fire and were destroyed. To date, most of the affected people are living in rented rooms, in houses of relatives and friends. Most of the people have not been able to restart nor recuperate their productive activities or source of income, and the few ones that have are doing so in precarious conditions.

Housing and productive activities in Cayo Bonacca are highly exposed to tropical storms, earthquakes, and fires, and present high vulnerabilities due to poor quality buildings, weak territorial planning, the lack of emergency response teams, in addition to social vulnerabilities related with poor social organization and cohesion. Post-disaster recovery interventions on the island should thus need to incorporate risk reduction and response preparedness as priorities to improve resilience of housing, productive and economic and communities.

In October 2021, the CO with the support of the Crisis Bureau¹ has been able to support the population and local authorities in Guanaja, by carrying out a needs assessment and start a process for the preparation of a Post-disaster Recover Framework towards Sustainability, to provide guidelines and define a work plan that allow the recovery of livelihoods and habitat. In December 2021, the office of UNDP Honduras presented a few alternatives aligned with post-disaster recovery needs and National Plan for Reconstruction and Sustainable Development (PRDS), to the UNDP Chile office and in January 2022, it was confirmed that the Chilean Cooperation Agency though UNDP has approved financial support for the pilot project “Recovery of Livelihoods in Guanaja”. This consist of providing financial support to the affected population through grants based on Rotating Savings and Credit Associations (ROSCAS) to help business owners, entrepreneurs and population affected by the fire, and previous crises (COVID19, Eta, IOTA), with emphasis on women and youth, recover their productive and economic activities. In April 2022, the Chilean Ambassador delivered to the Chancellor in Honduras, in presence of UNPD Honduras the grant (US\$40,000)².

A complementary initiative is proposed here to further support an integral post-disaster recovery process of the affected community and provide the community with capacities and tools to lead a recovery process towards sustainability. The aim is to provide training and tools to improve risk reduction and disaster preparedness based on fostering community networks and the preparation of household recovery plans, and recovery of households productive and economic activities through financial support.

¹ An ASL was approved in October 2021 for US\$60,000.00

² <https://www.hn.undp.org/content/honduras/es/home/presscenter/articles/2022/chile-entrega-donativo-para-apoyar-reconstruccion-de-guanaja.html>
<https://twitter.com/richardbarathe/status/1516209279094636546?s=24&t=TexZnGIPmhocq4l2hayQnw>
<https://www.latribuna.hn/2022/04/18/chile-entrega-donativo-para-apoyar-reconstruccion-de-guanaja/>

Thus, this initiative aims to support an integral post-disaster recovery process of the affected community in Guanaja through strengthening capacities and proving tools to improve risk reduction and disaster preparedness based on fostering community networks and the preparation of household recovery plans and improve recovery of households productive and economic activities through financial support.

This initiative will consist of the following:

A. Resilience and disaster preparedness training. The training aims to improve the understanding of risk management and its basic action principles at household and community level. The training will cover the following topics: a) Hazard and vulnerability analysis in their territory, b) risk reduction of fires, storms, Covid-19 and other related events, c) Risk management basic principles in household recovery processes and productive activities.

This initiative will support the formulation of risk reduction and response preparedness plans at the family and small business scale. At least three (3) family plans will be selected to each receive a tailored emergency response kit, which can include: a fire extinguisher, stretchers (2), first aid kit (1), ladder (1), loudspeaker equipment (1) and some minor tools.

B. Recovery of livelihoods. This initiative will contribute funds to the ROSCAS mechanism financed by the Chilean Cooperation Agency through UNDP Chile, to facilitate a combined grant mechanism which allows the delivery of grants to selected beneficiaries based on a reimbursable grant and a non-reimbursable portion of US\$500 per individual grant. The initiative here will provide resources for the non-reimbursable 20% of each grant that is approved to a beneficiary. The funds allocated to the ROSCAS mechanism will be transferred to a local NGO (Grant Recipient), in charge of the administration and distribution of the grants based on selected criteria established on a grant's manual prepared by the CO in compliance with the POPP. The selection process will consider both, individual and associative proposals, with an emphasis on women and youth, and will be destined to aid the beneficiaries' retake/improve their productive and economic activity (according to the Financial Regulations and the Detailed Financial Regulations of the UNDP, which appears in Rule 19.01, authorizing the Administrator to use "micro-capital grants").

The local NGO Marine Studies Center (CEM) has been selected for a Low value Grant agreement which will support them to expand their Financial Sustainability program, based on community saving clubs, and will be responsible to operate the ROSCAS mechanisms, and allow for a greater engagement with the affected population of Guanaja and help increase the impact of financial education and financial resilience and recovery of the vulnerable community of Guanaja.

The process of ROSCAS will consist of various aspects, including a) organization of associative groups, b) the identification of productive activities (improvements) or new business ideas, c) training in organization, business planning, financial management and service quality, d) formulation of proposals (project profile), e) approval and delivery of resources, f) technical support for startup and g) design of the project's sustainability strategy. An Operational Manual which establishes the objectives, priorities, amounts of donations, selection and prioritization of beneficiaries will guide and govern the implementation process.

The goal is to have a demonstrative project for empowered youth and women and other vulnerable people that contribute positively to disaster risk reduction, post disaster recovery and prevention of diseases such as Covid-19, to contribute to recovery of livelihoods, hope and resilience, in the community. Moreover, it is expected to develop a support model for risk management and recovery in post disaster situations with socially supporting processes. The women and young people affected by the fire of October 2nd will be supported to create a social organization focused on recovery that will be called "Guardianas y Guardianes de la Resiliencia" (Guardians of Resilience) and will receive the benefits of this project.

The proposed action will promote social cohesion among the inhabitants of the island affected by the fire with special emphasis on women and youth, through trainings on Risk Management and Recovery, the preparation of recovery livelihoods plans and the creation of a "Community- based Resilience Watch

Network” which will be composed of volunteers and concern members of the community and will be in charge of continuing fostering knowledge and activities to improve recovery and resilience practices, community livelihood plans and community capacities on early recovery.

The development of this initiative will allow replication and collect lessons learned about recovery approaches applied on fishers and very vulnerable communities, and opportunities to scale their needs to be inserted in broader integral social protection programs.

II. MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The Initiation Plan will be implemented within the Rural Development and Resilience Portfolio under the Direct Implementation Modality – DIM. UNDP, in coordination with the municipal administration of Guanaja, will be responsible for the implementation of the activities and for the achievement of the expected results. An expert on risk management and resilience will provide technical assistance and will work closely with the national partners as described below.

The resources allocated for livelihood recovery will be implemented through a Low Value Agreement mechanism with a local NGO as per POPP guidelines.

During implementation UNDP, leading the Early recovery cluster of the Humanitarian Network, will coordinate with government authorities and organizations that are supporting Guanaja’s recovery, including the Permanent Commission of Contingencies of Honduras (COPECO), The Honduran Municipal Association (AMHON), National Commission of Housing (CONVIVIENDA) and local community, focusing on women and youth. The women and young people affected by the fire of October 2nd, 2021, will be supported to create a social organization focused on recovery that will be and will receive the benefits of this project.

III. MONITORING

A mid-term progress report will be presented to project partners and monitor progress and needs for adaptive management. A final technical and administrative report will be presented to present results and achievements of the implementation.

IV. WORK PLAN

Period³: May 25th – 31st December 2022

EXPECTED OUTPUTS <i>And baseline, indicators including annual targets</i>	PLANNED ACTIVITIES <i>List activity results and associated actions</i>	TIMEFRAME						RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PLANNED BUDGET		
		M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6		Funding Source	Budget Description	Amount
Output 1: <i>Network of women and youth affected by the fire, established, and trained on risk management, response, and resilience for recovery with gender responsive focus.</i> <i>Baseline: none</i> <i>Indicators: # of community groups formed</i>	Activity 1. Design and implement a training module on disaster risk reduction, preparedness, and resilience, at family, community, and small business level with special attention to women and youth, and populations in vulnerable situations.	X	X	X				UNDP	UNDP	71200 International consultants	40,000
										75700 Training, workshops, and conferences	1,500
										71600 Travel	5,000

³ Maximum 18 months

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		M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6		Funding Source	Budget Description	Amount
<p># of affected women and youth with strengthened capacities in risk management, emergency response and resilience</p> <p># family, business and community risk and emergency management plans formulated</p> <p># kits provided to families</p> <p>Targets: 1 community group self-recognized as Guardians of resilience established</p> <p>At least 100 women and youth have increased capacities in DDR.</p> <p>At least 10 management plans formulated</p> <p>At least 3 families receive a safety & recovery kit</p> <p>Related CP outcome: 3</p>	Activity 2. Provision of community emergency and firefighting kits with gender perspective		X	X	X			UNDP	UNDP	72500 Supplies (kits)	3,000

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Output 2: <i>Recovery of livelihoods of people affected and in conditions of vulnerability and affected by the fire of October 2</i> <i>Baseline: none</i> <i>Indicators: # families affected by fire benefited, disaggregated by gender</i> <i># of productive projects supported by the project, disaggregated by gender.</i> <i># reports systemizing experience and lessons learned</i> <i>Targets: At least 25 families benefited with financial support</i> <i>At least 1 report is produced</i> <i>Related CP outcome:3</i>	Activity 1. Support individual and associative productive projects for the recovery of livelihoods		x	x	x	x	x	UNDP	UNDP	71300 Local consultants	2,000
										72605 Grants to institutions and other beneficiaries	15,000
										71600 Travel	1,500
	Activity 2. Monitoring and systematization of the experience	x	x	x	x	x	x	UNDP	UNDP	71300 Local consultants	2,000
											70,000